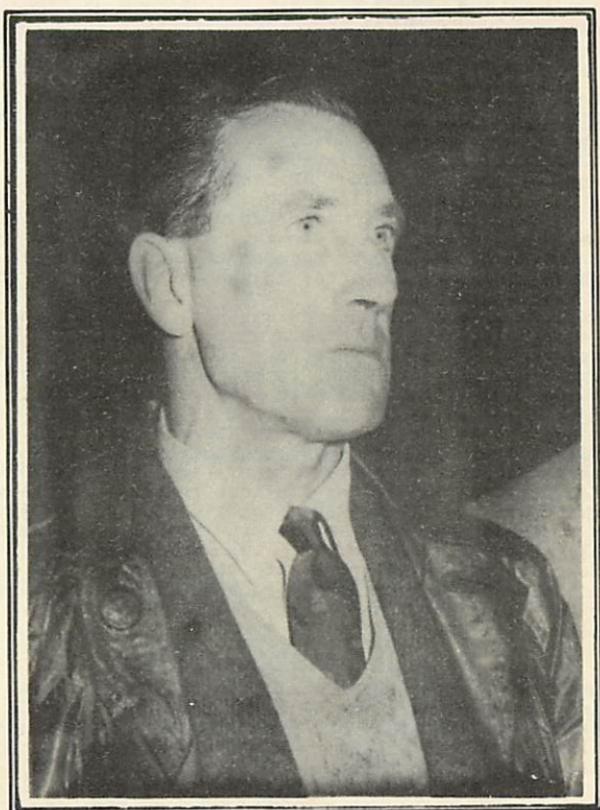


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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

This issue marks the arrival of a new Belgrave year, a new President, and as you can see from the head of this page - new Editors. We thank the Bishop brothers for helping to establish our journal as a regular, healthy and expressive organ of Club activity, and we will endeavour to maintain the high standards they have set. We hope to introduce new ideas in future issues and are quite prepared to face adverse criticism. A big post-bag indicates a lively readership, so let us have your ideas too.

The Autumn issue of the Belgravian always has plenty of news to cover. This, together with a back-log of results to last June, has enabled us to produce the biggest issue for many years - 28 pages. We should hastily point out

however, that for economic reasons it is not possible to continue publishing more than 20 pages, so the accent will be on quality rather than quantity.

Although the summer season was not one of our most successful there emerged several performers who could well gain higher honours next year. In the forefront of these is Ray Hall who has been outstandingly consistent in his walking, and whose quest for Olympic honours will be followed with great interest. Peter Eldridge and Gerry LeRoy, in their first fully active season for some time, showed that very little lies between them and representative honours of high note, and Charlie Dabbs, who at long last triumphed over persistent injury and established himself as one of the country's leading distance runners by his magnificent performance in the R.R.C. 25km event. Success leads to success and as a result many other stars are likely to be swept along in the wake of these athletes. We are firmly of the opinion that Belgrave is now equipped with the right sort of material to commence a succession of highly successful seasons- and what better year to start than Olympic year, 1960!

THE PRESIDENT - 1959/60

Our newly-elected President, T.C."Charlie" Jones, has certainly grown-up with the Club for he became a member as far back as October,1926, and has been very much in evidence ever since in all our activities. His early interest in our sport was derived from his father who became a member on the Club's formation in 1887, and could tell many an interesting story of the early days; and of the matches Bels v Bats (the long-since defunct Battersea A.C.) on the roads over the Chelsea Bridge-Battersea Bridge circuit.

Charlie was also a cricketer of some skill, and as junior and youth athletic events were infrequently held at the time, he spent most week-ends in perfecting his fast bowling. Despite his activities on the cricket pitch he was at all other times to be found at Battersea Park Track- the focal point of all our Summer interest in those days.

The hurdles always fascinated Charlie and his first club award was for the event. Later he was to win the Surrey County 440 yards Hurdles Championships, and later still to gain Surrey County place medals in the Hop Step & Jump and Javelin Championships. He competed in our Junior Cross-country teams, and in later years established himself as one of our best runners at

440 and 880 yards. His long-striding action was a delight to watch, and only inability to translate that terrific stride into a sprint over the last thirty yards or so prevented him from carrying off many Championships. His interest has always been extended over the full range of field events, and he became a Club Champion at the triple jump and was responsible for many excellent performances in this event and the long-jump. To add to this story of athletic versatility must be added the fact that Charlie was always (and still is) a most accomplished stroller both at home and abroad; and had he decided to try himself out as a race-walker it is certain he would have achieved further successes.

Charlie had the good fortune, shared with many others, to be part of that tremendous enthusiasm which permeated the Club in the late 1920's and 1930's, when our star was in the ascendant, when each month saw more battle honours won, more athletic history made. Even the slowest man in the Club felt he was pushing the man in front of him, who was forcing the man ahead of him to give of his best, and so up to Club team level when the reserves compelled the selected team men to run every inch of the way. Charlie epitomised this intense Club spirit and was at every Championship urging and working for our successes.

On the administrative side Charlie has done yeoman work and served in a variety of offices and been in on higher councils for the greater part of his Club life. His legal knowledge has been of the greatest help to us, his especial work for Field Events and Coaching within the Club still continues; and his work in the administrative field has been almost as versatile as his active career in our colours.

We may be sure that Charlie Jones will serve us well as President. Let us resolve to serve him and the Club equally as well.
A.A.Harley.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

I view the bestowing upon me of the Presidency of this famous Club as the crowning glory of what seems almost a lifetime as a member. It comes to comparatively few and so is sure to be a treasured memory for the rest of my days. It came as the greatest surprise to know that I had even been considered for this honour. However having had it conferred upon me I would offer my sincere thanks and express my regrets that I was far away on holiday in Switzerland when the election took place. The latter however saved me the qualms of opening my mouth to verbally express my thanks.

Enough of thanks, which I hope I have adequately expressed, and on to our aims as true Belgravians. We have a fine crowd of athletes in all branches of the sport in which we participate. We have our Internationals, and good, mediocre, and indifferent performers - rabbits as well. That is what a Club such as ours should have, it helps to make Athletics what it is. The burning spirit behind all and each should be "The Club" - to keep, to make and enhance its name and reputation. All can help in this - team spirit is what will achieve it. The turning out of full teams in all Championships, Competitions and even Club Matches should be the aim of everyone, even if it be only for the sake of not letting your Club mates down.

We have had our successes in the past, but it is to the future we look, to repeat successes, achieve new ones and so to keep this great Club ever in the forefront of our sport. Being one of the few Clubs in the country which is so numerically strong in all its Branches - Track, Field, Cross-country, Road-running, Track and Road-walking - we have great opportunities and with your efforts doubled and re-doubled in the name of Belgrave successes must come.

T.C.Jones
The President.

KINNAIRD TROPHY - CHISWICK - JUNE 13th.

Although the final result proved to be our worst performance ever - last out of nine teams, our track men ran particularly well and were quite justified in feeling they had all the bad luck it was possible to have.

The field event section were extremely weak and failed to collect a single point; most of the star performers being injured or committed elsewhere.

In the heats of the 100 yds. both Charle Jones and Sylvan Dean narrowly failed to qualify for the final with 10.1 and 10.4 secs respectively. Charlie, however, succeeded in the longer sprint with 22.3, whilst Peter Eldridge was eliminated with 22.2! Peter had previously missed qualifying for the 440 final by the finest of hairs breadths. With 50.2 Clive Ryan qualified for the final, but was unable to reproduce a similar time.

With three to qualify in the 880 yards heats both John Thresher and Bob Taylor (Capt) finished fourth in their respective heats. John's time of 1:57.5 is a personal best. He is obviously a great prospect for the future.

John Davies showed a most welcome return to form in the 1 mile turning the tables on Mal Robinson - his victor in the Club Champs., with 4:13.7 for 4th place, as against Mal's 4:19 for 9th.

Yet another 4th place was recorded in the 3 miles where Pat Newell ran a creditable 14:23.8. Don Maclean was 12th in 15:23.

RESULT: 1.L.A.C.	50 pts.
2.T.V.H.	41 ..
3.WOODFORD GRN. A.C.	35 ..
9.BELGRAVE	9 ..

MATCH v S.L.H. & ST.MARY'S COLLEGE
TOOTING 17th JUNE.

Brian Morris won the senior 'A' 220 in 23.8 whilst Alan Jackson secured second place in the 'B' with 23.6 - a grand start to the meeting.

Dave Mitchell won a well judged quarter in the good time of 52.1 and Alan Black obtained further points by finishing 4th in the 880.

Mal Robinson won an exciting mile in 4:23.2 after a ding-dong last lap struggle with Colin Wilson (S.L.H.). Ken Miller, making his first track appearance after foot trouble, did his fastest time to date finishing 4th in 4:32.6.

As can be seen from the results, lack of depth in the team cost us the victory. However, an entertaining evening was concluded with Belgrave scoring their customary win in the relay.

1. St.Mary's	62 pts	3. Belgrave	45 pts
2. S.L.H.	57 ..	4. Ranelagh/Hermes	43 ..

K.Blair and Bob Grant were 3rd and 5th respectively in the junior 100 yds. The former also did well in the 220, finishing 2nd ably supported by Dereck Wade, 4th, who is still a Youth.

Bernard Linley, a great prospect, won the 440 in a canter from Mike Smithers, whilst our Junior Capt. Brian Kolbe was third in the 880 with 2:7.0 and Eric Penny 4th in the mile with 4:46.4.

The Juniors followed the example of the seniors by winning the relay.

1. Ran/Hermes	46 pts
2. Belgrave	45 ..
3. S.L.H.	34 ..

Subscriptions became due on September 1st, for 1959/60.

Photographs in this Gazette have been kindly supplied by Eddie Lacey.

SOUTHERN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
MOTSPUR PARK - JUNE 20th

Brian Morris ran one of his best races of the season to record 48.4 secs to finish 3rd, behind Ted Sampson and Chris Lindsey who both clocked 47.7 secs.

Pat Newell ran as consistently as ever to record a noteworthy 14:20 in the three miles. That time must now be Pat's average.

Other good performances were made during the heats on Friday evening by Alan Jackson, with a 51.8 quarter and by Dave Mitchell (another fine prospect) who did a personal best of 1:56.6 in his 880 yds heat. John Davies was not at his best on this occasion and had to be content with a mile time of 4:16.8.

The Midland Champs. were held on the same day with Peter Eldridge performing excellently in both the 220 and 440 yards. In the former event he finished 2nd to Robbie Brightwell of Birchfield in 22.0 secs and followed up with 3rd place in the 440, recording 50.7 secs - Well done, Peter!

MATCH v VICTORIA PARK H v Q.P.H. v ESSEX BEAGLES
v GRAPTON A.C. - VICTORIA PARK JUNE 22

This fixture was arranged at too late a date to be included in the Club Fixture Card, so the attendance suffered somewhat as a result. However, although small in number, our lads did quite well.

Alan Jackson was 2nd in the 'A' 100 yds. with 10.9 and Pat Fox represented us in the 'B' event. Jock Cameron, making a welcome return to the track, was runner-up in the 220 yards with a time of 24.5 secs, and both 'A' and 'B' events in the 440 yds were scooped for the Bels. by Alan Jackson, 51.8 and Dudley Gordon, 54.7 secs.

Malcolm Robinson failed to win the 880 yds by inches, in 2:00 and later finished 2nd again, in the mile with 4:32.0. Ken Miller secured fifth place with a time of 4:40.8.

Our only junior representative Roy Bagley, ran well to finish fifth in the 880 yards.

RESULT	1. Victoria Park	4. Q.P.H.
	2. Essex Beagles	5. Grapton A.C.
	3. BELGRAVE	

BROCKMAN TROPHY - CROYDON JUNE 27th

Although below strength we managed to finish seventh out of the twelve clubs competing, and several creditable performances were put up.

Ron Holtum was first past the post in the 220 yds, with 22.8 whilst Brian Morris reversed the "Southern" result by winning the quarter in 49.3 from Ted Sampson of Blackheath.

Once again John Thresher just failed to reach the final of the 880, this time recording 1:59.7. Eric Gebbett finished 8th in the 6 miles with 33:9.6.

In the field events D.MacCorquindale won the shot with a putt of 48'4½", and Percy Porter was 2nd in the hammer with a throw of 157'0". Jim McGrath, who had only just overcome an injury, was fourth in the pole vault with 11'6" - a fine effort. As he records this height every competition he should improve greatly.

RESULT:	1. Blackheath H.
	2. T.V.H.
	3. Woodford Green A.C.
	4. BELGRAVE.

ERIC HALL writes:

Mavis and I would like to thank you all for your generosity in subscribing to our wedding present. With the large sum involved we bought a magnificent canteen of cutlery. This is a normal athletic prize that has proved very elusive to me in the past, so we thought it an appropriate purchase.

E. & M.Hall.

CECIL FRY TROPHY - WOODFORD - 4th JULY

Despite a strong wind to counter the 80 deg. temperature, the high humidity coupled with the loose state of the track made fast times impossible. This was not the only set-back, for we were minus all sprinters; they doing their best to record 2nd place behind the Valley, in the Southern 4 x 110 yards relay.

It was therefore left to Gerry LeRoy to open our scoring. This he did with a vengeance winning the quarter in a scintillating 49.4 secs. Alan Jackson was unable to reproduce the 51.8 he did in his heat and finished 6th, in 53.9 secs.

Derek Johnson ran as he liked to win the 880 yards, moving away from the field at 660, at which point our Dave Mitchell was lying second only to fade badly over the last furlong, and record 2:01 for 6th place. It was undoubtedly the heat which upset him, for as he said afterwards, "At 220 to go the heat hit me, and I folded up."

Running his first track race this season for the Club, Ranjit Bhatia did well to close in at 9th with 4:23, in a good class mile. This was some three seconds faster and three places higher than Mal Robinson, who was however, running with a heavy cold. Our last track man Ray Middleton walked well to close-in fourth with 15:31.2 in the 2 mile walk.

It was annoying to see only one field-events man but John Ware threw well to record fourth in the Javelin with 158'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

RESULT:	1. Ilford A.C.	47 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts
	2. Essex Beagles	40 ..
	=3. Cambridge/Woodford Grn. A.C.	39 ..
	8. BELGRAVE H.	11 ..

CEN. ROAD SERVICES SPORTS - 12th JULY

We received an invitation to send a medley relay and a three mile team to this fixture, held on a grass track at Langley Park.

In the medley relay only three teams turned out - T.V.H., Met. Police & Bels, so the boys were assured of 'a pot'. The first leg, an 880, was run by Dave Mitchell and he handed over to Alan Jackson some twenty yards behind Linford (T.V.H.) and Frank Wright, running for the Police. We lost a little further ground by the time Charlie Jones received the baton, and try as he could he was unable to make any impression on Dave Segal. With the quarter to go the Valley had some forty yards lead, with the Police twenty yards up on the Bels. It looked as if we were booked for third place. But Gerry LeRoy had other ideas! Running like a man inspired he had caught Brian Morris, running for the Police, by the 220 and was hareing after the Valley. With forty yards to go Gerry had caught and passed the Valley, but Morris with his customary last burst, moved up to pass on the line. A wonderful run Gerry!

Ranjit Bhatia and Mal Robinson finished equal second in the 3 miles, after a desperate last 80 yards sprint.

With half-a mile to go Anderson, the Police Champion, and Ranjit moved away from Mal after the three had interchanged the lead all the way. When 300 yards out Mal began to sprint and had caught and had his nose in front by the home straight. But Ranjit was not to be beaten and they crossed the line together, with a time of 14:52.5, a personal best for each. Don Maclean and Charlie Walker finished 6th & 7th, for the team to take the team award.

MATCH v VICTORIA PARK - BATTERSEA - 15 JULY

July fixtures are not generally well supported, and this was by no means an exception. However, those present were equally divided between Vic.Pk. and ourselves, and a four-man field was found for most events; giving the match an International flavour!

Victoria Park, noted for their middle-distance runners duly won the 880 and mile events, whereas the Bels scooped the 100, 220 and 440 yards.

Gerry LeRoy won a sparkling ⁴⁴⁰ running in the out-side lane, and the ever versatile Jimmy Heathfield returned to the distance over which he was winning 12 years ago, to win the quarter in 54.6 secs.

Following his now customary warm-up from dressing room to starting line Don Maclean duly took third place in the mile (after having borrowed some spikes) with a creditable 4:26.6.

Norman Caves was in excellent form winning the high-jump with 58" and the hop-step & jump with 44'10". The ever present Jim McGrath was second to Norman in the high-jump, and also the shot, and it was most pleasing to see Andorka competing once more after examinations, to win the shot with a putt of 43'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

RESULT: 1. BELGRAVE 37 pts
2. Vic. Pk. 23 ..

In the junior match Douglas Crosbie, our most promising sprinter who is but a youth, was narrowly beaten in the short sprint with 11.4, but ran a perfectly judged 220 to snatch victory in 24.2. Under the watchful eye of Frank Simmons he should become a most valuable addition to our senior sprint ranks.

Bernard Linley, who will soon be knocking at the door of our senior teams, finished second in his first half-mile with 2:2.1, and soon after, over his favourite distance of 440 yards ran out a creditable winner in 54 .5 secs.

The steadily improving Eric Penny was second in the mile with 4:38.1 followed by Brian Kolbe in 4:47.8.

RESULT: Vic. Pk. 28 pts
BELGRAVE 25 ..

T.V.H. TRACK INTER-CLUB - ALPERTON - 18th JULY

With two to run per event, we started the day with one entrant in the 100, Dave Carter. He, however, was quickly out of his blocks and qualified for the final quite comfortably. In the final he ran with plenty of fire and determination to come 4th in a good class field; Omagbini of T.V.H., being the winner.

In the 220 Dave was again our only entrant, but Jimmy Heathfield filled the breach, and although he failed to qualify was by no means outclassed. Dave reached the final once more where he ran exceptionally well to finish a very good third behind Lindsey of Q.P.H.

Both Gerry LeRoy and Charlie Jones qualified for the final of the quarter, despite Charlie feeling unwell owing to an attack of hay-fever. In the final, Gerry was drawn on the outside and Charlie in lane three; with Futter of University of London A.C., an AAA finalist the week previous. After two false starts the field got away particularly fast, with the wind behind them. At 220 Futter appeared to be slightly leading from Charlie with Gerry a close third. But with 220 to go Gerry made his effort which took him into the final straight level with Futter. Showing great fighting spirit into the powerful wind he gradually forged ahead to complete the most notable victory of the afternoon, in 49.4.

Dave Mitchell and Dudley Gordon both reached the final of the 880 where Dave was narrowly beaten by Haith of the Valley.

In the mile John Thresher ran particularly well to gain third place in 4:26.0 behind Pegley and Darchambaud (S.L.H.) 4:23.0 and finish in front of Mal Robinson.

Don Maclean was our only scorer in the three miles, finishing fifth after gaining two places in the last lap; thus gaining two valuable points. Jimmy Heathfield had sportingly agreed to run but was forced to drop out after a mile.

It was a pity we were unable to field a full relay for under the scoring of 12,10,8 etc., we were deprived of a second and possible first place in the Match.

RESULT: 1. T.V.H. 39 pts 3. Q.P.H. 29 pts
2. S.L.H. 37 .. 4. BELGRAVE 28 ..

BELGRAVE CLOSED MEETING - BATTERSEA - 22nd JULY

Two Club Championships were included in the meeting and two worthy Champions emerged.

In the "Charlie Cook Cup", Norman Caves was successful with a Triple Jump of 44'11½". Second was Charlie Jones (43'0½") whilst a newcomer of very great promise in A. Underwood jumped 42 ft. We shall watch his progress with the greatest of interest.

The three mile Championships for the "Griffen Cup" brought out a full crop and a great race resulted. For lap after lap, Pat Newell, the holder, Mal Robinson, our Mile Champion, and Jim Radford ran together; neither giving nor expecting quarter. From the bell the first two named managed to struggle away from Jim; then Pat seemed to have the race well won when he opened up a lead of ten yards or so with only a furlong to go, but in the last few strides Mal got on terms and won by six inches both runners returning a time of 14:25. Well done both, and an especial word of congratulations to Jim Radford on an eye-opening performance which gives clear evidence that our younger element are going to take us right back where we belong.

RESULT:	1. M. Robinson	14:25	7. D. Crooks	15:15
	2. P. Newell	14:25	8. J. Moore	15:16
	3. J. Radford	14:33	9. A. Bedford	15:22
	4. C. Dabbs	14:51	10. R. Weate	15:27
	5. D. Maclean	15:07	11. E. Penny (J)	15:55
	6. W. Bird	15:09	12. R. Conway	16:23

The first ten were inside first class standard, No 11 second class.

13. K. Stimpson	16:34	16. C. Piddington	17:14
14. J. Collier	16:38	17. J. Fairfield	17:45
15. R. Jones	17:12		

A.A.H.

WOODFORD GREEN A.C. v ARMY v BELGRAVE - 8th AUG.

The team approached this match in a light-hearted manner, now that the hurly-burly of the main competitions was behind them. Charlie Jones was the only one to survive in the sprints and went on to win the 220 yards with 22.4 secs.

Out to prove himself our best quarter miler Gerry LeRoy streaked past the line to win with a time of 49.0 secs, with Alan Jackson 3rd, in a personal best 50.6 secs.

The mile brought out our two most promising middle distance runners, Jim Radford and John Thresher. It was a good class field and it was to John's credit that he finished fourth in a personal best, 4:21.6. Jim found the last lap too fast and seemed a little disappointed with his 4:26.0 to gain sixth place - though this was yet another personal best. Beware; Davies, Bhatia and Robinson!!

The field events boys were out in force and both Percy Porter and Dave Ansell won their respective events - the hammer, with 158'10½", and the long-jump with a leap of 20'5½".

RESULT:	1. Army	127 pts
	1. Woodford
	3. BELGRAVE	97..

MATCH v H.H.H. v WOODFORD GRN A.C. - TOOTING

Both Woodford Green and ourselves were too thin on the ground to do justice to a programme for Seniors, Juniors and Youths - some thirty-three events. As it was one event was cancelled, two were walk-overs and two changed in character.

Jim Radford was a very good second to Maynard (HHH) in the 1½ miles; third place going to Charlie Dabbs, now free from injury.

Eric Penny gained a valuable 10 points with a win in the junior ¾ mile, and a walk-over in the 660 yards. Alan Jackson had a fine win from Buchanan (HHH) in the 300 yards after having finished third, with 10.6 secs., in the short sprint.

John Thresher and Dereck Crookes gave us max. points in the Senior $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, and with some doubling up in other events we eventually amassed 60 points, as follows:

Seniors	37,	Juniors	19,	Youths	4.
RESULT:	1. H.H.H.			112 pts.	
	2. BELGRAVE H.			60 ...	
	3. Woodford Grn.			40 ...	

THE 8th ANNUAL BELGRAVE '20' - 15th AUG.

This was another event to suffer through fixture congestion - the Liverpool marathon and the Enschede event being held the same day. Despite this, a good field of 73 competitors faced the Deputy Mayor of Wimbledon (Councillor A.E.Ayres) to await the start in conditions summarised on the result sheet as "fine and warm, with a cooling breeze."

After the first of the four 5 mile laps W.'Digger' Pawsey, of Mitcham A.C. and Brian Cooke of Haltemprice R.R.C., were almost a minute clear of the field. Then came Len Bishop in 3rd. place Eric 9th, Bob Glover (coerced into running by Ken Stimpson) 10th, with Alan Bishop, Joe Dooley and Bob Plummer running well together in 14th position - 1 min.49 secs. down on the leaders.

At the end of the second lap it was clear that the first two places had been booked by Pawsey and Cooke, but Lennie was hanging onto third place despite nagging attention from Hopcroft (TVH) and Shave (HHH), whilst brother Eric had moved up to 8th. Bob Glover was back to 12th with Alan Bishop, Joe Dooley and Reg Plummer hard on his heels. At this stage the Bels. and the Valley were neck and neck in the team race and excitement was mounting.

Necks were craned to watch the runners approach 15 miles in the hope that Len had established third place, but unfortunately he had not had a good time this lap for Hopcroft and Shave had well and truly dropped him, whilst Elderfield (TVH) had also moved ahead by some 23 secs. Eric was still 8th and Alan now 12th fighting it out with Davies (TVH) and Paxton (HHE). Bob Glover was fading badly and was now a further 1½ mins. down, having been caught by Joe Dooley and Bob Plummer. Ken Stimpson, Geoff Pearson and Pete Mathews were 23rd, 25th and 26th. when the fifty-six competitors remaining went out for the final lap.

Pawsey was a comfortable winner in the 2nd. fastest time ever recorded, lhr 51:06 and Cooke's lhr 52:12 had been bettered on only three occasions. Len Bishop was first man home for the Bels. finishing 6th, the same 23 secs behind Elderfield as he was with 5 miles to go. Eric Bishop had a most uncomfortable last lap owing to stomach trouble and dropped five places, however, the team result wasn't affected and the Bishop brothers were still our first three men home. Thus enabling Sam Ferris to write "Equally popular were the performances of the amazing Bishop brothers (Bishop A.C.) who placed Belgrave 2nd....."

Joe Dooley finished strongly to finish 14th, two up on Bob Plummer and six up on Geoff Pearson, who had moved through from 35th with the most even-paced run of the day recording lap times of 31:20, 31:29, 31:46 and 31:51. Ken Stimpson also ran exceptionally well to finish 21st. Bob Glover came almost to a standstill on his last lap (37:02!), but still recorded 2hr 07:57 and took 2nd place in the handicap for good measure. Pete Mathews also had an encouraging run while Arthur Penstone was another last lap sufferer.

T.V.H., won on superior staying power but with 10 in 29 the Bels. could be justly proud of their performance.

The expert organisation of Bill Bird, and the assistance of Arthur Whitehead were most successful and greatly appreciated in making this event a milestone in the road-running calendar.

RESULT:

1.W.Pawsey (Mitcham)	1.51:06
2.B.Cooke (Haltemprice)	1.52:12
3.G.Hopcroft (T.V.H.)	1.55:42

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6.L.C.Bishop	1.58:27
11.H.A.Bishop	2.00:34
13.E.M.Bishop	2.01:59
14.J.Dooley	2.03:00
16.R.G.Plummer	2.04:16
20.G.Pearson	2.06:26
23.K.Stimpson	2.06:45
28.R.Glover	2.07:57

Team

1.T.V.H. (2.4.7)	13
2.BELGRAVE (5.8.10)	23
3.Mitcham (1.6.17)	24
4.H.H.H.	35
5.Belgrave 'B'	49
6.Uxbridge	77

28.P.Mathews	2.11:32
29.J.McDonald	2.13:17
31.A.Penstone	2.17:28
39.W.Fairfield	2.23:22
46.R.A.Conway	2.32:27

Those of you who have not yet paid your subscriptions might be interested to know that one of the first subs. to be received was from 78 years old G.TYRER, who said in his accompanying letter, "...so when you no longer continue to get my sub. you will know I have buzzed off"!!

COLIN COLLIS

Colin has finally decided to call it a day! This great-hearted club-man who fought so hard to reach the top has now had to give way to the effects of further injury, a new home and the calls of family life. He had already retired once but the lure of athletics proved too great to resist so he began the long trek back to fitness culminating in a Polytechnic Marathon performance which brought him home in eighth place, ahead of many better known rivals. Colin was no natural athlete. In his early days he was frequently seen amongst the tailenders, but eventually made the grade by sheer hard work. Many of our members would do well to follow his example. We have lost a valuable competitor but are sure to have retained a keen supporter, whose constant contact with the young might well reap dividends for Belgrave.

Mick Porter, an old member of the cross-country section, has become the proud father of twins - making 4 children in all. Mick sends his regards to all his Belgrave friends.

PAT NEWELL

Holder of the "Tom Carter" Trophy

CLUB 6 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP - 19th AUG.The "TOM CARTER" Cup

On a hot summer evening, and on a bone hard track Pat Newell the defending champion, and fifteen challengers faced the starter.

After only one lap 'Glimpy' Jones and Dereck Crooks were a good twenty yards up on Pat and going as though they were after an international vest! Their lead was, however, gradually cut down and on the third lap the leading bunch was comprised of Newell, Walker, Moore and Bedford.

During the second mile Pat broke away and was never again headed, while Don Maclean made one of his typical surges through the field to join the battle for 2nd. place with the other three. At three miles Charlie, only just recovering from injury, found the pace too hot while Mac had the opposite view and gradually pulled clear to isolate himself in 2nd place. Meanwhile John Moore and Archie Bedford were battling it out shoulder to shoulder and remained that way til the last half-mile, when John, who had almost been dropped a couple of minutes earlier, drew away to take 3rd. place.

Pat, with no one to trouble him, slowed up appreciably in the latter stages but ran out a comfortable winner in 30min 46secs. Don Maclean was untroubled for the greater part and ran a very well-judged race.

It was very good to see Gordan Biscoe and Mike Stearman out again, as it was to see such an encouraging performance from John Hilton.

RESULT: 1. P.Newell	30:46	8. J.Hilton	34:59
2. D.Maclean	31:29.8	9. A.N.Other	35:08
3. J.Moore	32:08.4	10. A.Bishop	35:20
4. A.Bedford	32:19	11. G.Stace	35:37
5. C.Walker	33:24.4	12. J.Musslebrooke	36:07
6. G.Biscoe	34:31.6	13. G.Piddington	37:19
7. M.Stearman	34:46.6		

The first two were inside first-class standard, with third and fourth inside second-class.

Other events held during the evening were a 300 yards handicap in which Charlie Jones, off 2 yards, narrowly failed to run right through the field. The Junior 880 yards was won most convincingly by D.Cocks, one of our most promising youths.

RESULT: 300 YDS.			
1. P.Mitchell	31.6	off 25yds	1. D.Cocks 2:08
2. C.R.Jones	31.8	2	2. A.Mead 2:11.8
3. T.Newell	32.2	16	3. N.Berry 2:12.1
4. P.Fox	32.4	25	
5. D.Gordon	-	16	
6. E.Penny	-	30	

MATCH v CAMBRIDGE H. v ILFORD A.C. v DEPTFORD A.C.
CHARLTON PARK - 22nd. AUG.

Apart from a full strength home team that won all three matches, the other teams were quite closely matched and although we were last in the Senior and Junior matches and third in the Youths, our lads performed very well.

Jim Heathfield ran his fastest half of the season finishing 3rd in 2:02.2, while John Ware finished 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the shot, discus and Javelin events. Mike Stearman, now turning out regularly for us was 5th in a classy 3 mile field.

Young D.Cocks showed his class once more by taking the Youths 880 yards in 2:07.8, with his comrade-in-arms, Pottinger setting about the field events with an excellent 36ft 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch H.S.J., followed by a 35'11" shot-putt.

Bernard Linley was runner-up in both the Junior 100 and 880 yds with 10.8 secs and 2:09.2 respectively, and also had a fine 440 yds win in 51.9 secs. - an outstanding time for this track.
RESULT:

Youth	Junior	Senior
Cambridge 67	Cambridge 51	Cambridge 76
Ilford 37	Dartford 37	Ilford 58
BELGRAVE 26	Ilford 27	Dartford 37
Dartford 21	BELGRAVE 20	BELGRAVE 35

MATCH v WIMBLEDON A.C. v WALTON A.C. v SURREY A.C.
WIMBLEDON PARK - 26th AUG.

Quite a treat to see so many 'claret and gold's' out for this match.

Carter streets ahead of the opposition in a 10.2 hundred, and B.Linley yet another win in the quarter with 52.0 secs. Jim McGrath did his usual quota of events, missing out the long-jump this time, with second place in the discus, third in the high-jump and fifth in the shot. Jim's long-jump twin Dave Ansell did his duty with a winning jump of 20feet 10inches.

Alan Black was a close runner-up in the 1500 metres s/chase to Barry Collins (Surrey) who is the country's leading junior performer at this event. Alan's time of 4:23.8 probably ranks in the best dozen performances of the year. Mal Robinson, 4:22.0 and John Thresher, 4:24.5, scooped the points in the mile from a field of nearly thirty, while Dave Carter made it a double for himself with a 23.3 secs furlong dash; Sylvan Deane winning the other furlong event in a snappy 22.8 secs.

The ever-consistent Jim Heathfield secured third place in the half with a time of 2:03.4 in a blanket finish, while Dave Ansell did an eye-opening 10.7 sec dash, in the 'B' event.

RESULT: Surrey A.C.	130 pts
BELGRAVE H.	111 ..
Wimbledon A.C.	97 ..
Walton A.C.	65 ..

LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS - HURLINGHAM 5th SEPT.

Outstanding performance of the day was undoubtedly the quarter victory of tenacious Gerry LeRoy over his international opponent Chris Lindsey, both recording 48.7 secs. An A.A.A. vest should soon come Gerry's way and could well be followed by even higher honours.

Pat Newell and Charlie Dabbs produced two personal best performances in the three miles, finishing 3rd and 5th with 14:14.4 and 14:22.4 respectively. These times become first and second in the Club's season's rankings - an excellent performance.

Derek McCorquindale won the shot with a putt of 46ft 4ins, whilest Dave Ansell secured third place in the long-jump with 21'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". In a very close 100 yds finish Sylvan Deane was 4th in 10.5 secs; and to complete the picture Eric Smith was sixth in the 2 mile walk.

Despite our outstanding performances we relinquished our hold on the "W.J.PEPPER" Memorial Trophy, partly due no doubt to our having no Junior performers, and Eric Hall being unable to defend his 2 mile walk title, through injury.

Trophy Result: 1.Deptford Park A.C.	12 pts (with 3 athletes)
(Scoring 3.2.1) 2.Blackheath H.	11 ..
3.Hercules A.C.	9 ..
= 4.BELGRAVE H/Barnet	8 ..
6.Highgate H.	6 ..

P.27. Field Events contd. Generally a disappointing season. Even the Club Championships' entries were sparse, and for Handicaps worse. One last note. I would like to thank everyone for their support particularly those who acted as Judges and Marksmen. T.C.J.

SURREY COUNTY ROAD RELAYS - WOKING - 12th SEPT

The afternoon's proceedings opened with the newly instituted relay for Youths, over a two mile course. Our four runners were Roy Bagley, Mike Smithers, Eddie Gaze and Eric Penny in that order. Seven teams faced the starter and at the end of the first leg we were fifth with Mitcham A.C. in the lead nearly half a minute ahead - Roy had run well but seemed to finish with too much in hand probably through lack of experience of this type of racing.

Mike Smithers was unfortunate to get an attack of stomach cramp on the second leg and fell back to the last position. Eddie Gaze took over seventy seconds behind the team in front and over 2½ minutes from the leaders - a hopeless position; but, Eddie was not deterred and succeeded in almost catching up with Epsom & Ewell, who at this point ceased to function. Eric Penny could make no further progress although running steadily and well, and we eventually took sixth place.

RESULT: 1. Mitcham A.C. 42mins 36secs.
2. S.L.H. 42.. 39..
3. Surrey A.C. 43.. 37
6. BELGRAVE H. 47.. 37

(Bagley 11:11; Smithers 12:45; Gaze 11:58; Penny 11:43)

The Senior race (6 x 3 miles) attracted fourteen teams. Charlie Walker took our first leg but could do no better than finish tenth with a deficit of 58secs. from Surrey A.C. Charlie Dabbs returning to racing of this type after a long series of injuries ran an exceptionally good leg to take us up to third place, only 22secs behind the leaders. Jim Heathfield could not hold this place under heavy pressure and dropped back to sixth and handed over to Clive Shippen forty seven seconds in arrears. Clive had come into the team at the last moment, although by no means fit, but managed to retain sixth place but with a margin of 72 secs from Herne Hill who were leading at this stage. Jim Masters took the fifth leg and remained in the same position, although losing ground on the teams ahead. Don Maclean who is in great form these days, went off last and with a good effort gained one place to bring us into fifth place.

With a fit team we could have done better but in the circumstances the team ran well.

RESULT: 1. S.L.H. 87:57
2. H.H.H. 88:52
3. Walton A.C. 89:20
4. Mitcham A.C. 90:07
5. BELGRAVE H. 90:13

(Walker 15:07; Dabbs 14:16; Heathfield 15:30; Shippen 15:13; Masters 15:23; Maclean 14:44)

Note; I can remember the day many years ago when all our team beat fifteen minutes - we won on that occasion - Heigho, for a return to such times!!

W.E.L.
Ed. Although we cannot remember that occasion, we heartily endorse Bill's cry!

L.A.C. RELAYS - HURLINGHAM - 19th SEPT.

Owing to the coincidence of the Poly Road Relay with this meeting, we could not field teams in the 4 x 1 mile and 4 x 880 yds steeplechase; we were also missing in the 4 x 220 yds hurdles, and the High-Jump. Our boys made amends in the remaining events however.

Undoubtedly the best performance of the day was that of the victorious 4 x 440 yds team of Bernard Linley (still a junior!), Charlie Jones, Peter Eldridge and London Champion Gerry LeRoy. The main feature of this race was the really strong finishes of all lads, with Peter and Gerry both doing split times of 49.5 for their stints. Our time of 3min 20.7secs. set up a new meeting and Club record and put Birchfield, that great club of quarter-milers, into second place.

We also beat Birchfield in the 4 x 110yds relay, winning in 43.2secs. With better baton-changing we would have beaten 43.0secs. The team was Peter Eldridge, Sylvan Deane, Charlie Jones and Ron Holtum, who showed a most welcome return to form in this race.



P.Eldridge hands over to G.LeRoy for the last leg in the 4x440 yards relay.

An inch meant the difference between 1st and 2nd place in the Long Jump, where Dave Ansell (21'10") and Jim McGrath were squeezed out of their winner's medals. In the hammer Percy Porter and Jock Whyte gained 3rd place and John Ware, with the ever-versatile Jim McGrath, picked up 6th place in the Javelin.

RESULT: 1.Woodford Green A.C. .. 34pts
 2.Blackheath H..... 31..
 3.T.V.H. 28..
 6.BELGRAVE H. 22..
 (Eleven teams competed.)

C.J.

POLYTECHNIC H. ROAD RELAY - CHISWICK - 19th SEPT.

It was regrettable that a fixture of this importance should clash with the L.A.C. Relays. Normally our middle-distance men could have split forces but on this occasion we had Newell, Robinson, Dabbs and Radford on holiday, Davies injured and Bhatia a 'flu victim; so it was decided to concentrate our remaining forces on the only major road-relay event we tackle before the "Brighton".

In view of the unavailability list our less-than-usual turnout of twenty was not unreasonable and enabled us to close an 'A' and 'B' team, and at least start a 'C'. Most of the 'A' team had done little to indicate their current form so the team was something of an unknown quantity.

Len Bishop, with a season of distance running behind him, was given first leg to sharpen up his speed - as were Dennis Jones and Ken Stimpson, for the 'B' and 'C' teams. This opportunity

they were duly given by Roath (Walton), who was first to the change-over, with 13:10 - fastest of the day and second fastest ever! Len ran remarkably well to finish 9th of the thirty runners, with 13:45.

Charlie Walker took over five seconds down on the Valley man and in the course of chasing and catching his quarry he passed three others to give 'Jumbo' Masters the baton, in fifth spot. Our Jim got stuck into the battle with his usual spirit but had to give way to that promising Valley star, Hicks. John Moore showed that he was back on form once again, pegging back two more positions on the fourth leg to place us 4th at halfway, only 68secs behind the leaders.

Alan Black held our position in the next circuit to exactly the same distance behind the third team (T.V.H.) as before - 28secs, although Woodford Green were moving up on our heels.

Newly married Eric Gebbett, whose current running form was unknown, ran very well in his first race for some time, but Woodford in the shape of Eric Major (13:10) swept past both ourselves and T.V.H., to take third position.

Clive Shippen, now almost fit again, held fifth place without losing ground on Woodford and handed over to Don Maclean for the final leg fifty seconds down on T.V.H. and thirty-three down on Woodford Green A.C. Don set about the latter in his most devastating style and turned the deficit into a lead of 28 secs, restoring us to a well-earned fourth place.

Although we did not qualify for medals we were the only team to have run all eight men under 14mins each - consistency which should serve us well in the London-Brighton Relay - and our aggregate time was sufficient to have placed us second last year and to have won in any previous year!

Brian Johnston ran exceptionally well in the 'B' team. It should not be long before he is a regular first team choice.

RESULT: L.Walton A.C. 108:56
2.Poly. H. 109:39
3.T.V.H. 109:52
4.BELGRAVE H. 111:15

(Bishop 13:45; Walker 13:51; Masters 13:58; Moore 13:51; Black 13:53; Gebbett 13:58; Shippen 13:59; Maclean 13:46) 'A'
(D.W.Jones 14:55; Thresher 14:39; Weate 14:43; Peckings 15:19; Heathfield 14:33; Miller 14:21; Glover 14:51; Davies 14:54) 'B'

5 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE ROAD RACE - WIMBLEDON - 26th SEPT.

Nearly thirty runners faced the starter on a fine afternoon, some with the prospect of being chosen to represent the Club in the forthcoming Brighton Relay; others with an eye to a handicap award and the remainder out to enjoy their Saturday run.

Don Maclean soon went to the front and looked set for a record breaking run with Charlie Walker, Clive Shippen, Eric Gebbett, John Moore and Jumbo Masters forming one group, twenty yards up on Ranjit Bhatia, Len Bishop and Mike Stearman. After leaving the common Don increased his lead and the field began to string out, but Ranjit had moved up and was profiting from a steady start. Down Cope Hill and turning into Cambridge Road the position remained much the same. But, no sooner were the hills reached than the sting went from Don and John Moore took over the lead. Before the Common was regained Clive Shippen and Charlie Walker had also passed the struggling Don and it was obvious that this was not to be his day. John went on to record a fairly comfortable win with Clive showing a welcome return to form taking second place and Charlie Walker, once again, placed in a Club race. Eric Gebbett, short of training, fell away after being prominent early on but Ranjit Bhatia and Len Bishop ran well.

It was good to see Mike Stearman getting going again and we hope he will once more be a regular performer in our teams.

Chris Fairfield, who has improved to the extent of four minutes since joining us last year, took the handicap with Arthur Penstone second and George Piddington a very keen lad who had also

improved considerably over the past few months, in third place.

The times generally were disappointing, due I was told to a troublesome wind, but more likely through general lack of training and the prospects of a win in the Brighton Relay on October 10th seem remote.

RESULT:

1. J. Moore	29:39	10. G. Biscoe	32:04	19. C. Fairfiled	34:30
2. C. Shippen	.. 50	11. G. Stevens	.. 32	20. C. Lawrence	.. 41
3. C. Walker	30:08	12. J. Collier	.. 45	21. J. Davies	35:01
4. R. Bhatia	.. 20	13. K. Stimpson	.. 46	22. D. Newell	.. 32
5. L. Bishop	.. 27	14. A. Penstone	33:11	23. R. Braine	.. 44
6. E. Gebbett	.. 42	15. F. Paget	.. 23	24. J. Baker	36:00
7. J. Masters	31:01	16. G. Stace	34:13	25. R. Beaumont	.. 25
8. M. Stearman	.. 37	17. D. Maclean	.. 14	26. R. Bolem	.. 53
9. D. W. Jones	.. 57	18. G. Piddington	.. 15	27. R. Glover	37:07

Handicap Result:

1. C. Fairfield	28:00	(6.30)
2. A. Penstone	28:11	(5.00)
3. G. Piddington	28:15	(6.00)

W.E.L.

FULHAM BOROUGH TROPHY - HURLINGHAM - 26th SEPT

This was yet another fixture to clash with a Road-Relay, or Race - this time the Club 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. We were therefore minus all middle-distance runners.

Charlie Jones opened our quest for points recording 3rd in the 100 yds - he later in the afternoon easily took the 220 yds hurdles, with a respectable 25.7 secs. Despite the presence of International Adrian Breacker the 220 yards was won by Peter Eldridge in a smart 22.0secs.

Cruising home to a 49.8secs quarter win, Gerry LeRoy maintained his record of the last eight weeks - always passing the post first.

Making a valuable contribution to our points, D. McCorquindale scored a double in the shot and discus, with 47 and 120 ft respectively.

After dropping out of the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Wimbledon, Trevor Hart dashed down to Hurlingham to win the mile, with 4:48 - running in bare feet! A second in the sprint-relay and we had won the trophy. A good show! (By some Irish thinking the Trophy winners received prizes, whilst the 'open' winners -run in conjunction - collected medals!)

LONDON CLUBS - WHITE CITY - 30th SEPT

Inserted at the end of the London-Stockholm meeting, the London Clubs' Continental Relay, 440 x 330 x 220 x 110yds.

Under the fierce glare of the floodlights Gerry LeRoy stepped on to the track and settled himself into his 'blocks'. With the 'Gun' and he was away very fast, in the outside lane. Level at half-way he drew away to hand over at the quarter to Peter Eldridge, a foot ahead of International Peter Higgins. Peter, taking advantage of the 'breaking-lane after first leg rule, tucked behind Wrighton (Southgate) but found him just a little too strong at the finish. Unbeknown to him the officials had allowed stage three to break stations, but Peter was not to know and we lost many valuable yards sorting out the tangle. Charlie Jones sped after Southgate and pulled to within two yards, but last stage officials insisted on drawn stations and a further muddle ensued. When Sylvan Deane at last got away it was too late to catch Southgate. We therefore lost our hold on this Cup. For once not entirely our own fault!

1. Southgate 1:57.0 2. BELGRAVE H. 1:57.8 3. Achilles.

MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS - 13th JUNE

1. C. N. COLLIS	2H	36M	22SEC.	5. G. M. PEARSON	2H	54M	14SEC.
2. L. C. BISHOP	2	45	8	6. P. K. MATHEWS	3	9	17
3. R. G. PLUMMER	2	47	20	7. J. MACDONALD	3	10	35
4. H. A. BISHOP	2	50	13	8. R. MUSSELBROOK	3	21	14

TRACK & FIELD BEST PERFORMANCES - 1959

100 YDS 1.P.C.Eldridge 10.2 D.Carter R.Holtum C.R.Jones 2.S.Deane 10.3 G.LeRoy C.Ryan 8.J.McNaughton 10.4 9.A.Jackson 10.5 10.J.Sams 10.6 D.Ansell	220 YDS 1.P.C.Eldridge 22:0 2.C.R.Jones 22.3 3.B.H.Morris 22.5 4.G.LeRoy 22.6 5.S.Deane 22.8 6.D.Carter 22.9 7.D.Mitchell 23.4 8.A.Jackson 23.5 9.J.McNaughton 23.7 10.R.Holtum 24.0	440 YDS 1.B.H.Morris 48.4 2.G.LeRoy 48.7 C.Ryan 4.P.Eldridge 49.7 5.C.R.Jones 49.9 6.A.Jackson 50.6 7.F.Wright 51.2 8.P.Pepe 51.3 9.B.Linley(J) 51.9 10.D.Mitchell 52.1 D.Carter 400 mtrs B.H.Morris 48.3 P.Eldridge 48.4
880 YDS 1.F.Wright 1:56.2 2.J.Davies 1:56.5 3.D.Mitchell 1:56.6 4.J.Thresher 1:57.5 5.R.Taylor 1:57.9 6.T.Newell 1:59.0 7.M.Robinson 1:59.5 8.A.Black 2:00.1 9.A.Jackson 2:00.8 10.B.Linley(J) 2:02.1 11.J.Heathfield 2:02.2 12.B.Kolbe(J) 2:03.0	One Mile 1.J.Davies 4:13.7 2.R.Bhatia 4:15.0 3.M.Robinson 4:18.6 4.D.Maclean 4:21.0 5.J.Thresher 4:21.3 6.P.Newell 4:23.0 7.D.Crooks 4:25.0 8.A.Black 4:25.7 9.J.Radford 4:26.0 10.D.Mitchell 4:31.4 11.K.Miller 4:31.6 15.D.Cocks (Y) 4:43.8	2 Mile 1.R.Bhatia 9:16.0 2.P.Newell 9:18.0 3.M.Robinson 9:24.4 4.D.Maclean 9:32.0 5.A.Black 9:33.0 6.C.Walker 9:46.0 7.B.Hallowell 9:47.0 8.A.Bedford 9:48.0 9.K.Miller 9:52.0
3 Mile 1.P.Newell 14:14.4 2.C.Dabbs 14:22.4 3.M.Robinson 14:25.0 4.J.Radford 14:33.0 5.D.Maclean 15:58.0 6.D.Crooks 15:15.0 7.J.Moore 15:16.0	6 Mile 1.P.G.Newell 30:46.0 2.C.Dabbs 31:11.0 (During Track 25K) 3.D.Maclean 31:29.8 4.J.Moore 32:08.4 5.A.Bedford 32:19.0 6.E.Gebbett 33:09.6	3000 S/Chase 1.C.Shippen 9:39.8 2.A.Black 9:46.4
Weight 1.D.McCorquindale 51'4" 2.D.Andorka 43'1½ 3.D.Rasey 38'9 4.J.Whyte 36'8 5.J.McGrath 36'4¾ 6.J.Ware 36'4	Javelin 1.J.Ware 169'10½ 2.W.Couzens 155'10 3.G.Edwards 138'9 4.J.McGrath 138'7	Discus 1.McCorquindale 129'10 2.D.Rasey 121'7 3.J.Ware 116'8 4.J.McGrath 111'4 5.P.Porter 102'8
High Jump 1.D.Rasey 5'10 2.A.Stanbrough 5'8 3.J.McGrath 5'6 N.Caves 5'6 5.J.Tebbets 55'4	Long Jump 1.D.Ansell 22'1½ 2.C.R.Jones 21'6 3.J.McGrath 21'1½ 4.N.Caves 20'7 5.R.Chamberlain 19'4	HopStep Jump 1.N.Caves 46'5 2.C.R.Jones 43'1 3.A.Underwood 42'10½ 4.D.Ansell 42'3¾ 5.M.Smithers(J) 37'11½
Hammer 1.P.Porter 161'5½ 2.J.Whyte 152'6	Decathlon pts 1.J.McGrath 4,405 2.C.R.Jones 3,896	Pole-Vault 1.J.McGrath 11'8 2.C.R.Jones 7'6
110M/120YDS Hurdles 1.J.McGrath 17.1 2.A.Underwood 17.4 3.C.R.Jones 19.0	440Yds Hurdles 1.C.R.Jones 58.0 2.A.Underwood 60.5 3.P.Fox 61.4	220Yds Hurdles 1.C.R.Jones 25.7 2.J.Sams 27.9
N.B. j =Junior y =Youth		

JACK GOSWELL REPORTS

The distance season finished with a first class performance by all the lads in the London-Brighton walk. And there emerged a new Club long-distance champion, in Ray Hall. He capped a grand season by finishing 3rd, followed by George Beecham fifth and Hugh McGreechan tenth. These three occupying the first three places in the Club Championships, held in conjunction.

We now start on a new Winter Season and look forward to a good crowd out pack training, from the Hall. Steady work through the winter always pays dividends when the Championships come along. We should try and start the season by annexing the Southern "Garnet Cup" race once again (it's a few years since we won this) at Trowbridge. So all you 'Junior' walkers set your target on the first week in February, for this ten mile event - and then progress on to the major Championships.

We welcome new members, J. Levison, Peter Tyson, John Unwin Peter Grant and John Taylor, and look forward to their steady progress. Our Junior team needs recruits so never lose the opportunity of enrolling likely lads!

We hope to have a first class muster of club men for our own Open 7 Miles, on Nov 21st. Forty years old, and the oldest open seven in the Calendar, make it a "must" in the walking-world. Prizes for this event have always been of the highest standard and every help is needed to enable us to meet the high cost involved. Our thanks are due to all those stalwarts who have supported us in this endeavour. Donations would be gratefully received by the Treasurer, or Walking Hon. Sec.

We are pleased to learn that George Checkley is recovering from his illness, and hopes to start training again.

Congratulations to Terry Clark on his recent wedding to Janet. Several Club members attended the ceremony. Terry, who is an R.A.F. Technician, is due for Australia and we offer him the best of luck and a resumption of his brilliant walking career when he returns.

Bernard Eglinton has found another sister! This time in, of all places, Cyprus where he is to stay for two years. Best wishes Bernard may your family grow, we will miss you on the Road.

Stan Vickers won a very good twenty kilometer walk in Varese, Italy on Sunday 27th September, when he beat his arch rival Ken Mathews by over two minutes. He certainly pulls out the stops on his trips abroad.

After a four month lay off, due to leg-injury, Eric Hall is doing that steady work which is so necessary to reach peak. May a good winter season reach a climax in the Championships, with all those improving walkers making their presence felt. And doing their best to topple those at the top.

All the Best, Jack.

MATCH v SURREY A.C. (ALSO HANDICAP) - BATTERSEA

	Time	Allow.	H'Cap Time
1.R.Middleton	14.56	1.20	13.36
2.R.C.Hall	15.03	1.00	14.03
3.G.E.Beecham	16.07	1.55	14.12
4.H.McGreechan	16.09	2.30	13.39
5.J.Knifton	16.11	1.20	14.51
9.R.Morland	16.54	2.30	14.24
10.R.Barnes	17.09	2.30	14.49
11.H.Shields	17.13	2.50	14.23
12.J.Morris	17.16	3.30	13.46

Match Result;
BELGRAVE H. 45 Pts.,
Surrey A.C. 91

Belgrave H. Handicap Result;
1.R.Middleton 13.36 2.H.McGreechan 13.39 3.A.East 13.39

Surrey W.C. Handicap Result;
1.J.Langbridge 14.41 2.G.Harding 15.07 3.M.Fullager 15.12

MATCH v M.P.A.A. (ALSO HANDICAP) - BATTERSEA

1.S.F.Vickers	Bels	14:47.4	Scratch	14:47.4
2.R.Middleton	..	15.25	1.15	14.10
3.R.C.Hall	..	15.25	1.00	14.25
4.Clark	..	15.41	1.10	14.31
5.H.Hooper	..	16.00	2.00	14.00
6.C.Fogg	M.P.A.A.	16.15	-	-
7.G.E.Beecham	B.H.	16.17	1.45	14.32
8.R.Laird	Guest	16.20	-	--
9.C.Yescombe	M.P.A.A.	16.30	2.40	13.50
10.S.C.James	B.H.	16.39	1.55	14.44

Match Result: BELGRAVE H. 22 Pts M.P.A.A. 56 Pts.

Handicap Result: 1. D.Logan 13.45
2. C.Yescombe 13.50
3. H.Hooper 14.00

The above fixture was held on 1st July, and a return also at Battersea, was on the 22nd July. Here we were without the assistance of Stan Vickers or Ray Middleton but our team triumphed.

1.R.C.Hall	Bels	15.13	1.00	14.13
2.J.F.Knifton	..	15.27	1.20	14.07
3.A.MacFarlane	M.P.A.A.	15.53	-	-
4.C.Fogg	..	16.04	-	-
5.H.Hooper	B.H.	16.06	1.50	14.16
6.R.Hopper	M.P.A.A.	16.08	-	-
7.R.Barnes	B.H.	16.28	2.20	14.08
8.E.Levitt	M.P.A.A.	16.44	-	-
9.R.Morland	B.H.	16.47	2.30	14.17
10.B.Stevenson	M.P.A.A.	16.52	3.20	13.32
13.J.Morris	B.H.	17.04	3.30	13.34
18.C.Gittens	B.H.	18.32	5.00	13.32

Scoring nine a side; BELGRAVE H. 78 pts M.P.A.A. 93 pts.
Handicap Result; 1.C.Gittens 13.32
2.B.Stevenson 13.32
3.J.Morris 13.34

DOVER - CANTERBURY AND BACK WALK

1.D.J.Thompson	Met W.C.	3:51.15	Scratch	3:51.15
2.T.W.Misson	..	3:51.42	..	3:51.42
3.N.Thompson	..	4:15.22	19:00	3:56.22
4.R.C.Hall	Bel.H.	4:25.37	18:00	4:07.37
5.G.E.Beecham	..	4:30.34	27:00	4:03.34
12.B.Eglinton	..	4:49.45	36:00	4:13.45
16.H.W.Shields	..	4:54.59	39:00	4:15.00
20.P.Wilson	..	5:16.45	65:00	4:11.45
23.F.G.Denny	..	5:24.51	47:00	4:37.51

Team; 1.Met W.C. (D.Thompson1,Misson2,N.Thompson3) 6pts
2.BELGRAVE H. (R.Hall14,Beecham5,Eglinton10) 19..
3.Woodford G. (Marshall16,Richardson 13,Neilson 15) 34..

6 MILE v SURREY W.C. - TOOTING - 11th AUG

1.H.McGreechan	Bels	49.37	7.30	42.07
3.R.Barnes	..	51.30	7.30	44.00
4.B.Stevenson	..	52.41	9.30	43.11
10.D.Potheringham	..	54.37	10.00	44.37
12.S.Jarlett	..	55.14	11.00	44.14
13.D.Logan	..	55.46	13.30	42.16
17.B.Knifton	..	61.52	15.30	45.22

Match Result (scoring six a side)
1.Surrey W.C. 37 pts 2.BELGRAVE H. 41 pts.
Handicap Result:
1.H.McGreechan 42.07 2.D.Logan 42.16
3.B.Stevenson 43.11

LONDON TO BRIGHTON WALK - 12th SEPT

The Brighton this year again dissolved into two distinct races, the two Metropolitan men, Thompson and Misson were locked together until just after Crawley, but Belgrave supporters were more interested in the third place and team race.

Met. have relieved us of several long distance trophies this season and although they have provided more individual winners than any other club they had yet to win the Edward Knott Memorial Shield.

George Beecham was more restrained than in other years and did not attempt to lead early on but as the leaders were doing over 7½ m.p.h. it was not surprising. The lads soon settled down and forgot all about the two wee men in front who were already burning up the road - someone said that as the morning was coolish they were keen to get to the seaside before sun-up!

At Croydon Hugh McGreecgan was the leading Bel. in third place and as the field passed it was obvious that this year the team event would be a close thing. Several of the lads were not as fit as we had hoped and I heard one wife remark that her husband only turned out so that she and the children could have a day out! The gaps were appearing and with the forecast of a warm day now being fulfilled there was much speculation about times.

By 20 miles Ray Hall was third in the cracking time of 3:30:00 he was being whipped along by "Digger" Clark who returned from his honeymoon to attend Ray. George was bashing along with brother Eric shedding a few stones on the bike, it is a question each year of which gives up first - the bike or Eric, but somehow they both survive. As for George I believe he smells the sea air at Streatham, Mac had eased up for a while and was developing a blister but with only 34 miles to go was not worried. Harry Shields was intent on time and motion study earlier in the year but this was not evident at this stage. However, you can always rely on the "old man" giving of his best when it is most needed. Newcomer, Jack Keown was making hay before the sun shone and Bernard Eglinton, the enigma, had begun to move through to his real place. Cyril Yescombe was very short of training but was having a go for several reasons. Percy Wilson was this year representing the Wilson clan and the other Bel. was Fred Rolfe who unfortunately had to give it best at Crawley.

The race doesn't really get under way until Crawley and although Met. led in the team race all the way it was a close thing as only Don Thompson had a trouble free race; and we always felt we had a chance. Ray really consolidated his third place and George was not very keen on the idea of relinquishing his Club title, so he tore along in hot pursuit and with Don was the only one to record a faster time than last year. Mac was really in a bad way but with Fred Denny attending was able to peg back the vital place here and there. Harry closed in as fourth man, 'pot-hunter' Shields the veteran award winner; Bernard made a good recovery after a bad patch on Dale Hill and he just plipped Jack Keown by two seconds, Jack walked very well for a first-timer and was heard to say that it was easier than an Open 7. Cyril and Percy walked steadily from Crawley and gained several points but Met. with first and second were just too good, and won by a point!

The attendants had the worst time, this year for instance one was given a bottle of stuff he couldn't open, somewhere around Gatwick he asked "How the hell do I open this?" to which the walker gave the obvious, "Jam it in a door." Next year the attendant swears he'll take a door with him. Our attendants performed excellently and are to be congratulated!

Well done Met. - but, keep the shield clean it's only on loan! Congratulations to: Don, on a great performance with the weather against you; Ray, for gaining perhaps another International vest for Belgrave and also on winning the Club Champs., and finally to Harry for the first Belgrave vets award since 1934.

E.W.H.

Result:

1.D.J.Thompson	Met.W.C.	7:35.28	24.J.Keown	10:03.52
2.T.W.Misson		7:53.26	32.C.Yescombe	10:17.07
3.R.C.Hall		8:24.17	41.P.Wilson	10:33.52
5.G.E.Beecham		8:36.56		
10.H.McGreenhan		9:19.47		
11.H.W.Shields		9:25.30		
23.B.Eglinton		10:03.50		



G.S.CHECKLEY

Holder of the "Jimmy Belchamber Cup"

5 MILE WALK v M.P.A.A. - WIMBLEDON - 10th OCT

Eric Hall had his first walk for over four months, when winning our opening five of the Winter Season. R.Barnes continues to improve and annexed the handicap. With our police friends we won the match, one of the highlights being the battle between George Beecham and Hugh McGreechan, with George taking 3rd place and the Irish Ash Tray. New member, John Levison, by his strong walking looks to be a distance star of the future.

1.E.W.Hall	Bel.H.	38.47	0.30	38.17
2.J.F.Knifton	..	40.21	4.15	36.06
3.R.L.Barnes	..	40.59	7.00	33.59
4.G.E.Beecham	..	42.11	7.30	34.41
5.H.McGreechan	M.P.A.A.	42.27	7.30	34.57
6.A.McParlane	M.P.A.A.	43.49	-	-

NATIONAL JUNIOR 5 MILE - WEMBLEY PARK - 17th OCT

We were without the assistance of both Brian Cornick and Brian Gibbs, and so went to the start with a weakened team. John Knifton was our first man home, although nearly caught by improving Bob Barnes. Our chances of finishing a team faded when our other walker, newcomer P.Tyson, came under the eye of the judges, at 4 miles.

1.C.J.Manning (Highgate) 39.59 4.J.Knifton 42.14 6.R.Barnes 42.50

DUNSTANS 1 HOUR

Minus our stars we still won the Team Race at this meeting, at Parliament Hill on 26th Sept.

There was little to choose between Ray Middleton and Ray Hall - just twenty-seven yards separating them at the finish. The ease with which both Bob Barnes and John Knifton covered seven miles was encouraging, - and in our winning 'A' team also, Ted Smith, always ready to give his all.

	Mls.	Yds.
A R.Middleton	7	890
A R.C.Hall	7	863
A J.F.Knifton	7	497
A E.A.Smith	7	215
B R.L.Barnes	7	187
B R.I.M.Purkiss	6	1630
B B.Eglinton	6	1357
C J.Morris	6	1093
C D.Fotheringham	6	895
C D.Logan	6	585
C P.Tyson	6	445
D A.H.East	6	259
D J.A.Unwin	6	130
D F.G.Denny	5	1601
D P.Wilson	5	1501

LONDON to BRIGHTON (SOUTHERN CLUBS) -10th OCT

It seems to have been a foregone conclusion that Portsmouth A.C., with the help of Hyman and Tulloh (with or without shoes) would win this race. And so it proved, for in no uncertain manner this 'minor' club ran away from the rest of the field to come home easy winners, nearly three minutes to spare.

It seemed a travesty of justice that after months of excellent weather this should be the day for the break to occur - the rain started soon after the start and continued without a let up for the full distance.

We can be satisfied that we have qualified for the next National, but much work must be put in before we can hope to close the gap between us and Portsmouth, even supposing that this club can annex the April race. At least thirty seconds must be knocked off every runners time -no easy matter but by no means improbable.

1st Stage. Ranjit Bhatia (21.17). The usual dash along the embankment did not deter this runner from India, who had endeared himself to all with whom he has come into contact. Using his head in experienced manner he dogged the leaders and moved up at Cedars Road Hill, where he proved to be better fitted than most of his opponents. Briault of Brighton, romped away to a fourteen seconds lead and our lad came in third to give us a good start.

2nd Stage. Charlie Walker (26.22). No lack of experience here although everyone crosses their fingers when 'What do you think' Charlie sets off. When the Pompey runner moved away it seemed Chas. was to have one of those days, but when Haith (T.V.H.) and later White (Woodford) caught up it seemed to act as a tonic and he stayed with them to the end, where with a typical final flourish he kept us in third place, only thirty secs. down on Pompey.

3rd Stage. Pat Newell (29.49). Pat was switched from his usual leg to this stage as he had to return to work. He held his position by steady running, until half-way up the aerodrome stretch of Purley Way when Poord of Brighton, running in fine style, sailed past. Just before reaching Purley cross-roads Herring (Blackheath) caught Pat, and on the run in John Thorpe (St.Albans) also took him, so we were back to sixth and the gap between us and the leaders, still Portsmouth, was now forty-eight seconds.

4th Stage. Clive Shippen (26.24). Our new cross-county captain running in his usual reliable fashion set about his task in steady style. Unfortunately the runners ahead with the exception of St.Albans were in better form and the gap was widened. On this stage 'Dippy' Richards of Poly brought his club into the picture for the first time with the fastest run of the day. Belgrave still sixth but 75 secs behind T.V.H. now a short lead on Pompey.

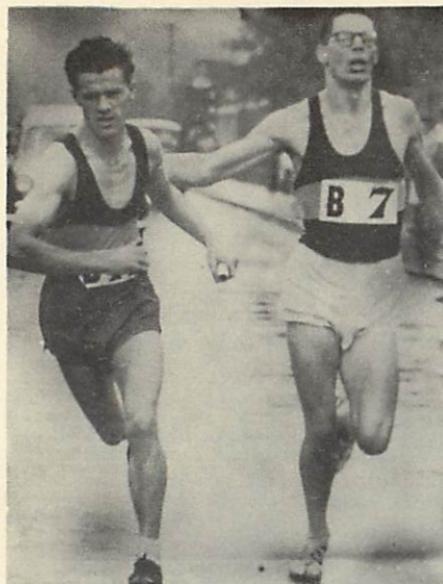
5th Stage. Jim Masters (23.05). Jim must know every inch of this section of the road and we hoped that his knowledge would help us. But although maintaining his position by passing Brighton, by losing a place to Woodford he lost considerable ground on all the other runners ahead and we finished this stage over two minutes in arrears.

6th Stage. Alan Black (13.56). Alan did the fifth fastest time of the day, and set up a new Club record, but it must have been discouraging to him to find that three of those who beat his performance were ahead of him, with the result that we remained in sixth place.

7th Stage. Mal Robinson (19.10). Our three mile track champion also set up a new Club record for this stage, and gained on three of the five teams ahead, but was unable to do more than maintain our 2min 24sec deficit. Walton, with Judd as their representative had, however, passed Malcolm who in turn had moved ahead of Blackheath. In passing Gatwick Airport, how Mal must have wished for some jet propulsion!!

8th Stage. Charlie Dabbs (31.00). On the approaches to what is probably the most difficult, and longest stage, Charlie must have felt a little overwhelmed by the company in his coach - Hyman,

Peter Clark, Brian Fernee, Chapman, Roath, Perkins, Mike Barratt, George Brown, Maynard, Palmer and Sando just to mention a few are not designed to rouse one's confidence. Nevertheless Chas. was not upset by these "Names" and only four were able to better his magnificent run of 31mins (yet another Belgrave best). By the time Handcross was reached we still were in sixth place



Charlie Dabbs hands over to John Moore.

but had been put in touch of the three clubs immediately ahead. Portsmouth by virtue of a record breaking run by Hyman (29.14 and 26 secs off the previous best) had gone into a 2 min lead from Thames Valley. 9th Stage. John Moore (31.35) Despite the perils of dashing down Handcross Hill rapidly, John could not resist the urge, but paid for his folly by getting cramp and having to give ground on all the runners ahead. He did recover on the latter part of the leg but the damage was done. Tulloh was taking Portsmouth into an even greater lead and T.V.H. were consolidating their second place. We were now five minutes thirty seven seconds behind. 10 Stage. Len Bishop (21.16) If Len could have kept up the pace he showed over the first mile we would have wiped out Jim Peters' name from the book, and Belgrave would have moved out of sixth place. After making up some lost ground we fell

further behind at the foot of Dale Hill.

11th Stage. Jim Radford (21.25) This was Jim's first taste of the Brighton road and although his time of 21mins 25secs was not outstanding he can be well pleased with his initial run in bad conditions. It compared favourably with the runners ahead and a slight gain on the leaders was made for the first time during the whole race. The fastest time of the day was less than 30 secs better than Jim's, and the experience he gained will be invaluable.

12th Stage. Don Maclean (17.55) Don was given this stage as a result of his fine last-leg efforts in the Poly and Surrey Road Relays. Although the task on this occasion was far more difficult as Woodford and Walton were 95 and 82 secs ahead, respectively; the latter setting fastest time of the day. However, Mac set off fully determined to overcome our disadvantage but had to give best and noticeably eased up in the last mile. But for this he would have set up the fastest time of the day, his 17.55 being only 6 secs slower than Walton's Avery - thus finishing in the sixth position we had held since Purley.

To sum up - a moderate performance with a few bright spots in the shape of Bhatia, Black, Dabbs, Radford and Maclean. We need some new blood so before April let us see some form from such people as Miller, Thresher, Linstead, Johnston, Stearman, and a return to the team by Hollowell, Davies and Baulch (not new blood but almost indispensable). T.V.H. gave the chance to five 'first timers' and how well they responded. We have the talent but it tends to lie dormant.

1. Portsmouth A.C.	4h36m56secs.	4. Walton A.C.	4h41m46secs.
2. T.V.H.	4 39 33	5. Woodford G.	4 41 49
3. Polytech. A.C.	4 40 36	6. BELGRAVE H	4 43 14

BOY'S AND YOUTH'S SECTION

It was obvious to officials chiefly concerned with these sections at the beginning of the year, that the development of the 'Belgrave spirit' amongst the newcomers was the first most important essential. A group of youngsters had to be gathered who could be depended upon to train enthusiastically, to turn out for the Club when required and in whom could be inculcated some of the traditions and 'esprit de corps' which made Belgrave such a power in the athletics world until a few years ago. I think the course is proving a correct one, and because so much importance is attached to the 'morale' side of the lads' training, the development of the physical side i.e. fitness, strength, techniques etc., is proving so much simpler. When such keenness is shown it seems almost invidious to select particular names, but I think a few must be mentioned.

David Cocks appears likely to prove a very bright star in the not too distant future; if his 4:43 mile and 2:06 half mean anything. Middle distance talent is almost in abundance so with challengers like Hampshire, Jarvis, Alan Mead, Hammond, Wiseman, Brown, Yeo, Redwood and Satchell not very far behind, David cannot afford to flag in his efforts.

Our field events future is beginning to look equally bright and here I must pause to congratulate the winners of the boy's and youth's all-rounders medal competitions. Pottinger won the boy's with a score of 23 pts out of a possible 24, and J. Williams won the youth's. Pottinger, incidentally, has done twenty feet in the long-jump — Not too bad for a lad just fifteen years old. Young Wade, too, is beginning to make a name for himself, particularly in the jumps, and with Paddy Fyman, shot, Tony Moritz, discus 137 feet, and Chris Page, javelin, it appears that this side of athletics is being well taken care of.

Our outstanding sprinter is undoubtedly Crosbie, who runs remarkably well every time he turns out for the club.

Last, but by no means least, the youngest members of the Club; boys like Berry, Pymont (a very promising hurdler) and Nelson, having reached the ripe old age of thirteen or thereabouts have apparently made up their minds to "throw away their childish things" and to get down to serious training. Fine, but don't make it too serious yet. Remember there are still footballs to be kicked, trees to be climbed and, (dare I mention it!) exams to be passed.

Les Stokell.

MEDAL COMPETITION.

It is encouraging to see more turning out for these competitions, though not everyone competed in each event, which is the purpose of the competition.

D. Pottinger won the Boy's taking maximum points in the Shot, high-jump and long-jump; just failing by 1 point, in the 100 yds, to obtain a maximum aggregate for four events. Wiseman took 2nd place, with 3rd hotly disputed between E. Hawkins and N. Berry both with 14 pts, Hawkins taking it on highest position, although N. Berry had competed in every event. Hard lines!

The youth's was won by J. Williams, who beat Dereck Wade by one point. (Dereck was last year's boy's winner.) A. Mead was third, another who competed in each event, with a solid performance.

In the 'boy's' it is interesting to note that D. Wiseman, who competed in all events won both the 880 yds and the 100; the 880 off 15 yds in 2:14.7, from a field of eleven, and the 100 off two yards in 11.5 secs. The corresponding times in the Youth's being, 2:16.4 and 11.9 secs. We shall be hearing more of D. Wiseman in the near future, no doubt. A.D.P.

HORNSEY (ST. MARY'S) H - BOY'S ROAD RELAY

Two teams were entered for this event, held on 3rd Oct, and two teams turned up and finished; that in itself is quite good.

In a field of 27 teams the 'A' team finished 13th and the 'B' team, 17th. Fastest effort by our boys was that of J. Yeo,

whose time of 7min 33secs for the $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, bettered that of D.Cocks by only one second.

B.Merry and H.Satchel ran very well for the 'B' team, and if more had been known of current form they would have undoubtedly improve the 'A' teams position.

'A' 'B'
 J.Williams 8.21 J.Yeo 7.33 H.Satchel 7.55 R.Brown 8.04
 D.Cocks 7.34 J.Jarvis 8.09 B.Merry 7.38 A.Mead 8.33

Youth's Medal Result.							
	Shot	880	Jav	H.J.	L.J.	100	Pts.
1.J.Williams	6	-	6	5	4	-	21
2.D.Wade	5	4	4	6	5	4	20
3.A.Mead	4	1	3	3	2	5	15
4.D.Hammond	3	5	-	-	-	6	14
5.C.Page	-	-	-	4	6	-	10
6.D.Cox	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
7. Moritz	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
8.J.Jarvis	-	2	2	1	-	-	5
9.D.Cocks	-	-	1	2	1	-	4
10.J.Yeo	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
* W.Perry	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
* A.N.Other	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
13.R.Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	2

Boy's Medal Result.							
	Shot	880	Jav	H.J.	L.J.	100	Pts.
1.D.Pottinger	6	-	4	6	5	5	23
2.D.Wiseman	1	6	1	4	6	6	21
3.E.Hawkins	-	-	6	3	2	3	14
4.N.Berry	3	5	2	2	4	2	14
5.J.Stimpson	-	4	5	-	-	-	9
6.R.Datchelor	5	1	-	-	-	-	6
7.D.Williams	-	3	3	-	-	-	6
8.R.Daunders	-	-	-	5	-	-	5
9.R.Nelson	-	-	-	1	3	1	5
10.R.Thorn	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
11. Sturgess	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
12.R.Williams	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
13.J.Benjamins	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
14.R.Dommett	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

The Lighter Side of the Club.

Bert Jordan has his say!

We are now commencing another season of Socials and Dances and the Social Committee look forward to receiving your support at all social functions. Those last year were reasonably well supported, but left a lot to be desired - we would, therefore appreciate greater support this season.

Childrens Party.

All members' children up to the age of 13 years are invited to the Children's Party, on Sunday, 10th January 1960. I would like to receive the names and ages of the children as soon as possible, to enable me to ensure that they enjoy a grand party. These should be sent to me at: A.T.Jordan, 16, Cologne Road, S.W.11.

Dates for your Diary.

1959. December 5th	Social Dance	Belgrave Hall
1960. January 2nd	New Year's Dance
	10th Children's Party
	23rd Social Dance
March 26th

Looking forward to seeing you at the above functions.

CLUB 3 MILE YACHT HANDICAP - OCT 3rd

Handicap					
1.J.Hilton	off	3.30	13.25	P.Newell	14.53 J.Masters 15.31
2.W.Jones		6.00	13.38	C.Dabbs	15.00 A.Black 15.32
3.D.Birdseye		5.00	13.44	J.Radford	15.25 E.Gebbett 15.38
4.T.Hart		2.15	14.16		
5.W.Booth		3.00	14.17		

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1959BELGRAVE HALL -18thSEPT

The attendance of the A.G.Meeting was a little below that of recent years but even so, it was pleasing to see the goodly array of faces representing the various Club interests; especially the Youth's,Junior's and new members'. This is the one occasion when democratic privileges can be exercised to the full, in order to ensure that those members elected to office continue to steer the Club on a progressively expanding course.

Generally there were no fireworks; rather the opposite. The feeling was that the major offices should remain unchanged, and it was hoped that their re-election was a vote of confidence backed by the firm intention of giving them even more support in their many duties.

The high-light of the meeting was the election of T.C.Jones as President of Belgrave Harriers. He was charmingly introduced by the retiring president P.R.Webb, who spoke of the great service that Charlie has given the Club during his membership as an athlete and official of over 30 years.

A presentation to Stan Vickers to mark his European Games victory, and to commemorate his English Native Record for the 1 hour and 8 miles walks was made amid acclamations from all. Stan expressed his appreciation of the gift and gave an amusing and most interesting account of his experience in Moscow and Helsinki.

H.W.S.

From the Hon.Secretary.

We should like to express our congratulations and good wishes to Eric Hall and Mavis on their recent marriage. Mavis, as bef-its the only daughter of hard-working Past President Tom Morrell, has been handing out the pins and numbers for us for quite a while (and taking the money!), and our good wishes go to them both.

Our good wishes also go to Eric Gebbett on his marriage, and Terry Clark who has also taken a wife unto himself.

We hope to welcome Jack Brown back from Cyprus in Mar/April of next year, and it will be pleasing indeed to see him in our teams once again.

In my Annual Report circulated to all members I tried to give an appraisal of our present position in the world of Athletics, and to indicate those departments in which greater strength would be a decided asset. May I again appeal to experienced Club members to come forward and assist as Coaches and as Officials? If advice or instruction is required we will try and fill the need.

We are particularly anxious to build up our School-boy strength (thinking in terms of 12 years to 19!) and your help in introducing such members, and of assisting them to make the most of their talents once they are members, will be much appreciated.

The presentation award made to Stan Vickers at the A.G.M., was an etched action study of Stan himself worked into the back of a mirror. An engraved tablet gave details of the wonderful records he accomplished a year ago and also referred to his winning of an European Games title last year. Stan has written expressing his sincere appreciation to the Club.

We express our profound thanks to the Bishop Brothers for their great services as Joint Hon Editors, positions they now relinquish; and offer our good wishes to Malcolm Robinson and Clive Shippen who have taken over. May I ask for your full support to be given to our new Joint Hon.Editors? Our Gazette calls for team-spirit at its highest. It can breathe our hopes and aspirations, chronicle our disappointments, lead us to even greater things than we have yet known - but only if we will it to be so, and work for it to be so. As in so many other spheres of activity, if we lack enthusiasm, we lack everything.

A.A.H.

FIELD EVENTS REVIEW.

The past season has been but a moderate one for whilst we have some good performers we have insufficient depth even up to a moderate standard. The main event for our men "The Sward", has been fully reported in an earlier edition. Injuries and illness beset us then and we have had a recurrence throughout the season, and more often than not have not turned out full teams in Trophy matches or even, to our disgrace, in our own home inter-club matches.

Derek McCorquindale has no doubt been our best class performer. His new Club Championship best with the Shot of 49'9" and later the same day a 51'4" to win the Bucks Championships were two of his best efforts; he was also selected for A.A.A. teams.

Dave Ansell has had quite a good season, attaining a place in the Middlesex Championships and winning the Maccabi European Championship with 22ft odd. He, Jim McGrath, and in the late season Reg Chamberlain (just back from the Forces) represented us in most of the Long Jumps.

Jim McGrath is another "Iron Man" of the calibre of Mal Ash. His efforts in two, three or even four events at matches has been of inestimable help and in true Belgrave Spirit. He tells me that he has not been so fit as in some years, but gave a creditable show in finishing 10th in the A.A.A. Decathlon with 4,405 points; just missing Standard. Pole Vault is really perhaps his best event, although he has run well over the 120 yards Hurdles. It was unfortunate that in this event Robin Tolson was unable to overcome an early season injury, and was never able to race. John Sams has done virtually nothing hurdlewise, except the Sward, but Pat Fox ran one or two reasonable 440's as second string to Charlie Jones.

Norman Caves's early effort of 46'5" in the Triple Jump gave promise of great things but he suffered injury and it was not until late in the season that he came back with performances nearing his best. He again won the Beds and Hunts Championship. Dave Ansell has supported well in this event and Brian Jones, a new member, shows promise. Charlie Jones has also performed creditably in the triple and long-jump, but his hurdling seems to have gone to pieces; although in the Fulham Borough meeting a win in the 220 lows with 25.7 secs showed something nearer his true standard.

In the High-Jump we have been really weak but perhaps Alan Stanborough will get back to his true 6 ft plus form next year. Jim McGrath, Dave Rasey and Norman Caves have all reached 5'6".

The Javelin and Discus were weak events. John Ware has shown small improvement with a personal best of 169'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " gaining second place in the Vancouver Trophy, but is inconsistent. Bill Couzens found that Army life does not make for much improvement, more particularly perhaps because he has not been able to compete regularly; although he has thrown 169 ft and over in practice. Deszo Andorka has virtually had no Discus competition owing to examinations but we hope next year he will be able to get back his true form. Our other performers are all below 120 feet.

Percy Porter, in the Hammer, has not reached his best but it is good to see Jock Whyte improving, winning the Middlesex only to have a bad day in the Scottish Championships. Ted Arnold has also shown a small improvement.

Our Juniors seem non-existent, although Mike Smithers and Alan Blackett have appeared in the Jumps- but where are the throwers? The same might be said for the Youths, except for Dereck Wade in the Jumps.

Norman Dewberry has now taken over as Secretary and I hope you will all give him your earnest support to make the Club what it should be and ensure we turn out full teams next year. We can win or help to win most matches and Trophies just by turning out a full team. We hold our Open Winter Field Events on 5th March 1960, when I hope all will turn out.

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A Word from your CROSS-COUNTRY CAPTAIN.

Many of you will have already read my circular letter regarding the season now upon us. If so, read it once more and ask yourself whether you are supporting the training and racing programme as well as you might. It is most important that you keep Mal Robinson or myself informed of any developments likely to affect your immediate availability; many wasted entries and cards can thus be avoided. I shall always be pleased to hear from you and can be contacted at PAD 9281 (day) or SHE 0534 (evening).

To recapitulate on points previously made. Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons are to be treated as "Club days" and I want you to appear on at least one of these occasions per week. No one in Belgrave is good enough or bad enough to necessitate solo training at these times and it will be considered sacrilegious to the "new" Club Spirit to do so. No one is asked to race each week but everyone is expected to meet each week. To Finish unpteenth in an inter-club match matters not one iota, it's where you come in the Championship event that really counts. So let us see everyone every Saturday, and if injured let us have your vocal support instead.

The season's prospects are good, but depend entirely upon your support. Charlie Dabbs and Pat Newell could both get their County colours, we have a new three mile champion, and John Moore should be a real force this winter. I therefore hope to see Belgrave win the South of Thames Junior and the L.C.C. Championships, improve a further place in the Southern and finish in the first two in the Surrey County. With the return of George Flanagan to active training, the hope of a 'come-back' by Dave Baulch and the prospect of an active season from Ron Linstead our potential is indeed great. So get to it Belgravians and step up that training!

GREAT RUN BY CHARLIE DABBS.

"Charlie Dabbs Causes a Surprise". This was the masterpiece of understatement in Athletics Weekly with which Sam Ferris headed his report on the R.R.C. and Walton 25KM. Track race, on 17th Oct.

After his fine effort in the London-Brighton Relay 7 days earlier, Our Chas. was reported to be feeling in even greater condition, and keen to undergo an even more exacting test on his newly acquired fitness. Ivor Edmonds (Bristol A.C.) was favourite for the title with J.Heywood (H.H.H.) probable runner-up.

At 5 miles Dabbs and Edmonds had a clear 44 secs. lead and a mile later were timed at 31.11 (this would have placed Chas. second in the Club 61). After 7 miles Charlie dropped his rival and was never again troubled. En Route, Tom Carter's 10 mile Club Record of 20 odd years standing went by the board, with 52.06, and 11½ miles were covered in the hour; bettering Dave Baulch's hour record by no less than 450 yards! New Club marks were almost certainly set for 7 miles and upwards.

The 15 miles was covered in 78:29.4, and although Fred Norris's English Native Record was set en route to a longer distance, Charlie was only 65 secs. outside the official mark. His 25 KM. performance ranks him fourth in the World Best-ever, behind Zatopek, Popov and Norris! His 3 mile split times were 15.37; 15.34; 15.40; 15.48 and 15.50 - remarkable consistency for an athlete who had never previously raced further than 10 miles.

Result: 1.C.Dabbs (Belgrave H.) 1.18.29.4 (15) 1.21.16.6 (25 km)
2.I.Edmonds (Bristol A.C) 1.19.03 1.21.50
3.J.Heywood (H.H.H.) 1.23.52 1.27.07

Mr Edwin Gordon, a past president and trustee of our Club, recently entered the Exeter Eye Infirmary for an operation. We last heard that his condition was very satisfactory, and he asked that his good wishes be passed on to all his colleagues.