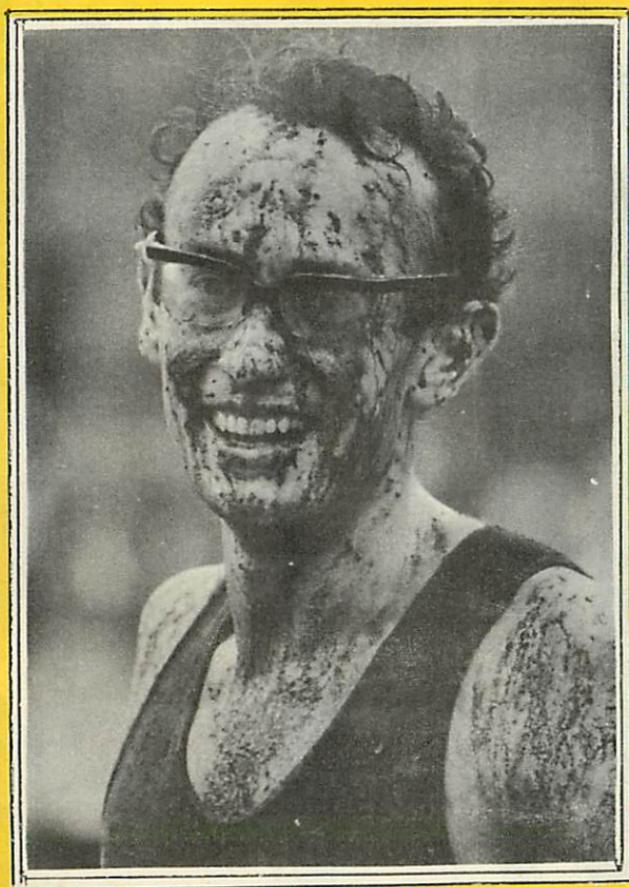


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FRONTISPIECE (Photo:E.Lacey;courtesy "Sunday Mirror") John Thresher storms thro' the mud to win the Southern '3' from Gibson (Surrey) and Johnston (Portsmouth).

FRONT COVER (Photo:E.Lacey) Mud be-spattered but happy, John Thresher after his Southern Championship win.



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EDITORIAL

"But the waiting time, my brothers,
Is the hardest time of all"

Well, it took several seasons to come about, but it was all the sweeter for waiting. The trophy win we needed so badly came our way on July 8th at Wimbledon Park when we won one of the seasons premier contests - the BROCKMAN TROPHY.

The success reminded us of the Presidential Address when Frank Jarvis said "..... plans could be made now by the track and field sections to make a considered and determined onslaught on the trophy meetings during the summer of 1967. I feel convinced that if the Club were to win ONE trophy, the victory would lead to others". How right he was; and how well our track and field secretaries responded. In turn, the right spirit permeated through our captain and coaches and we went

into that match with only two defeats behind us this season. Morale was high and we proved to be the best of the twelve top teams invited, by a comfortable margin of 13 pts.

Success breeds success and, sure enough, we now have three further trophies to our credit. Belgrave took part in eighteen fixtures this season and won no less than sixteen a record deserving of the highest praise and one that reflects credit on every single member of our track and field sections.

Our successes will not go un-noticed and we have every hope that Polytechnic Harriers will consider us worthy of re-entry into their Kinnaird Trophy meeting next year - a contest that has been dubbed the unofficial club championship of Great Britain.

The name of our revered Past-President Harry Evans, who died earlier this year after 60 years of Club service, will live on. Harry's sons and daughter contributed a cup to the Club as a perpetual award for an event to be agreed by your Committee. We are pleased to announce that the "Harry Evans" Cup will be awarded to the individual winner of our oldest annual promotion - the Open 7 Miles Walk. In this way Harry's unflinching presence at walking fixtures will be continued in spirit and his name regularly brought before the walking fraternity. The 48th "Open" will be held from Belgrave Hall in November - it would be fitting if a Belgravian's name was the first to be inscribed on this important cup.

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to the following members who have joined us since the June issue of THE BELGRAVIAN. We look forward to seeing them in action and hope they will avail themselves of our coaches and facilities. Our officials will gladly give any help or advice you might require so don't be shy of putting pen to paper or lifting the telephone.

Raymond BRION	(Middx)
Nicholas I CAMERON	
Colin J CROFT	(Surrey)
Nicholas DILLON	(Middx)
John R DONNISON	(Lancs)
Peter J GENT	(Surrey)
Michael R LAGAN	(Surrey)
Richard LANGLEY	(Surrey)
Carl LAWTON	(Dorset)
Edward T LENISTON	

Michael LEWIS	(Essex)
Henry MARTIN	(Surrey)
Graham P MILLARD	(Middx)
Hamish M MORISON	(New Zealand)
Richard PIOTROWSKI	(Hunts)
Anthony J T RICHARDS	
Peter R SAVAGE	(Surrey)
John A TREVIS	(Derby)
Peter A VICARY	(Middx)

Hon. Members:-	Michael SHERIDAN	(Gloucester)
	Ernest F VIVIAN	(Surrey)

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HON SEC'S NOTES

There is a proposal for increased Club affiliation fees to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the AAA to be held in October and the governing body hope this will find acceptance and so go some way towards assisting finance problems.

This proposal has taken the place of the various registration-of-athletes schemes which were mooted at one time, but which it is now generally agreed would be too complicated in administration, cause serious problems in Club organisation, and carry an impossibly high expense/income ratio.

If passed, we shall be called upon to pay approximately five times our present affiliation fee, and this obviously means that we all, as individuals, must expect to pay a little more on this account, in addition to any extra income required to run the Club successfully and efficiently in the inflationary world we live in.

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In our last issue, in a reference to the 1921 Club photograph which appeared in our earlier issue we rashly named No.23 as H.E. Nice, whereas we now have evidence that he is C.P. Sexton, without any doubt at all. Harry Hare had already raised this point; but now Charlie Speechley, eighty years of age next January and a member since 1919, confirms that No.23 is C.P. SEXTON who did, in fact, work with Charlie and brought him into the Club.

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Incidentally, how handicapped one is in examining old photographs when no dates, or events, or individual names are given.

A photograph has negligible value without key information; and I would suggest that everyone should form the habit of noting lightly at the back of photographs the date and detail-----for the benefit of posterity!

A.A.H.

A PRESIDENT'S Adieu

As this Belgravian year of 1966/1967 comes to an end, I wish to convey to every member of the Belgrave Harriers my sincere and deep-felt thanks for the support accorded to me as your President.

When, on the 21st September of last year, I was elected to that Office, I was concerned whether or not I would be able to follow and uphold the position so well established by the previous holders of the Presidency.

To be a President of such a Club as the Belgrave Harriers demands qualities from a man of which he may not be aware. In accepting the Office - an Office which is highly esteemed by other Associations - I was aware of my shortcomings; this awareness made me appeal to you all for your co-operation and assistance as without this help a President is helpless.

The performances of the Belgrave Harriers during this year are now written in the history of athletics. What is not written is the spirit and determination displayed by the athletes on behalf of the Club.

An indication of this Club spirit has been shown to the public by the gaining of three Athletic Trophies (up to the time of writing to you). I know that the cancellation of 'The Sward Trophy' meeting upset certain plans to win the 'Sward'. So it was that the 'Jack Lewis' trophy was the first to be gained. This success was followed by winning 'The Brockman Trophy', the pleasure in the hearts of all of the officials and athletes when this victory was announced can be imagined. Then to show that these victories were a part of a pre-conceived plan, the Club won the 'Advertiser'(Carshalton) trophy. These successes indicate the dormant strength in depth now developing in the Club. The near-misses in the National Cross-Country C'ships. at Norwich and the National Road Relay C'ship at Leicester (but, in the Relay, the Belgrave Harriers would be the first to accord tribute to E. Taylor for his running on that day) together with the Club's success in gaining the 50 kilos. Race Walking C'ship must be a source of satisfaction to all of the officials and athletes concerned and of pride to all members.

All of these successes were gained because of the indomitable team spirit, and that a Belgravian does his best for the Club until the finishing line is reached.

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Notice of A.G.M.

7 Brickwall Lane,
Ruislip,
Middlesex.

Sept. 1st 1967

Dear Belgravian,

In accordance with Rule 9, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th September 1967 at 6.30 p.m. at BELGRAVE HALL, DENMARK ROAD, S.W.19 when your attendance is requested. No other notice of this Meeting will be circulated.

There will be no training from Headquarters on this evening. Tea will be available from 5.30 p.m. to 6.20 p.m.

Yours faithfully,
A.A. HARLEY
General Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting.
2. To read and confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on September 21st 1966
3. To note apologies for non-attendance.
4. To receive the Hon. Secretary's report.
5. To receive the Hon. Treasurer's report.
6. To consider alteration of Rule, proposed by Committee, as follows:-
 11. MEMBERSHIP and SUBSCRIPTIONS. Delete existing Rule and substitute

"The entrance fee to the Club shall be 1/- and the subscription for members of 21 years and over shall be £2.--. per annum, members over 17 years and under 21 years, £1.--. per annum, members under 17 years, 7/6d per annum, the governing date for age being September 1st. Entrance fee and subscriptions are payable with Application for Membership."
- Paragraph (f). In line 2 delete "10/-" and substitute £1.--.
7. To present Honours Badges.
8. To elect Officers and Committee for 1967/68.
9. Any other matters.

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In saying 'Adieu' as your President, may I repeat my humble thanks for Your help so readily given and my confidence that the athletes of the Club will continue on the crest of the wave of victories so well carried out in 1966/1967.

Frank Jarvis

President

A WORD FROM YOUR TREASURER

As you will see from the notice for the A.G.M. it is proposed to alter Rule 11 which concerns annual subscriptions.

I am sure all members of the Club realize the necessity of this action which is brought about by the increased Affiliation fees to Associations, increased costs of printing, stationery, engraving, etc. Belgrave Hall is also a liability which, owing to its age, is in constant need of repair.

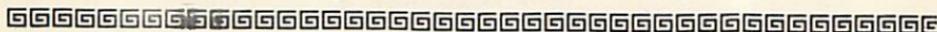
As pointed out at the A.G.M. last year, for each £1 received the Club paid out £1.2.4d. This position has not improved, we must pay our way and we cannot call on reserves to subsidize our Athletics.

Although I know the raising of subscriptions will help, it will also be necessary for all members to support any Club Fund Raising Schemes that are proposed.

We all know that Belgrave is the Best Athletic Club in the country and we to ensure that we remain in a position of being able to send teams to all the fixtures and to continue to promote our very popular Open Events.

Its up to all of you to do your best for the Club.

Hon.Treasurer.



From 'The BELGRAVIAN'

25 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1942 - "Three Southern Junior Championships have been won during the season, Michael Broadbent successfully annexing both the 100 and 220 yards and Willie Nankeville winning the half-mile event. Several members had competed in A.A.A. representative matches, the most successful perhaps being Len Herbert, who at a recent meeting at Portsmouth, clocked 9:32. for 2 miles, his own best figures and the fastest 2 miles since the war."

"Owing to the curtailment of travelling only a meagre fixture list has been arranged for the coming winter season."

"The Polytechnic Harriers, both runners and walkers, have once again been invited to train from Belgrave Hall."

. . . . and 40 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1927 - "We had an interest in the A.A.A. two miles walk Championship, when our hope A.L. Fletcher finished second to that fine walker A.G. Pope, after a great struggle in the last lap. We still thought our man could beat Pope, and our confidence was justified at the Inter-Counties meeting. This race was over 3 miles in persistent rain and Fletcher, feeling quite fit and well, went away on the last lap to win by about 25 yards. He gained and richly deserved the greatest applause of the whole meeting. The public are good judges of walking."



There is a need for more qualified officials in the County of Surrey. Instructional evenings will be held at the Wimbledon Conservative Assn. offices, 2, Trinity Rd., S.W.19. as hereunder:-

Track Teach-In...18th October	Starting Teach-In ...18th October
Field Teach-In 25th October	

There will also be a timekeepers test at Motpur Park on Sunday 24th September at 10:30am

All enquiries to Dave Ansell, 91, Talgarth Rd., Barons Court, W.14.

WALKING

As if in reply to the President's electoral speech our walkers presented him with the National 50 Kilometres team championship. Once again Belgrave showed that when conditions get tough it is the other clubs who retire. A significant factor in all the RWA championships this year has been the comparatively high scores which have still won the top three positions. Although this does reflect the way talent is more evenly spread among the clubs it also means that it is considerably easier to win the titles. Some years ago when the national scene was dominated by two or three clubs winning teams could almost be considered a closed shop but now this is no longer true which makes it all the more important for our middlemen to be prepared to shoulder this responsibility when necessary. Both John Keown and Bernard Eglinton have backed up our recognised distance men but youth is not on their side and I am sure that they would be as pleased as the rest of us to be forced out by a rising tide of enthusiasm from below.

P. D.

National 20 m

SWINDON - June 10th.

We hoped that Ray Middleton would follow his third place in the 20 Kilos Championship with a win over 20 miles. As it turned out Ray suffered some sickness while with the leading bunch and it was Ray Lodge of Sutton Coldfield who took the title followed by newly wed Don Thompson. Dave King came through well followed by Pat Duncan. Without Farley, Baker, Cameron or Picton it was left to John Keown to bring the team in fourth.

<u>Result:</u>	1. R.Lodge	R.S.C.	2.42.43
	2. D.Thompson	Met WC	2.43.17
	3. R.Wallwork	Lancs	2.44.28
	5. R.Middleton	Bels	2.45.52
	20. D.King	"	2.57.10
	30. P.Duncan	"	3.02.26
	72. J.Keown	"	3.18.22
	79. B.Eglinton	"	3.20.14

<u>Team</u>	Trewbridge	.....	{ 4.5.17.26).....	52
	Lancashire	.....	{ 2.10.13.27)....	52
	Leicester	.....	{ 6.11.21.33)....	71
	Belgrave	.....	{ 3.12.20.33)....	88

June 13th. - Lambeth '5'.

	1. J.Webb	Basildon	36.39
	2. S.Lightman	Met	36.49
	3. C.Young	Essex B	36.57
	14. P.Duncan	Belgrave	40.06
	35. R.Picton	"	43.36
	37. D.Fotheringham	"	44.09
	44. B.Eglinton	"	45.14
	60. J.Wilson	"	49.39

June 24th. - Manchester to Blackpool.

Following his illustrious predecessors Tommy Green and Norman Guilment Pat Duncan became the third Belgravian to win this race and the first man to beat eight hours for the trip.

<u>Result:</u>	1. P.L.Duncan	Belgrave	7hrs	59m	17secs(Record)
	2. G.Barras	Wakefield	8 -	3 -	15 -
	3. G.Goodair	"	8 -	3 -	27 -
	20. B.Eglinton	Belgrave	9 -	42 -	17 -

June 28th. - Scottish AAA 7 Mile Championship.

Gerry Cameron quashed the rumour that he had finally retired to stud by finishing second in 57m 35secs.

July 5th. BELGRAVE INTER CLUB WALKS

Normally a popular event among London Walkers this year's entry was a little disappointing. Success depends as much on depth as quality and although stalwarts Charlie MacLennan and Doug Fotheringham raced for the second time that day Belgrave could only raise one walker eligible for the final event.

Result.	5 Miles	1. D.Thompson	Met	38.53
		2. C.Fogg	Enfield	39.05
		3. P.Embleton	Met	39.23
		4. P.Duncan	Belgrave	39.58
		8. D.King	"	41.55
		11. J.Keown	"	43.19
	3 Miles	1. P.Selby	Surrey	22.36
		2. B.Hawkins	Met	22.38
		3. A.Banyard	Southend	23.15
		6. R.Picton	Belgrave	25.34
		7. D.Fotheringham	"	25.40
		10. C.MacLennan	"	28.17
	2 Miles	1. S.Lightman	Met	14.18
		2. K.Easlea	Enfield	14.23
		3. R.Barnes	Belgrave	15.18

<u>Points</u>	<u>5 Miles</u>	<u>3 Miles</u>	<u>2 Miles</u>	<u>Total</u>
Met	84	77	30	191
Surrey	41	80	50	171
Belgrave	70	70	28	168
Enfield	52	-	29	81

July 8th. Birmingham Outer Circle

1.	C.Fogg	Enfield	3.35.07
2.	R.Lodge	R.S.C.	3.39.31
3.	D.Thompson	Met WC	3.40.20
8.	D.King	Belgrave	3.52.26
17.	P.Duncan	"	4.10.37
31.	B.Eglinton	"	4.30.18

In the Welsh 20 Kilos Gerry Cameron finished 11th in 113m 26 secs.
Bernie Capener finished 14th in 116m 55 secs and won the handicap.

July 29th. Market Bosworth.

1.	J.Webb	Basildon	57.02
2.	R.Lodge	R.S.C.	58.10
3.	J.Paddick	R.S.C.	59.27
18.	G.Cameron	Belgrave	64.30
19.	C.Capener	"	65.32

Handicap C.Capener All 13.30 52.02

August 1st. Tooting 6 Miles versus Surrey WC.

1.	P.Embleton	Met WC	46.31
2.	P.Nihill	Surrey	46.50
3.	B.Keegan	L.Vids	46.56
5.	P.Duncan	Bels	48.41
6.	D.King	"	48.49
19.	J.Morris	"	55.38
29.	C.MacLennan	"	59.32

Teams 4 a side. Surrey WC 23
Belgrave 32

Bels Retain Nat'l 50k

REDDITCH - July 22nd.

6 Belgravians faced the starter to defend the title we won last year. The day was hot, the three lap course tough-perfect conditions for Belgrave. Pat Duncan was immediately up with the leaders closely followed by Ray Middleton with Dave King playing safe a little further back. Ray moved through into second place and over the second lap Dave overhauled Pat who seemed to be in a bit of trouble. Further back Keown was moving along well, ahead of Bob Picton and Bernard Eglinton. Our two soigneurs Ray Hall and Harry Shields performed noble feats of endurance with the sponge and bottle and by the start of the third lap Belgrave looked well placed although Bob was forced to retire. Over the closing stages John lost a few places and Pat overtook Dave King who had a tremendous battle to hold off Markham of Leicester. Belgrave retained the title by five points.

Result	1. S.Lightman	Met WC	4.26.56
	2. R.Middleton	Bels	4.33.28
	3. D.Thompson	Met WC	4.34.16
	10. P.Duncan	Bels	4.53.32
	11. D.King	"	4.54.22
	42. J.Keown	"	5.33.58
46. B.Eglinton	"	5.37.53	
Teams	1. Belgrave (Holders)	(2.7.8.37)	54
	2. Trowbridge	(4.17.18.20)	59
	3. Wakefield	(6.10.16.27)	59

Milan Trophy 1st Team of Eight. Wakefield.

August 5th. S.C.A.A.A. 20 Kilos.

1. J.Webb	Basildon	95.05
2. W.Sutherland	Highgate	95.47
3. R.Lodge	R.S.C.	96.29
4. R.Middleton	Belgrave	97.39
8. P.Duncan	"	103.07

In the 6 Mile and Junior Badge Race newcomer Carl Lawton had some of our more established walkers looking over their shoulders nervously as he won his "six in the hour" badge with 7½ minutes to spare.

1. R.Pearce	Poly	47.33
2. W.Holloway	Met WC	47.40
3. O.Flynn	Basildon	48.27
10. D.Fotheringham	Bels	51.19
11. R.Hall	"	51.30
13. R.Picton	"	52.01
14. C.Lawton J	"	52.24
20. C.MacLennan	"	56.35

WALKS

COMPETITION

Charlie MacLennan pipped Bert East in the last of the six races, to move from third to first in the points classification and thus win the competition. Percy Wilson (joint leader prior to the last race) lost his chance through non-appearance.

Points are awarded on the handicap result, 28 points down; maximum points being 168 for the six races.

RESULT (No. in brackets indicates races walked)

1. C. McLennan	(6)	149	9. T. Cook	(3)	66
2. A. East	(6)	148½	10. J. Baker	(2)	55
3. P. Wilson	(5)	124½	10. C. Gittens	(2)	55
4. P. Duncan	(5)	122	12. R. Hall	(2)	43
5. S. Brown	(5)	110	13. J. Morris	(1)	26
6. D. Fotheringham	(4)	93	14. B. Hooper	(1)	23
7. E. Smith	(3)	78	15. E. Hall	(1)	22
7. J. Wilson	(3)	78	16. S. Laker-Jones	(1)	21



Harry Hare continues his reminiscences:-

In his first two articles, W.H. Hare (Past-President, former Hon. Secretary and founder Editor of "The Belgravian") looked back on the last days of our history at "The Swan" and the first days of our move to Belgrave's present H.Q. in Denmark Road, Wimbledon. The photograph shown opposite has stired his memories still further and he tells of the recollections this picture brings.



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| 1. J. SAWYER | 10. J. B. CARNE. | 19. J. B. BELCHAMBER. | 28. R. W. RICKETTS. |
| 2. E. GORDON. | 11. R. D. McMULLEN. | 20. S. A. MANNING. | 29. C. H. SPEECHLEY. |
| 3. T. EATON. | 12. T. H. ASKEW. | 21. J. CATTEN (Snr) | 30. E. L. REEVE. |
| 4. D. McLEAN. | 13. A. MARTIN. | 22. H. FEARN. | 31. - |
| 5. W. SAVAGE. | 14. H. F. KING. | 23. J. F. GRAY (Snr) | 2. H. WRIGHT. |
| 6. T. W. CARNE. | 15. BOY ? | 24. - | 33. O. HORWOOD. |
| 7. G. H. LAURIE. | 16. R. MURPHY Jnr. | 25. C. H. ROGERS. | 34. J. H. ALLEN. |
| 8. T. WESTBROOK. | 17. R. (DICK) MURPHY. | 26. W. H. HARE. | 35. H. GOODFELLOW. |
| 9. - | 18. F. F. JACKSON. | 27. J. F. SATCHELL. | 36. H. EVANS. |

The photograph was taken in Denmark Road just before the start of the Club walking championship of 1923. This was the 5th contest for the R. Murphy Shield, instituted in 1916, for the trophy presented to the Club by 'Dick' Murphy, who appears here (No. 17.)

The inaugural race was over a 6 mile course and was won by G. McLellan, a Scots Guardsman at that time. Wounded in France, he returned to Scotland and later won their National Championship and set up a number of individual records. Owing to worsening war time conditions no further race was held until 1920, when the distance was increased to 9 miles and won by R. W. Ricketts (No. 28), who repeated his win in 1921.

With new members now coming along, the 1922 race was won by H. F. King (No. 14) who went on to win the R.W.A. 'Junior' Championship at Regents Park; leading the Club to their second team success in this event. Harold retained the Club championship in 1923 and again in 1924 (now standardised at 10 miles) before taking up an appointment on the Gold Coast of Africa. He returned to collect more 'gold' by winning once more, in 1927.

Of those in the photo not competing, a very notable personality is J. Sawyer (No. 1). The father of 4 members, of whom two were casualties of the war, he gave to the Club the J.G. Sawyer and the A.J. Sawyer Memorial Cups that remain our oldest track trophies.

Joe was a regular attendant and helper in those early days, and was relied upon as the unofficial Clerk of Course; a familiar figure with his yardstick made in the form of a giant pair of dividers. It was the late summer of 1920 that I made my first contact, before coming an active participant in Club proceedings. Attending Battersea Park to watch a 2 Mile Walk Handicap, in which a business colleague was competing, I found the course pegged out on an open field situated between the tennis courts and the S.W. main gateway. To my critical, if inexperienced eyes, the going looked 'distinctly rough' and recalled that line of the poet Gray "Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap". It was certainly a 'graveyard' for fast and fair walking, and this may have accounted for the lack of progress that the backmarkers made towards the middlemen who dominated the final placings.

There was no lack of spectators who, attracted by the sport provided, gathered in force both outside and inside the circuit. Inevitably, the crowd closed in, and in the closing stages of the race the competitors found themselves walking in a steadily narrowing funnel. ...Cont'd on page 23.

TRACK AND FIELD

INTER-CLUB MATCHES:- TEN WINS, TWO DRAWN.

TROPHY MEETINGS:- FOUR WINS, ONE 5th, ONE 6th.

This year has seen one of our best seasons in living memory, our only bad performance coming in the 'Vancouver' (see last issue). Turning out a competitor in every event is half the battle and with our re-emergence as a strong Field club as well as track the scene is set, we hope, for many years of like success.

Congratulations to Derek Boosey for his now regular British team place, to Alan Lerwill and Jim Vivian for their national team places and to John Thresher for his fine 'Southern' win in his first year as a 3 miler.

JUNE 7th - TOOTING - Match v HERNE HILL H v POLY. H v SOUTH LONDON H.

100y	1.J.Vivian	.....	10.7	880y	5.G.Williams	.....	2:00.8	S.P.	1.W.Couzens	....	36'1
220y	1.J.Vivian	.....	22.8		6.J.Rimmer	.....	2:01.1	Dis.	2.W.Couzens	..	104'5
440y	3.A.Mead	.....	53.7		7.A.Major	.....	2:01.1	L.J.	1.L.Moar	.....	19'11
1500m	8.R.Glover	.....	4:28.0	3000m	=	1.W.Kerr, J.Bicourt	8:30.4				

Match:- 1.Belgrave H 35pts, 2.S.L.H. 32pts, 3.Herne Hill 19pts, 4.Poly H 14pts

JUNIORS

100y	1.A.Brooks	.....	11.0	220y	1.A.Brooks	.....	23.6	1500m	1.J.Kelly	.....	4:21.3
	2.P.Gee	.....	11.1	440y	1.P.Gee	.....	54.0	L.J.	1.A.Bent	.....	19'9½
	3.K.Finn	.....	11.8	880y	2.J.Sampson	.....	2:13.6	4x220y	1.Bels	.....	1:37.7

Match:- 1.Belgrave H 31pts, 2.S.L.H. 18pts, 3.H.H.H. 16pts

JUNE 10th - CROYDON 'JACK LEWIS' TROPHY

FIRST TROPHY WIN SINCE 1956

At last a 'trophy' meeting win with some great performances turned in by a great team. It's all of 11 years since we last took home a trophy and Croydon Sports Arena was the scene of our triumph in gusty but warm conditions.

The first event started with maximum points for us as Jim Vivian and Terry Derham took both 'A' and 'B' hundred yard events, the former in a meeting and ground record. Cambridge H, who were to prove our strongest opponents throughout the afternoon, were close behind us with second places in each race. This set the trend for nearly all the track races as time and again our boys led the field. John Bicourt kept clear of a fast finishing Mike Fuller (Wimbledon) in the mile with Laurie O'Hara nearby to take the 'B' event (both races were combined). Vivian again outpaced the Cambridge men for an even time furlong with this time Chris Martin providing the backing with another win in the 'B' race. Tony Brooks recorded his fastest 'quarter' of the season after pushing Mike Fleet (Croydon) at the half-way mark but tying up in the finishing straight. The most inspiring event of the afternoon was the 3000m Steeplechase, won by John Dear, but with the amazing Don Maclean only 16 seconds down in 2nd place and beating all the other clubs' 'A' runners., a tremendous feat by our hard working Press Secretary.

Our Field Event specialists were short of Nick Head, who had to go abroad at the last moment, and therefore several of our 'B' men had to move up into the 'A' events and we had to start looking around for second string men to fill their places. This gave Cambridge H, who are fairly strong on the field, a chance to gain on us. Barry Townsend was kept busy taking 3rd in the 'A' Long Jump, 2nd in the 'A' High Jump and 2nd in thr 'B' Javelin with a good throw of 158'8½ to beat an off-form Brian King in the 'A' event. The Hammer resulted in another improvement for Bill Couzens who adds a couple of feet every time he competes.

The final result was in doubt until the very end when our Javelin men managed to beat the opponents who really mattered and clinch the match by the skin of our teeth and 9½ points. It was pleasing to see the Bels. taking part in the meeting as a real team, track men urging on Field men and vice versa. With a result as close as this all the athletes who competed for us can feel that the points they scored were the vital ones, but three who deserve special mention are ; Don Maclean, with his great 'chasing; Tony Brooks, who filled in his spare time between the 440y and two relay legs with the 'B' Triple Jump where he finished 2nd; and Jim Vivian, who ran four races including a leg of the 4 x 440y in which a highly fancied Cambridge team were beaten and we gained 12 extra points.

RESULTS:

100y	A 1.J.Vivian	....	10.0	220y	A 1.J.Vivian	....	22.0	440y	A 2.A.Brooks	....	51.3
	B 1.T.Derham	....	10.4		B 1.C.Martin	....	22.4		B 4.A.Mead	.....	53.7
880y	A 4.A.Major	...	2:04.1	1m	A 1.J.Bicourt	..	4:18.3	3000	A 1.J.Dear	.....	9:50.0
	B 2.J.Rimmer	..	2:06.2		B L.O'Hara	.....	4:21.4	S/C	B 1.D.Maclean	....	10:06.5

4 x 110y 1.Bels (Derham, Brooks, Martin, Vivian) 44.7			
4 x 440y 1.Bels (Brooks, P.Smith, Martin, Vivian) 3:27.0			
Ham. A 3.W.Couzens... 106'2	S.P	A 5.W.Couzens... 35'5½	Dis. A 5.W.Couzens.... 96'1
B 4.B.King 69'1		B 5.J.Martin ... 31'8	B 4.B.King 91'11
L.J. A 3.B.Townsend... 20'1	H.J.	A 2.B.Townsend... 5'9	T.J. A 3.L.Moar 42'5
B 1.D.Winsborrow. 19'9		B 2.D.Winsborrow. 5'7	B 2.A.Brooks 40'10
Jav. A 4.B.King 154'6		B 2.B.Townsend..... 158'8½	
Teams:- 1.BELGRAVE H 176 pts, 2.Cambridge H 166½ pts, 3.Croydon H 126 pts,			
4.Met.Police 124 pts, 5.Wimbledon AC 82½ pts.			

JUNE 13th - WHITE CITY -

ANOTHER THRESHER BEST

This race was to have been an attack on the British 2 miles record but although the early pace was too slow for this, it was just right for John Thresher who hung on grimly as the pace quickened over the last few laps to record a Belgrave best of 8:38.4. It surely cannot be long before he improves on another of our best Club marks - Geoff North's 13:18.8 for 3 miles.

RESULT: 1.I.McCafferty 8:35.8, 2.D.Graham 8:37.2, 3.A.Rushmer 8:37.8, 4.J.Thresher 8:38.4, 5.T.Johnston 8:39.8, 6.J.Hogan 8:51.2.

JUNE 14th - READING

Just 24 hours after 'failing' at the White City in 8:55.4, Bruce Tulloh clocked 8:35.4 in the Reading Chronicle Invitation '2'. How I bet John Thresher wished he had run in this one rather than the previous race for dragging along behind the Portsmouth star was arch-rival Bob Holt of Hercules AC who clipped John's time by just 1 second. Geoff North recorded a seasonal best of 8:52.8 in 5th place.

In finishing 3rd to Ernie Pomfret (Houghton) and Gerry Stevens (Reading) over a 2000 metres Steeplechase, John Bicourt recorded a Club record of 5:39.8 - only 0.2 secs outside the previous United Kingdom best.

RESULTS:

1m 1.W.Wilkinson (Longwood) 4:01.8	2m 1.B.Tulloh (Portsmouth) 8:35.4
2.M.Rothwell (Sale) 4:02.6	2.C.Stewart (Bournemouth) 8:36.2
3.P.Stewart (Birch) 4:03.4	3.R.Holt (Hercules) 8:37.4
6.P.Whewell (BELGRAVE) 4:07.2	5.G.North (BELGRAVE) 8:52.8
2000m S'chase 1.E.Pomfret (Houghton) 5:33.6	2.G.Stevens (Reading) 5:36.2
3.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE H) 5:39.8	

JUNE 14th - BATTERSEA PARK - Match v SURREY AC v POLY. H.

100y 1.J.Vivian 10.3	220y 1.J.Vivian 22.5	440y 2.P.Smith 52.4
3.T.Derham 10.6	2.C.Martin 22.7	3.A.Mead 53.0
880y 2.J.Rimmer 2:01.8	1m 1.A.Major 4:23.9	2m 2.A.Fairclough. 9:28.2
Jav. 1.N.Head 199'9	3.J.Dear 4:26.4	4.D.Maclean 10:04.9
3.B.King 178'8	5.W.Kerr 4:30.0	H.J. 1.D.Winsborrow.... 5'4
L.J. 3.L.Moar 20'5½	S.P 1.N.Head 42'1½	3.S.Opaye..... 5'0
5.D.Winsborrow. 19'3½	2.W.Couzens..... 35'18½	

Match:- 1.Belgrave h 98pts, 2.Surrey AC 67pts, 3.Poly H 37pts.

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100y 1.A.Brooks 10.8	220y 1.A.Brooks 23.3	440y 1.P.Gee 58.0
2.P.Gee 11.0	2.P.Gee 24.1	880y 1.M.Perry 2:16.2
L.J. 1.A.Bent 19'5½	Jav. 2.D.Wilkinson. 115'4½	H.J. 1.A.Bent..... 5'8
2.A.Brooks..... 17'10	3.A.Brooks 114'0	S.P. 2.A.Brooks 28'10

Match:- 1.Belgrave h 71pts, 2.Surrey AC 61pts

JUNE 19th - PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS - Match v HIGHGATE H

100y 3.D.Winsborrow 10.9	220y 2.D.Winsborrow 24.1	440y 1.P.Smith.... 53.3
4.S.Opaye 11.0	4.P.Gee 25.1	2.A.Mead 54.6
880y 2.A.Mead 2:52.2	1m 2.A.Major 4:25.8	2m 2.C.Steer 9:37.2
3.J.Rimmer 2:6.0	4.P.Hilliard 4:29.0	3.T.Hart 9:41.4
Shot 1.N.Head 42'3	Jav. 1.N.Head 197'1	L.J. 3.Winsborrow 18'8
3.W.Couzens ... 36.8	2.B.King 170'0	4.S.Opaye 17'1

RESULT:- =1. BELGRAVE H, Highgate H 80pts

JUNE 23rd/24th - MOTSPUR PARK

SOUTHERN CHAMPS.

The 'Southern' Long Jump was one of the closest events at this meeting and was a triumph for Dave Ansell. After three rounds Peter Templeton (Bristol), the Inter-Counties winner, led with 23'0 $\frac{1}{2}$, Alan Lerwill was close behind with 22'9 $\frac{1}{2}$, John Mitchell was also on this mark and only scraping into the final six after two 'no-jumps, and Derek Wade in 4th spot with 22'5 $\frac{1}{2}$. So high was the standard that several top class jumpers could not make the final three rounds.

As the final began the rain eased - Templeton improved fractionally in Round 4 but it was in Round 5 that things really began to happen. Lerwill, drawn 4th launched out to 23'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ and next down the runway was Templeton, improving again but now only 2nd in the competition with 23'2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Now, drawn 6th, came Derek Wade with a magnificent leap of 23'7 - alas! a no-jump.

John Mitchell led off on the last round with the distinct possibility of not getting a medal but showing that characteristic fighting quality he tore down the runway and out the sand at 23'3, 2nd place. He could do nothing now but burn up nervous energy watching his rivals come down one by one. Alan Lerwill also hit 23'3, Templeton in a do or die effort fouled at 23'4 and now it was all up to our Club Champion Derek Wade, poising himself at the end of the run-up, the last competitor to jump and knowing that he was at the top of his form. Alan and John couldn't look - Templeton couldn't look away as Derek soared smoothly away from the board. 23'1 and a good 4th place.

The only pity was that Bob Jones who was within 2" of Derek at the Club Champs was unable to compete due to injury.

Beating a classy field, a waterlogged track and stringing together three separate miles of 4:32.8, 4:38.0 and 4:25.0, John Thresher took the first major title of his career. Nobody could have forecast the winner with any certainty with only one lap remaining but 220 yards out Thresher struck out for home, reaching the tape fractionally ahead of Tim Johnston (Ports) and the ex-holder Dave Gibson (Surrey).

RESULTS:

2m	1.G.Goodman (TVH) ∇	9:11.8	L.J.	1.A.Lerwill (QPH/BELGRAVE)	23'10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2.J.Buchanan (Hill'don)	9:15.8		2.J.Mitchell (BELGRAVE)	23'3
	3.A.Joslyn (Poly H)	9:16.8		3.P.Templeton (Bristol)	23'2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	6.A.Major (BELGRAVE)	9:27.2		4.D.Wade (BELGRAVE)	23'1
3m	1.J.Thresher (BELGRAVE)	13:35.8	3000m	1.G.Stevens (Reading)	8:54.8
	2.T.Johnston (Ports)	13:36.2	S/C	2.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE)	9:05.8
	3.D.Gibson (Surrey)	13:36.4		3.P.Lightfoot (D'port)	9:06.8
				4.A.Black (BELGRAVE)	9:24.0
				6.J.Dear (BELGRAVE)	9:42.0

JUNE 28th - BATTERSEA PARK - Match v L.A.C. v WOODFORD GN. v HERNE HILL H.								
100y	A 2.A.Lerwill	.....10.7	220y	A 2.C.Martin	..... 22.9	440y	3.P.Smith	.... 52.4
	B 1.C.Martin	.....10.7		B 1.A.Lerwill	..... 23.5			
880y	5.J.Kelly	..... 2:01.8	1m	2.J.Dear	..... 4:25.6	2m	1.D.Ferne	... 9:24
	6.A.Mead	..... 2:01.9		3.A.Major	..... 4:26.3		2.C.Steer	.... 9:32.2
H.J.	3.A.Bent	..... 5'4	Dis.	2.W.Couzens	..... 99'1	S.P.	1.N.Head	..... 42'3 $\frac{1}{2}$
				4.B.King	..... 95'4		4.W.Couzens	.... 36'5 $\frac{1}{2}$
L.J.	5.R.Couillault 19'3		6.A.Brooks 18'10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Match:-	1.BELGRAVE	H 79pts,	2.L.A.C.	60pts,	3.Woodford Gn.	41pts,	4.H.H.H.	30pts

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100y	1.S.White 10.8	220y	1.S.White 23.9	440y	1.A.Brooks 52.0
	3.P.Gee 11.0		2.P.Gee 24.1		3.M.Perry 61.0
880y	1.A.Brooks	..... 2:11.4	L.J.	3.A.Bent	..... 18'0			
	2.M.Perry	..... 2:14.6		4.S.White	..... 17'7 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Match:-	1.BELGRAVE	H 53pts,	2.L.A.C.	24pts,	3.Woodford Gn.	12pts,	4.H.H.H.	6pts

JUNE 17th - ACTON - LONDON TRANSPORT INVITATION '21

1.Geoff North 8:57, 2.P.Whewell 8:57.0, 7.L.O'Hara 9:16, 8.A.Major 9:20, 9.W.Kerr 9:25
10.J.Dear 9:28
Team Race :- 1.BELGRAVE 'A' 12pts, 2.BELGRAVE 'B' 25pts, 3. Irish Club 29pts.

JULY 1st - SOUTHAMPTON

RYDER TROPHY

At first our 5th place seems to be only an average performance at this Southampton AC sponsored trophy meeting but only 27 points covered the first five clubs and we had more than our share of bad luck. Jim Vivian went down with a throat infection and a mix up in the sprint relay cost us at least 12 points.

Our only wins of the afternoon came from Peter Whewell (1m), John Mitchell (L.J) and Alan Black (3000mSC) recording a personal best of 9:15.6. However, we had many runners-up and scored well in most events. On the track John Dear recorded a good 9:37.8 for 4th in the Steeplechase and Peter Hilliar made a welcome return to our trophy team with 3rd in the 'B' 880y.

Denzil Winsborrow and Barry Townsend filled 2nd and 4th places in the Pole Vault and also scored heavily in the High Jump. Top points scorer of the day, though, was Nicholas Head with 3rd in the Javelin and 5th in the Shot and Discus, both the latter being close to his best ever.

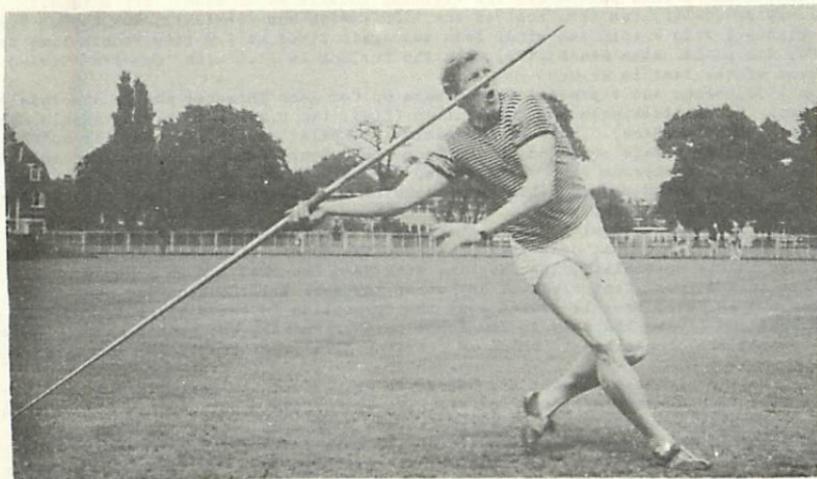


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NICK HEAD

RESULT:-

100y A 3.J.Mitchell 10.3	220y A 6.C.Martin 22.7	440y A 8.P.Smith 53.3	
B 2.C.Martin 10.5		B 5.A.Mead 52.6	
880y A 6.J.Rimmer .....2:02.2	1m A 1.P.Whewell ..4:13.2	3m 4.Gy.North ...14:33.8	
B 3.P.Hilliar .....2:01.9		5.A.Major.....14:39.0	
3000m 1.A.Black .....9:15.6	P.V. 2.Winsborrow....11'0	H.J. A 2.B.Townsend.... 5'10	
S/C 3.J.Dear .....9:37.8	4.B.Townsend....10'6	B 3.D.Winsborrow 5'6	
Shot A 5.N.Head .....42'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jav.A 3.N.Head .....201'10	Dis. A 5.N.Head.....123'10	
B 6.W.Couzens .....35'7 $\frac{1}{2}$	B 3.B.King .....168'8	B 7.W.Couzens.... 96'0	
L.J. A 1.J.Mitchell .....22'7 $\frac{1}{2}$	T.J. A 6.L.Moar 41'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Med.Relay	
B 5.R.Couillault...19'7 $\frac{1}{2}$	B R.Couillault... 41'8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.Belgrave H....	
Teams:-	1.Portsmouth 156pts,	2.Southampton 141 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts,	3.Blackheath 134pts,
	4.Walton 129 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts,	5.BELGRAVE H 129pts,	6.Milocarian 88pts,
	7.Met.Police 72pts,	8.Royal Navy 57pts,	9.Herne Hill 42pts.

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120yH : 1.G.Gower (B'hth) 14.3, 2.G.Tyms (Sy) 14.5, 3.C.Webb (Poly) 15.1,
6.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE) 16.7 (16.5 ht)

3000m SC: 1.A.Black (BELGRAVE) 9:13.2, 2.D.Davies (TVH) 9:22.0, 3.D.Jeffrey (B'hth) 9:47.6

4 x 440yds: 1.TVH 3:19.1, 2.Hercules 3:23.1, 3.BELGRAVE 3:24.5.

Match:- 1.BELGRAVE H 86pts, 2.Blackheath H 73pts, 3.Surrey AC 72pts, 4.TVH 61pts,
5.Polytechnic H 59pts, 6.Hercules AC 54pts,

'Brockman' Win

JULY 8th - WIMBLEDON PARK

In 1965 we were 8th of the twelve clubs that compete annually for Herne Hill Harrier's "H.C. Brockman" Trophy with a mealy 12 points. 1966 saw us improve to 5th with 53 points and now in 1967 we have beaten all the top clubs in the London area to win the event with 86 points. A magnificent performance!

The afternoon started not too hopefully for us when in the first track final - the '6' - an injured Trevor Hart retired after a quarter of the distance had been covered. Another blow came when Tony Brooks was unable to qualify for the 440yd final although recording a time that would have almost won the other heat. However, the 'Field Boys' were already making up for the unexpected loss of points - Bill Couzens making the final six in the Hammer and Nicholas Head, in great shape, heaving the discus 123'11" for 4th place (a sandwich in his non-throwing hand).

The standard in the sprints was amazing, both winning times being faster than those of the Invitation events put on for the visiting South African team. John Mitchell clocked 9.9 to qualify for the final of the '100' which was eventually won by Bob Frith (Poly) with 9.7 into a stiffish wind. John was again timed at 9.9 (the fourth time this year) for 4th place. Mike Hauck (TVH) took the furlong in 21.6 with 'Our Jim' Vivian well ahead of the rest in 22.0.

The 1500 metres was a pre-AAA Champs warm up for John Thresher and he absolutely romped away from a field including Hugh Pullan (SLH), two S.African Internationals and arch rival Bob Holt (Herc). Back on the field the 'Bels' were still steadily notching up the points. Derek Wade made 2nd in the Long Jump, Denzil Winsborrow vaulted into 4th place despite a treacherous wind that removed the bar without any help from the competitors, and Barry Townsend recorded his best marks of the season with a 16.5 High Hurdles effort and a 5'11" High Jump.

We were now equal 3rd with TVH in the team result behind Surrey AC and Blackheath H but now came two events that drastically altered the points situation. On one of his last throws in his speciality, the Javelin, Nick Head launched a mighty throw of 211'3" - a Club Record and four feet clear of any other thrower. Bill Couzens was sent into ecstasies, and as Peter Whewell ground away the opposition in the 3 miles to knock 20 secs off his best and finish 2nd only to Tim Johnston (Portsmouth) who wasn't scoring anyway, even announcer Bill Lucas had to chime in over the 'mike' that the 'Bels' had taken the lead.

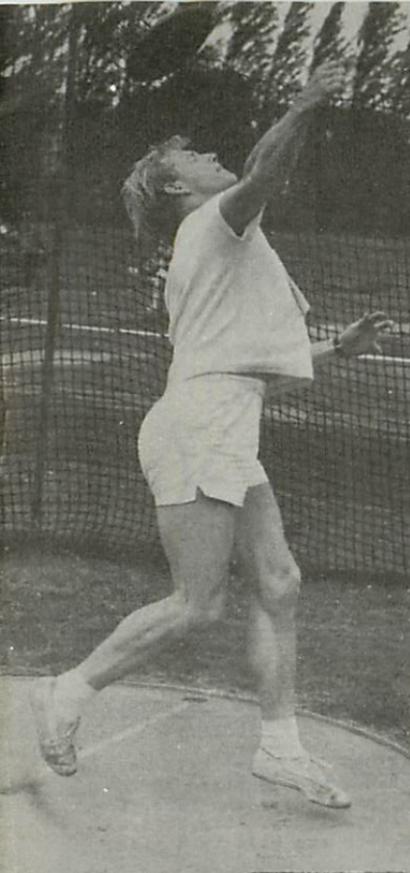
Only the Steeplechase and the 4 x 440yds to go. An unknown Surrey man forced his way into the lead in a do or die effort for his club but it was soon the 'new style' Alan Black Forging away from the field at every barrier with even Dai Davies (TVH) hard pressed. Alan hammered away and was rewarded with a best ever of 9:13.2. It looks as if John Bicourt is not going to have things all his own way. The relay was unfortunately divided into two separate races, the result being decided on times. TVH and Hercules were well clear in the first heat and it was a great pity that we had not been drawn with them for the opposition in our own race was almost nil. Tony Brooks gave us a good lead on the first leg which was steadily improved upon by John Mitchell, Chris Martin and Jim Vivian and we finished streets ahead in our race but 3rd overall in 3:24.5 our best time for ages.

The 'Brockman' was in our hands again after 11 years. A happy Bob Taylor was presented with the 'goodies' by the Herne Hill officials and it's the 'Advertiser' and 'Boughey' trophies next on the list!

RESULTS:

- 100yds: 1.R.Frith (Poly) 9.7, 2.A.Tymms (Sy) 9.8, 3.R.Steane (TVH) 9.9,
4.J.Mitchell (BELGRAVE) 9.9
- 220yds: 1.M.Hauck (TVH) 21.6, 2.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE) 22.0, 3.E.Leitch (Hercules) 22.2
- 440yds: Heats:- 4.A.Brooks 51.4
- 880yds: Heats:- 5.P.Hilliard 2:01.1
- 1500m: 1.J.Thresher (BELGRAVE) 3:49.7, 2.H.Pullan (SLH) 3:51.6, 3.R.Holt (Hercules) 3:53.5
- 3 mls: 1.P.Whewell (BELGRAVE) 13:39.4, 2.M.Gowan (HHH) 13:53.0, 3.D.Holt (Herc) 13:54.4
- 6 mls: T.Hart d.n.f.
- L.J.: 1.G.Hamlyn (B'ht) 22'8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2.D.Wade (BELGRAVE) 21'6 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.K.Wilmsheurst (Walt) 21'6
- H.J.: 1.R.Morris (Walt) 6'2, 2.L.Foster (Camb) 6'2, 3.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE) 5'11
- T.J.: 7.R.Couillault
- Hammer: 1.C.Melluish (Camb) 171'10, 2.W.Treharne (Sy) 169'6, 3.L.Hall (TVH) 163'11,
6.W.Couzens (BELGRAVE) 112'8
- Jav: 1.N.Head (BELGRAVE) 211'3, 2.R.Lane (Croy) 207'3, 3.M.Bartlett (Poly) 197'9
- Discus: 1.O.Feldmanis (Mitch) 137'9, 2.B.Smith (Herc) 129'1, 3.C.Cogswell (Sy) 128'3,
4.N.Head (BELGRAVE) 123'11
- Shot: 1.C.Cogswell (Sy) 51'5, 2.I.Boorman (Croy) 44'2, 3.B.Shapcott (B'ht) 43'3,
6.N.Head (BELGRAVE) 42'0 $\frac{1}{2}$
- P.V.: 1.J.Fenge (SLH) 13'6, 2.L.Jones (B'ht) 12'6, 3.R.Murphy (Poly) 12'0,
4.D.Winsborrow (BELGRAVE) 10'9

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TOP LEFT: Nicholas Head heaves the Discus 123'11 for 4th place. TOP RIGHT: Although not qualifying for the final of the 440y Tony Brooks later led the field-home on the 1st leg of the 4 x 440y. BOTTOM LEFT: John Mitchell qualifying for the 100y final in 9.9 behind Tymms (Surrey). BOTTOM RIGHT: Long Jumper Derek Wade leaps to 2nd place.

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LITTLE
BOY
THIS
WEEK

ESPECIALLY
 FOR OUR
 READERS,
 AN
 EXCITING
 MASK!

Dear Friends,

This week we are getting very excited because we are all going to our A.G.M. - What a jolly time we shall have there.

I remember many years ago one of our members, who was very cross, leaping to his feet and crying 'I'm not satisfied!'

Albert Footer, who was always so quick cupped his hand to his mouth and replied 'Well - get married!' Ho! Ho! What a little tinker he was.

Then on another occasion our Treasurer Sid Roberts, who was most concerned at collecting our pennies, banged his paws together to make sure everyone was sitting up straight and listening, said slowly and deliberately, 'I want you all to become subconscious!' Dear me, how we did laugh.

So don't forget, come along, we shall have such fun.

Lots of love,

Bill Sykes

(and a thumb print from clink).

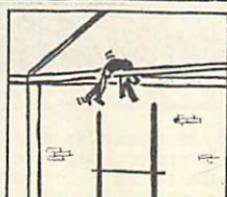
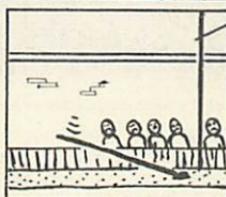
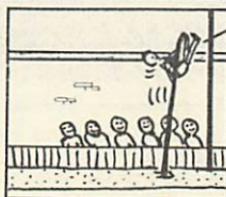
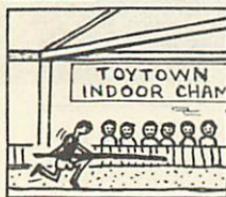
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CONGRATULATIONS To 'Big' Bill Curtin and Nigel Bacon who journeyed to Warrington, paid their own fare, 56/- each, for competition. Big Bill, I understand, won the mile in 4 mins. 44 secs.

"The bravest man I ever knew was the chap who took a taxi to the Bankruptcy Court and invited the driver in as a creditor."

A small town is a place where everybody knows what everyone else is doing, and they all read the local paper to see who has been caught at it.

NOT FAIR that 'Little' Ian Gillings trains with the big boys - their pride wont let them 'drop' and Little Ian duffed up our aimiable giant Bob Glover round the Park (Battersea) the other day.



Once upon a time there were two gnomes. They lived in a big forest. The part of the forest where they lived was called the Bell Glade. The two little gnomes had a special job. You see, because not many of the other fairies and elves could write, our two little friends used to collect all the news of what happened in the Bell Glade and write it all down on big leaves and give it to all their friends. The fairies and elves in the glade looked forward to getting the news and would read it excitedly to see if their names were mentioned.

The two gnomes worked very hard. But as time went by the fairies and elves in the glade did not get so excited when they received the leaves with all the news written on them. 'Oh Dear' said the first gnome, whose name was Eddie Tore 'no-one gets excited by our leaves anymore. What are we to do?' 'I know', said his friend, who was called Ass Ed, 'Instead of just writing news on our leaves, everyone's heard it anyway, let's give out extra leaves with jokes and things like that.'

They both thought this was a splendid idea so they asked another gnome whose name was Charlemagne to write some jokes. Charlemagne was a very witty gnome who spent all his time chasing butterflies and moths round the glade. But he found time to write some jokes and when the next leaves were given out everyone laughed and said 'Aren't we lucky to have such clever gnomes in our glade. The fairies in other glades haven't got such good news-leaves.'

But the King Elf and some of his friends were angry because they thought that the fairies and elves shouldn't laugh at the affairs of the glade, even if they were sometimes funny. So they called a meeting of all the important folk in the glade and the important folk said that the two gnomes were very naughty and in

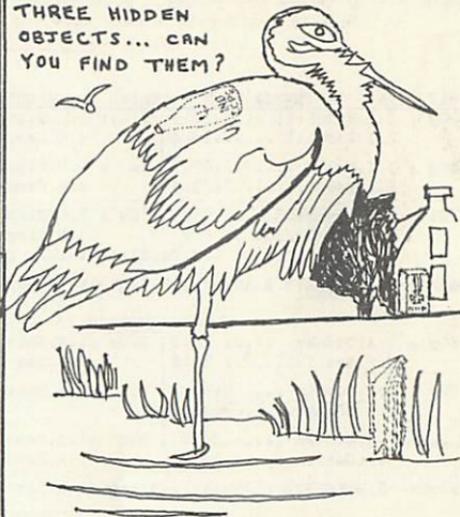
future they must treat their work more seriously.

Of course this made the two gnomes sad because they had only been trying to cheer other people up. They were so sad that they packed their bags and ran away to another glade. So from that time on the fairies and elves of the Bell-Glade didn't get any news at all, and, as the King Elf said, 'No news is good news.'

The moral of this story is - Don't worry, you can't please all the people all the time.

FOR YOU TO CRAYON... THERE ARE

THREE HIDDEN
OBJECTS... CAN
YOU FIND THEM?



The missing objects are, a bottle of beer, a race card and a packet of cigarettes

HAPPY READERS

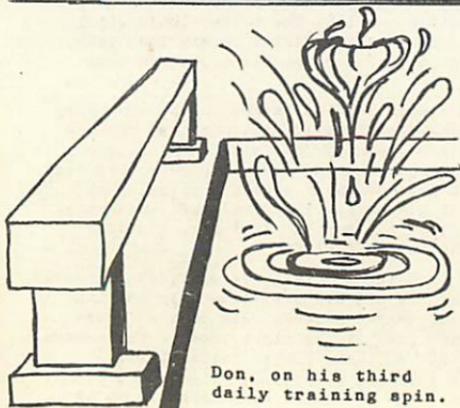
Alf, 'I look down on them,' with chums Bill and Les.



Handsome Bob with an expression to set hearts a fluttering.



Bill, 'Phew! I must get this tooth seen to.'



Don, on his third daily training spin.

JULY 4th - NORBITON - Match v SURREY AC v H.H.H. v T.V.H. v MITCHAM AC		
100y A 1.J.Vivian 10.2	220y A 1.J.Vivian 22.2	440y A 5.A.Mead 52.6
B 1.J.Mitchell..... 10.2	B 1.C.Martin	B 2.J.Mitchell.. 51.1
880y 3.P.Hilliari .....2:01.4	1m 3.A.Major 4:27.0	4 x 110y 1.Belgrave H
6.J.Rimmer .....2:02.0	7.C.Steer 4:29.0	43.2
Ham. 2.W.Couzens 111'1	Shot 1.N.Head 41'3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Jav. 1.N.Head .....201'1
5.N.Head 95'11	8.W.Couzens 34'8	7.B.King .....155'8
E.J. 1.A.Lerwill 22'10	Dis. 2.N.Head 128'10	
2.J.Mitchell 22'8	9.W.Couzens 99'2	

JUNIORS

100y 3.P.Gee 11.0	220y 2.P.Gee 23.7	440y 1.A.Brooks..... 51.6
880y 3.R.Moody .....2:11.6	4 x 110y 1.Belgrave H .....47.5	

Match :- 1.Surrey AC 335 pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 251pts (Points scoring includes Seniors, Juniors and Youths) - Bels were top Senior club.

JULY 12th - BATTERSEA PARK - Match v HIGHGATE H v WALTON A C

100y: 1.J.Mitchell .....10.3	220y: 1.C.Martin 22.9	440y:1.P.Smith 52.1
2.A.Lerwill .....10.4	3.T.Derham 23.7	2.D.Gleeson 52.2
880y : 3.J.Kelly .....2:02.7	1m : 1.D.Tipper .....4:24.3	2m :1.W.Kerr 9:11.8
4.A.Mead .....2:03.4	4.M.Simms .....4:38.2	2.R.Piotrowski 9:22.0
H.J. : 1.B.Townsend 5'8	Jav : 1.N.Head 192'9	Shot:1.N.Head..... 40'8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.D.Winsborrow .. 5'2	3.B.King 163'1	3.W.Couzens ... 35'4 $\frac{1}{2}$
T.J. : 1.R.Couillault 43'3	3.L.Moar 43'0 $\frac{1}{4}$	

Match:- 1.BELGRAVE H 109pts, 2.Highgate H 58pts, 3.Walton AC 42pts

JUNIORS

100y : 1.A.Brooks 10.8	220y :1.S.White 23.5	440y: 1.A.Brooks 53.3
2.P.Gee 10.8	2.P.Gee 23.7	
880y : 4.W.Curtin .....2:11.4	H.J. :1.A.Bent 5'6	Jav.: 2.D.Merry 110'6
6.R.Moody .....2:13.2		3.A.Brooks ... 93'3
T.J. : 2.A.Brooks 37'6	Shot :1.A.Bent .....31'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3.P.Gee 34'0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.A.Brooks .....28'4 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Match:- 1.BELGRAVE H 75pts, 2.Highgate H 34pts, 3.Walton AC 11pts.

A. A. A. CHAMPS

JULY 14th/15th - WHITE CITY

Fresh back from Nevada University, Derek Boosey looked his fittest yet. On May 20th at San Jose in California he had Triple-Jumped 51'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " behind his own Club Record and with National Record holder Fred Alsop not as fit as he has been, Derek could possibly have taken his first AAA title. Also opened the competition with a leap of 50'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ whereas Derek could only reach 48'11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Neither man improved until in the 5th Round the Belgravian closed right up with 50'3 $\frac{1}{2}$. This was just the spur that Also needed and his final effort took him well clear of all the opposition - 51'5. The title could still be Derek's if he could reproduce the form he has shown in the States on his last leap. It was not to be, he fouled and had to be content with 2nd place but a certain team place in the G.B. v U.S.A match.

Derek Wade and John Mitchell both failed to reach the final eight in the Long Jump but had to contend with the toughest of opposition. Alan Lerwill did, however, compete in the final and managed to finish 7th but more significantly 3rd Briton behind Lynn Davies and Peter Reed. John also competed in the 100yds and together with our other ace sprinter Jim Vivian reached the semi-finals. Both were drawn in separate semis, both races called for photo-finishes involving the last places for the final and, unhappily, both our men were ruled out. It was great to see two Bels getting that far. Jim also finished 3rd in a furlong heat with only the first two to qualify.

The 3 miles race involved a battle royal to find the top Belgrave man. John Thresher running as he never has before, took another 8 seconds off his best time only to find himself beaten by Geoff North who returned 13:23.0, only 4 seconds down on his Inter-County winning time of last year and coming to hand just at the right time of the season. As if this was not enough a third Belgravian was hot on their heels. Peter Whewell continued his astounding progress over the 12 lap event with 13:36.2, a time that only a couple of years ago would have been a Club Record but now could only take him up to third Bel home!

RESULTS:

100y Heats:	2.J.Vivian	10.0
	2.J.Mitchell	10.0
Semis:	5.J.Vivian	10.1
	4.J.Mitchell	10.2
220y Heats:	3.J.Vivian	22.1
3 miles:	1.R.Clark (Australia) 12:59.6	
	2.L.Mecser (Hungary) ..	13:03.4
	3.I.McCafferty (M'will) 13:09.8	
	11.Geoff North (BELG) ..	13:23.0
	13.J.Thresher (BELGRAVE) 13:27.2	
	15.P.Whewell (BELGRAVE) 13:36.2	

T.Jump:	1.F.Alsop (Horn).....	51'5
	2.D.Boosey (BELGRAVE)	50'3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	3.M.Karayannis (Greece)....	49'8 $\frac{1}{2}$
L.Jump:	1.L.Davies (Roath).....	26'0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2.M.Klauss (Germany).....	25'3
	3.J.Pani (France).....	25'2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	7.A.Lerwill (QPH/BEL).....	23'9
	13.J.Mitchell (BELGRAVE)....	22'9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	16.D.Wade (BELGRAVE)	22'3 $\frac{1}{2}$

JULY 22nd - ERITH - SOUTHERN COUNTIES AAA v KENT & HERTFORDSHIRE

100y:	1.J.Mitchell (SCAAA/BEL)...	10.1	L.Jump:	1.D.Wade (SCAAA/BEL).....	28'10 $\frac{1}{2}$
220y:	1.J.Vivian (SCAAA/BEL)...	22.6		2.J.Mitchell (SCAAA/BEL)...	

- MOTSPUR PARK - INTER BANKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

440y:	4.P.Smith (Barclays/BEL) ..	52.2
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- 'B' INTERNATIONAL MATCH v FRANCE AT LA BAULE

T.Jump:	1.D.Boosey (GB/BELGRAVE) ...	50'11 $\frac{1}{2}$
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FAIRCLOUGH takes CLUB '3'**JULY 26th - BATTERSEA PARK**

Whether over ten miles or three, when Tony Fairclough and Laurie O'Hara cross swords in a Club Championship race you can bank on there being a tight finish. This was to be no exception.

Bill Kerr shot away from the start in his typical do or die fashion, only Alan Black and Fairclough hanging on for the ride. Eyebrows were raised when it was noticed that Bill Dance, usually only too keen to take on suicidally fast starts, was taking things more steadily in company with Gerry North and not far from our newly joined Guardsman Dick Piotrowski. At about half-way 'Flying Scotsman' Kerr ran out of steam and was picked up by the main pack at an alarming rate. Now Alan Black started to drop, though not so quickly, and Tony Fairclough seemed to have the race all sewn up. But who was this streaking through through the field as the finish neared - none but 'Little Laurie' O'Hara. He ripped past Alan Black and with 660 yards to go was 35 yards down on Tony. The 'bell' spurred him on even more and one wondered why with this amount of energy left he had let Fairclough get so much lead. With half a lap left the gap was down to about 5 yards but at that it remained, the leader refusing to give another inch. Fairclough was a good winner and unable to contain his elation at winning the championship skipped with glee as he broke the tape.

The other championship held on this evening was the 120yds Hurdles. The winner was an athlete who is going to be extremely useful to us in the near future. Note his name - Peter Vickery. Although winning by only one tenth of a second, Peter, who is a junior and therefore used to lower barriers, was never in danger of losing this his first race since joining the Club. Apart from his hurdling (he has already won the Southern Junior 330yds Hurdles) he has Long Jumped 21'9, clocked 10.4 for the 'hundred' and has aspirations towards the Decathlon.

RESULTS:

3m:	1.A.Fairclough.....	14:17	18.J.Rimmer	16:11
	2.L.O'Hara	14:17.6	19.E.Penny	16:13
	3.A.Black	14:30	20.D.Maclean	16:33
	4.W.Dance	14:31	21.P.Blair-Fish	16:46
	5.R.Piotrowski	14:39	22.D.Hurd	16:48
	6.Gerry North	14:42	23.W.Laws	16:56
	7.W.Kerr	14:42	24.D.Newell	17:02
	8.T.Hart	14:47	25.J.Baker	17:20
	9.A.Major	14:48	26.D.Crookes	17:24
	10.J.Dear	15:01	27.J.Dooley	17:25
	11.L.Mann	15:06	28.J.Hall	17:35
	12.H.Satchell	15:19	29.P.Sutton	17:43
	13.P.O'Connor	15:51	30.W.Fairfield	18:00
	14.C.Steer	15:52	31.E.Pallant	18:03
	15.M.Simms	15:52	32.M.Stearman	18:16
	16.R.Glover	15:56	33.C.Manning	18:17
	17.C.Keavy	16:08	34.S.Laudin	18:41
			37 started.	
120yH:	1.P.Vickery	17.1	3.L.Moar	17.2
	2.D.Winsborrow	17.2	4.C.Brooks	19.7

IT'S FAIRCLOUGH AGAIN

Battersea Park---August 9th

Running in his most relaxed and confident manner, Tony Fairclough shook off all the opposition just after half way to become our 6 mile champion for 1967.

Don Maclean may have been last to arrive at the track but the momentum of his speedy change and dash to the start carried him into a first lap lead, closely tailed by the barefooted Trevor Hart. The latter towed the field through the next two laps at a fairly leisurely pace until Gerry North, the holder, livened up the pace with a burst to the front. Laurie O'Hara tagged him closely but Fairclough was nearly caught napping and took half a lap to close up again, whilst Dick Piotrowski failed to get out of the ruck in time to maintain contact.

There were many surprised faces 2½ laps later when Laurie and Tony moved away from Gerry. The two leaders looked extremely comfortable, running shoulder to shoulder, with Fairclough in the second lane. The remainder did not look too good, except perhaps Piotrowski who also passed Gerry a lap later. The leaders passed through 2 miles in 9:40 with Dick just 6 seconds down, followed by Hart and North (9:54) and Dance (10:06).

The first three steadily drew away and the lapping commenced---an event that called for the full concentration of six or more officials, for some of the 27 runners were to be lapped four times before the end.

Three miles saw the leading pair through in 14:43 with Dick now 15 seconds back, followed by Hart (15:06), North (15:17), Dance (15:23), Mann (15:26), Steer (15:32) and Hilliar (15:34). Just one lap later Fairclough decided to go it alone and went into a 2 second lead, but Laurie hung on well and 5 laps later was still only 4 seconds in arrears. Meanwhile Hart had retired ("the pace was too fast"), Bill Dance was another to pass the still unfit North and Peter Hilliar was suffering badly with stitch.

Four miles saw the first three through in 19:44, 19:48 and 20:13 and at five miles the leading positions were, Fairclough (24:45), O'Hara (25:00), Piotrowski (25:32), Dance (25:48), Steer and Mann (25:53) and North (25:57).

Except for North regaining fifth place from the Steer/Mann partnership the last mile saw no change. Peter Hilliar recovered well after considerable loss of ground in the middle stages whilst Bob Glover showed some excellent form. Those "old stagers" Charlie Walker and Arthur Bruce went round in tandem for most of the race with Chas. having the edge on the last circuit.

Young Nigel Bacon, competing in his first "six", did well to put five seniors behind him. What is more, he looked fresher than many of his opponents. Don Maclean faded rapidly in the middle stages with blistered feet, and on noting the lap recorders' confusion as to his position prompted them with his own count-down on each of the remaining circuits!

RESULT:

1.A.Fairclough.....	29:40.4	14.J.Baker	35:09
2.L.O'Hara	29:55	15.C.Henn	35:18
3.R.Piotrowski	30:43	16.D.Newell	35:40
4.G.Dance	30:50	17.K.Stimpson	35:42
5.Gerry North	31:16	18.J.Hall	35:56
6.C.Steer	31:27	19.P.Sutton	36:36
7.L.Mann	31:29	20.N.Bacon	36:57
8.P.Hilliar	32:32	21.D.Maclean	37:04
9.R.Glover	32:48	22.E.Fallant	37:04
10.P.O'Connor	33:00	23.W.Fairfield	37:46
11.C.Walker	34:00	24.A.Mead	38:02
12.A.Bruce	34:02	25.J.Plummer	39:30
13.G.Biscoe	34:44	29 started.	

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In the recent 'Belgrave Baby Stakes' there was a very close finish for the 'Gold Medal' between the Langheim and O'Hara's. Young David Langheim taking after his fathers habit of always being late, just managed to get first place by arriving one day before 'Silver Medallist' Phillip O'Hara.

Whilst offering congratulations to the respective Mums and Dads we have to report that there is no foundation to the rumour that Brenda and Bill Dance, not content with a 'Bronze' are hoping for the TEAM award later in August.

NEW I.A.A.F. RULING.

Members are reminded that under a new I.A.A.F. ruling an athlete can lose his eligibility to compete under I.A.A.F. rules if he:-

(a) "Receives, directly or indirectly, any compensation for using or recommending the use of any merchandise whatsoever; 'merchandise' shall include anything sold or any service supplied to the public".

(b) "Allows his name or his picture, whether static or moving, to be used directly or indirectly to advertise any merchandise;-

NOTE: When and where it is proved that the name or the picture of the athlete was used for the purpose of this paragraph without his knowledge the indemnity to be collected from the person or persons responsible for the injury privately agreed or stipulated by the courts, will revert to the Federation to which the athlete belongs".

(c) "While training or competing, displays any advertisement whatsoever. You will note that this rule precludes, among other things, the carrying into the arena of any bag or container bearing the name of any merchandise whatsoever. 'Merchandise' includes anything sold or any service supplied to the public. The carrying into the arena of bags displaying the name of makers of running shoes falls within the prohibited category".

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All good things, however, come to an end; much to the relief of the Parkkeeper deputed to maintain order. Jee collected his flags and marking pegs and soon "The curfew tolled the knell of parting day" - Closing time.

So a page of history was turned; the cinder track in its original form, 3 laps to the mile, was opened for use in 1923.

In the interregnum of 1921 and 1922 the Club was able to use the ground of Prices A.C. at Openview, Earlsfield, by kind permission of Price's Patent Candle Company of Battersea. It was here in 1922 that the Club's Track Championships' meeting was instituted with a modest programme that included 4 trophy events, 100 yards (Grosvener Cup) 440 yards (J.G. Sawyer Memorial Cup) 1 mile (Garnett Cup) and 2 mile walk (A.J. Sawyer Memorial Cup).

The Club now has 44 Championship trophies .....  
..... we have travelled a long way in the last 45 years!

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The Autumn fixtures are as follows. Why not telephone Bill Lucas now and tell him of your plans and state of fitness? Close contact with Bill (660-2576) will help both you and the selectors.

	September	9th	-----	Surrey Relay (Woking)
	"	16th	-----	Club 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Blackheath Relay
(Sunday)	"	24th	-----	Hornchurch Relay
	"	30th	-----	Yacht 3
	October	7th	-----	Walton Relay
	"	14th	-----	BELGRAVE OPEN RELAY
	"	21st	-----	Bristol to Weston Relay.

Last year our tally was 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 fifth and 1 sixth. This year let us erase the memory of those fifth and sixth positions.

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A penultimate lap of 99.6 saw them thro' the bell requiring only a 100 second circuit for the record. It must fall. Excitement raced to fever pitch as all attention focussed on the desperate duel to see who would hold the new mark.

Matthews appeared to accelerate round the first bend determined to hold off Vickers at all cost but when he hit the back straight he seemed to falter, just momentarily, and that settled it. Vickers was past in a flash. His acceleration was astonishing. All those repetition 220's and 440's at Battersea were now paying off and his initial burst took him into the last bend 20 yards clear. Matthews recovered well and for a spell actually reduced the gap but Vickers gave him no chance as his final burst carried him thro' the tape in a new record of 13:02.4, 9 seconds inside the old mark. It was only justice that Ken Matthews also got inside the old mark, by 1.8 secs.

And so our two greatest ever walkers jogged round the track to receive the acclaim of the crowd. Their record will stand for a long long while. Neither would rate this race near the top of their achievements. The Olympic Gold of Matthews and the European Gold and Olympic Bronze of Vickers make it seem very small fry indeed. But, for me, all the qualities of these two fine athletes were displayed to the full in just 13 minutes of this July day seven years ago and only through this contest do I remember the other events of that year.

# I WAS THERE

## No. 4 : by Clive Shippen

The A.A.A. Championships of 1960. Do you remember them? It was the year of the Rome Olympics, so you probably do; but I wonder which event stands out in your mind.

Perhaps it was the 3 miles where those ace finishers Tulloh, Ibbottson and Salvat all hit the final 300 yards mark together and when "Ibbo" unleashed his final effort Frankie Salvat stayed with him for 80 yards before letting loose probably the fastest 220 seen before or since in this event. To open up a 25 yards lead during the finishing bursts of two such rivals was a sight few will forget.

Or perhaps it was the shot or hammer, where the two champions proved to be in the twilight of youthfull careers. British athletics has never recovered from the early retirements of Arthur Rowe and Mike Ellis. The former's 59'2" shot win and the latter's 210'7" hammer heave make their counterparts of today look modest performers indeed. Field events enthusiasts will no doubt remember those Championships thro' their nostalgia for Rowe and Ellis.

It could have been the 100 yards - Radford's 9.5 secs. is still unbeaten - or even the mile where the exiled Hungarian, Lazlo Tabori, beat Wiggs and Michel Jazy and all eight runners bettered the Championship best performance.

Many will remember the occasion (Charlie Dabbs in particular) for Gordon Pirie's comfortable win in the six-miles, where his final burst lapped the Belgrave man in the finishing straight.

But, for me, none of these memorable incidents matches the event that stood out above all others on July 16th, 1960. I speak of the contest that brought together two men who had, for some time, swept all before them. Two men who, between them, were destined to gain an Olympic gold, a European gold and an Olympic bronze. They were athletes who adopted a "professional" approach to their training and who brought glamour to an event that needed it badly.

Yes, their names were Stan Vickers and Ken Matthews and the start of the 2 miles walk at the A.A.A. Championships of 1960 was the signal for the bars to be emptied of their beer-drinking occupants instead of the reverse which is now customary. The Public's imagination had been captured by the clash of two giants both making a bid for the very suspect 56 years old world record of 13:11.4 by George Larnar. Both walkers tackled their track training in a similar way to their running counterparts - liberal doses of repetition speed-work - and their faultless styles travelling together at speed were a sheer joy to watch.

Few would dare to forecast the result with any certainty, though Vickers had the slightest edge perhaps over this short distance. Two weeks earlier he beat his rival narrowly on a grass track at Peterborough but this was not regarded as a serious pointer to a Championship event at the White City where Matthews was not only the Holder in a best of 13:19.4 but the previous year the Midlander had beaten Stan by a 27.6 seconds margin.

There were 18 starters, including four East Germans and two Indians, including Zora Singh who had some good times to his credit. The crowd, fully aware of the record attempt, hushed as the walkers lined up. Eric Hall gave his fellow Belgravian a good luck wish as he stood alongside and the tension mounted rapidly, almost producing a false start. The gun exploded, the watches clicked, the scoreboard clock snapped into motion and the crowd's roar swept the field round the first bend with the turbaned Zora Singh to the fore.

Singh scampered thro' the first lap in 94.3 secs. revelling in his moment of glory with Matthews, Vickers, Colin Williams, Adjit Singh and Lindner hard on his heels. A further circuit was sufficient to convince the judges of his faulty style and he was ruled out just after being passed by his followers. The lightning pace also accounted for the departure of two of the East Germans. Matthews refused to let the pace lapse and even at this stage he and Vickers were visibly straining to do the utmost. For every yard of the way it looked as though the Midlander was making "a last desperate effort" to shake off his Belgrave rival; and for every yard of the way it looked as though Vickers would hold on for no longer.

"Time at one mile, 6 minutes 30.2 seconds" roared the Tannoy in it's effort to overcome the crowd's cheering, but few heard. All could sense that the record would go but I have never been so uncertain of a result as I was on this occasion. Was it humanly possible to actually walk past a man travelling at Matthew's speed?

The mile and a half was reached in 9:51.4, averaging 98.6 a lap! And still the two raced round in tandem a full straight ahead of East Germany's Lindner.

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# YOUTHS & BOYS

There are now over fifty active members in our Boys Section, writes REG. HOPKINS, and more are joining every week. The record at the moment stands at twenty-two applications in one week! The fame of our younger members is spreading throughout South London and many local schoolmasters are sending promising youngsters along to Battersea Park to take advantage of our coaching, etc. One person in particular who has introduced us to several young athletes is Charles Elliott, senior AAA coach and Editor of 'Arena'. We are most grateful.

An interesting point to note is that many of our Boys are mainly interested in Field Events, a trend which if nation-wide could solve some of Britain's athletic problems.

The Youths and Boys Medal Competitions have drawn to a close once again and have had more support than ever before. Congratulations to all who took part. Thirty-one members competed in the Ryan Cup for Boys, the winner being Javelin thrower David Wilkinson 3 points clear of Bill Curtin with Bob Williams 3rd. Michael Franks, the Youths winner, was most impressive scoring the maximum 100 points. The battle for 2nd place was not so clear cut though, Nigel Bacon and Richard King tying at 89 points with Mick Harvey just one point behind.

## ' H. SHIELDS ' CUP (YOUTHS) RESULT.

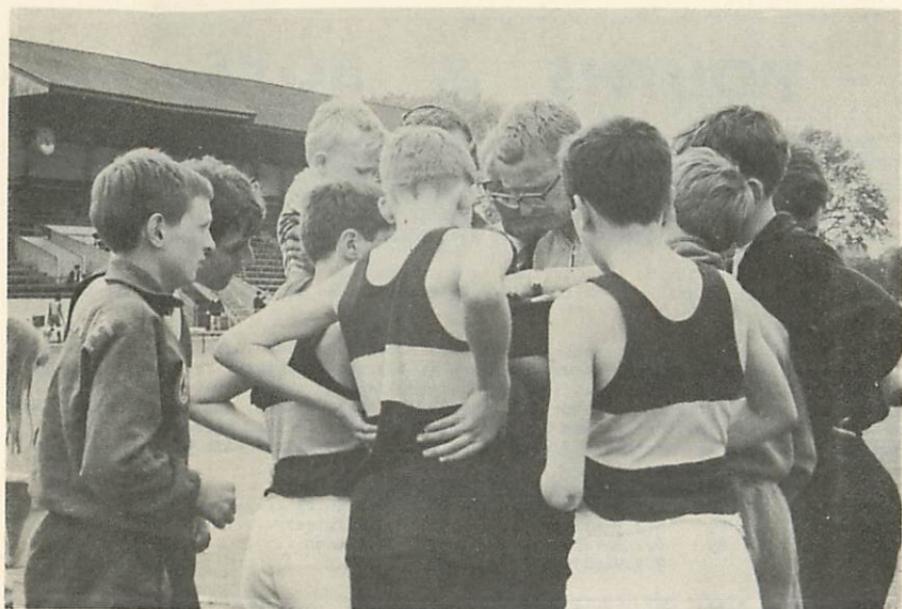
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|-------------------|-----|----------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| 1. M. Franks..... | 100 | 4. M. Harvey .....   | 88 | 8. D. Merry .....  | 52 |
| 2. N. Bacon ..... | 89  | 5. J. Hamilton ..... | 55 | 9. P. Priest ..... | 39 |
| 2. R. King .....  | 89  | 6. V. Butcher .....  | 54 | 10. P. Dunn .....  | 19 |
|                   |     | 7. R. Hamilton ..... | 53 |                    |    |

## ' RYAN ' CUP (BOYS) RESULT

|                      |    |                       |     |                       |     |
|----------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. D. Wilkinson..... | 98 | 11. C. Saul.....      | 59  | 22. P. Savage .....   | 32  |
| 2. W. Curtin .....   | 95 | 12. I. McNally .....  | 56  | 23. C. O'Regan .....  | 25  |
| 3. R. Williams ..... | 94 | 13. R. Langley .....  | 55  | 24. P. Donnelly ..... | 17½ |
| 4. K. Coulman .....  | 90 | 14. R. Gale .....     | 54½ | 24. J. Wood .....     | 17½ |
| 5. R. Hopkins .....  | 89 | 15. J. Clements ..... | 53  | 26. T. Russell .....  | 13½ |
| 6. E. McNally .....  | 74 | 16. S. Adams .....    | 49  | 27. M. Smith .....    | 13  |
| 7. M. Lewis .....    | 71 | 16. C. Croft .....    | 49  | 27. J. Deverson ..... | 13  |
| 8. K. Savage .....   | 70 | 18. C. Savage .....   | 44  | 29. J. Kibble .....   | 12  |
| 9. R. Kibble .....   | 69 | 19. S. Corrigan ..... | 39  | 30. D. McCarthy ..... | 8   |
| D. B. Staples .....  | 63 | 20. I. Gillings ..... | 35  | 31. C. Manning .....  | 7   |
|                      |    | 21. C. Merry .....    | 33  |                       |     |



Vic. Butcher, Bill Curtin and Nigel Bacon - Photo by C. Shippen



"Where did I come Reg?" - Boys High Jump at Club Champs.

Photo by J.Martin

MAY 28th - BRACKNELL - CAMBERLEY YOUNG ATHLETES MEETING

NIGEL BACON REPORTS:-

Over 700 entries had been received from as far apart as Scotland and Cornwall for this, the largest meeting in Britain apart from the All-England Schools. All the Bels. competing did well but the best of the bunch were David Wilkinson who has great potential in the throws and who placed 3rd in the Javelin and 4th in the Shot, and Bill Curtin looking every inch a champion and winning the 'half' with a devastating last 60 yards. The Boys were really grateful to chauffeur Reg.Hopkins and the long trip to Bracknell was even more worth while when certain members of the team made contact with the female members of Coventry Godiva !

RESULTS:

|                       |                    |                        |      |                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 880y 1.W.Curtin ..... | 2:12.2             | 100y 4.R.Williams..... | 11.6 | Janv. 3.D.Wilkinson... |
| L.J. 3.D.Milan .....  | 17'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |                        |      | Shot 4.D.Wilkinson...  |
| 1m 6.R.Poole .....    | 5:15.0             |                        |      | 440y R.Gale .....      |
|                       |                    | 220y P.Donnely .....   |      |                        |

LONDON FEDERATION OF BOYS CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

|                        |        |                        |     |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----|
| 880y 1.R.Langley ..... | 2:24.0 | H.J. 2.R.Langley ..... | 4'4 |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-----|

EAST LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| 880y 2.R.Langley ..... | 2:18.0 |
|------------------------|--------|

SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Jnr.Boys H.J. 1.R.Hopkins Jnr. .... | 4'7 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|

LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

|                             |                    |                           |        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Inter. L.J. 1.S.White ..... | 20'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Jnr.880y 2.W.Curtin ..... | 2:7.2  |
| Inter. H.J. 2.A.Bent .....  | 5'8                | Jnr. 1m 2.N.Kirby .....   | 4:54.0 |

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - HIGH JUMP (BOYS)

|                    |     |                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 1.R.Williams ..... | 4'6 | 6.J.Clements ..... | 4'0 |
| 2.S.Beadon .....   | 4'5 | 7.K.Savage .....   | 3'9 |
| 3.R.Hopkins .....  | 4'3 | 8.I.McNally .....  | 3'3 |
| 4.K.Coulman .....  | 4'3 | 9.C.Saul .....     | 3'3 |
| 5.E.McNally .....  | 4'0 | 10.C.Savage .....  | 3'3 |

JUNE 25th - BATTERSEA PARK - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles YACHT HANDICAP

|                   |       |                   |       |                    |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 1.C.Saul .....    | 12:45 | 5.M.Harvey .....  | 13:20 | 9.R.Langley .....  | 13:40 |
| 2.C.Croft .....   | 12:54 | 6.V.Butcher ..... | 13:34 | 10.R.Hopkins ..... | 13:40 |
| 3.I.McNally ..... | 13:00 | 7.E.McNally ..... | 13:35 | 11.C.O'Regan ..... | -     |
| 4.N.Bacon .....   | 13:04 | 8.W.Curtin .....  | 13:39 |                    |       |

Fastest Times: W.Curtin 8:51, N.Bacon 9:04, V.Butcher 9:29, R.Langley 10:00

**JULY 4th - NORBITON - Match v SURREY AC v H.H.H. v MITCHAM AC v T.V.H.**

|                                           |                                |                        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 880y 2.J.Hamilton ... 2:14.3              | 100y A 3.R.Hamilton ..... 11.7 | 440y 2.R.Hamilton 56.8 |
| L.J. 3. Hamilton .... 17'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | B 2.J.Hamilton ..... 11.8      | 220y 2. Hamilton 25.2  |
| 4. Hamilton .... 17'1 $\frac{1}{2}$       |                                |                        |

Match:- 1.Surrey AC, 2.HAMILTON HARRIERS 1

**JULY 7th - PETERBOROUGH - ALL ENGLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Bill Curtin ran his best race yet - 2:05.0 for the 880y - in his heat, a time that was not beaten even in the final, but here Bill was badly boxed in and could only get up to 5th with 2:09.4. Arnold Bent was 6th in the High Jump with 5'8 and Steve White was a member of the winning London Relay Team.

**JULY 21st - BATTERSEA PARK - CHURCHILL GARDENS MEETING**

|                     |                                                           |      |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 4 x 110y (Under 17) | 1.BELS (A.Bent, S.White, N.Bacon, W.Curtin) .....         | 50.4 |
|                     | 2.BELS (V.Butcher, M.Harvey, P.Donnelly, D.Wilkinson).... | 54.3 |
| 4 x 110y (Under 15) | 1.BELS (D.Milan, D.Wilkinson, R.Williams, R.Gale).....    | 52.2 |
|                     | 2.BELS (S.Beadon, K.Savage, R.Hopkins, K.Coulman).....    | 58.8 |

**JULY 26th - BATTERSEA PARK - 220 YARDS RACE FOR NEW'BOY'MEMBERS**

|                      |                       |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Waight..... 30.4  | 4.S.Wrate..... 32.5   | 7.J.Willshear..... 34.9 |
| 2. Lloyd..... 30.6   | 5.J.Agyeman..... 33.4 | 8. McKeever..... 35.9   |
| 3.L.Harris..... 30.8 | 6. Heraty..... 34.4   | 9. Archer..... 36.3     |

TRACK & FIELD continued.....

**JULY 29th - CARSHALTON BELS WIN 'ADVERTISER' TROPHY**

There's no stopping us now. Three trophies up out of five attempted and only one more to go. This was the easiest one yet, leading from the very first event and finishing 35 points clear.

Field Events man Frank Glass did us proud in deputising for the 'heavy-boys' on holiday or unable to attend when in the Discus he upped his best by 14 feet to take 3rd place and then went on to place 4th in both the Javelin and Shot. Derek Wade for the second week in succession beat John Mitchell, this time with a leap of 23'1. We were invincible on the track, winning four out of the five 'B' events, placing in the first three of every other race and taking both team races (4 x 110y and 2 miles).

**RESULTS:**

|                                                                                           |                                          |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 100y A: 1.J.Mitchell ..... 10.3                                                           | 220y A: 2.C.Martin ..... 23.2            | 440y A: 2.P.Smith...53.5 |
| B: 1.T.Derham.....10.7                                                                    | B: 3.T.Derham.....                       | B: 1.A.Mead...53.2       |
| 880y A: 3.P.Hilliar,.....2:00.6                                                           | 1m A: 3.A.Black .....4:23.8              | 4 x 110y 1.BELS ....43.8 |
| B: 1.J.Rimmer..... -                                                                      | B: 1.W.Kerr.....4:23.8                   |                          |
| 2m Team: 1.BELS 10pts (2.A.Major 9:21, 3.L.O'Hara 9:25, 5.W.Dance 9:33, 6.Gy.North 9:38.7 |                                          |                          |
| L.J.: 1.D.Wade ..... 23'1                                                                 | Discus: 3.F.Glass ..... 127'4            | Jav: 4.F.Glass... 155'1  |
| H.J.: 3.D.Winsborrow... 5'6                                                               | Shot: 4.F.Glass ..... 32'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |                          |
| Team Result:- 1.BELGRAVE H 106pts, 2.Mitcham AC 71pts, 3.L.A.C. 68pts,                    |                                          |                          |
| 4.Croydon H 61pts, 5.Guildford 47pts, 6.Crawley 25pts.                                    |                                          |                          |

**LATE FLASH:**

**BOUGHEY TROPHY**

As we go to press the final trophy meeting result comes in and it's another win for Belgrave H with our Juniors 3rd. Thresher's mile win was a track record and Philip Smith's 3rd place in the 'B' 440yds was a personal best. Amongst the Juniors Tony Brooks scored a large percentage of our points and Steve White, only a Youth, took the two 'A' sprints by impressive margins.

|                                                                                        |                                        |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 100y A 3.J.Vivian ..... 10.2                                                           | 220y A 1.J.Vivian..... 22.1            | 440y A 6.D.Gleeson...52.4 |
| B 1.C.Martin ..... 10.5                                                                | B 2.C.Martin ..... 22.6                | B 3.P.Smith.....51.9      |
| 880y 4.P.Hilliar ..... 2:00.9                                                          | 1m 1.J.Thresher..... 4:07.2            | 2m 2.L.O'Hara.....9:13.8  |
| 6.J.Rimmer..... 2:01.6                                                                 | 12.D.Maclean..... -                    | 5.W.Kerr .....9:22.2      |
| 120y A 3.B.Townsend..... 16.9                                                          | H.J. 2.B.Townsend..... 5'10            | 6.A.Major .....9:29.0     |
| H B 3.D.Winsborrow... 18.9                                                             | 5.D.Winsborrow... 5'6                  | P.Hilliar .....9:53.0     |
| Dis. 3.N.Head .....126'11                                                              | Shot 4.N.Head ..... 40'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | P.V. 3.B.Townsend...11'0  |
| 6.F.Glass .....115'2                                                                   | 8.W.Couzens..... 34'9 $\frac{1}{2}$    | 4.D.Winsborrow...10'6     |
| T.J. 3.R.Couillaull... 43'9 $\frac{1}{2}$                                              | 7.C.Brooks.....40'0                    | 4 x 110y 3.BELS 43.8      |
| Teams:- 1.BELGRAVE 156pts, 2.Blackheath 148pts, 3.Ealing/Southall 130, 4.S.A.C. 123pts |                                        |                           |

**JUNIORS**

|                                                                                |                             |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 100y A 1.S.White ..... 10.6                                                    | 220y A 1.S.White ..... 22.9 | 440y A 1.A.Brooks.....51.6 |
| B 1.A.Brooks..... 10.7                                                         | B 1.A.Brooks..... 23.5      | B 3.P.Vickery.... -        |
| 880y 7.R.Hamilton..... 2:09                                                    | 1m 4.R.Mainstone.... 4:46   | Dis. 4.D.Thorogate...123'0 |
| 8.J.Hamilton ..... 2:12                                                        | 8.N.Bacon ..... 5:07        | 10.P.Vickery..... 70'3     |
| Shot 3.D.Thorogate..... 42'6                                                   | 8.A.Brooks.....33'10        | 4 x 110y 1.BELS.....       |
| 120yH 2.P.Vickery..... 16.5                                                    | T.J. 5.R.Hamilton .....34'8 |                            |
| Teams:- 1.Ealing/Southall 161pts, 2.Southampton AC 127pts, 3.BELGRAVE H 116pts |                             |                            |

# ROAD RUNNING

*It's that man again!*

Derek Palframan writes from Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and tells how much he enjoys reading THE BELGRAVIAN. "It is with great interest that I read about all the chaps I met whilst staying at Lauriston Cottage. I still can't believe that the Hart you people talk about is the same bloke I knew!"

Well, well. First Australia, now South Africa. We wonder what it is that makes Trevor so well remembered by our overseas members. You tell us. We might even publish the best suggestion!

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We have it on good authority that the reason for Pat Newell being so unfit lately is because he is only doing 60 miles a week in training.

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"EUROPEAN CHAMPION BEATEN BY 'UNKNOWN' FULHAM GAS FITTER".....  
 .....there could have been the headlines when a few weeks ago Glimpy Jones (& Others!!) got the edge on a certain Brian Hewson over 3000m at the Duke of York's, but, as Glimpy himself put it---"I've done it nine b....., years too late"!!!---we feel it is only fair to point out that since this epic run Brian Hewson has got very much fitter with the result that Glimpy (and Co.) have thought it wise not to hold a return match!

## GAMBERLEY CAPERS

24th June - Camberley '51

Black thunder clouds during the early afternoon of June 24th did not augur well for a summer's afternoon sport. Sure enough, as the runners were arriving, the skies opened and the deluge began. This was not the only 'shower' the athletes had to contend with - the organisation of this race was in the hands of people who could politely be called drips (excuse the Sam Ferris type pun). After changing in a (very) small marquee, the runners lined up in pouring rain and after being told to do one lap of the (grass) track set off on their wet way. Immediately the absence of markers became apparent. Half the leading bunch turned to complete a full lap whilst others headed straight out of the nearest gate. The latter proved to be the more popular course. Soon, however, the field sorted itself out with Steer and Hart with the leaders and Dabbs and Mann close by; having started rather less impetuously. O'Connor and Merry were near at hand but Bernard later paid for his fast start. The race progressed and the leaders gradually became more strung out, only pausing occasionally to ask the way. At 3 miles the leaders were Merriman (Reading) and Gevers (SLH) with Hart, Steer and Dabbs in convoy in 7th, 8th and 10th places. At this point the Belgrave runners were surprised to see a car suddenly scream to a halt beside them and the occupant pointing feverishly in the opposite direction. It seemed the leaders had missed a turning. Trevor and John Snowdon (Surrey) gently suggested that the leaders should be informed whereupon the driver set off Surtees style after them - they had a considerable lead by this time. Eventually all the runners were corrected and Trevor was surprised to find himself in the lead since all those in front had to retrace their steps. Needless to say most people had ceased to regard the race with any seriousness and merely ran to finish the course and get in out of the rain. For the record Brian Bacon (Reading) was adjudged to have won and Belgrave were given third team place. The medals were nice though.....

### RESULT:

|                            |       |                     |       |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. B. Bacon (Reading)..... | 29:15 | 51. C. Keavey ..... | 33:53 |
| 7. T. Hart (BELS) .....    | 29:41 | 56. R. Glover ..... | 34:41 |
| 8. C. Steer .....          | 29:49 | 59. J. Hall .....   | 35:24 |
| 10. C. Dabbs .....         | 29:53 | 60. E. Penney ..... | 35:52 |
| 24. L. Mann .....          | 30:53 | 68. Matthews .....  | 37:49 |
| 26. P. O'Connor .....      | 30:55 | 69. M. Jones .....  | 38:46 |
| 50. B. Merry .....         | 33:42 | 71. M. Bonser ..... | 38:57 |

Teams:- 1. Reading 9 pts, 2. Portsmouth AC 24 pts, 3. BELGRAVE H 25 pts.

Bob Glover recently won his first race since he took up running 17 years ago - a 2 miles in 10:03 - shows what perseverance can do. He also won his first medals within the space of two weeks - Club '3' and '6' standards!

HAMPSTEAD '10' - 20th MAY

|                              |       |                           |       |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Gerry North (BELS) .....  | 49:52 | 14. C. Dabbs (BELS) ..... | 52:43 |
| 2. P. Yates (W & Eton) ..... | 50:15 | 19. L. Mann .....         | 53:28 |
| 3. D. Davies (TVH) .....     | 50:31 | 92. G. Piddington .....   | 62:43 |
| 8. T. Hart (BELS) .....      | 51:57 |                           |       |

Teams:- 1. BELGRAVE H 19pts, 2. Ranelagh H 24pts, 3. Windsor & Eton 24pts

## The POLY

On paper our prospects looked very good and although our final team positions were much improved on recent years we have still yet to gain any major successes in this event.

The weather was very humid at the start and when the first significant time checks were taken at 10m Trevor Hart's position only 1½ minutes behind the leaders posed the problem as to whether he could keep it up in this his first Marathon. Charlie Dabbs, Lionel Mann and Chris Steer were following more cautiously some 3 minutes farther back.

At 15m Trevor looked very 'shaky' and was finally forced at 16m to retire, to fight, we hope, another time. By now Chris was leading Charlie by over a minute, a pose he held till around the 20m mark when Charlie's experience over the longer journey began to tell. He gradually pulled Chris back to take something like 6 minutes off him in the final 2m, to finish in 16th position and take the Club Championship.

Chris finished very tired and 'weak at the knees' but had achieved a creditable time in his first ever marathon. Lionel Mann also having his first outing over the distance finished looking just as strong at the end as he had at the start - although he probably didn't feel that way!

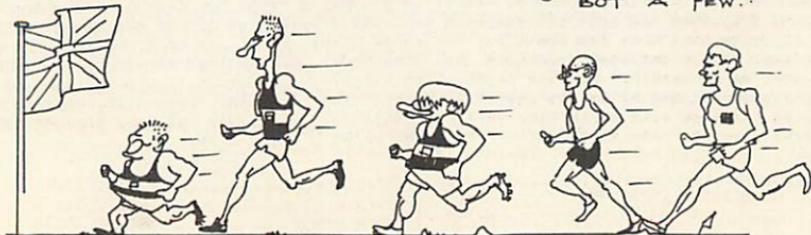
Alan Bishop was our fourth scoring man in the Open Race just getting the better of ever-green Geoff Pearson, who none the less ensured we had all our runners inside 3hrs.

RESULT:

|                                 |         |                       |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. A. Murray (Oxford) .....     | 2:19:06 | 113. H. Bishop .....  | 2:56:56 |
| 16. C. Dabbs (BELGRAVE H) ..... | 2:30:50 | 124. G. Pearson ..... | 2:59:07 |
| 38. C. Steer .....              | 2:36:43 | 155 finished.         |         |
| 66. L. Mann .....               | 2:43:13 |                       |         |

Teams:- Southern AAA: 1. Windsor & Eton 9pts, 2. Reading AC 30pts, 5. BELGRAVE H 57pts  
Open Race: 1. Windsor & Eton 53pts, 2. Reading AC 56pts, 6. BELGRAVE H 116pts.

YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE FINCHLEY 20, THE MITCHAM 15 AND THE ENSLEY CARR MILE BUT HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE CHARLIE SMART 10 HELD WEEKLY, VENUE "THE DUKES", PARTICIPANTS: CLUB & EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS SPRINTERS, SCRUBBERS, HANDICAPERS, TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS TO MENTION! BUT A FEW...



EUROPEAN CHAMPION  
DROPPED AFTER FIVE  
LAPS.

The Club wish to thank the Sunday Morning Training Members for their donation of £3.2.9d. and to Mrs. Shepherd and all the ladies who have dealt with the catering at the Hall and for the donation of £19.

PLEBT '4' - 17th June

|                            |       |                         |        |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1.L.Presland (Surrey)..... | 17:57 | 44.G.Biscoe.....        | 21:25  |
| 10.T.Hart .....            | 19:07 | 46.E.Penny .....        | 21:34  |
| 11.Gerry North .....       | 19:15 | 50.B.Merry .....        | 21:47  |
| 27.R.Glover .....          | 20:40 | 62.C.Smart .....        | 23:12  |
| 33.C.Shippen .....         | 20:55 | 64.J.Heathfield .....   | 23:42  |
| 41.C.Keavey .....          | 21:20 | 67.M.Jones.....         | 24:10  |
| Teams:- 1.Surrey AC .....  | 10pts | 4.BELGRAVE H.....       | 54pts  |
| 2.Reading AC .....         | 16pts | 10.BELGRAVE H 'B' ..... | 135pts |
| 3.Portsmouth AC .....      | 23pts |                         |        |

**DAGENHAM '5'**

Only a small team competed in this event as others preferred the rigours of the Welwyn Half-Marathon. The team finished fourth, Chris Steer was fourth individual and 'old man' Jackie Brown convincingly won the Vet's prize. John Walker provided vocal accompaniment.

Result

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. R.Gevers (SLH) 23.07.       |  |
| 2. K.Harland(Cambridge) 23.23. |  |
| 3. J.Woolaston(Nuneaton)23.31. |  |
| 4. C.Steer (Belgrave) 23.55.   |  |
| 21. J.Brown " 25.07.           |  |
| 46. D.McLean " 26.32.          |  |
| 72. B.Merry. " 28.14.          |  |
| 86. J.Walker " 29.50.          |  |

Team Result

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| 1. Essex Beagles | 48  |
| 2. Ilford        | 48  |
| 3. Blackheath    | 68  |
| 4. Belgrave      | 103 |

**The Cheltenham 7**

Most of the ten Belgravians who made the long trip to this haven of retired gentlemen arrived well before the evening start and spent the intervening hours variously drinking beer, sun-bathing and generally loafing about. These activities probably accounted for the poor showing of one or two runners. Gordon Biscoe only just made the start after spending the afternoon on a nature study ramble (that was his story anyway).

The large field including strong contingents from several leading Midland clubs, started down the Promenade which was packed with spectators. Encouraged by the cheers from several young ladies from the local 'Comprehensive' Chris Steer went immediately to the front and at 2 miles (9:45) was still with the leaders. The price of such vanity was swift and painful as a large part of the field gradually swept by. Charlie Dabbs ran his usual wily race and held his position well but towards the end of the race was in danger of being caught by the amazingly versatile Lionel Mann (the only man in England who can make crepes suzettes and run a 1hr. 56m. '20'). Don Maclean showed he is returning to fitness by beating drinking partner Chris Keavey and Gordon Biscoe, who was still looking rather flushed after his exertions during the afternoon. These three were followed home in quick succession by Eric Penny, Bernard Merry and John Hall who thus disproved the suggestion that Belgravians do not know how to 'pack' these days.

RESULT:

|                                |       |                       |        |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1.P.Lancaster (Coventry).....  | 35:59 | 62.C.Keavey.....      | 42:47  |
| 11.C.Dabbs.....                | 37:42 | 68.G.Biscoe.....      | 43:31  |
| 16.L.Mann .....                | 38:28 | 69.E.Penny .....      | 43:43  |
| 34.C.Steer .....               | 40:23 | 70.B.Merry .....      | 43:44  |
| 59.D.Maclean.....              | 42:07 | 76.J.Hall .....       | 44:43  |
|                                |       | 97 finished.          |        |
| Teams:- 1.Worcester YMCA ..... | 25pts | 5.BELGRAVE 'A' .....  | 57pts  |
| 2.Halesowen .....              | 28pts | 13.BELGRAVE 'B' ..... | 144pts |
| 3.Bristol AC .....             | 30pts | 14 teams finished.    |        |

24th June - Cowley - PRESSED STEEL '10'

34. D.Maclean ..... 57:43

1st July - WELWYN HALF-MARATHON

|                             |       |                   |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1.J.Wright (Tipton) .....   | 66:57 | 67.D.Jones .....  | 81:36 |
| 17.C.Dabbs (BELGRAVE) ..... | 72:01 | 71.J.Hilton ..... | 82:13 |
| 44.L.Mann .....             | 76:53 | 109 finished.     |       |

Teams:- 1.Coventry God. 22pts, 6.BELGRAVE H 123pts

8th July - THURROCK '10'

|                                    |       |                 |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1.M.Hobbs (Ealing & Southall)..... | 51:07 | 20.L.Mann ..... | 54:19 |
| 14.C.Steer (BELGRAVE H) .....      | 53:45 | 130 finished.   |       |

## 20% Belgrave

BRACKNELL 5 MILES---5TH AUGUST

When reporting this race last year we bemoaned the lack of a good third man to complete our scoring team and put us among the awards. It is therefore now good to report that we made amends this year, by having 5 teams doing battle over this very pleasant traffic-free course, where we succeeded in taking 2nd team and first 'B' team prizes.

With a very fast pace set throughout by Bruce Tulloh (Ports) our A team packed in extremely well, with Laurie O'Hara just managing to get the better of Tony Fairclough after they had come back into the track together. Gerry North completed the scoring three, making a welcome return after a prolonged injury to the knee. Dick Piotrowski making his debut for us on the road and his first outing as a first claim member fully justified his 'A' team selection just beating our old friend Mel Thorpe (Coventry G)--our second man home in 1966.

Whilst Messrs. Hart, Steer, and Mann quietly set about securing the 'B' team prizes for themselves, other titanic struggles were going on further down the field. Up and coming Pat O'Connor put in another very strong run whilst Eric Penny took nearly two minutes off his last year's time. John Walker, inspite of a recent spell of "special coaching and altitude training" by brother Charlie in the Isle of Wight, found Charlie Smart just too good for him again, as did Glimpy Jones---rumours that Glimpy travelled down overnight and went round the course in the morning have not yet been proved!

RESULTS

|                        |            |         |                        |       |
|------------------------|------------|---------|------------------------|-------|
| 1. B. Tulloh.....      | Portsmouth | 23:01.8 | 56. E. Penny.....      | 26:50 |
| 6. L. O'Hara.....      | BELGRAVE   | 23:43   | 67. G. Biscoe.....     | 27:44 |
| 7. A. Fairclough.....  | "          | 23:49   | 72. W. Laws.....       | 27:57 |
| 8. Gerry North.....    | "          | 23:55   | 78. J. Baker.....      | 28:28 |
| 11. R. Piotrowski..... | "          | 24:02   | 88. C. Calderwood..... | 29:29 |
| 13. T. Hart.....       | "          | 24:22   | 89. J. Smart.....      | 29:32 |
| 23. C. Steer.....      | "          | 25:05   | 91. M. Jones.....      | 29:48 |
| 27. L. Mann.....       | "          | 25:24   | 92. J. Walker.....     | 29:51 |
| 36. P. O'Connor.....   | "          | 25:47   | 102. R. Langheim.....  | 31:59 |
| 42. H. Satchell.....   | "          | 26:01   | 110. Finished.         |       |
| 50. A. Bruce.....      | "          | 26:29   |                        |       |

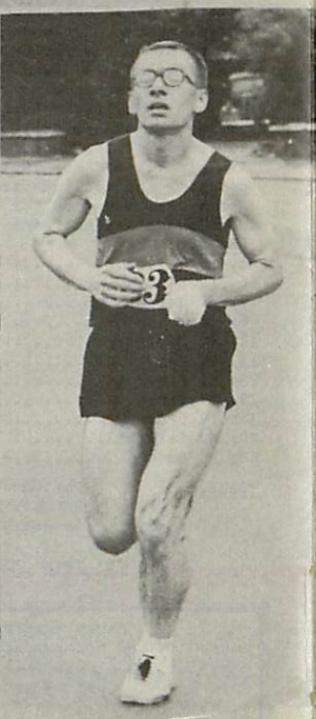
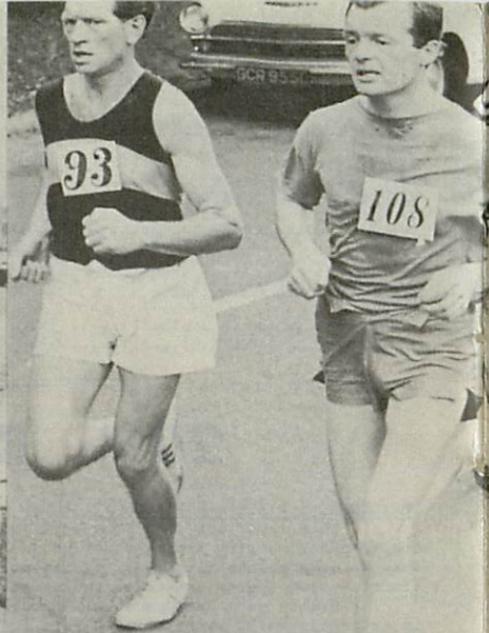
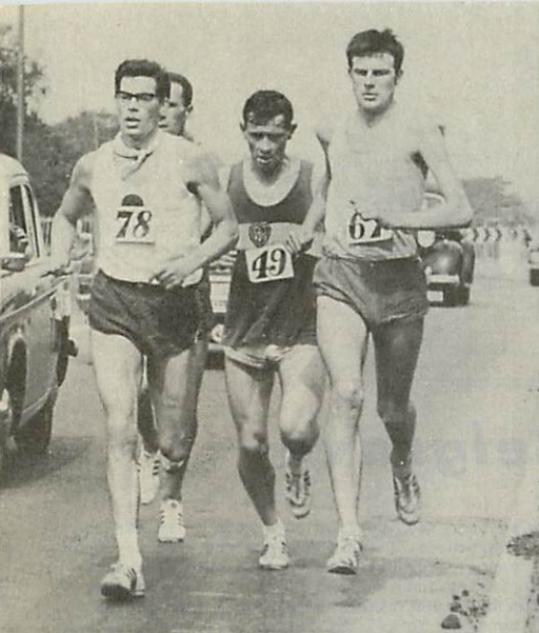
TEAMS:-

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| 1. | Portsmouth A    | .....14 pts. |
| 2. | BELGRAVE H. 'A' | .....18pts.  |
| 3. | Coventry A      | .....28pts.  |

1st 'B' Team BELGRAVE HARRIERS.

Barry Sawyer won the Victorian "King of the Mountains" 20 mile race in Australia and now has his name inscribed alongside that of past winner Percy Cerutti. His time was a speedy 1:50:25. The same week(1) he won an open '16' in 84:35 so his form is still pretty good. Barry sends his congratulations to John Thresher but, in true Cerutti fashion, says "It's about time though that John ran that 4 minute mile---he should re-organise his training and set his sights higher". Phew! What do you say about that John?

Another to congratulate John on his fine Southern win is Ranjit Bhatia who also acknowledges John Bicourt's excellent run in the Inter-Counties steeplechase. Many Indians probably think Ranjit has gone mad for he has adopted the English practice of training in the midday sun! Even a shade temperate of 111 F has not deterred him. Ranjit finds thirst to be more of a problem than fatigue. Funny---so do Don Maclean and Linstead!



TOP LEFT: Charlie Dabbs (78) with Dai Davies (VH/49) and Mike Fuller (Wimb/67) close behind.  
TOP RIGHT: Ken Stimpson (93) leading C. Brown (Ealing) who he finally beat by over 1 minute  
BOTTOM LEFT: Ted Pallant. BOTTOM CENTRE: Lionel Mann and Chris Steer having their usual private duel. BOTTOM RIGHT: John Hilton.

Photos by Ron Linstead

# BELGRAVE 20

Hard working Gordon Biscoe gained the reward that all race secretaries look for when he received a record entry of 180 runners for the 16th annual 'Belgrave '20' at Wimbledon on July 22nd. Road works at Tibbet's Corner had made the organisation particularly difficult and required quite a few hours perambulating a surveyors wheel around the course to ensure that the proper distance was covered. Work like this is not only wearying—it can be compromising. What was Gordon to say when interviewed by the long arm of the law in the small hours while busy outside the Vietnamese Embassy with a brush and a bucket of white paint. The conversation can be imagined. It certainly started with the words " 'Allo, 'allo, 'allo. What's all this 'ere then?" Road race secretaries are never taken aback, however. "Aha," says Gordon, "I'm painting mile markers on the road so that the runners in the Belgrave '20' know how much suffering has been and how much is to come." Anyway, a persuasive chap, Gordon. All the marks were there for the race.

Graham Taylor, who set a magnificent course record of 1hr.39m.47s. the previous year, was unfortunately prevented from turning out by injury, and with the withdrawal by Peter Bates, the race seemed from the start to lie between Scottish international Jim Wright of Tipton, and Barry Collins of Surrey AC.

The 126 starters soon sorted themselves out in three groups of varying speed, and were soon sweating nicely on an oppressively hot day, with Wright and Collins well up and Barry Watson, last year's third man also well to the fore but soon to retire.

By the end of the first of the three main laps, the groups had broken up. Every man for himself. At this stage, the Bels chances for the team race looked bright. Charlie Dabbs, Bill Dance, Chris Steer and Lionel Mann were all well placed. In the individual competition, Wright had cut out in front and Collins was a clear second. The individual places at the head of the field showed little change after that — except for a strong breakthrough in the later stages by Dai Davies of T.V.H. and K. Darlow of Reading, who who finished 4th and 5th respectively — D. McPadzean (RNAC South) having sorted out a comfortable third place for himself.

The team picture altered drastically, however, as first Chris Steer and then Bill Dance was forced to retire. Thames Valley kept going well to take the race, with Paignton gaining a popular place as runners-up, and Cambridge H third. The Bels "A" squad of Charlie Dabbs — another to move through strongly as the race went on, finishing up in 7th place — Lionel Mann, 15th, and John Hilton, 44th, was fourth.

Charlie and Lionel were first and second in the Belgrave Championship, but third place went to the first "B" team runner, John Baker, who was 38th in 2hrs.08m.01s. John has only just switched from walking to running and has made a quick impact. We look forward to even better things from him in the future.

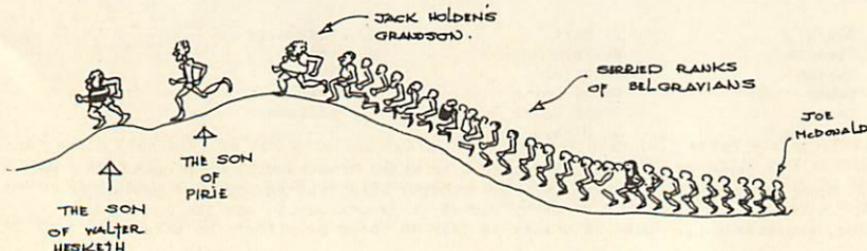
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| 1. J. Wright (Tipton) .....       | 1:44:53 | 38. J. Baker .....     | 2:08:01 |
| 2. B. Collins (Surrey) .....      | 1:46:28 | 44. J. Hilton .....    | 2:09:39 |
| 3. D. McPadzean (RNAC Sth.) ..... | 1:50:36 | 47. K. Stimpson .....  | 2:10:03 |
| 7. C. Dabbs (BELGRAVE H) .....    | 1:52:10 | 70. P. King .....      | 2:23:16 |
| 15. L. Mann .....                 | 1:57:21 | 79. W. Fairfield ..... | 2:36:49 |

Teams:— 1. T.V.H. 17pts, 2. Paignton AC 27pts, 3. Cambridge H 28pts, 4. BELGRAVE 'A' 51pts  
6. BELGRAVE 'B' 66pts.

## USELESS INFORMATION N° 534. ~

DID YOU KNOW THAT AT THE RECENT 'BRACKWELL 5'  
FINISHERS NUMBERED 105 OF WHICH 21 WERE BELGRAVIANS,  
OR 20% OF THE FIELD?

SHOULD THIS TREND CONTINUE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO  
WIN THE "1999 NATIONAL" BY FIELDING 27.5%  
OF COMPETITORS THUS:—



# Autumn Relay Prospects

## Clive Shippen Reviews the forthcoming Road Relay season

Of the six autumn road relay races held last year we chalked up 2 wins (Belgrave and Walton), 2 seconds (Johnstone and Blackheath), 1 fifth (Surrey) and 1 sixth (Bristol/Weston). A fair performance—but there were weaknesses. The Surrey County event at Woking Lido is a notorious one. The holiday season affects it every year and our multi-county membership also restricts our entry, but we could still field stronger teams than hitherto. The venue is in a most pleasant setting with the start and finish in the park, on grass, and the amenities of the Lido available afterwards. Perhaps the atmosphere is not "cut-throat" enough for us! With John Bicourt not expected back from North America until late September, if at all, we are weakened even before Bill Lucas sends out his selection cards. Nevertheless, a team from Gerry North, Thresher, Black, Fairclough, Steer, Major and Dance should stand an excellent chance of pulling off the title—providing no more than one cries off! Non-Surrey men can take part in the 'B' and 'C' teams and with names like Geoff North, O'Hara, Hart, Piotrowski, Kerr, Dear, Williams, and Buxton there could be a ONE/TWO in it for BELGRAVE.

Little has been seen of Gerry Williams and Brian Buxton since June and we hope they will be fit and available once more during the coming weeks. With Mel Thorpe's departure to Coventry Godiva Harriers we were doubly pleased to welcome Dick Piotrowski to our ranks. Dick, formerly a member of Bracknell AC, is stationed with the Guards at Chelsea Barracks (just local to our training tracks at Battersea and the Duke of York's) and has become first-claim Belgrave under the hard-cases rule. He has turned in a 9:16 steeplechase and already proved his worth as a replacement for Mel by beating him in the Bracknell '5' road race—albeit by a few seconds.

Another missing from our Belgrave Relay dozen of last year is Joe Reilly, but with Geoff North standing down on that occasion we should be stronger this year, despite the loss of Mel and Joe. If Peter Whewell is still with us in early October and Bill Kerr and Adrian Major can keep free of injury then our depth should carry us through to some big wins.

One event we should win for the third successive year is our own Open Relay. With twelve stages involved we have a clear advantage over Portsmouth and TVH, our only serious rivals. But what of that 8-stage classic the Bristol/Weston? Well, our eight runners will have to run about five minutes faster than last year to win it. Looking at last year's result shows just what they are up against. Gerry has yet to regain his form of 12 months ago and even if he does so in time can Dance, Fairclough, and Bicourt run a joint 4 mins-20secs faster than they did last year when we found ourselves 13th after three stages? Yes, the Bristol/Weston is as tough a nut to crack as the National, but with five weeks of selection ahead of it we have every opportunity of finding the right eight for the job.

There is another 12 stage relay, other than our own promotion. This is Hornchurch Harriers' "Johnstone" relay to be held on Sunday September 24th. Our performance last year was better than our "National" effort 6 months later, for we finished second to Coventry by a 1:40 margin and had Tipton, Longwood, Manchester and Derby behind us for good measure. These latter teams have all improved since and we will have to raise ourselves even to maintain a second placing.

The Blackheath Road Relay clashes with our non-championship '5½' again this year, so one team only will be sent to Blackheath to put right that 3 seconds defeat by Portsmouth. Meanwhile our own race will be setting out to establish form for the three big relays and a battle royal can be anticipated from the expected 40 strong field.

Each time we approach the Spring or Autumn road-relay season there are a few members who assume they are automatic selections. Be warned! All the dark horses are at peak fitness and there is invariably someone who records a "breakthrough". No one can afford to be complacent. Remember, even Geoff North could only make first reserve position last year in our Open Relay, yet 3 months earlier he was running for Great Britain versus U.S.S.R.I.

To remind our runners of the competition they might have from within the Club I name just seventeen candidates. Before anyone takes their place for granted I suggest they note the names carefully and assume that all of their rivals are running better than ever before—because the twelve that are picked probably will be!

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| A. Black      | T. Hart     | R. Piotrowski |
| J. Bicourt    | W. Kerr     | C. Steer      |
| A. Buxton     | A. Major    | J. Thresher   |
| C. Dabbs      | Gerry North | P. Whewell    |
| W. Dance      | Geoff North | G. Williams   |
| A. Fairclough | L. O'Hara   |               |

At least five of these will have to stand down—still confident? With Pat Newell, John Dear, and Lionel Mann (amongst others) also waiting for an opportunity to nip in I would say the position of every runner is precarious to say the least. And remember, experience has shown it unwise to rely on one good effort for selection.

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**BACKPIECE** (Photos by Ron Gould).

The water-jump with one lap to go in the Southern Champs. 3000m Steeplechase. JOHN BICOURT (top) leads Lightfoot (Devonport) and goes on to beat the Devon man by 6 yds, finishing 2nd in 9:05.8, whilst JOHN DEAR (bottom) takes a dive but recovered well to finish 6th in 9:42.0.

