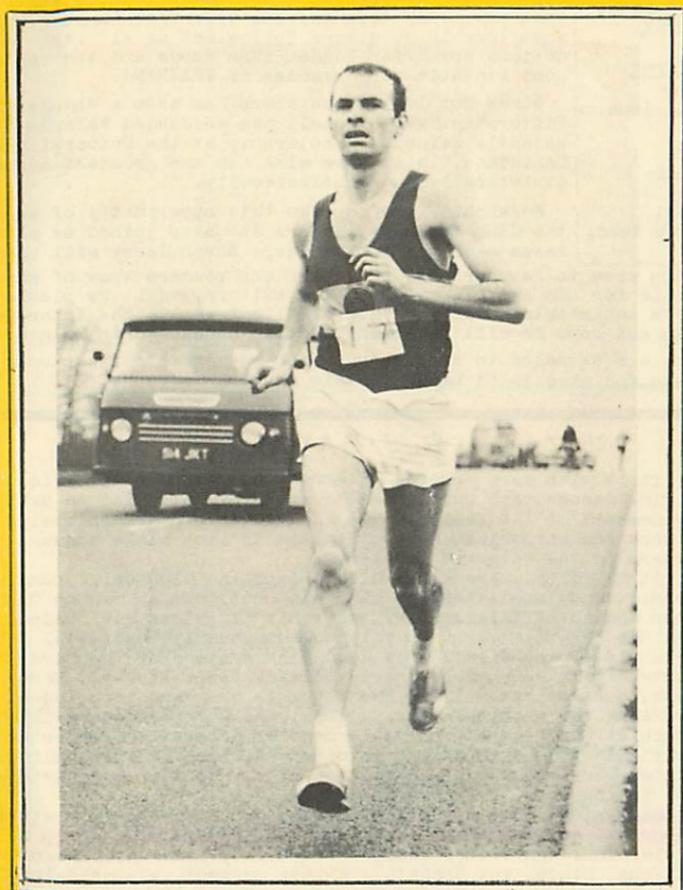


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May we wish you all the very best of health and success in 1962. We could express the usual wishes about a renewal of the Belgrave athletic fortunes but we prefer to emphasise the importance of individual effort within the framework of the Club. If we can find that essential nucleus of champions then assuredly team results will also improve and major championship successes follow. Let us all bear in mind that actions speak far louder than words and the basis of all good athletic performances is TRAINING.

Since our last issue there has been a change in the Editorship. Dave Mitchell has succeeded Malcolm Robinson who recently gained a scholarship at the University of Southern Louisiana, U.S.A. — we wish him the greatest success both athletically and scholastically.

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming into the Club the many members who have joined us since our last issue — in particular Gerry North. Gerry will be moving to the Wimbledon area in February and if any of our readers know of any furnished flats suitable for him and his wife we, the Editors, shall be pleased to hear from them. We congratulate Gerry on his excellent win in the Inter-Counties Championship and hope he will have many similar successes in Belgrave colours.

Our thanks are extended to Arthur Bruce for the excellent cartoons we include in this issue, and also to Ed Lacey for his many photographs.

R. J. SAVAGE

It is with very profound regret that we have to advise the death of Dick Savage, and our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Savage and other members of the family. We shall miss him tremendously; and also the work and enthusiasm he contributed in such ample measure over so many years to the Belgrave Harriers.

It is fifty years since Dick joined the Club as a young man in his early twenties and immediately he made his contribution to the Club, both as a runner and an official. His membership of Prices A.C. helped to forge links with the Belgrave Harriers which were mutually beneficial for very many years. After the First World War, Dick was one of the first, with Bob Ricketts, Jimmy Belchamber, Harry Parker, Oscar Horwood, Harry Evans and others, to start re-building the Club. It was hard work indeed at first; but before long the results began to show, and with the acquisition of new members such as Harry Hare (who was a most efficient Hon. Secretary & Treasurer within twelve months of joining the Club, and Hon. Editor of our first printed Gazette) and stabilisation of our Winter Headquarters at Wimbledon, Belgrave began to forge ahead.

Dick played his effective, though unobtrusive, part within the Club's progress, and was always available and always willing to help in any way possible. Thus the writer remembers him as pointsman, slow-pack leader, doorman at our Dances and Socials — always present, always helpful. In later years he became a respected President of the Club, a most efficient Timekeeper, an R.W.A. Judge, and presented us with the "SAVAGE" Shield for Junior Cross-country Competition. In several years, he served as Junior Captain, placing his experience and knowledge at the disposal of the younger members, doing work which was of the utmost value.

For fifty years Belgrave was a major part of his life, as indeed it has been of Mrs. Savage, who accompanied her husband whenever possible. In recent years, he had played the part of "Father Christmas" at our Childrens Party; which seemed to give added point to those virtues of loyalty, gentleness, kindness, good-humour and generosity with which we associated Dick as one of Nature's Gentlemen.

We owe him a great debt we can never repay; and we are grateful indeed for his fifty years of ever-helpful membership.

A.A.HARLEY.

W. FERGUSON

It is with deep sorrow that we learn also of the death of Bill Ferguson at the early age of 44 years. Bill was a popular member of both Metropolitan Police and Belgrave walking teams, providing good sound backing to their many successes. Our sympathies are extended to his wife and two sons, who are both members of the Club.

THE PRESIDENT

In introducing Arthur Penny as Club President we here print the speech made by Ernie Duffett at this year's Club Dinner.

"Arthur Penny joined the Club in February, 1928 and was known as 'Nuttie' in those days, the reason being obvious when you gaze on his shining bald pate. He soon made his mark and was placed 3rd in the Surrey County C.C. Championships in 1929, with myself 4th, Bill Mitchell 5th and we had our scoring 6 in the first 15 to finish. We thus took the team title from South London H. and actually won this championship 8 times out of 9 years and Arthur was our key man in most of these victories.

He was also a member of our winning South of Thames 'Senior' team in 1929, and won the individual title in the Surrey C.C. Championship in 1931, also the 1933 Southern Counties C.C. Championship, which was won by Bert Footer.

In those days it was impossible to see the name of Penny without that of Footer being close alongside, and they became known as the 'Belgrave Twins' and Laurie Richardson, who was then the Secretary of the English C.C. Union had a very high opinion of their capabilities. They finished 4th and 5th in the National C.C. race at Alderley Edge in 1933, in what Arthur has described as his most thrilling race. Arthur also finished 5th in the 1934 National, and was 2nd in the Southern Counties C.C. at Taplow, where Belgrave won the team title for the first time.

In the International C.C. race at Ayr in 1934 Arthur was placed 3rd with Bert Footer 4th, and they helped England to an easy victory in the team championship. I think that Arthur and Bert were the first to start the 7-day week training routine which is now commonplace, but in those days most athletes were content with a run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and then Saturday afternoon.

Arthur was also a member of our winning London to Brighton Road Relay teams, which was then the National race only, which scored a triumphant hat-trick of wins in 1934, 1935 and 1936, a feat never before accomplished. They were great days for Belgrave and we were almost invincible over road and country, and it was quoted by a well-known economist that 'The sterling qualities of the Belgrave Harriers are clearly based on the right use of the Penny.' Arthur was made a Life Member of the Club in 1934, and then was out of athletics for the whole of the 1935 season due to a fractured bone in his foot. He was back to form in 1936, however, when he again won the Surrey County C.C. championship and also led our team to victory in the team race. He just missed selection for the 1936 Olympic Games, and in 1937 was placed 4th with Fat Parker 3rd, Bert Footer 6th, Tom Carter 7th, Les Cohen 15th and Alf Taylor 16th in the Union Sportive C.C. race near Paris, in which Belgrave won the team race, beating all the leading French and Belgian clubs, and they appeared on television under the Baird process, after which it was agreed by the powers that be, to use the E.M.I. process.

Arthur was also a great man in 2 and 3 miles team races, on the track, and his crowning glory was when he won the Empire Games 6 miles track title in 1934 at White City, London. He also won the Club 3 miles track title many times and from the number of times he won the "Blackstaffe" Shield for the Club 7 miles C.C. Championships, he almost made it a permanent possession on his sideboard. I also remember when he won a Club half-mile handicap off 65 yards and then later he won the Boxing Day 2 miles run off the scratch mark, which takes some doing. Arthur was a very useful runner at all distances, and in 1938 was placed 3rd in the A.A.A. 10 miles track championship. I understand that we have some useful youngsters coming along, and if they will only set their sights on the heights attained by Arthur Penny, then we can ask no more of them.

I ask you to be upstanding and drink the health of our President,
Arthur Penny."

Cover Photo by E.D. Lacey: Belgrave's most improved runner BARRY SAWYER seen here during the Hogs Back '9½' in which he finished 14th. In last year's Club '7' he was 20th (!) 6½ minutes behind the winner - this year he won by over a minute!! This month he has gained a Hampshire County vest, finished 5th in the Mitcham '15' and placed 76th in the inter-counties at Leicester.

A message from your PRESIDENT:

Dear Belgravians,

It is with pride and pleasure that I write to you as your President in the 75th year of the Club's existence. Much has been achieved in that time.

There is no need for me to enlarge on our successes or our failings, sufficient is it for me to say that if we all strive to do our best, Belgrave once again can reach the top.

In conclusion, I know you will all join with me in offering our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Savage in her sorrow at the passing of her husband Dick.

Wishing you all success in the coming year.

A. W. C. Penny

3 MILES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerr, Newell, Davies, Walker, Black, Dabbs, Linstead, Maclean. How's that for a line up to set a new 3 mile record? Yet these were all the names that did not run. Each no doubt, had excellent reasons for missing this Club Championship, but their absence only helped to boost the ego of the holder, Mal Robinson, who must be forgiven for feeling like the heavyweight boxing champion whom no-one wished to meet.

Mal showed that he too can be unsociable, and after one lap decided to retain his title without company. This was an uncharacteristic move, but despite a very strong head-wind in the back straight, it paid dividends. Jack Brown, who has won this trophy on four consecutive occasions, made every effort to close the gap, but halving it was the most he could manage and so had to be content with second place.

Barry Sawyer moved through the field after a mile and had little difficulty in gaining third place, while Dick Shackelford - always to the fore - finished fourth. New member Laurie O'Hara, principally a footballer, ran very well in his first "three" to finish a surprise fifth.

Little can be said of the remainder. Bruce and Shippen were lethargic and Lennie Bishop faded after a promising start; but young Alan Morrison should feel encouraged, performing as he did in this his first race over the distance.

RESULT.

| | | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. M. Robinson | 14:43.6 | 11. F. Paget | 16:12 |
| 2. J. Brown | 14:54 | 12. T. Hart | 16:13 |
| 3. B. Sawyer | 15:19 | 13. A. Fairclough | 16:28 |
| 4. K. Shackelford | 15:34 | 14. E. Penny | 16:41 |
| 5. L. O'Hara | 15:43 | 15. R. Conway | 16:56 |
| 6. A. Bruce | 15:48 | 16. G. Piddington | 17:13 |
| 7. C. Shippen | 15:58 | 17. E. Bishop | 17:36 |
| 8. L. Bishop | 16:01 | 18. D. Newell | 17:38 |
| 9. M. Shingles | 16:04 | 19. W. Fairfield | 18:02 |
| 10. A. Morrison | 16:04 | 20. R. Langheim | 18:31 |

6 MILES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

Robinson's last lap sees him through!

Held on a somewhat cold and blustery evening, this, the last of the club track championships for 1961, was unfortunately made notable by the absence of several prospective champions. After three somewhat abortive laps by Clive Shippen, Malcolm Robinson was in no mood for pleasantries and proceeded to 'sit in' content in the knowledge that his was the faster finish. In the earlier stages Charlie Walker remained in close contact with the two leaders but gradually he was made to yield ground and left to make certain of third place. Some five hundred yards from home Malcolm left Jackie dis-spirited by his enforced role as leader, tip-toed round a final lap of 62 secs. and finished some 70 yds to the good. This was his last race before leaving for America.

RESULT.

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. M. Robinson | 30:41 | 7. D. Maclean | 33:38 |
| 2. J. Brown | 30:55 | 8. E. Penny | 34:33 |
| 3. C. Walker | 31:59 | 9. W. Fairfield | 35:41 |
| 4. C. Shippen | 32:36 | 10. D. Newell | 35:59 |
| 5. J. Dooley | 32:53 | 11. R. Musslebrook | 36:31 |
| 6. L. Bishop | 33:36 | 12. G. Piddington | 36:33 |

TRACK ROUND-UP

To be frank, this has in most respects been a disappointing season. There have been too few individual and team successes. Certainly the track reputation of the Club has been enhanced almost solely by the performances of our quarter-milers whereas the field events section has been most notable by its virtual absence.

Pride of place must surely be given to the four Belgrave boys, Peter Eldridge, Brian Morris, Graham Worrall, and Gerry Leroy, who gained second place in the A.A.A.'s 4 x 440 yds relay. Faced with a Birchfield quartet of international calibre our lads proved themselves to be a most powerful and courageous combination. They finished in a time of 3:15.3, only 2.1 seconds behind the Midland club, broke the existing A.A.A.'s record, and established a new Club and Southern Counties best performance.

We must also pay tribute to Messrs. Gordon, Thresher, Pepe, and Leroy for their excellent second place in the Surrey County Championships on July 29th. "Evergreen" Gordon battled round the first lap to put us well in the hunt, John kept the pressure on, Pete put us into the places, and Gerry pulled out a 48.6 last lap to put us exactly two seconds behind the Hercules team who broke the existing record set in 1959 by a Belgrave team.

Brian Morris finally established himself as our fastest one lap man of the season by returning 48.0 in the L.C.C. Championships at Hurlingham early in September. As usual Brian ran an 'easy' first 300 yards and in fact only just 'got up' to pip Poly's Mike Potter on the post. If only Brian's pace over the first couple of hundred yards was a little hotter he would almost certainly be down among the 47 second men. How about it then Brian?

Peter Eldridge has again proved himself a versatile, consistent, and capable performer. Once more he completed the sprint hat-trick in the Bedfordshire Championships and has had several representative runs throughout the season, won an invitation furlong at the White City, finished second in the London v Rhineland inter-cities quarter at the same venue.

Apart from the quarter-milers and our now flourishing Juniors, there have been few memorable performances or performers. One successful athlete, however, has been a newcomer from north of the border. Bill Kerr has proved himself a popular character, a fine athlete, and a valuable Club member. He established a new club record of 8:55 for two miles in the London Clubs race, and capped a season of fine running by finishing a good second to T.V.H. International Haith in the Melbourne Trophy 3,000 m. at Tooting. He beat several established stars to clock 8:21, a new club best performance.

John Thresher ran several courageous races for the Club, his determination compensating in some measure for his comparative lack of training. His 1:55.0 half-mile placed him second on the club list to Bob Norton for the 1961 season.

Finally some mention must be made of Mal Robinson. His departure to America for a college course will leave us quite considerably the poorer. Impetuous and outspoken he may have been, but his loyalty and enthusiasm were undoubted. Two club track championships became his during the season and his winning of the Kinnaird Trophy mile was a little masterpiece of timing and confident determination. If Mal's spirit were more prevalent throughout Belgrave we would once again be winning the championships and trophies. We wish him all the very best and hope that we shall not have to refer to him in the past tense for too long.

D.E.M.

BEST TRACK PERFORMANCES 1961

| 100 yds. | 220 yds. | 440 yds. | 880 yds |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| P. Eldridge 9.9 | P. Eldridge 21.9 | B. Morris 48.0 | R. Norton 1:52.4 |
| G. Leroy 10.3 | B. Morris 22.4 | P. Eldridge 48.2 | J. Thresher 1:55.2 |
| | G. Leroy 22.8 | G. Leroy 48.8 | D. Mitchell 1:55.9 |
| 120 yds. | 1 mile | R. Norton 49.9 | (A. Jackson 1:58.8 |
| R. Tolson 15.2 | M. Robinson 4:12.2 | D. Cocks (J) 50.4 | (J. Davies 1:58.8 |
| 440 yds | G. Worrall 51.1 | G. Worrall 51.1 | W. Kerr 1:58.9 |
| P. Pepe 56.9 | W. Kerr 4:12.8 | (A. Jackson 51.5 | D. Cocks (J) 1:59.4 |
| R. Glenn 59.4 | J. Thresher 4:21.5 | (R. Glenn 51.5 | R. Glenn 1:59.4 |
| | P. Newell 4:22.5 | (T. Newell 51.5 | P. Pepe 1:59.9 |
| 2 miles | C. Forey 4:24.8 | R. Hudson (B) 52.9 | |
| W. Kerr 8:55.0 | J. Davies 4:26.0 | 6 miles | 3 miles |
| M. Robinson 9:08.2 | 3,000m. S/C | M. Robinson 29:47.4 | P. Newell 14:00.0 |
| P. Newell 9:09.0 | C. Shippen 9:49.0 | P. Newell 30:10.2 | W. Kerr 14:04.2 |
| D. Maclean 9:11.8 | A. Black 9:51.0 | J. Brown 30:54.2 | J. Brown 14:16.2 |
| J. Davies 9:15.5 | D. Maclean 10:02.2 | C. Walker 31:59.4 | C. Dabbs 14:42.0 |
| | | | M. Robinson 14:43.6 |

ROAD - RELAYS

Surrey Co. Road Relay:

Held on September 9th from that most pleasant venue, the Woking Lido, this year's event was a repeat of our un-pleasant performances of recent years. The usual difficulty was experienced in raising a team which, when formed, had the usual un-fit look about it. Perhaps the "Brighton" wasn't yet close enough!

For five stages we hovered in 7th and 8th positions until Alan Black squeezed us into a more respectable 6th place on the final leg.

This was Gordon Pirie's last road relay for S.L.H. (the winners) and his final solo run was only 4 secs. outside the course record he set 8 years earlier!

RESULT.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. S.L.H. | 84:13.4 | Gebbett | 14:39 | Thresher | 14:47 |
| 2. H.H.H. | 86:20.8 | Walker | 14:37 | Maclean | 15:52 |
| 3. Hercules A.C. | 87:27.8 | Shippen | 15:04 | Black | 14:26 |
| 4. Walton A.C. | 88:00.4 | <u>Day's fastest:-</u> | | | |
| 5. Mitcham A.C. | 88:41.2 | D. A. G. Pirie (S.L.H.) 13:29 | | | |
| 6. Belgrave H. | 89:25.6 | | | | |

GREAT RUN BY KERR IN POLYTECHNIC'S RELAY

CHISWICK Sept. 16th (8 x 3mIs)

A sensational last-leg stint by Bill Kerr lifted Belgrave into a noteworthy second place, just two secs. ahead of rivals, T.V.H. Amid intense excitement, Bill set off in 4th place 18 secs. behind Herne Hill and a full half minute behind the Valley, and after what must have been the fastest 2 mIs. ever run on this course had passed both his rivals! With half a mile to go he was a good 20yds clear, but the fireworks were by no means over, for Saunders of T.V.H. put in a desperate effort to close the gap on the tiring figure ahead. Inch by inch he moved up, until with 100 yds to go, they were level. Accompanied by the frenzied shouts of their supporters, the two runners raced for the line, but Bill proved too strong for the gallant Valley man and in clocking 13:02, became the second fastest runner of the day.

Forty three teams started in this popular event, and Belgrave fielded four of them. Eric Gebbett ran his usual reliable first stage, keeping us in contact with the leaders and Charlie Walker consolidated this by moving us up to 3rd position. On the third leg, Jack Brown maintained our place with an excellent 13:36, and although he was the "A" team's slowest man, John Thresher (14:09) ran well enough to take us up to second, 43 secs. behind the eventual winners - Polytechnic Harriers.

John Davies, Ron Linstead and Alan Black ran the next three stages all within 15 secs. of each other, and although we dropped two places we were still within striking distance of second place - as Bill Kerr showed only too well!

Our "B", "C", and "D" teams also produced some good performances notably from Maclean, Sawyer and Forey, and all but the "C" team closed in. An excellent turn-out.

RESULT.

| | | "A" | | "B" | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Polytechnic H. | 1:47.53 | Gebbett | 13:45 | Masters | 14:54 |
| 2. Belgrave H. | 1:50.18 | Walker | 13:50 | Miller | 14:18 |
| 3. T.V.H. | 1:50.20 | Brown | 13:36 | Bruce | 15:15 |
| 4. H.H.H. | 1:50.35 | Thresher | 14:09 | Sawyer | 14:10 |
| <u>Day's Fastest.</u> | | Davis | 13:59 | Forey | 14:12 |
| 1. Hogan (Poly) | 12:47 | Linstead | 14:06 | Johnstone | 14:31 |
| 2. Kerr (Bels) | 13:02 | Black | 13:51 | Shippen | 14:26 |
| 3. Lewis (Woodford) | 13:07 | Kerr | 13:02 | Moore | 14:40 |

"C" & "D" Teams.

D. W. Jones 14:37 Penny 15:18 Maclean 14:00 Short 15:35 Paget 14:55
Hart 14:49 Fairfield 15:33 Mallott 16:48 Piddington 15:33 Heathfield 15:57
Smithers 17:12 D. Newell 16:25.

With one simple gesture you could help yourself and most certainly your Club. How? By joining Belgrave's football pontoon of course. Tickets and result sheets of each competition can be sent to you and it only costs 1/-d. per week. Your support is needed, so why not send for a sample ticket and result sheet. Any official in the Club Handbook will be pleased to introduce you to this first-rate scheme. DON'T READ ON - until you have made a note to join this pontoon.

KERR WINS 5¼ ROAD RACE

Used for assessing form for the forthcoming Brighton Relay, this race was held on a heavy sultry day, not conducive to good running. The whole race was run in a lethargic manner and it was soon obvious that, barring accident, Bill Kerr would be the winner. Jack Brown made a valiant effort to keep the gap as small as possible between himself and the loping Scot ahead, but Bill seemed to have the matter well in hand at all times.

The early part of the race had seen the field well bunched for the first lap of the Common, but down Copse Hill, the leaders were strung out with Kerr, Brown, Gebbett, Walker and Sawyer prominent. Linstead took a steady start which in the end paid dividends, for he moved through to third position. Lower down the field John Davies and Cyril Forey were running together - the former running within his obvious capabilities, the latter short of training and feeling his way carefully.

It was good to see John Moore back in club races, we need his help and hope he can regain his position of a year or two ago.

The final times were disappointingly slow, probably due to the weather, but it was pleasing to see the leaders fairly well bunched.

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|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. W. Kerr | 29.19 (0.20) | 19. A. Penstone | 33.11 (5.30) |
| 2. J. Brown | 29.20 (0.20) | 20. J. Hilton | 33.38 (5.00) |
| 3. R. Linstead | 29.27 (0.50) | 21. E. Penny | 33.52 (3.45) |
| 4. E. Gebbett | 29.31 (0.50) | 22. K. Stimpson | 34.16 (4.00) |
| 5. P. Sawyer | 29.50 (1.20) | 23. J. Masters | 34.24 (2.00) |
| 6. C. Walker | 29.52 (0.50) | 24. W. Fairfield | 34.32 (4.00) |
| 7. C. Shippen | 30.28 (1.30) | 25. M. Shingles | 34.41 (5.00) |
| 8. K. Miller | 30.40 (1.10) | 26. J. Heathfield | 34.54 (3.15) |
| 9. J. Davies | 31.07 (1.10) | 27. D. Newell | 35.11 (6.30) |
| 10. C. Forey | 31.07 (1.10) | 28. P. Lawrence | 35.17 (6.30) |
| 11. D. W. Jones | 31.10 (2.30) | 29. A. Ware | 36.04 (5.30) |
| 12. A. Bedford | 31.16 (2.00) | 30. T. Mallott | 36.19 (4.30) |
| 13. B. Johnston | 31.24 (2.00) | 31. P. King | 36.22 (7.30) |
| 14. J. Dooley | 31.45 (2.15) | 32. R. Beaumont | 37.09 (7.00) |
| 15. K. Shackelford | 32.02 (2.30) | 33. J. Baker | 37.45 (9.00) |
| 16. F. Paget | 32.25 (2.30) | 34. M. Smithers | 38.21 (7.30) |
| 17. E. Short | 33.01 (3.00) | 35. C. Henn | 38.22 (5.00) |
| 18. J. Moore | 33.01 (2.00) | 36. D. Maclean | 44.11 (1.45) |

Handicap - 1. A. Penstone 27:41.2 B. Sawyer 28:30.3 R. Linstead 28:37.

The Yacht '3':

For the second consecutive year Alan Black produced fastest time, but bouquets should really go to two of Tom Carter's protégés, Alan Morrison (Youth) and Tony Fairclough (Junior). Not only did Alan win with Tony 4th, but their times were 11th and 10th fastest respectively. Not bad in a field of over 50 runners!

RESULT

| RESULT | | FASTEST TIMES. | |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. A. Morrison (Y) | (2:00) 14:06 | 1. A. Black | 15:06 |
| 2. J. Leaver (Y) | (3:00) 14:13 | 2. W. Kerr | 15:13 |
| 3. T. Cook | (5:30) 14:15 | 3. C. Walker | 15:15 |
| 4. A. Fairclough (J) | (1:40) 14:17 | 4. C. Forey (J) | 15:25 |
| 5. G. Stevens | (2:30) 14:18 | 5. C. Shippen | 15:27 |
| 6. M. Shingles | (2:30) 14:20 | 6. J. Davies | 15:36 |
| | | 7. D. Maclean | 15:37 |
| | | 8. M. Heck | 15:44 |
| | | 9. B. Hallowell | 15:47 |
| | | 10. A. Fairclough | 15:57 |
| | | 11. A. Morrison | 16:06 |
| | | 12. D. W. Jones | 16:15 |

HEWITT & JONES ROAD RELAY (6 x 2½)

Promoted by Walton A.C. just one week before the London - Brighton Southern Relay, we used this race as a means of deciding the last few places for the big event the following week.

Sandwiched between Black and Forey the four runners on "trial" were Davies, Dabbs, Thresher, and Miller. The two Johns won the day, but there was little else of interest to Belgrave. Portsmouth and Mitcham outclassed the opposition and the Bels, with what was really a "B" team, finished eighth.

RESULT

1. Portsmouth A.C. 73:35 2. Mitcham A.C. 74:44 3. Belgrave H. 77:09

Bels times:-

Black 12:24 Davies 12:54 Dabbs 13:08 Thresher 12:46 Miller 13:09
Forey 12:48 Hart 14:06 Smart 13:47 Shippen 12:58 Penny 13:37
Moore 13:36 Johnstone 13:05 D. Newell 14:39 Asten 14:25 Beaumont 15:30
Shingles 14:03 Glen 13:39 Biscoe 13:46.

ALL TIME TOP 100 PERFORMANCES OVER BELGRAVE'S 5¼ MILES ROAD COURSE

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------|-----------------|------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|----|
| 1. | 27:56 | R.BHATIA | 3.60 | 1 | 52. | 29:20 | M.STEARMAN | 3.53 | 25 |
| 2. | 28:08 | C.DABBS | 3.60 | 2 | 53. | 29:20 | J.Brown (2) | 10.60 | - |
| 3. | 28:21 | P. NEWELL | 3.59 | 3 | | 29:20 | J.Brown (3) | 9.61 | - |
| 4. | 28:25 | R.LINSTEAD | 3.54 | 4 | 55. | 29:21 | L.C.BISHOP | 3.55 | 26 |
| 5. | 28:29 | C.W.WALKER | 3.60 | 5 | | 29:21 | P.Bagnall (5) | 9.55 | - |
| 6. | 28:31 | C.W.Walker (2) | 3.55 | - | | 29:21 | R.Linstead (2) | 9.57 | - |
| 7. | 28:36 | J.BROWN | 3.61 | 6 | | 29:21 | E.Gebbett (3) | 9.58 | - |
| 8. | 28:39 | D.BAULCH | 3.58 | 7 | | 29:21 | E.Gebbett (4) | 9.51 | - |
| 9. | 28:41 | J.C.SMART | 3.54 | 8 | 60. | 29:22 | L.Herbert (3) | 4.40 | - |
| 10. | 28:44 | C.W.Walker (3) | 3.56 | - | | 29:22 | C.FOREY | 3.61 | 27 |
| 11. | 28:45 | M.ROBINSON | 3.61 | 9 | 62. | 29:23 | A.PENNY | 4.38 | 28 |
| 12. | 28:46 | P.BAGNALL | 3.55 | 10 | 63. | 29:24 | E.Gebbett (5) | 9.55 | - |
| 13. | 28:47 | P.Newell (2) | 9.58 | - | 64. | 29:25 | L.C.Bishop (2) | 3.54 | - |
| 14. | 28:48 | J.BROMLEY | 3.54 | 11 | 65. | 29:26 | A.H.BRUCE | 3.53 | 29 |
| 15. | 28:50 | R.C.TOOBY | 3.53 | 12 | | 29:26 | E.Gebbett | 3.60 | - |
| | 28:50 | A.BEDFORD | 3.55 | 12 | 67. | 29:27 | C.COLLIS | 9.56 | 30 |
| | 28:50 | C.W.Walker (4) | 3.57 | - | | 29:27 | R.Linstead (3) | 9.61 | - |
| | 28:50 | D.Baulch (2) | 3.59 | - | 69. | 29:28 | J.MASTERS | 9.55 | 31 |
| 19. | 28:53 | E.GEBBETT | 3.58 | 14 | 70. | 29:30 | H.E.POOTER | 3.35 | 32 |
| 20. | 28:55 | P.Bagnall (2) | 3.57 | - | | 29:30 | E.S.STIMPSON | 3.49 | 32 |
| | 28:55 | A.Bedford (2) | 3.54 | - | | 29:30 | E.HERBERT | 3.53 | 32 |
| 22. | 29:00 | D.Baulch (3) | 3.56 | - | | 29:30 | L.C.Bishop (3) | 3.56 | - |
| | 29:00 | P.Bagnall (3) | 3.57 | - | 74. | 29:31 | B.HALLIWELL | 9.55 | 35 |
| 24. | 29:01 | D.Baulch (4) | 3.56 | - | | 29:31 | E.S.Stimpson (2) | 3.49 | - |
| | 29:01 | C.Dabbs (2) | 9.55 | - | | 29:31 | C.Dabbs (3) | 9.58 | - |
| 26. | 29:03 | G.DAVIDSON | 9.55 | 15 | | 29:31 | E.Gebbett (6) | 9.61 | - |
| | 29:03 | E.Gebbett (2) | 9.57 | - | 78. | 29:32 | E.SHORT | 3.54 | 36 |
| 28. | 29:04 | C.W.Walker (5) | 3.53 | - | | 29:32 | C.T.CARTER | 3.39 | 36 |
| | 29:04 | D.Baulch (5) | 3.54 | - | | 29:32 | R.Linstead (4) | 3.60 | - |
| | 29:04 | J.C.Smart (2) | 3.55 | - | 81. | 29:33 | E.S.Stimpson (3) | 3.48 | - |
| 31. | 29:07 | L.W.HERBERT | 3.54 | 16 | 82. | 29:34 | A.ALLUM | 3.34 | 38 |
| | 29:07 | P.Bagnall (4) | 3.56 | - | | 29:34 | F.J.ABBERTON | 3.49 | 38 |
| 33. | 29:08 | P.Newell (3) | 9.55 | - | | 29:34 | D.Baulch (6) | 9.58 | - |
| 34. | 29:09 | V.S.BLOWFIELD | 3.50 | 17 | | 29:34 | R.Bhatia (2) | 9.60 | - |
| | 29:09 | R.C.Tooby (2) | 9.56 | - | 86. | 29:35 | H.VERNEY | 4.38 | 40 |
| | 29:09 | C.W.Walker (6) | 9.57 | - | | 29:35 | E.Gebbett (7) | 9.56 | - |
| | 29:09 | C.SHIPPEN | 9.58 | 17 | | 29:35 | C.W.Walker (10) | 3.59 | - |
| | 29:09 | P.Newell (4) | 3.61 | - | 89. | 29:36 | M.Robinson (3) | 3.60 | - |
| 39. | 29:10 | R.T.TAYLOR | 3.53 | 19 | 90. | 29:37 | G.FLANAGAN | 3.56 | 41 |
| | 29:10 | W.E.LUCAS | 3.54 | 19 | | 29:37 | D.Baulch (7) | 3.57 | - |
| 41. | 29:11 | C.W.Walker (7) | 3.58 | - | 92. | 29:38 | R.GLOVER | 9.58 | 42 |
| 42. | 29:12 | L.W.Herbert (2) | 3.53 | - | | 29:38 | B.Halliwell (2) | 3.60 | - |
| 43. | 29:14 | J.BURR | 3.55 | 21 | 94. | 29:39 | C.T.Carter (2) | 3.35 | - |
| | 29:14 | C.W.Walker (8) | 9.58 | - | | 29:39 | J.MOORE | 9.59 | 43 |
| | 29:14 | W.KERR | 9.61 | 22 | 96. | 29:40 | L.J.COHEN | 4.38 | 44 |
| 46. | 29:15 | W.E.Lucas (2) | 3.53 | - | | 29:40 | L.MARCHANT | 3.49 | 44 |
| | 29:15 | D.G.MACLEAN | 9.57 | 23 | | 29:40 | C.S.Dabbs (4) | 9.57 | - |
| | 29:15 | C.W.Walker (9) | 3.61 | - | | 29:40 | M.Robinson (4) | 3.58 | - |
| 49. | 29:18 | D.BRICKWOOD | 3.54 | 24 | 100. | 29:41 | L.W.Herbert (4) | 4.38 | - |
| | 29:18 | M.Robinson (2) | 3.59 | - | | 29:41 | L.W.Herbert (5) | 3.39 | - |
| 51. | 29:19 | C.Shippen (2) | 3.59 | - | | 29:41 | C.W.Walker (11) | 3.50 | - |

Members are reminded that current subscriptions became due on September 1st. Those members still in arrears are asked to honour their obligations by sending their remittances to the Hon. Treasurer himself or contacting the three assistant Hon. Treasurers - Messrs. Morrell, Dewsbury, and Cornelius, who are present at most Club activities.

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Eric Gebbett has now moved house to Leighton Buzzard, but assures us he will remain first-claim Belgrave. His loyalty is much appreciated and is in keeping with the stalwart support he has given Belgrave teams for many a year.

Congratulations Eric on the second addition to your family. We are relieved to hear that both your son and daughter have inherited their mother's feet!

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We also extend congratulation to Jill and Len Bishop on the birth of their daughter Angela. Eric Bishop won this particular race several years ago with his son Clive and it now only remains for brother Alan to close in for Bishop Harriers!

SOUTHERN LONDON-BRIGHTON RELAY

DISAPPOINTING 6th BY BELGRAVE

by 'Olympian'

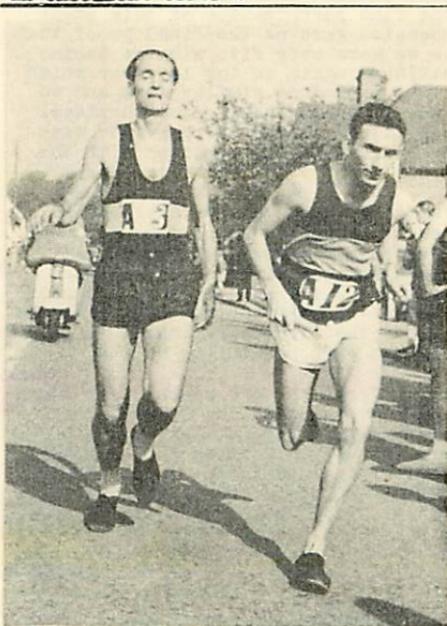
Our performance in the National Relay in April when we finished fifth, encouraged us to think we would be amongst the honours for this event, which is limited only to Southern clubs. On paper our team appeared to be strong enough to give even Portsmouth a run for their money, but we were to be disappointed. Our confidence proved to be ill-founded and we were to finish no higher than sixth.

The usual crop of scares during the week before the race kept the selection committee on tenterhooks but in the end the team that turned out was almost up to full strength.

The day of the race dawned fine and clear and the team manager at Westminster thought he would have little or nothing to worry about. Two runners and a reserve are instructed to report to Great Smith Street Baths at 9.00a.m. for the 10.0'clock start. One of the runners and the reserve duly appeared, but the second leg runner was missing, and the minutes ticked by without a sign of the absent Belgravian. The team manager's fingernails got shorter and shorter and his nerves mere and more frayed. The anxious reserve was duly despatched to Clapham Common and the race was started without news of Pat Newell.

STAGE I - Alan Black (21:14.7th fastest) Alan set off along the Embankment not knowing to whom he would pass his baton. This may have had some effect on his running for he could do no better than seventh, 26 secs. behind Harvey of Mitcham who gave his Club a perfect start. Alan has run well to Queens Circus but seemed to lose his grip on the race over the next half mile; a set-back from which he did not recover.

STAGE II - Pat Newell (25:18. 3rd fastest) On arrival at Clapham Common we were delighted to find Pat Newell on his mark, but it would have saved many problems if instructions had been carried out, or a 'phone call made to Bill Lucas. Pat set off in grand style and soon closed the gap on the teams ahead, with the exception of Portsmouth, who moved quickly into the lead with an excellent run by B. Cooke. Haith of T.V.H. caught and passed Newell by the time Tooting Bec Station was reached, but Pat kept his head and in the end took us up to third position, 36 secs. behind the leaders; **an excellent effort.**



JACK BROWN'S last step for Belgrave before retirement. BILL KERR sets off on Stage nine

STAGE 3 - Ron Linstead (29:47. 9th)

Ron was soon passed by Richards of Polytechnic, but hung on gamely and at the beginning of Purley Way was still in 4th place, although losing ground on the leaders. Lewis of Woodford, running at his best, and Perkins of Ilford were making great progress from behind and up the long slope past Croydon Airport forced Ron to concede further places. At Purley Ron overtook Stacey of T.V.H. and we were fifth at the change-over, 77secs. behind Portsmouth who had consolidated their lead and were never again to be headed.

STAGE 4 - Barry Sawyer (26:15. 8th) This stage had been given to one of our most improved runners who was performing in a "Brighton" for the first time. Barry runs immense distances in training and is a very fit man, but lacks the necessary speed at the moment for good relay running: it is possible that a day's rest from the hard daily grind before a race such as this would produce a little more snap. Nevertheless Barry ran well and although losing two places to Mitcham and T.V.H. had established himself and will without doubt earn many more team selections.

STAGE 5 - Eric Gebbett (22:36. 8th) Always prepared to run on whichever leg he is most needed, Eric was unfortunate enough to set off through Redhill with a gap of 45 secs. between

himself and the runner ahead. This was not the ideal set-up for Eric, he runs at his best when in close contact, and in consequence we did not benefit from Eric's considerable experience as we had hoped. Eric reached Earl's Wood still in 6th place and nearer to the fifth team, but was nearly three minutes behind Portsmouth who were increasing their lead on every leg.

STAGE 6 - John Davies (13:59 4th)
John did not produce the performance of which we all know he is capable. In the past year or so he has seemed afraid to really let himself go. He puts in many training sessions and with a 4:10 mile as a basis should be one of our fastest runners over distances up to four miles. This leg is the shortest of all and is generally given to the weaker members of each team, so although he produced the fourth best time today, and gained one place, his effort was still - to some of us - somewhat disappointing.

STAGE 7 - Charlie Dabbs (19:06. 7th)
Coming into the team as a result of the illness of John Thresher and an injury to Brian Hallowell, Chas. ran a steady leg across Gatwick Airport but was obviously still feeling the effects of his enforced layoff a few weeks earlier when he underwent a nasal operation.

STAGE 8 - Jack Brown (31:50. 15th)
Jack took over still in 6th place but $3\frac{1}{2}$ mins. behind Portsmouth. Jack was obviously not at his best, and although plugging along on what is the hardest stage of all, was noticeably losing ground on all teams ahead. We have become accustomed to take for granted the fine performances of this experienced runner, but his run on this occasion gave us the final proof that this was not to be our day. At Handcross we were over five minutes behind.

STAGE 9 - Bill Kerr (30:16. 12th fastest)
Once again on the leg over which he had run so well in April, Bill could not reproduce similar form and we were destined to fall even further behind, although keeping in 6th place. Bill had been suffering with a slight leg injury during the previous week and this may well have had a bad effect on his running, combined with the sight of a road ahead bare of runners - not exactly the right incentive for a fast run.

STAGE 10 - Charlie Walker (21:09. 5th fastest)
Chas. gave a little on T.V.H. and Mitcham, but the gap was far too great to give the supporters any hope that we would finish higher than sixth. Charlie's effort was completely solo, T.V.H. being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. ahead and Essex Beagles 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. behind!

STAGE 11 - Clive Shippen (21:09. 4th fastest)
Clive made further progress up Dale Hill and it was good to see our cross-country captain regaining the form he showed on this leg two years ago. Of the five teams ahead, we gained on Mitcham once more, and on Polytechnic, who were proving to be the surprise team of the day.

STAGE 12 - Cyril Forey (17:50. 2nd fastest)
Cyril set off on the last stage into Brighton with the gap ahead still over two minutes. He nevertheless put in an excellent run which gave him 2nd fastest time of the day and we arrived in Brighton in the 6th position we had held since the half-way mark.

We have to do much better than this next April if we are to be amongst the leading teams. Perhaps we need some new blood in our teams. Heck, Miller, Thresher, Moore and Johnston are but a few knocking on the door to 1st team honours. There are also those up-and-coming lads Cocks, Hampshire and Fairclough who will be dis-placing a few old-timers before long.

RESULT

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| 1. Portsmouth A.C. | 4:31.56 | 6. Belgrave H. | 4:40.31 |
| 2. Woodford Grn A.C. | 4:36.28 | 7. Essex Beagles | 4:42.34 |
| 3. T.V.H. | 4:37.46 | 8. H.H.H. | 4:43.57 |
| 4. Polytechnic H. | 4:38.10 | 9. Walton A.C. | 4:44.31 |
| 5. Mitcham A.C. | 4:38.32 | 10. Ilford A.C. | 4:44.59 |



CYRIL FOREY takes over from CLIVE SHIPPEN for the final stage.

'BELS' AVOID EMBARRASSING SITUATION

CHELMSFORD ROAD RELAY (6 x 3¹/₃) October 28th.

It was with a sigh of relief that our first five runners watched Charlie Dabbs set off on the last leg of this premier road relay. Not just because we were a well-placed second, but because three hours earlier, we fully expected to "run-out" after five stages - an embarrassing situation at the best of times, but when it is an "A" team lying second ahead of fifty other teams, then adverse comment and criticism is inevitable from all quarters.

It was not until 10 mins before departure time from Liverpool St. Station that the team realised our sixth man would fail to appear. Hurriedly a phone-call was put through to Charlie Dabbs who, despite having trained already that morning, sportingly agreed to dash to Chelmsford for the last leg duty.

Hence the team's sigh when Charlie set off in second position. It was not important that an off-form, psychologically unprepared and tired Dabbs dropped us to a final placing of 5th; we had closed in a team wearing Belgrave's colours.

It was therefore with mixed feelings that we followed the gradual progress of our earlier runners. Eric Gebbett finished a well placed 8th, Clive Shippen moved up to 6th, Ron Linstead to 4th, and an excellent effort by Bill Kerr took us to 2nd, only 14 secs behind a strong Woodford team. Although losing ground to R. Bell, Cyril Forey maintained our place and thus it was that Charlie's unfortunate, but memorable run began.

RESULT

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| 1. Woodford Green A.C. | 91:21 | Gebbett 15:25 | Kerr 15:05 |
| 2. Blackheath H. | 92:35 | Shippen 15:38 | Forey 15:40 |
| 3. Chelmsford A.C. | 93:02 | Linstead 15:21 | Dabbs 16:22 |
| 4. Essex Beagles | 93:15 | | |
| 5. Belgrave H. | 93:31 | Day's fastest. - Edelen (Chelms) 14:35 | |
| 6. Ilford A.C. | 94:10 | Batty (Thurrook) 14:36 Pettit (Ayles) 14:42 Herring (B'Hth) 14:49. | |

THE OPENING 'FIVE'

This fixture was unfortunately held on the same day as the Chelmsford Road Relay and as a number of our leading runners were competing in the Essex match, the entry for this, the first of the country fixtures was consequently rather weakened. Let this in no way, however, detract from Alan Black's performance as he had the rapidly improving Barry Sawyer to beat as well as such old hands as Newell, MacClean, and Davies.

RESULT.

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| 1. A. Black | (0.25) | 28.09 | 16. T. Hart | (3.30) | 32.17 |
| 2. B. Sawyer | (0.45) | 28.12 | 17. G. Piddington | (4.30) | 32.19 |
| 3. D. MacClean | (1.45) | 29.04 | 18. R. Glover | (3.00) | 32.29 |
| 4. P. Newell | (SCR) | 29.28 | 19. W. Fairfield | (4.00) | 32.31 |
| 5. J. Davies | (0.45) | 29.28 | 20. A. Jackson | (4.30) | 32.51 |
| 6. B. Johnston | (2.00) | 30.07 | 21. A. Penstone | (4.30) | 33.16 |
| 7. A. Fairclough | (3.00) | 30.17 | 22. C. Henn | (5.15) | 33.21 |
| 8. J. Dooley | (2.15) | 30.32 | 23. D. Newell | (6.00) | 34.26 |
| 9. K. Venton | (2.15) | 30.50 | 24. J. Hilton | (5.00) | 34.32 |
| 10. F. Paget | (2.30) | 30.51 | 25. R. Beaumont | (6.30) | 34.35 |
| 11. J. Collier | (2.45) | 31.22 | 26. M. Smithers | (7.00) | 34.42 |
| 12. E. Penny | (4.00) | 31.32 | 27. D. Gordon | (6.00) | 35.24 |
| 13. C. Steer | (3.30) | 31.41 | 28. A. Ware | (6.00) | 35.24 |
| 14. A. Bishop | (3.45) | 32.08 | 29. J. Baker | (9.00) | 37.10 |
| 15. R. Conway | (4.15) | 32.13 | Handicap. 1. A. Fairclough | 27.17 | |
| | | | 2. D. MacClean | 27.19 | |
| | | | 3. B. Sawyer | 27.27 | |

The Reigate Relay:

Although Belgrave were destined for only 5th place in the team result, Bill Kerr enhanced his reputation by clocking fastest time of the day over this 2¹/₂ miles cross-country course. His excellent time of 9:45 was achieved on the third leg when taking his team from 7th to 2nd place.

John Davies set a fast pace on the first stage, taking the field up a half-mile of steep hill, in good form, but faded somewhat in the middle stages. A good start, and a strong finish, however gave him the good time of 10:19 and Charlie Walker a line of nine runners all handily placed for "picking off". Charlie had been virtually out of

training for 10 days due to a leg wound but his natural ability took him to a surprising 10:16 & Belgrave to 7th.

After Bill's great effort had taken us to second, Clive Shippen was forced to give away two places and a very unfit Ken Miller another. Don Maclean took on the last leg run and easily held our fifth place. He has never been known to bound over the summit of a hill this size in such fine fettle!

Of the "B" and "C" teams, Eric Penny and Fred Paget showed good form, and Alan Jackson's effort was most useful.

RESULT

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| 1. Mitcham A.C. | 60:58 | Davies 10:19 | Walker 10:16 | Kerr 9:45 |
| 8. Belgrave "A" | 61:54 | Shippen 10:27 | Miller 10:48 | Maclean 10:19 |
| 26. Belgrave "B" | 68:15 | Penny 10:56 | Paget 11:01 | Jones 10:53 |
| | | Piddington 11:53 | Conway 11:20 | Hilton 12:12 |
| | | Ware 12:33 | Jackson 11:22 | Fairfield 12:00 |
| | | Gordon 11:59 | Smithers 12:38. | |

BELS. PLACED IN 5TH. OF THAMES 'JUNIOR' EVENT

Sevenoaks - Nov 11th :

This race will go down in Club History as the event in which Belgrave were 'bowelled' over and robbed of a title by purely natural causes. Barry Sawyer will remember this day for many a long year - he will never be allowed to forget it! Taking time out of a race, however short, usually precludes any chance of winning, and Barry's short sojourn into the bushes of Knowle Park meant the loss of some 150 places which even to a fit man like Barry presented an impossible task. His final placing of 42nd speaks for itself - from the time of his re-entry into the race he went through the field like a 'dose of salts' and eventually secured a second team medal by being our fourth scorer.

Our leading runners got away to a good start and Alan Black and Barry Sawyer were prominent with Mike Heck not far behind and Clive Shippen backing up well. With misfortune overtaking Barry our position looked bad, for our next runner was outside the first hundred. At the half-way stage Alan was eleventh, Mike was just behind in fourteenth position and Clive was 33rd. By now Barry was recovering ground at a phenomenal rate but still appeared to be out of the picture. At the finish Alan had gained a little with his fast finish, Mike had fallen away slightly but Clive, by persistent running, had moved up to 22nd. Where would the fourth scorer finish? We knew Joe Dooley was making steady progress after his usual slow start. But the prospects of a position forward enough to give us a chance of a place were remote. To our surprise Barry was the next finisher and secured for us a total of 89 points and second team position. Without doubt we would have won if Barry had not been forced temporarily to retire.

Result

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| 1. D. Allen (Reading A.C.) | 28:19 | 1. Swindon A.C. | 68 points |
| 9. A. Black (Belgrave H.) | 28:57 | 2. Belgrave H. | 89 points |
| 16. M. Heck (") | 29:17 | 3. Guildford & Godalming | 91 points |
| 22. C. Shippen (") | 29:24 | | |
| 42. B. Sawyer (") | 29:58 | | |
| 80. J. Dooley | 116. F. Paget | 139. D. Jones | 166. K. Venton |
| 185. M. Shingles | 189. T. Hart | 195. R. Conway | 201. G. Piddington |
| 234. N. Asten | 243. C. Fairfield | 261. P. Wrench | 269. R. Braine |
| 298. J. Hilton. | (379 starters) | | 286. C. Henn |

BOXING DAY HANDICAP MEETING

1. 120 yards.

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| 1. R. Brown (15 yds) | 12.9 |
| 2. A. Hudson (8 yds) | 12.1 |
| 3. J. Jarvis (12 yds) | 12.1 |

3. 3 mile handicap walk

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. B. Stevenson (6.30) | 20.36 |
| 2. C. MacLennan (6.30) | 21.23 |
| 3. J. Wilson (6.30) | 21.30 |

2. 2 mile handicap run

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| 1. D. Cocks (300 yds) | 8.52 |
| 2. K. Redwood (340 yds) | 8.59 |
| 3. J. Hampshire (300 yds) | 9.02. |

4. Shot

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| 1. M. Smithers 34' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | |
| 2. G. Edwards (2ft.) | 34' 2" |
| 3. A. Mead (9' 6") | 33' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |

The Xmas Day Paarlauf, run from Lauriston Cottage, was won by a guest pair K. Smith (Mitcham) and E. Caiger (Hercules). Plaque winners for the first Belgrave pair home were C. Dabbs and D. Maclean.

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In a 10 - mile paarlauf held at Hurlingham on November 26th, Bill Kerr and Charlie Walker finished second to London University pair, recording 45 mins - 38 secs.

THE A.G.M.

HARRY SHIELDS REPORTS.

Another cycle of club life was marked by the A.G.M., when we were called to review our hopes and failures of the past 12 months to formulate our plans for the ensuing year, and to exercise our democratic privileges of criticising and electing Officers to whom we entrust the well-running of the Club.

The nature of athletics is such that there is a large turnover of men entering and leaving the sport and although for stability it is essential to have the continuity of a number of grey-heads, it is even more important we delegate responsibility to younger members who have the necessary enthusiasm and interest of the sport at heart.

At this year's meeting, we missed a number of the more voluble members from whom we have grown accustomed to learn our defects, but were amply compensated by a good gathering of youths and juniors, whose contribution to the discussions and willingness to join actively in the administration of the Club was a pleasing feature.

Of the proceedings, we first had a report by the Hon. Secretary on the past year, from which we saw that our walkers still reigned supreme, the runners had many brilliant performances to their credit, but the field events men required strengthening and better leadership. The Hon. Treasurer's report showed we had little to fear financially.

The election of Officers then proceeded and the retiring President Les Cohen, nominated as his successor, Arthur Penny, Empire Games Champion English C.C. International, County Champion and stalwart of our pre-war track and cross-country teams. This was carried with acclamation. Senior officers were elected with little change apart from Assistant Hon. Secretary F. Jarvis, Assistant Hon. Treasurer - P. J. Cornelius, Field Events Hon. Secretary - M. F. Jones, Social Hon. Secretary - T. Hart. Members were asked to give these officers every co-operation while they settled down in their jobs. Les Cohen was thanked for his work in connection with the Football Pontoon run by the Supporters Club, and the notice of members was drawn to the essential part this played in the welfare of the Club.

The enthusiasm and improvements made by our Youths and Juniors brought forth comment and the work of J. Hampshire and T.C. Carter was praised.

It was pleasing to see Ron Linstead and Dave Mitchell elected to shoulder the tasks of Press Hon. Secretary and Hon. Co. Editor of the 'Belgravian' respectively, and that the elected Committee comprised a balance of experience and youth.

No controversial subjects were fought out and the meeting terminated with the feeling that progress had been made and the Club could look forward to a year of continued success.

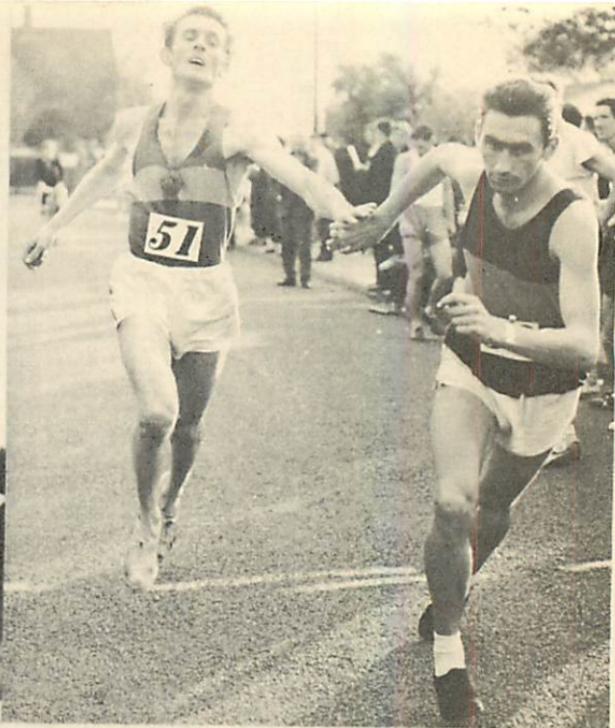
THE CLUB DINNER - 1961

Ladies seem to spend all day preparing for it, speakers are supposed to practise for hours in front of a mirror, and the day after usually means an overdose of aspirins and liver salts. What is it? Why the Belgrave annual dinner, of course!

This year's function was held in the Ardington Rooms at Clapham Junction on November 18th, and as usual was made memorable by an overall atmosphere of warmth and fellowship. This keynote of friendship was initiated by our new club President, for Arthur and his wife were on the threshold, as it were, to welcome us into the fold.

The after-dinner speeches were all quite brief and lively. Mr. E. Clynes, Secretary of the A.A.A., paid tribute to the great contribution our club has made to athletics. Harry Shields, with the help of Kipling and Shakespeare, made a most suitable response and managed to pull Bob Barnes's leg into the bargain. Alf Harley introduced and welcomed several guests in his accustomed informative manner - by the way, did you know that Harry Evans is now 80 years young and was invited as a guest to the dinner? Ernie Duffet stepped into a last minute breach and told us of the mammoth achievements of Arthur Penny in the '30's - I bet many youngsters were thinking, 'I didn't know he was that good'. Finally, Arthur paid tribute to his clubmates such as Bert 'Syrup of Figs' Footer, and expressed his pride in being honoured with this year's Presidency.

After these somewhat informal formalities (!) dancing (and drinking of course) continued until half past eleven and Sid Roberts and the Social Committee were happy in the knowledge that a good time had been had by all.



BELS. 2nd IN LONDON CHAMPS.

Parliament Hill Fields - Nov.25th:

Running on their own territory Highgate Harriers won the London County C.C. championships for the fourth consecutive year, thus improving on Belgrave's run of victories in 1955,56 and 57. As usual, it was a very close contest - three points in fact, decided the issue.

We stand a good chance of commencing another run of wins next year as the individual winner, Highgate's George Brown was running his last race in their colours before joining Welwyn A.C.

Ron Linstead was first over the hill at the start, with the rest of the team close behind. It was not long, however, before Ron felt the effects of the rough going and steadily lost ground. Barry Sawyer endeavoured to take over and at halfway was lying 4th but he too gave way in the end to finish 6th with a fast-finishing Linstead close behind.

Clive Shippen and Eric Gebbett had a tremendous tussle with Alexander of Highgate in the latter stages and with half a mile to go appeared to have won the day, for Clive had put in a fast finish to break away and Eric was chasing hard. On reaching the finishing straight however, the Highgate man put in a last desperate effort and was successful in splitting our two runners. Fortunately this alone did not quite decide the result. Charlie Walker and John Davies backed up well, with 6 to score we would have won.

RESULT

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|----------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------|
| 1. G. Brown | Highgate | 31:02 | 13. C.Shippen | 32:16 | 1. Highgate H. | 32pt |
| 2. K. Harland | Cambridge H. | 31:15 | 15. E.Gebbett | 32:24 | 2. Belgrave H. | 35 " |
| 3. P. Mellor | Ponders End | 31:26 | 20. C.Walker | 32:47 | 3. Hercules A.C | 47 " |
| 6. B. Sawyer | Belgrave H. | 31:37 | 26. J.Davies | 33:05 | 4. Hampstead H. | 51 " |
| 7. R. Linstead | " | 31:47 | <u>81 finished</u> | | | |

TEAMS

THE CLUB SEVEN

A field of about 25 faced the starter and was soon away to a brisk start. On the way out to the village John Davies led the field whilst in the bunch behind a few private battles were taking place. (I understand that at this stage a man named Penney was causing some comment by being in a forward position in the field) At the end of the first lap Barry Sawyer had opened up a useful lead with C. Shippen and R. Linstead "enjoying" a real ding-dong battle. Then came Walker, Davies, Moore, Miller, Penney, Thresher, and D. Jones with the rest of the field well strung out behind them.

At the finish Sawyer ran in a well-deserved winner and at the same time took second place in the handicap. R. Linstead just managed to pip C. Shippen for second place, C. Walker ran steadily in fourth position, John Davies showed a glimpse of his old form, and John Moore showed that he was beginning to find his feet again. Perhaps this win is sufficient justification of Barry's spartan training schedule and we hope that his success augurs well for Belgrave too.

A.W.P.

RESULT

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|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. B. Sawyer | 40:40 | 12. M. Shingles | 46:22 |
| 2. R. Linstead | 41:54 | 13. G. Piddington | 46:43 |
| 3. C. Shippen | 41:58 | 14. E. Bishop | 47:31 |
| 4. C. Walker | 42:16 | 15. J. Collier | 47:40 |
| 5. J. Davies | 42:49 | 16. A. Jackson | 48:29 |
| 6. J. Moore | 43:43 | 17. R. Braine | 49:23 |
| 7. K. Miller | 44:13 | 18. D. Newell | 50:44 |
| 8. E. Penney | 44:29 | 19. R. Langheim | 52:39 |
| 9. J. Thresher | 44:40 | 20. J. McDonald | 52:39 |
| 10. D.W. Jones | 45:01 | 21. J. Baker | 53:52 |
| 11. C. Steer | 45:56 | 22. R. Hopkins | 58:33 |

TOP LEFT: Peter Eldridge wins Invitation 200 metres from Malcolm Yardley (Birchfield) at White City.

CENTRE: David Cocks 50.4 440 yds. ranked him 23rd in the British Junior Best Performances 1961.

TOP RIGHT: Ron Linstead hands over to Bill Kerr in the Chelmsford Road Relay.

BOTTOM LEFT: Belgrave's winning London Brighton Walk team seen passing through Clapham. K. Bailey (7th) G. Beecham (9th) R. Hall (6th)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Peter Eldridge, Gerry Leroy, Graham Worrall and Brian Morris who broke the existing National club record for the 4 x 440 yd. relay when finishing a close second to the star-studded Birchfield quartette (Yardley, Farrell, Rawson, Brightwell) in the A.A.A. Championship.

WALKING NEWS

In the absence, temporary we hope, of Stan Vickers and Eric Hall it might have been thought that the Bels would have been content to rest on their laurels. But not a bit of it. Ray Middleton and George Williams have filled these two gaps admirably, gained international colours, and formed the mainstay of several championship teams. If 1962, European Games year, finds these two maintaining their form and also sees Stan and Eric back with us on the track and on the road, then this surely would prove our year of years and our team would certainly be invincible.

JULY 22nd 1961: A special 20 kilometres walk was held at Victoria Park to aid the selection of the European Cup team.

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| 1. G. Williams (Belgrave) 95.36 | 3. R. Haluza (U. S. A.) 100.38 |
| 2. R. A. Clark (Polytechnic) 96.28 | 5. R. Middleton (Belgrave) 101.18 |

DOVER - CANTERBURY AND BACK WALK

Don Thompson soon disappeared into the distance leaving Nigel Thompson of the Met. disputing 2nd place with our own Ken Bailey. Unfortunately Ken was to pay the price for an early fast pace, but he did carry off the handicap by some six minutes. The rest of the team backed up well and we managed to gain a creditable second place.

RESULT.

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| 1. D. J. Thompson (Met. W.C.) 3:53.56 | 6. G. E. Beecham (Belgrave) 4:26.15 |
| 2. N. Thompson (Met. W.C.) 4:08.55 | 9. R. C. Hall (Belgrave) 4:30.32 |
| 3. K. Bailey (Belgrave) 4:25.07 | |
| 20. J. Wilson 22. J. Morris 23. H. W. Shields 25. R. McAuliffe. | |

Team race. - Met. W.C. (1:2.10) 13 pts. - 1.
Belgrave H. (5.6.8) 19 pts - 2.
Surrey W.C. (4.7.11) 22pts - 3.

AUGUST 2nd 1961 - SEPTON BRANCKER TROPHY, 2 miles.

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| 1. A. G. Thomson (Met. W.C.) 14:7.4 |
| 2. R. A. Middleton (Civil Service) 14:18.8 (Personal Best) |
| 4. E. W. Hall (Civil Service) 15:0.1 |

AUGUST 6th 1961 - CHERTSEY BRITISH LEGION Open '6'

The untimely withdrawal of Ray Middleton left veteran Bert East to shoulder the somewhat uncomfortable responsibility of fourth scoring man, a task which he performed admirably finishing in a most noteworthy 22nd

RESULT

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| 1. G. Williams (Belgrave) 44:18 | <u>Team.</u> 1. Met. W.C. (3.4.7.12) 26 pts |
| 2. R. Clark (Poly) 44:48 | 2. Belgrave (1.10.11.22) 44 pts. |

AUGUST 12th 1961 INTERNATIONAL LUGARNO TROPHY (Central Zone)

Belgrave provided two of Britain's six men in this 20 kilos and 50 kilos competition in this triangular international with Belgium and Germany, (East/West combined), the first round of the Europa Cup. George Williams walked the 20 kilos to gain his second international vest and Ray Middleton made his debut for Great Britain in the 50.

In the morning Ken Matthews led from start to finish to win the 20 by over 3 minutes in most convincing fashion. George fought hard all the way but had finally to concede three places to a German trio and so finished in 5th position. At lunch therefore, East and West Germany led Great Britain by the narrow margin of 2 points.

The 50 kilos was also walked at a fast pace and provided another quite comfortable British victory, this time for Don Thompson. Ray Middleton walked most doggedly, moved up into second spot, and was then passed at 40 kilos by Sakowski (Germany). Ray held on in fine fashion and resisted the final challenge of yet another German Astroth. The 50 kilos result ensured a British victory and a place in the final at Lugano on October 14th.

RESULT.

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| <u>20 kilos</u> | | <u>50 kilos</u> | |
| 1. K. Matthews (G.B.) 1:32:12.4 | 1. D. J. Thompson (G.B.) 4:25:19.2 | 2. K. Sakowski (Ger.) 4:36:15.2 | |
| 2. D. Lindner (Ger.) 1:35:24.0 | 3. R. A. Middleton (G.B.) 4:41:03.2 | | |
| 5. G. Williams (G.B.) 1:38:04.2 | | | |

Combined team result. 1. G.B. 41 pts. 2. Germany. 39 pts 3. Belgium 12 pts.

Are you conversant with every detail of information on page 10 of the Club Handbook?

AUGUST 19th HASTINGS TO BRIGHTON WALK 38 miles

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|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. D. J. Thompson (MET W.C.) | 5:31.51 | 4. R. Hall (Belgrave) | 6:02.33 |
| 2. N. Thompson (") | 5:54.43 | 6. K. Bailey (") | 6:08.33 |
| Team - 1. Met. W.C. (1.2.12) | 15 points | | |
| 2. Belgrave H. (3.5.8) | 16 points | | |
| 3. Surrey W.C. (4.6.9) | 19 points. | | |

AUGUST 26th - In the London Vidarians 25 mile race at Mitcham, Belgravians finished 3rd 4th 5th 7th to win the team race easily. Ray Hall was our best placed man on this occasion.

SEPTEMBER 9th**THE LONDON-BRIGHTON WALK**

We were out in force in an attempt to regain this team title that we lost some three years ago. In fact the final issue was decided by the position of the fourth scoring men of Belgrave and Surrey. John Keown beat his respective opposite number and so won the day for the Bels. In the early stages George Beecham, Ken Bailey and Ray Hall walked together, but the pack broke up at ten miles with Ken chasing after the leaders. Fred Denny and John Morris both retired in the first half of the race. Harry Shields " just out for a stroll" finally managed to beat second class standard by 5 secs. after 53 miles.

The Belgrave champs. was eventually won by Ray Hall who caught Ken Bailey at Albourne Green and from there onwards there was never more than two or three yards between the two of them. Ray's greater experience however, won him the day by one second after 53 miles (you must sprint when you can see the sea). Ken Bailey walked magnificently in his first Brighton, George Beecham took third place after a steady race, and John Keown backed up well.

Thanks must go to those who assisted our walkers, to mention just a few, Eric & Mavis Hall, Jack Goswell, Eric Beecham, and Don Bartliff.

RESULT

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|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. D. J. Thompson (MET W.C.) | 7:39.57 | 7. K. Bailey (Belgrave) | 8:34.07 |
| 2. C. A. Young (Essex B.) | 8:20.15 | 9. G. Beecham (Belgrave) | 8:52.42 |
| 3. K. Mason (Surrey W.C.) | 8:27.53 | 15. J. Keown (Belgrave) | 9:26.08 |
| 6. R. Hall (Belgrave H.) | 8:34.06 | 33. H. W. Shields (Belgrave) | 9:59.55 |
| Team. 1. Belgrave H. (3.4.6.11) | 24 pts. | 2. Surrey W.C. (1.2.9.12) | 24 pts. |
| | | 3. Highgate Harriers (8.13.14.19) | 54 pts. |

SEPTEMBER 16th - WOODFORD GREEN OPEN '51

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|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1. A. G. Thompson (Met. W.C.) | 37.33 | 3. R. A. Clark (Poly) | 38.02 |
| 2. G. Williams (Belgrave) | 37.43 | 6. R. Middleton (Belgrave) | 38.47. |
| Team: 1. Belgrave H. (2.6.28) | 36 pts. | 2. Met. W.C. (1.5.30) | 36 pts. |
| | | 3. Polytechnic H. (3.17.20) | 40 pts. |

OCTOBER 14th - MIDDLETON AND WILLIAMS HELP BRITAIN TO WIN WORLD CUP

In the finals of this World Cup Competition at Lugano we emerged as the first winners of this trophy. Italy, after a great start in which Pamich beat Olympic winner Don Thompson by as much as five minutes in the 50 kilometre failed to stay the course and put up a comparatively poor showing in the shorter events. It therefore became a straight fight between Sweden and ourselves with Hungary last of the four.

50 Kilometre Result

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|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. Pamich (Italy) | 4:25.38 | 3. Soderlund A. (Sweden) | 4:36.48 |
| 2. Thompson (G.B.) | 4:30.35 | 4. Middleton (G.B.) | 4:39.24 |
| Teams. Sweden 25 | G.B. 24 | Italy 21 | Hungary 9. |

In the 20 kilometres, Ken Matthews set off at his usual fast pace, and rapidly built up a big lead over the second man Back of Sweden. Although Ken lost some ground nearing home he still won by some 400 metres and George Williams exceeded all hopes by beating some really hot opposition for third. With a tie on the aggregate of the two events the rule was invoked giving preference to the country which first finished the man in the 50 kilometres event and that was Great Britain.

RESULT - 20 kilometres

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|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Matthews (G.B.) | 90.54.2 | 3. Williams (G.B.) | 94.02.0 |
| 2. Back (Sweden) | 92.12.0 | | |
| Teams. G.B. 29 | Sweden 28 | Hungary 14 | Italy 7 |

Final combined result.

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| 1. G.B. 54 | 2. Sweden 54 | 3. Italy 28 | 4. Hungary 23. |
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THE HIGHGATE OPEN '7'

OCTOBER 28th -

George Williams started well and led the field of 220 at the top of West Hill. Along the A.1. George was slowly increasing his lead and Arthur Thomson (Met) had firmly established himself in second place. At four miles, however, Thomson was closing on our lad and nearing the finish he gained the upper hand and went on to win by some 100 yards in 52 mins 15 secs. Belgrave won the team race by three points from Met. W.C. with Essex Beagles third.

RESULT

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1. A. G. Thomson (Met W.C.) | 52.15 | 4. R. Wallwork (Lancs. W.C.) | 53.35 |
| 2. G. Williams (Belgrave H) | 52.39 | 5. R. C. Middleton (Belgrave) | 53.39 |
| 3. R. A. Clark (Poly) | 53.24 | | |

RESULT

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|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. A. G. Thomson (Met W.C.) | 52.15 | 90. G. V. Cameron (Belgrave) | 63.03 |
| 2. G. Williams (Belgrave) | 52.39 | 97. D. Fotheringham (Belgrave) | 63.33 |
| 3. R. A. Clark (Poly H.) | 53.24 | 98. C. Yescome (Belgrave) | 63.36 |
| 4. R. Wallwork (Lancs. W.C.) | 53.35 | 125. A. H. East (Belgrave) | 65.50 |
| 5. R. C. Middleton (Belgrave) | 53.39 | 138. C. McLennan (Belgrave) | 66.55 |
| 17. J. F. Knifton (Belgrave) | 56.31 | 140. B. Stevenson (Belgrave) | 67.03 |
| 18. R. C. Hall (Belgrave) | 56.35 | 143. J. Wilson (Belgrave) | 67.12 |
| 36. K. Bailey (Belgrave) | 58.26 | 147. B. Bushman (Belgrave) | 67.31 |
| 58. D. A. Bartliff (Belgrave) | 60.34 | 174. D. A. Earle (Belgrave) | 70.34 |
| 70. W. A. Belderson (Belgrave) | 61.29 | 181. D. Logan (Belgrave) | 71.14 |
| 72. J. Morris (Belgrave) | 61.41 | 182. P. Wilson (Belgrave) | 71.16 |
| 83. G. Bate (Belgrave) | 62.36 | 191. F. G. Denny (Belgrave) | 72.49 |
| 86. G. E. Beecham (Belgrave) | 62.49 | 202. B. P. Carroll (Belgrave) | 79.14 |

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT

1. Belgrave H. 'A' (Williams 2. Middleton 4. Knifton 14. Hall 15) 35 points
2. Met. W.C. (Thomson 1. D. Thompson 7. N. Thompson 12. Lightman 18) 38 points
3. Essex B. (Haluza 8. Young 10. Desmond 24. Selmes 26) 68 points.

THE ENFIELD OPEN '7'

NOVEMBER 11th



R. C. MIDDLETON

This race was dominated from start to finish by Ken Matthews who beat his own 1958 course record of 50.18 by over a minute in clocking 49.09. He stormed home by almost three minutes from our own George Williams who yet again mastered Bob Clark of the Poly. After two miles Matthews led by 100 yds from Williams, then came Clark a similar distance behind and some 80 yds back Ray Middleton was leading another group. The homeward journey was generally quicker, and towards the finish George once again drew clear of Clark, but unfortunately Ray lost fourth place to Ronnie Wallwork (Lancs). The team race resulted in a victory for Essex Beagles by two points from Belgrave with Surrey W.C. third.

RESULT

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| 1. K. J. Matthews (Royal Sutton Coldfield) | 49.09 |
| 2. G. Williams (Belgrave Harriers) | 52.07 |
| 3. R. A. Clark (Polytechnic Harriers) | 52.15 |
| 4. R. Wallwork (Lancashire W.C.) | 53.29 |
| 5. R. Middleton (Belgrave Harriers) | 53.30 |
| 24. R. C. Hall (Belgrave Harriers) | 56.55 |
| 35. R. L. Barnes (Belgrave Harriers) | 58.36 |
| 62. D. Bartliff (Belgrave Harriers) | 61.17 |
| 70. G. E. Beecham (Belgrave Harriers) | 61.48 |
| 71. G. V. Cameron (Belgrave Harriers) | 61.48 |
| 81. J. Morris (Belgrave Harriers) | 62.50 |
| 85. D. Fotheringham (Belgrave Harriers) | 65.03 |
| 106. A. H. East (Belgrave Harriers) | 65.20 |
| 107. B. Stevenson (Belgrave Harriers) | 65.30 |
| 115. C. McLennan (Belgrave Harriers) | 65.45 |
| 117. J. Wilson (Belgrave Harriers) | 67.08 |
| 127. B. Bushman (Belgrave Harriers) | 68.05 |
| 132. P. Wilson (Belgrave Harriers) | 69.31 |

140. P. Maidman 70.23 147. J. Scamell 72.39 149. F. G. Denny 72.47.
150 started, 150 finished.

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1. Essex Beagles (Desmond 8 Young 10 Haluza 14 Selmes 24) 56 points
2. Belgrave H. 'A' (Williams 1 Middleton 3 Hall 22 Barnes 32) 58 points
3. Surrey W.C. 'A' (Nihill 4 Selby 13 Vale 20 Mason 27) 64 points

THE 42nd. BELGRAVE OPEN '7'

NOVEMBER 25th

Ken Matthews was a comparatively easy winner but competition was fierce for the subsequent positions and resulted in some keen and exciting tussles. In the earlier stages, it did seem that George Williams might well gain second place but he was passed, first by Arthur Thomson and later by Bob Clark. Ray Middleton in actual fact, finished only three seconds behind George and so we were well set for the team prize, the Barman Cup.

RESULT

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|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. K. Matthews (R.S.C) | 49.51 | 80. H. McGreechan (B.H.) | 63.38 |
| 2. A. Thomson (M.W.C) | 53.07 | 87. C. McLennan " | 64.49 |
| 3. R. Clark (Poly) | 53.10 | 94. C. Yescombe " | 65.16 |
| 4. G. Williams (B.H) | 53.45 | 99. A. East " | 65.39 |
| 5. R. Middleton (B.H.) | 53.48 | 121. J. Wilson " | 67.28 |
| 11. E. Hall " | 55.15 | 123. H. Shields " | 67.53 |
| 20. R. Hall " | 56.55 | 127. T. Cook " | 68.09 |
| 34. K. Bailey " | 59.39 | 130. B. Buschman " | 68.24 |
| 38. R. Barnes " | 60.01 | 141. P. Wilson " | 70.28 |
| 50. G. Beecham " | 61.13 | 143. D. Williams " | 71.28 |
| 54. W. Belderson " | 61.21 | 145. D. Logan " | 71.43 |
| 56. D. Bartliff " | 61.23 | 153. J. Scammell " | 73.48 |
| 64. J. Morris " | 61.57 | 155. C. Speechley " | 74.20 |

SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1. Belgrave H. (Williams 3 Middleton 4 E. Hall 9 R. Hall 18) 34 points
2. Surrey W.C. (Nihill 6 Selby 16 Vale 19 Mason 28) 69 points
3. Met. W.C. (A. Thomson 1 D. Thompson 8 Hutchinson 27 Higgins 43) 79 points

THE CAMBRIDGE H OPEN '7'

DECEMBER 9th

Belgrave were without George Williams and Ray Middleton and were consequently out of the championship picture. In the circumstances Ray Hall John Knifton, Bob Barnes and Ken Bailey put up sterling performances and we were not disgraced by our final fifth position.

RESULT

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|------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. R. A. Clark (Poly) | 53.42 | 83. C. McLennan Bels. | 66.04. |
| 2. A. G. Thomson (Met) | 54.09 | 84. D. Fotheringham " | 66.12 |
| 3. D. Thompson (Met) | 54.42 | 88. B. Eglington " | 66.37 |
| 14. R. Hall (Bels) | 56.49 | 89. A. East " | 66.38 |
| 24. J. Knifton (Bels) | 59.03 | 98. J. Wilson " | 68.07 |
| 26. R. Barnes (Bels) | 59.29 | 105. H. Shields " | 68.39 |
| 28. K. Bailey " | 60.16 | 106. G. Doubleday " | 68.53 |
| 39. W. Belderson " | 61.30 | 109. D. Logan " | 69.16 |
| 45. D. Bartliff " | 61.46 | 110. B. Buschman " | 69.30 |
| 66. J. Kewen " | 63.47 | 123. P. Wilson " | 71.14 |
| 77. B. Stevenson " | 65.39 | 139 started. | |

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT

1. Essex B. (Young 5 Desmond 7 Haluza 12 Selmes 18) 42 points
2. Met. W.C. (Thomson 2 Thompson D. 3 Thompson N. 17 Higgins 31) 53 points
3. Poly H. (Clark 1 Pearce 19 MacFarlane 20 Vivian 28) 68 points
4. Surrey W.C. 76 points 5. Belgrave H. 88 points 6. Woodford Grn 89 points.

The 'Horwood' Cup & M. P. A. A. OPEN '7'

On December 16th there was a match v. M.P.A.A. which incorporated the Horwood Cup competition. Ray Middleton won the match in 55.54 and John Knifton the Horwood Cup in 58.05 with Bob Barnes third and W. Belderson 4th.

December 30th saw the boys out in an Inter Club 7 miles. Ray Middleton finished first in 54.19 from Nihill (Surrey) and our own Ray Hall and George Williams. The Bels won the team competition from Surrey and M.P.A.A.

The Met. Police Open '7' (January 30th) proved a disappointment from our point of view. George Williams was an absentee and Knifton and Bailey were 'pulled' so, with our team weakened, we were not amongst the medals. Ray Middleton was our first man home in 53.06 with Ray Hall 21st 65.37 and Bob Barnes 56.18, 24th. W. Belderson 59.03 gained his 7 mile Star for the first time in finishing 50th. The individual championship was won by Ken Matthews (49.51) and the team trophy by Highgate.

Walkers should note the following addition and alterations to fixtures as shown in our Handbook. The Southern Counties 7 miles Track Walk will be on March 3rd (and not March 10th as shown); the A.A.A. 7 miles Walk Championship on March 31st; and the R.W.A. 50 kilometres Championship (with Club Championship in conjunction) will be set back a week to June 23rd.

More X-Country :Match at Epsom - December 9th

Run over the Surrey County Championship course of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles this match reminded our older supporters of Belgrave's halcyon days of team-running. Although the turn-out was poor our claret and gold colours were well to the front, and with six in nine at the finish we scored a convincing win.

After the first 500 yds of this 3 lap course, Charlie Walker, showing something like his old form, shot into the lead and opened up a gap of 20 yds., hotly pursued by Shippen, Miller, Thresher and our ever-improving junior Tony Fairlough. At the end of the first lap he had increased this slightly, with Shippen and Linstead fighting it out with Scurr of Epsom for second place. A lap later Ron had joined Charlie in the lead and Clive had moved away from the Epsom man. It was here that young Fairlough completed the junior distance when lying in the forward position of 6th.

The last lap saw little change, apart from the widening of margins, and our two leaders ran in together, well ahead of the field.

RESULT.

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|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1. C. Walker | 44:03 | 7. J. Thresher | 46:22 | 19. C. Fairfield | 51:06 |
| 1. R. Linstead | 44:03 | 9. B. Johnston | 48:10 | 20. P. Wrench | 51:19 |
| 3. C. Shippen | 44:32 | 14. R. Conway | 49:20 | 25. J. Hilton | 56:18 |
| 5. K. Miller | 45:23 | 16. R. Taylor | 49:48 | | |

Teams (6 to score)

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| 1. Belgrave H. | 27 points |
| 2. Epsom & Ewell | 60 points |
| 3. Finchley H. | 97 points |

(10 to score)

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| 1. Belgrave H. | 96 points |
| 2. Finchley H. | 197 points |

BANSTEAD - Dec. 16th :

Our turnout for this fixture against Mitcham A.C. and Croydon H. was most disappointing for, besides having a team performing in the Hogs Back race, we were also without the services of Kerr, Dabbs, and Linstead who were unfortunately unavailable. It was good to see Eric Gebbett out again after moving house, and also Don MacClean who seemed to have recovered well from the argument his "jalopy" had with a certain lamp-post!

Mitcham were good winners at both six a side and ten a side to score and we can only hope that this position will be reversed in the more important events to come.

RESULT

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|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. M. Gillett (Mitcham) | 38.36 | 6. Davies | 41.00 | 11. MacClean | 41.55 |
| 2. F. Stebbings (Croydon) | 40.02 | 8. Walker | 41.15 | 13. Gebbett | 42.09 |
| 3. A. Rogers (Mitcham) | 40.15 | 9. Thresher | 41.20 | 19. Piddington | 43.58 |

Teams.

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|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------|
| (6 to score) 1. Mitcham A.C. | 39 pts. | 2. Belgrave H. | 66 pts. | 3. Croydon H. | 78 pts. |
| (10 to score) 1. Mitcham A.C. | 110 pts. | 2. Belgrave H. | 163 pts. | | |

DECEMBER 30th MATCH AT WIMBLEDON

The final fixture of 1961 was a home match against Blackheath H. With eight runners in the first eleven we ran out convincing winners, but the opposition was much weaker than their worthy name would suggest. The individual winner was our second-claim member P. Shipley of Farnham A.C.

John Davies had held a good lead after the first of the three $2\frac{1}{2}$ mile laps and appeared to be in great form but an acute attack of stitch forced him to stop for a time and lose considerable ground and places. Walker Shipley and Linstead took over for the second lap but the last named faded badly on the last circuit and Shipley dropped Walker in the last mile to secure a fairly comfortable win.

RESULT

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|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------|------------|
| 1. P. Shipley | 46.33 | 5. J. Davies | 48.18 | <u>TEAMS</u> | |
| 2. C. Walker | 46.46 | 7. C. Dabbs | 48.53 | 1. Belgrave H. | 41 points |
| 3. R. Linstead | 47.40 | 8. K. Miller | 49.27 | 2. Blackheath H. | 105 points |
| 4. C. Shippen | 47.42 | 11. B. Johnston | 50.04 | | |

JANUARY 13th v. H.H.H. v. POLY.H. v. STUDENTS' UNION.

This was Gerry North's first run in Belgrave colours and to give us all a sample of what to expect in future races he pulverised the opposition to the extent of $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes! Admittedly our best 3 runners were at Mitcham winning the 'Open 15' for us, but even they could not have hoped to pare much off Gerry's phenomenal lead. Belgrave's forward packing proved too much for the opposition and we ran out comfortable winners.

RESULT:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. G. A. North (Bels) | 6. K. Miller (Bels) | 1. Belgrave H. | 72 points |
| 2. A. O'Gorman (Poly.) | 7. J. Thresher (Bels) | 2. H.H.H. | 112 points |
| 3. B. Windle (S.U.) | 8. R. Linstead (Bels) | 3. Poly. H. | 177 points |
| 4. J. Davies (Bels) | 9. C. Shippen (Bels) | 4. Students' U. | 186 points |

JUNIOR - SECTION

Incorporating Youths & Boys

The 1961 track season did not bring the overall success I had hoped for, writes Jack Hampshire Sen., but perhaps I expected too much, too soon after our successes of 1960. We only had moderate performances in the County and other Championships, but with the experience gained in these races, I feel sure we will have a better season in 1962. It must be remembered that a lot of the lads are now at work and in the throes of adapting themselves to their new routines.

Belgrave's strength in quarter miling also extends to the Clubs younger members. Roger Hudson had a remarkable season, winning both the All England and London Schools' Championships. A 52.9 quarter at 15 years of age stamps him as a great prospect. David Cocks, a first year junior has also shown great form over the single circuit, clocking 50.4 in the London County Championships for a new Club junior record - watch out Messrs. Morris, Eldridge and Leroy, you will soon have to face opposition from within.

Edwin Hawkins was another to excel in the London Schools' Championships, finishing 2nd in the Long Jump, and thus gaining his London badge. When representing London in the All England meeting he had the misfortune to record three 'no-jumps'. Never mind Edwin, international jumpers suffer similar disappointments.

Three Belgrave Honours Bedges were awarded to members of the Junior Section during the 1960/61 season - two youths and one junior. Tom Carter and Jack Hampshire are very proud of their protégés' achievements and ask our many statisticians, is this a record?

The Cross-country season will soon be approaching its height and our Youths' team in particular are looking forward to the big events. Apart from the accession of Chris Steer and Tony Fairclough to the Junior ranks, last year's team is intact.

In the Club road race handicap, held from Belgrave Hall on September 21st, fastest times were recorded by J. Hampshire (11.38), A. Fairclough (11.45) and K. Redwood (11.54)

The 1960 Medal competitions for the 'Ryan' cup and 'H.W.Shields' cup were another great success. Each competition embraces 8 events and the best five performances of a competitor qualifies him for the final points award. These are given on a 20 - down basis.

| Y o u t h s | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | | Grand Total | Best Five Total |
| 1. R. Dommitt | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 | - | - | 98 | 98 |
| 2. J. Hampshire | 20 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 125 | 94 |
| 3. H. Satchell | 20 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 118 | 88 |
| 4. J. Leaver | 18 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | - | - | 86 | 86 |

Also competed: (less than 5 events) K.Redwood, J.Allen, P.Edwards, D.Pottinger, D.Wiseman, R.Sturgess.

| B o y s | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-----|
| 1. E. Hawkins | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 148 | 96 |
| 2. R. Hudson | 20 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 139 | 96 |
| 3. R. Nelson | 18½ | 18 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 128½ | 84½ |
| 4. B. Freeman | 18½ | 17 | 16 | 16 | 12 | - | - | - | 79½ | 79½ |
| 5. W. Harling | 18 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 11 | - | - | - | 75 | 75 |
| 6. R. Stanley | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | - | - | - | 71 | 71 |

Also competed: (less than 5 events) R.Bevan, R.Green, A.J.Murphy, A.Major, P.Barnard, J.Barnard, J.Absilen, R.Pearson, I.Chandler.

Chris & Tony excel :

In the Surrey County Junior Championships at Warlingham on January 13th, Chris Steer (8th) Tony Fairclough (10th), Eric Penny (28th) and Philip King (42nd) were placed 6th in the team race. Chris represented Surrey County in the Junior Inter-Counties Championship the following week finishing 32nd. Tony was first reserve. Surrey were the title winners.

THE BELGRAVE OPEN YOUTHS ROAD RELAY

OLYMPIAN REPORTS:

October 21st 1961.

Facing the starter this year were some 37 teams, certain of whom had travelled from places as far afield as Sheffield, Coventry, Luton, Reading, Oldbury, Brighton and Chelmsford to compete in this 4 x 2½ mile event. This fact offers some indication of the increasing popularity of the event.

Belgrave were fielding the strongest team and the first leg was entrusted to Alan Morrison, who brought us home in 9th place - somewhat disappointing but nevertheless a good effort in the face of such strong opposition. Next came Ken Redwood, who set about the teams ahead in no uncertain fashion, moving up to fifth position by the time the village had been reached. Unfortunately, a section of the field went off course and about 10 runners took a short cut which sliced off some 500 yds. and brought them into the early places. Redwood therefore found himself handing over with no less than 13 teams ahead. Jackie Hampshire thoroughly enjoyed himself and passed 10 of those ahead to bring us up to 4th - an excellent performance which gave him one of the fastest times of the day. David Cocks running the race of his life, gave everything he possessed and took us up to 2nd only 3 secs. behind the Luton boy Hyde, who had previously caught and passed him to put up a first-class performance.

The confusion caused by those teams mistaking the course presented a most difficult problem for the officials to resolve. In view of the high standard of organisation this was a most unfortunate incident and it can only be hoped that it will not occur again.

The result from the Belgrave viewpoint was most satisfactory and points to a good season for our ever improving youths. Their success will be almost entirely due to the guiding hand of Tom Carter.

RESULT.

| | "A" | "B" |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Luton H & H | 47:18 Morrison | 12:13 Jarvis |
| 2. Belgrave H. "A" | 47:21 Redwood | 11:56 Edwards |
| 3. Coventry Godiva H. | 47:42 Hampshire | 11:35 Satchell |
| 4. Sheffield Utd. H. | 48:01 Cocks | 11:37 Mead |
| | | 13:51 |
| | | 12:48 |
| | | 12:57 |
| | | 13:54 |

'Bels.' placed in Boreham Wood youths relay :

OCTOBER 28th.

We again entered two teams for this event, and were again amongst the medals. We finished 3rd, the winners again being Luton, who this year seemed to have taken over from Hallamshire as the leading Youth team. It is interesting to note that the first three teams home beat the time of last year's winners Mitcham A.C.

Our first leg runner, Alan Morrison, followed the pattern of the previous week and handed over once again to Ken Redwood in 9th position. Ken then ran a "blinder" to take us up to third. This was his best performance to date in a team race. The hilly course seemed to be to his liking and his time of 11:23 was ranked 7th fastest of the day - in this company really something! Jackie Hampshire took over for the 3rd leg and held 3rd position; not an outstanding run but he appeared to be feeling the effect of the previous week's outing. More training needed Jack? David Cocks ran the last leg and as usual ran a very well-judged race to bring us home in a creditable 3rd place.

The performance of our 'B' team proved that we are at last developing a certain amount of strength at depth.

RESULT

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|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1. Luton H & H. | 45:36 | A. Morrison | 11:53 |
| 2. Surrey A.C. | 46:08 | K. Redwood | 11:23 |
| 3. Belgrave H. | 46:19 | J. Hampshire | 11:33 |
| | | D. Cocks | 11:30 |

25 teams closed in.

THE BELGRAVE INVITATION BOYS X-CITY. RACE

JACK HAMPSHIRE WRITES:

Seventy seven boys were started in this event - ten wearing the "claret and gold".

Mitcham A.C. were easy winners having their first four scoring members in the first six placings. Belgrave came fourth and with more training over the country, I feel sure that we will be able to get a useful team in the very near future. The enthusiasm is there, but most of our boys are now studying hard for school and G.C.E. examinations and, of course, this must come first, but once these are over, and more time can be devoted to racing and training, their potential can be developed and under the Club's guidance I feel sure that they will emulate the feats of our present Youth team.

RESULT

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------|-------|
| 1. Mitcham A.C. | (1,2,3,6.) 12. | J. Bircourt | 4th | 13:09 |
| 2. Walton A.C. | (5,8,11,12.) 36. | R. Hudson | 28th | 14:18 |
| 3. Watford H. | (7,10,16,24) 57. | S. Bradshaw | 29th | 14:19 |
| 4. Belgrave H. | (4,28,29,40) 101 | B. Freeman | 40th | 14:57 |

7 Teams closed in.

THE 'OVERSEAS' CUP**HAMPSHIRE'S HAT-TRICK**

This race preceded the 7 miles cross-country championships and was held on a crisp sunny day with conditions under foot quite good. After a good start, the leading bunch began to draw away from the rest of the field. A. Morrison was the early leader, followed by J. Hampshire, bent on winning the championship for the third successive year, then came D. Cocks and K. Redwood in close attendance. Before long however, Alan Morrison was spiked, an unfortunate accident which sorely affected his running and consequently he was forced to drop several places. Going down to the polo field Hampshire and Cocks were still contesting the lead with Redwood hanging on gamely. This was still the pattern at the Windmill. Then, however, Hampshire drew away to win by quite comfortable margin, although Cocks, who finished second, was making up ground again towards the finish. Third place went to Redwood, Bircourt, running as a guest, was fourth, and Morrison finished fifth only to be rushed immediately to hospital where he had five stitches in the gash on his foot. All in all, this was a most keenly contested race and congratulations are due to Jackie Hampshire becoming the first youth to complete a hat-trick of wins in this championship.

A. W. P.

RESULT:

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|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1. J. Hampshire | 20:46 | 5. A. Morrison | 22:13 | 9. J. Chandler | 26:25 |
| 2. D. Cocks | 20:49 | 6. H. Satchell | 22:27 | 10. R. Hudson | 26:47 |
| 3. K. Redwood | 21:13 | 7. S. Bradshaw | 26:14 | 11. R. Clarke | 26:51 |
| 4. J. Bircourt | 21:52 | 8. K. Nelson | 26:15 | 12. R. Pearson | 28:05 |

At Epsom on Dec. 9th Belgrave's Youths swamped the opposition by packing five runners in the first six. Cocks, Redwood and Hampshire were first three home with Edwards completing the team in 5th place. The Bels scored 11 points to Epsom & Swell's 28 points.

In the match against Mitcham A.C. and Croydon H. at Banstead a week later our Youths were convincing winners once more scoring 9 points to their opponents' 14 and 24 respectively. Cocks (2nd) Hampshire (3rd) and Redwood (4th) were our scoring 3. In the Junior event Chris Steer lost a shoe when in the lead and had to be content with 3rd place; neither of the opposing clubs were able to close in a team. Bircourt (2nd) Hudson (5th) Clarke (6th) Chandler (8th) and Freeman (9th) were involved in a close tussle in the boys' match, but were beaten 25/30 by Mitcham.

YOUTHS WIN SURREY Co.

Grand packing by Hampshire, Cocks and Morrison who all finished within the space of a few yards (4th, 5th, 6th) clinched a fine victory for the Bels in this year's Championship. Simmons (21st) and Satchell (22nd) provided excellent support. The race was run over a very flat fast course and was won by a comparative newcomer, Gregory (Walton) from Mitcham's Biscoe. In the team competition we defeated our near rivals Hercules and Mitcham convincingly.

**THE HANDICAPPER****RESULT.**

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|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Gregory (Walton) | 5. D. Cocks (Belgrave) | 1. Belgrave (3.4.5.21) 33 pts |
| 2. G. Biscoe (Mitcham) | 6. A. Morrison " | 2. Hercules (6.9.14.16) 45 pts |
| 3. R. Harwood (Guil'd) | 21. Simmons " | 3. Mitcham (1.8.17.24) 50 pts |
| 4. J. Hampshire (Belgrave) | 22. Satchell " | |

We hear from people:

Have you ever thought what photographer Eddie Lacey thinks about this training and racing business?

Well Eddie, following hard upon our appeal for magazine material sent us some jottings that summarized his views. In his time, Eddie must have met a great number of athletes and it seems fairly obvious that his opinion cannot be dismissed as mere pipe-dreaming. Whether or not the pained expressions and agonised features that he usually snaps led him to his conclusion is not clear, but he maintains that training does help!

"Some of us are blessed with natural ability. Some have none. To those who have it and can compete on little training, I say train harder. To those who have no natural ability, I say you are the ones who have to train harder than harder."

Furthermore Eddie suggests that a great many athletes train in too stereo-typed manner - "experiment with your training" he suggests - and although your resolution and determination must always remain unchanged, your training methods should be adopted and possibly discarded in a quest for the ideal schedule and routine.

Senior or Junior, champion or scrubber, runner or walker, however we are all Belgravians and that means we are proud of wearing the claret and gold. Above all it means that we shall never be content with our racing or our final positions until the 'Bels' are once again in the rightful position at the top of the athletics tree.

Thanks Eddie for writing to us! We now know at least a couple of things about you. Firstly that you're not just a sadist delighting in candid camera shots of athletes wallowing in the "slough of despond" at Parliament Hill. Secondly that you are a true Belgravian with the interests of the Club always at heart.

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Ranjit Bhatia, now at St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, tells us he is beginning to find form again after a lengthy ankle injury which prevented him from running for a large part of the Indian C.C. season. He recommenced racing on September 23rd when he finished 2nd in the Delhi 6 ml. road race championship. A fortnight later, in the Delhi state track relays, Ranjit ran an excellent 1,600 metres leg in which he gave the state champion 30 metres and a beating! He says however, that he is nowhere near his 1960 peak of fitness yet. On September 28th he won a 3,000 metres in 9 min. 32' secs. and followed this nine days later with a 56.1 victory over 400 metres. Two wins in one afternoon - 1,500 metres (4:8.6) and 5000 metres (15:16.0) - were chalked up on November 18th and a month later he reduced his metric mile time to 4:5.8 in the annual fixture between Delhi University and Aligarh University. These performances are most encouraging after a lengthy lay-off and we look forward to return of the scintillating form he produced in 1960.

Ranjit has been endeavouring to change the fixed ideas Indian distance runners have on training. He tells us "the local athletes used to think I was quite wrong when I suggested that distance runners ought to do most of their training in parks and on hills and not on the track. Our coaches in India have got their ideas on distance running from the Americans, anyway after two of our men from St. Stephen's - at my suggestion - took to the English type training and improved by fantastic margin, they are beginning to feel that I am not off my head after all!" Both these men are now the top performers at Delhi University - a fitting tribute to Ranjit's guidance. Ranjit himself is still wearing Belgrave Colours and hopes he will be able to run "a Brighton or two" within the next few years. Nothing would delight us more than to see his hopes materialise.

To all at Belgrave Ranjit Bhatia sends New Year greetings.

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Your Co-Editor of many recent Belgravians, Mal Robinson, writes from the University of Southern Louisiana, U.S.A. where he is taking a four year course to further his ambitions as a journalist. Mal tells us he is locally in a class of his own when it comes to miling and over and he has taken over the coaching of the section himself - introducing a new method known as hard work he is already beginning to show good form. In a 3½ miles race he lapped even paced throughout to win in an excellent 16:59.8. The time of the runner up? - 18:04! In a time trial over a fast road course of 20.3 miles he is reputed to have done 1 hr 49 minutes. Mal has been in contact with Fred Morris at nearby McNeese College and between them, they hope to "dust up" the State of Louisiana.

May we wish them every success.

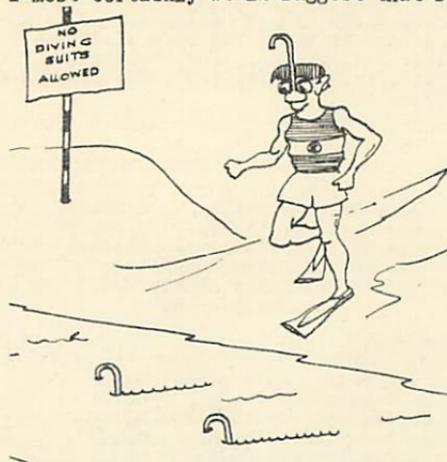
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Immediately after last year's Club '10', your new Co-Editor, Dave Mitchell sent us the following letter which was not then included in the current Belgravian as that was essentially a track and Summer issue and

cross-country matters were hardly topical. Since the present issue, however, should be in your hands at about the time this year's event, we consider the merits of this letter can best be judged with close reference to the Club '10' of 1962.

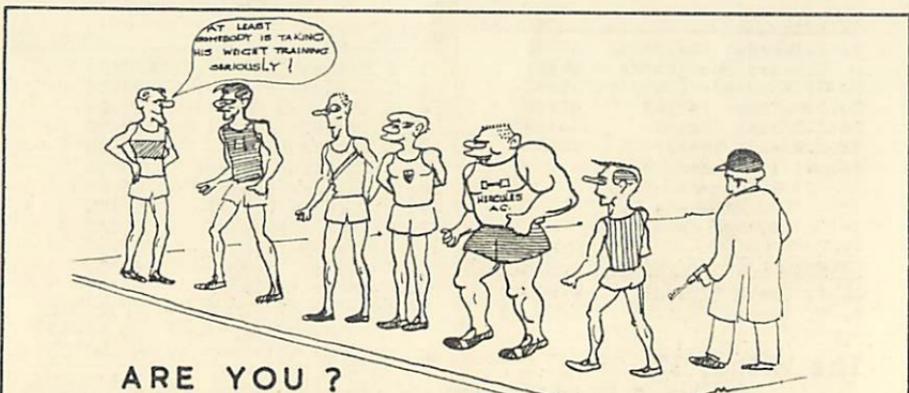
Dear Sir,

"What's good enough for Elliott ought to be good enough for us!" So retorted an onlooking Belgravian when several competitors in the Club 10 had the effrontery to complain of the hazards and difficulties presented by the crossing of the brook. Ignoring the rather infantile Elliott argument - for I'm sure that Jazy, Waern, Hewson, Lincoln et. al. will maintain that what's good for 'our Herbie' is most definitely not good for everybody else - I most certainly would suggest that some alteration of the course might be



seriously considered to obviate any chances of the accident that annually threatens to take place. I know that Messrs. Penny, Carter, Allum and Footer also in their time contended with this "natural obstacle", but the retention of this section of the course can only be prompted nowadays in the cause of sentimentality or tradition or pure sadism - (blow you Jack, I have my Wellington boots on) - I am also fully aware that after ten, or, in the case of Juniors, five very wearisome and distressing miles, reports from competitors as to the state of the course (†@!!+!?) are prone to fantasy and exaggeration. I do know for certain, however, that in the past two years the Junior '5' has been seriously marred as a race by two unfortunate mishaps at Beverley, the wonder is, moreover, that neither of these accidents resulted in injuries of too serious a nature.

Cross country, sir, is essentially a trial of speed, strength, stamina, and determination, not I might add a test of agility in which failure might well mean disability. "Horses for courses" might well be an apt adage in this case - but I beg to remind you that unlike our equine counterparts, we have only two legs and furthermore we should like to remain that way.



ARE YOU ?

Weight and circuit training sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.00p.m. at Ravenstone Road School, Balham (2 mins from Balham Underground Station). Your instructor is Mike Lyons who would like to see more members attending these enjoyable gatherings. Incidentally photographs of our lads in action were published in the December issue of "Mans World" magazine. Why not be a man and join too?

We extend a hearty welcome to new member Derek Bousey who was introduced to the Club by our old friend Ranjit Bhatia whilst in India. Derek was India's most promising athlete last season, having leapt over 50 feet in the triple jump on no less than six occasions - he is not yet 21!! We wish him the greatest of success this coming season and hope to see him carry Belgrave's colours through the 50 feet barrier for the first time.

ROAD - RUNNING

ARTHUR FENSTONE WRITES:-

I would like to say that the second half of the road season was not very bright. Our road runners express a desire to compete in most of the events and I enter teams accordingly, only to find on the day that we are lucky to close in one team. Could it be that Saturday afternoon Bingo is claiming them?

Cheers to Ron Linstead, Barry Sawyer, and the terrible twins Joe D. and D. Jones who have shown good form this year, also to Brian Johnston who had an excellent run in his first '10' at Walton.

Lastly, about next season, I hope we shall see more of Eric Gebbett and Charlie Walker in the lesser road races. Forthcoming attractions:- Mitcham '15', Wigmore '15', and Finchley '20'. For dates and particulars, see notice board at Belgrave Hall.

RESULTS:

R.R.C. Marathon, Bristol July 8th

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|-------------------------|---------|
| 1. A. Towe (H.H.H) | 2:27.08 |
| 2. P. Wilkinson (Derby) | 2:28.45 |
| 3. T. Buckingham (Leam) | 2:34.55 |
| 6. H. A. Bishop (Bels) | 2:51.04 |

27 finished

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|---------------------|---------|
| 3.A.Mail (Derby) | 5:33.31 |
| 6.A.A.Bishop (Bels) | 6:07.23 |
| 10.W.Wortley (Bels) | 6:44.33 |

Teams: 1. Epsom & Ewell H.
2. Derby County A.C.
3. Belgrave H.

HADLEIGH '6' Aug. 12th

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. L. G. Edelen (Chelms) | 30:05 |
| 2. Brennan (Camb.H) | 30:36 |
| 3. E.Major (Woddford) | 30:48 |
| 6. J.W.Brown (Bels) | 31:13 |
| 13.C.W.Walker (Bels) | 32:30 |
| 20.B.Johnston (Bels) | 33:15 |
| 31.J.C.Smart (Bels) | 34:23 |
| 55.G.Biscoe (Bels) | 36:45 |
| - T.Cook (Bels) | 40:13 |

71 started
Teams 1. Woodford Grn A.C.
2. Belgrave H.

WOOLWICH '10' Aug. 26th

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. F.Seal (Ponders End) | 54:18 |
| 2. G.McIntyre (") | 55:01 |
| 3. E.Floodgate (EssexB) | 55:20 |
| 28. L.C.Bishop (Bels) | 61:42 |
| 44. C.Fairfield (Bels) | 66:03 |
| 46. R.Musellbrook (Bels) | 66:41 |
| 48. R.Bolem (Bels) | 67:52 |
| 52. P.Wrench (Bels) | 69:00 |

Teams: 1. Aylesford P.M.
2. Essex Beagles
3. Cambridge H.
6. Belgrave H.

SOUTHALL '10' Sept 9th

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. J.Tarrent (Salford) | 54:39 |
| 2. H.Foord (Brighton) | 55:11 |
| 3. G. McIntyre (Ponders) | 55:31 |
| 20.D.W.Jones (Bels) | 61:09 |
| 36.J.Dooley (Bels) | 63:49 |
| 71.P.Wrench (Bels) | 70:57 |

Teams: 1. Ponders End A.C.
2. Horsham B.S.
3. Highgate G.
6. Belgrave H.

WALTON '10' Oct. 21st

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. J.R.Edwards (Bristol) | 52:02 |
| 2. E.G.Ellis (T.V.H) | 52:28 |
| 3. R.Linstead (Bels) | 52:29 |
| 6. E.Gebbett (Bels) | 52:50 |
| 9. B.Sawyer (Bels) | 53:20 |
| 27. B.Johnston (Bels) | 55:17 |
| 32. C.Shippen (Bels) | 55:57 |
| 37. D.W.Jones (Bels) | 56:22 |
| 61. T.Hart (Bels) | 58:47 |
| 65. H.Bishop (Bels) | 59:38 |
| 84. J.Hilton (Bels) | 62:30 |
| 102.J.Baker (Bels) | 66:47 |

Teams:- 1. Walton A.C. 29 points
2. Belgrave H. 41 points
3. T.V.H. 58 points

The Witney '12':

A field of 60 runners took part in this event, run over three circuits of a 4 mile lap. Eric Gebbett was soon up among the leaders battling gamely, at this stage Kilby (Godiva) and Edwards (Bristol) were running first and second. What a tenacious runner Eric is, he went through one mile in 4:45 - not much outside his best for the distance - in an effort to hold his rivals. The most improved Belgravian of the year, Barry Sawyer, also started in one of the leading groups, whilst Ron Linstead was once more holding back. Over the later stages Eric tired somewhat and only held off Barry by 3 secs. Ron went by them both, to demonstrate the effectiveness of even-paced running. He overtook Barry at 6 miles and Eric at 9, although he fought hard. The final positions gave us third place in the team race behind two strong Bristol teams. It is interesting to note that our three runners were more than likely to be the backbone of our Southern and National teams; thank heavens for plodding(?) marathon runners!

R.L.

RESULT:

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|-------------------------|---------|
| 1. B. Kilby (Coventry) | 1:00.48 |
| 2. J. Edwards (Bristol) | 1:00.58 |
| 3. J. Edmonds (Bristol) | 1:02.02 |
| 5. R. Linstead (Bels) | 1:03.13 |
| 9. E. Gebbett (Bels) | 1:04.04 |
| 10. B. Sawyer (Bels) | 1:04.07 |

Teams

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|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Bristol A.C. | 9 points |
| 2. Bristol 'B' | 21 points |
| 3. Belgrave H. | 24 points |
| 4. Coventry Godiva | 32 points. |
| 5. T.V.H. | 43 points |
| 6. Reading | 52 points |

THE BELGRAVE OPEN '20'**August 19th**

Walton's Ken Honney was a fine winner of the 10th Belgrave Open '20', scoring a well-deserved victory over Hicks of T.V.H. in lhr. 50mins 13 secs. - the fifth fastest time on record.

This year's promotion was poorly supported, however, and there was a record 'low' of 49 finishers. This was probably due to the ever-increasing number of road-running fixtures and the previous week's Enschede Marathon which was supported by many home runners.

After the usual fast start a group of five runners detached themselves from the field and it was quite apparent that they would not be troubled by the mass behind. With 3 miles to go, Ken Honney broke clear to score a popular win, with Gobey (H.H.H.) just pushed into third place.

Belgrave were without Sawyer and Linstead, but Denis Jones ran very well and with the support of Norman Stairs and Len Bishop, we were placed third.

RESULT.

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|------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. K. Honney (Walton) | 1:50.13 | 24. R. Conway (Bels) | 2:06.23 |
| 2. G. Hicks (T.V.H.) | 1:51.20 | 30. H. A. Bishop | " 2:13.10 |
| 3. R. Gobey (H.H.H.) | 1:51.28 | 34. R. Bolam | " 2:14.38 |
| 11. D. W. Jones (Bels) | 1:57.21 | 39. C. Fairfield | " 2:21.19 |
| 16. N. Stairs | 2:00.15 | 48. J. McDonald | " 2:36.06 |
| 19. L. C. Bishop | 2:03.13 | | |

Teams.

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. T.V.H. 11 pts. | 2. Epsom & Ewell H. 17 pts. | 3. Belgrave H. 23 pts. |
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Hogs Back 9 1/2 :

Held on December 16th over a one-way course finishing in Guildford a depleted Belgrave "A" team could only manage to finish 11th of the 40 teams competing. At the half-way mark, with the long uphill drag over, Barry Sawyer was still in contact with the leaders and Clive Shippen was making steady progress through the field with a group in the forties. Our new Australian member Doug Chugg, was in the sixties having faded after a fast start but this was his first race of the season so a few more races should give him that competitive edge. Following up were Johnston and Jones neither quite at their best. With 2 1/2 miles to go and only the long downhill run to come, Barry was lying ninth and Clive 29th but neither was happy with steep descent and they faded 5 and 8 places respectively.

Although disappointed with his run, Barry had held his own against top class opposition for a large part of the way. Yet this race was used only as part of his strenuous training schedule - for not only had he run 15 miles the previous day, but also 8 on the morning of the race. Add to this a two mile run from home to the start, the race itself, and an 11 1/2 mile run home and you can see how this great prospect gets in his 140 miles a week.

RESULT.

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| 1. M. Hyman (Portsmouth) | 45:54 | 14. B. Sawyer | 48:06 | 148. T. Hart | 57:06 |
| 2. Hill-Cottingham (Chelms) | 45:56 | 37. C. Shippen | 49:45 | 157. W. Fairfield | 57:59 |
| 3. J. Edwards (Bristol) | 45:58 | 72. B. Johnston | 51:44 | 170. R. Conway | 59:25 |
| 4. L. Edelen (Chelms) | 46:01 | 91. D. Chugg | 52:30 | 175. J. Baker | 61:18 |
| 5. B. Kilby (Coventry) | 46:03 | 95. D. Jones | 52:36 | | |
| 6. D. Cook (Portsmouth) | 46:07 | 132. H. A. Bishop | 54:25 | | |
| 7. A. Perkins (Ilford) | 46:08 | 141. P. Smith | 56:26 | | |
| | | | | 189 finished. | |

TEAMS.

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| 1. Portsmouth A.C. | 17 points | 11. Belgrave "A" | 111 points |
| 2. Royal Navy A.C. | 43 points | 27. Belgrave "B" | 302 points |
| 3. Coventry Godiva | 44 points | 36 teams closed in. | |

Our Track Championships will take place on Saturday May 26th 1962 at Hurlingham Track, Fulham S.W.6. - a week before the County Championships - and all members are asked to make a special note of this date in their nice new shiny diaries.

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Highlight of the day from our point of view was the determined running of our captain - Clive Shippen. Along with our other boys he had a comparatively steady start but moved rapidly through the field to reach the teens until on the last laps, he had the unenviable task of leading a tightly packed bunch. His final position of eleventh gained him a place as reserve for the Inter-Counties and a county vest would be a fitting reward for all Clive's endeavours. Chas. Walker, John Thresher and Ron Linstead supported well but we had to wait some 20 places before Charlie Dabbs and Ken Miller appeared. Unfortunately Ken suffered a recurrence of his troublesome back injury. Belgrave finished fourth behind S.L.H., Walton, and Mitcham.

RESULT:

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| 1. M. Gillett (Mitcham) | 11.C.Shippen | 31.R.Linstead | 68. D.W. Jones |
| 2. R. Langridge (S.L.H.) | 19.C.Walker | 51.K. Miller | 98. D. Maclean. |
| 3. B. Collins (Surrey A.C.) | 29.J.Thresher | 52.C. Dabbs | |

Teams.

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| 1.S.L.H. (2.5.7.9.19.32) | 74 points | 3.Mitcham (1.4.21.24.42.49) | 141 points |
| 2.Walton (3.11.14.16.17.34) | 96 points | 4.Belgrave(10.18.28.30.50.51) | 187 points. |

From THE BELGRAVIAN 25 years ago

1937: The Surrey County Championship was held at Epsom Downs again this year, on the 2nd January. We were well placed at the start, and after about a mile and a half Hines, of Surrey, was leading, with about nine of ours in the first thirty. At three miles Bert Footer was on Hines' shoulder, having apparently done a bit of "snaky" running when out of the sight of spectators. Penny was next, followed by Carter, Cohen, Ring, and Wood (who won the Surrey Junior Race the week after) in the first twenty places. Our hopes of repeating our win of last year were now very bright; and we next saw the field coming round Tattenham Corner led by Bert Footer. Then came Penny, fifth, Carter sixth, Cohen seventh, Ring thirteenth, and Wood seventeenth. This scoring enabled us to win comfortably from Surrey A.C., thus making our tenth win in the last twelve years.

RESULT:

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| 1. Belgrave Harriers | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 49 points |
| 2. Surrey A.C. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 98 points |
| 3. Herne Hill Harriers | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 124 points. |

BELS. WIN MITCHAM '15'

Our three 'A' team runners in this event Barry Sawyer, Chas. Walker and Bill Kerr had a most successful afternoon's competition. Barry Sawyer was up with the leading bunch in the early stages and although he dropped back for a while in the mid part of the race, his final position of 5th is ample testimony to the steady improvement he is making. Chas. and Bill ran together throughout the race and although a minute behind Barry were placed 7th and 8th close on the heels of Ted Caiger of Hercules. With three to score for the Jim Peters Trophy our boys beat the Bristol leading trio by 16 points, and in the Fry Trophy competition for six runners our first three boys together with D.W.Jones (55) Len (64) and Alan Bishop (67) beat Epsom & Ewell Harriers by one point after a recount. All round, this was a most satisfactory afternoon's running from the Belgrave viewpoint, and one which we hope heralds in future successes on the road.

RESULT:

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| 1. D. Shelley (N.Staffs) | 75.58 |
| 2. J. Edwards (Bristol) | 80.03 |
| 3. L. Edelen (Chelmsford) | 80.17 |
| 5. B. Sawyer (Belgrave) | 82.40 |
| 7. C. Walker (Belgrave) | 83.37 |
| 8. W. Kerr (Belgrave) | 83.37 |

FRY TROPHY:

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| 1. Belgrave H. | (5.7.8.55.64.67) | 206 pts |
| 2. Epsom & Ewell | (15.22.23.30.49.68) | 207 pts |

JIM PETERS TROPHY:

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| 1. Belgrave H. | (4.5.6) | 15 pts |
| 2. Bristol A.C. | (1.3.12) | 16 pts. |



BILL KERR

JANUARY 20th - Match at Wimbledon.

Held on the same day as the Inter-Counties, this match suffered somewhat through the large number of County representatives who were performing at Leicester. Our opponents had lost no less than ten of their best men between them, to our two. It was no surprise therefore when we ran out comfortable winners.

RESULT:

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| 1.C. Walker (Bels) | 27.27 | 4. J. Davies (Bels) | 28.04 | Belgrave | 30 |
| 1.W. Kerr " | 27.27 | 5. R. Linstead " | 28.15 | 16th Ind. Para. Brig. | 81 |
| 3.J. Thresher " | 27.42 | 6. C. Jeneid (Para) | 28.24 | Woodford Green | 120 |