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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

It is with a note of sadness that we open the pages of this issue of the *Belgravian*. Two English gentlemen and true Sportsmen have gone from us and we mourn their passing deeply.

Joe Turner, a Vice President and lifelong friend of our club, a wise counsellor to all participating in athletics, an enthusiastic and extremely efficient official, and our own dear Jimmy Bellchamber who was all that a Belgravian should be and in fact the originator of the word "Belgravian."

Our President, Alf Harley writes an obituary on both our dear departed friends.

Whilst our sorrow is manifest, it must also be borne in mind that we have lost two very valuable officials. Their places in athletics will be hard to fill, but those to whom they pass the torch, by reason of the splendid and unselfish example they both showed, must fill these places, and so on to perpetuity.

Adieu—Joe Turner and Jimmy Bellchamber.

YOUR EDITORS.

J. B. BELLCHAMBER

February 28th, 1952, was a very sad day indeed for it brought news of the death of Jimmy Bellchamber at the age of 66 years, following a three months' illness which had been bravely borne with typical fortitude. Our sympathetic condolences are extended to Mrs. Bellchamber and her three sons. A number of Jimmy's club mates and friends in Walking and Athletics attended the Requiem Mass and funeral on March 5th, paying their final tribute to one they were proud to have known. To have been honoured by his friendship during his life time, as have so many of us, is something positive we shall remember with pleasure all our lives. We mourn his passing—we honour his memory.

Jimmy came to the Club in 1911/12 as a runner and the late Bob Ricketts quickly noted his abilities and loyalty to the Club and invited him to become our honorary auditor, for finances in those days, although small, needed expert supervision, and Jimmy has told us with a smile on many an occasion of how the balance in hand at the 1912 audit was 11/5d. and of its gradual increase throughout the years (always with Jimmy as the Hon. Auditor—forty years of real service) until the club's assets are now well within measurable reach of £10,000. An accountant by profession, Jimmy's sound knowledge and able guidance was always of the greatest help and a very great debt of gratitude is owed to him.

His outstanding services to the club were recognised by the conferment of Life Membership many years ago, and in 1931/32 he became President. In earlier years he had been a Club Captain and Vice Captain and we have known him in recent years as a first class sprint and walking judge, and absolutely dependable in all he undertook on behalf of the club.

He will always be remembered for his personal influence and leadership in building up the walking side of the club to the grand position it now occupies. In the 1912 era we had a few walkers but the prevailing idea then was that seven miles was just about the limit if a man wished to retain his speed. Jimmy had very different thoughts and set about demonstrating his own ideas and building up that basis of solid team work which is part of the inheritance we owe so largely to him. After a training walk one evening with Bob Ricketts (who in his time was sprinter, middle distance runner, boxer and walker—all with some distinction), from the Flood Street, Chelsea, quarters of the club, it was decided that Jimmy should henceforth remain a walker and that every endeavour should be made to build up a team. This was done to some purpose and the club began to show up well and in a Junior League Competition finished: unplaced, 3rd, 2nd and 1st in the four races held. During the summer of 1914, Jimmy began training for the Brighton Walk, but the outbreak of war in August, 1914, put paid to his ideas—temporarily at all events.

In 1919 Bob Ricketts, Harry Evans, Bill Hawker and Jimmy were quickly together again and were soon reinforced by further strength. In fact Belgrave accounted for every scratch team race held in the Metropolitan area during the season 1919/20 and in the 1919 A.A.A. Championship our 6th man finished 13th or 14th and one of our best, W. J. Hawker, did not start. In 1920 the R.W.A. Junior Championship was won with a team of four post-war members and the foundations laid for the many successes that have since followed. So the Bellchamber influence and example was at work—and so it continued for many years.

In the spring of 1914, Jimmy had been the first Belgrave walker to attain first-class standard (then 3 hrs, 10 mins.) in the R.W.A. 20 miles Championship. In 1920 he was placed third in the A.A.A. 7 miles Championship—the first Belgravian to do so in modern times. In 1921 he was the first Belgravian to beat the present R.W.A. First Class Standard at 20 miles and Captain of the first Club team ever to finish in a 20 miles Championship. He was the first Belgrave Harrier to be placed in the Brighton Walk and the first Club man to beat 9 hours for the journey. He was the first Belgrave Walker to do the double journey and become a Centurion.

All these actual performances have been surpassed by Club members subsequently, but the force of Jimmy's great personal example will always live on. He had to break down the prejudice that racing at 10 miles and over was inimical to track speed; he had to inculcate the ideas of team work, for individual effort was the greatest motivating force at one time. But these things he did and great was the victory and the record books bear testimony to his work through the many championship and Brighton Walk team wins and placings since 1920.

Jimmy was the first winner (in 1923) of the Sussex 10 miles Championship. In September, 1920, he was third in the Brighton Walk and followed up this grand performance in the years that followed in this manner: Sept., 1922—4th; May, 1923—4th; Sept., 1923—5th; Sept., 1924—4th. No wonder that we have built up a great tradition in the Brighton Walks and have recorded more team wins than any other club.

In 1921 Jimmy did not compete in the Brighton Walk, having concentrated on the London to Brighton and back (104 miles) in which he finished second. This was an outstanding performance, for the day journey took place in one of the highest temperatures ever recorded in this country, and by contrast the night had been extremely cold.

Bellchamber as a Walking Judge and as a man commanded the greatest respect and he had officiated at hundreds of races including the Olympic Games, A.A.A. and R.W.A. Championships, Area and County Championships, etc., always competently, conscientiously and with credit to the Club and himself.

Perhaps it was as a moral force—as the personification of the innate good things in life on the spiritual plane that those of us who were close to Jimmy will best remember him. We shall recall his unassuming, dignified, friendly approach combined with intense loyalty, strength of character and an ever present desire to help. And always we shall remember his devotion to Belgrave, his work through forty years to enhance the position and reputation, his dependability, his love for his Club and his fellow members.

Jimmy has delighted many of us with his articles and pen sketches of Club personalities in the *Belgravian*, and the *Belgrave News Letter*. In doing so he greatly enriched our knowledge and also revealed himself to us. As a native of Sussex (his name comes from the same derivation as BALCOMBE, and probably indicated Norman ancestry) he was never happier than when he was within its borders, although disgusted with "London by the Sea" and the injury the town had wreaked on some parts of his beloved county. He had read widely and his articles were bespattered with appropriate quotations and with some finely expressed sentiments of his own. This he writes of a stroll to Brighton: "Sunrise and the immaculate hours have the same indescribable charm that was theirs in a younger and fresher world. Right before us Wolstenbury still pushes up an enormous head from out a sea of clinging mist just as he did when Roman Legionaries were encamped upon his brow; whilst away in the west we see the sun's long fingers playing lovingly with the dark tresses of Chanctonbury's curl crowned head before that giant has wakened and pushed aside his pearly coverlet. Eastwards Ditchling Beacon greets us with a face bathed in smiles. Surely there is recognition in his warm Sussex Welcome."

How contemptuous he was of "The sacrifices the modern Moloch demands." Let us re-read his verses:—

THE BYE-PASS

Now the motor horn hoots where the nightingale sang,
And a petrol pump stands where his low notes out rang
From the delicate twigs of his glorified perch,
When the soft June morn gleamed on the silvery birch,
And a stark straight road runs where thick low leaves amid
And emitting faint fragrance, the violets hid
Whilst the multiformed beauty of lichen oak boles
Is replaced by the sameness of telegraph poles,
And the meadow where buttercups mirrored the stars
Is now open all night as a garage for cars,
Whilst there's jazz for the jaded and tea for the dry
In a spic and span jerry-built bungalow by,
And the poppies' red flame no more grows on the seas
Of the billowing wheat overswept by the breeze,
Gone the use and the beauty! whilst ignorant pride
Crashes over the land on a juggernaut ride,
And the chattering streamlet that winded and strayed
Between banks blossom jewelled when springtime displayed
Its pale primroses, windflowers and daffodils gay,
Through a pipe neath the road is now making its way,
Yes, where sometimes was seen like a flash of blue light
That the eye could scarce follow, a kingfisher's flight,
Blatant road hogs rush past with their poisonous smell,
Changing England's fair garden from Eden to hell,

We have indeed lost a great Belgravian. Whilst lying in hospital he told the writer that although a member of the Club for forty years he had never realised until that time everything the Club had meant to him and the number of friends he had within its ranks. Their letters and calls helped him tremendously and he was extremely grateful.

Much more could be written of this great friend of ours and his influence and example will help us in the years that follow. If we can be but loyal to the ideals that were his, we need have no fears for the Club he loved so well, nor for ourselves.

R.I.P.

A.A.H.

J. TURNER

We also mourn the passing of Joe Turner, a Vice-President and Honorary Timekeeper for many years past.

Joe's unassuming and unaffected personality had endeared him to us all. His reputation as a first-class timekeeper was known wherever athletics was enjoyed and he had officiated at all the principal track, cross-country and walking championships and at record attempts by the shoal. But delightfully, he also found pleasure in working at the humble school or inter-club meetings. In over sixty years of athletics he had never let anyone down. If Joe said (sometimes twelve months before) that he would come along to a particular meeting, he did so. He was absolutely dependable.

He did not just mix with his fellow officials, but was approachable by everyone, known to everyone. He was a familiar figure at Belgrave Hall and at our track meetings and we are going to miss him tremendously.

We can ill afford to lose such stalwarts as Joe—a grand sportsman and friend, a great worker for Belgrave as well as athletics generally, and a man we've been proud to know for so long.

F. M. STONE

Following upon the article published in our last issue, our very sincere congratulations are extended to Frank M. Stone (also known as Mark and Rodney) on the recent award of the "George" Medal. He is undoubtedly the bravest Metropolitan policeman ever, and has received (at the hands of three monarchs) the King's Police Medal (the Police V.C.), the British Empire Medal, and now the "George" Medal—all awarded for gallantry; in addition to which he has received the Royal Humane Society's Medal for saving life.

Many years ago Frank was a member of our distance walking teams and in the London to Brighton Walk of 1921 finished 12th and won the open handicap then held in conjunction. He has helped considerably in the matter of raising Club finances in days gone by and his visits to training quarters were always very welcome and of the cheeriest nature. He has always been very versatile in sport with interests in boxing, wrestling (he served on the Council of the A.W.A. for several years), Soccer, Rugby football, etc., etc., whilst Belgrave has always meant a great deal to him.

We are very proud of his achievements and look forward to seeing him at our gatherings as of yore, now that injuries sustained in the incident which led to the recent award have compelled his retirement from the Police Force.

OUR INVALIDS

We are pleased to learn that Oscar Horwood is a little better. We hope the coming fine weather will help him on a bit more. All Belgravians are thinking kindly of him.

Jack Shields, who has been suffering from polio for many weeks, and has lived during that time in an iron lung, is now improving. Many Belgravians have already visited him at Grove Hospital, Tooting, and he will be pleased to see any of his Club mates to help him along his uphill fight towards full recovery. However, Jack is so much improved that he had sent us a message which he would like to be published in the *Belgravian*, and here it is:—

“I wonder whether you could find space in the *Belgravian* to put in a word of thanks to all the members who have been so kind to me by visits, letters, messages and enquiries, to say nothing of all the gifts, both individual and those which Tom Carter has brought on behalf of others. I have been greatly heartened by all this kind consideration.

Please thank everyone.

Jack Shields.”

Albert Macher, who was recently in hospital, is now well and out again.

Of other people's invalids. We are very happy to report that Charlie Smith, the well-known official and member of Thames Valley Harriers, is progressing favourably in hospital. Derek Pugh, the international quarter-miler, who was also stricken with polio, is very much better. It is interesting to note that Derek has been under the treatment of our own Dr. E. M. McKenzie.

THE BELGRAVE BUDGET

The Finance Sub-Committee, at a recent meeting, made proposals which were subsequently endorsed by the full Club Committee. These proposals are designed to bring our income closer to our expenditure and, in view of general price increases over the past few years, they cannot be regarded as severe.

The charge for programmes at our meetings is to be increased from 3d. to 4d.

Our printed programmes have been very much admired by people outside the Club and it is our policy to continue with them. If every programme could be sold at each meeting it would go a long way towards reducing the loss on programmes which we report each year. Anyone who can help to sell programmes at meetings will be welcome. Now that we are going back to Battersea Park for some of our meetings we think of the days before the war when spectators had to get there early before the programmes were all sold.

The next item will affect active members. As from 1st January the entry fees for Club events for Seniors will be 1s. 6d. for the first event and 1s. for each additional event per meeting. Juniors and Youths will pay 1s. per event as previously. Cross-country and Road Walking events will remain at 1s. Last year's Balance Sheet showed that entry fees were well below the cost of handicap prizes alone, not to mention Championship and Standard medals. I have no doubt that the Section Hon. Secretaries will be exhorting you to give greater support to Club handicaps, so I'll leave it to them.

The next item concerns subscriptions. It is agreed that our income from subscriptions is not big enough to meet our increasing expenditure and it is probable that subscriptions will have to be raised. This will be considered at a future meeting when new rates will be suggested.

Once again I must thank the many who have written to me regarding their subscriptions, particularly those in the Forces. We hope that members in the Forces have been receiving Club literature and are getting opportunities for training. Many have given their demob. dates; these have been noted and we hope to welcome them back to the Club life in due course. Some lucky ones are doing their service locally and we see them often. Others are far afield and send their best wishes to the Club. They can rest assured that we often think of them and wish them the best of luck.

ONE LAST REMINDER—HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS?

If not, why not?

G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

CHIPPENHAM TO CALNE—6 MILES OPEN, 13-10-51

Once again we supported this distant fixture, six of our walkers making the journey led by Harry Churcher. Sheffield United Harriers however turned up in strength with Hardy and Allen and robbed us of the team title, Hardy collecting a gold medal by beating Harry's course record of last year. Result and times of our walkers as follows:—

1	R. Hardy	...	...	44.18	20	G. Oliver	...	...	51.23
3	H. Churcher	...	...	46.32	45	A. East	...	...	54.00
8	H. Clayton	...	...	49.18	64	J. Scamell	...	...	56.35
13	P. Wright	...	...	50.26					

Team—Sheffield United Harriers	1	12 points
Belgrave Harriers	2	36 points

HIGHGATE HARRIERS OPEN 7—27-10-51

In the first big open in the south we had a very large entry and from the start our lads soon went to the front. At about half distance apart from Barrett of Cambridge Harriers, the front part of the race looked almost like a Belgrave Club race with Gerry Gregory, Harry Churcher, Dave McMullen and Syd James all on each other's heels. During the latter part of the race Syd James dropped back a little but not enough to make any difference to the team result which gave us a lead of 26 points over the promoting club, a very good start to the season.

Final result and placings as follows:—

1	F. Barrett	...	...	54.24	75	A. St. Wakeley	...	...	62.42
2	G. Gregory	...	...	54.35	82	G. Beecham	...	...	63.13
3	H. Churcher	...	...	54.53	91	A. East	...	...	63.56
5	D. McMullen	...	...	55.51	99	H. Shields	...	...	64.21
10	S. James	...	...	56.54	114	H. Spencer	...	...	65.23
16	G. Checkley	...	...	57.50	120	H. Jeffery	...	...	65.50
20	H. Clayton	...	...	58.29	142	B. Waghorn	...	...	67.53
32	G. Oliver	...	...	60.00	146	P. Wilson	...	...	68.01
34	C. Churcher	...	...	60.05	161	J. Goswell	...	...	70.07
40	H. McGreechan	...	...	60.19	175	F. Jarvis	...	...	73.09
45	G. Warr	...	...	60.41	178	E. Beesley	...	...	73.17
61	J. Bellchamber	...	...	61.59	180	F. Herring	...	...	77.19
74	J. Bidgood	...	...	62.30					

Scratch Team: 1, Belgrave Harriers "A," 20 points.

CHELMSFORD ROAD RELAY RACE

This was held on October 27th and we retained our hold on the "Sidney Taylor Memorial Trophy" in no uncertain manner.

Our time of 94 mins. 43 secs. was a new course record and we won quite comfortably from the Aylesford Paper Mills with Essex Beagles in third place.

Chas Walker, although suffering from the after-effects of a cold, ran a good first "leg" which was inside the previous lap record time held by Bill Lucas, but even so could only hand over in second place to Cook, of Hadleigh A.C.

Archie Bedford, however, soon caught the leader and from then on we were always out in front.

Len Adams kept up the good work and increased our lead and Bill Lucas took us further ahead to hand over to Mike Stearman 68 secs, to the good.

Mike ran steadily and well and lost only a few seconds, despite being chased by Reg Robins of Essex Beagles, an experienced performer.

Len Herbert was on the final relay and he took no chances as Sando of Aylesford, was running the last "leg" for the Paper Mills, who had been having a battle-royal with Essex Beagles.

Incidentally, Jim Peters of Essex Beagles, the A.A.A. Marathon champion set up a new course record of 15 mins. 22 secs., which was 13 seconds inside the old figures set up by Bill Lucas in last year's race.

Our team's individual times were—Walker, 15.33; Bedford, 15.46; Adams, 15.53; Lucas, 15.46; Stearman, 16.10; Herbert, 15.35.

Team result—1, Belgrave H., 94.43; 2, Aylesford P.M., 95.33; 3, Essex Beagles, 96.06; 4, Southend A.C., 99.35; 5, Chelmsford A.C., 100.00; 6, Ilford A.C., 100.46 (15 teams closed in).

CLUB 5 MILES C.C. HANDICAP

At Wimbledon on October 27th we had some of the Mitcham A.C. lads together with members of the Veterans A.C. as visitors to our quarters.

The scratch race was won in easy fashion by Ray Tooby, and his time was quite good for our 5 miles' course. He was followed home by Eddie Short and "Ginger" Newell with Hudson and Peter Courtney also running well.

Courtney won the handicap held in conjunction, with Hudson and A. Housego in third place.

There was quite a tussle for the minor placings with a few seconds separating the first half dozen, but the winner was away out in front and definitely caught the handicapper "napping."

We had a 10 aside match with Mitcham A.C. but as they only had one man in the first 12 home, we scored a hollow win by 60 points against 150.

The Vets A.C. also held a handicap in conjunction with our race and this was won by our old friend Bert Footer who is still going strong although in his 29th season with the club.

Full details of our placings and times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Hcp. Start Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Hcp. Start Time
1	R. C. Tooby	29.17	1.15 28. 2	39	P. J. Earle	32.52	5.30 27.22
2	E. A. Short	29.30	2.15 27.15	40	A. W. Saville	32.55	5. 0 27.55
3	P. G. Newell	29.55	2.30 27.25	41	E. S. Udall	32.55	5.45 27.10
4	B. L. Hudson	30. 9	3.15 26.54	42	G. R. Chantler	33. 1	5.30 27.31
5	P. Courtney	30.14	4.30 25.44	44	J. Masters	33. 6	5.45 27.21
7	C. N. Collis	30.33	3.15 27.18	45	J. A. Lacey	33. 7	5.15 27.52
8	R. T. Taylor	30.45	2. 0 28.45	46	R. F. Budd	33. 9	5. 0 28. 9
9	M. F. Porter	30.53	3. 0 27.53	48	C. W. Coxon	33.29	4.45 28.44
10	L. C. Bishop	31. 3	3.15 27.48	49	C. T. Carter	33.30	3.30 30. 0
11	A. H. Bishop	31. 5	3.45 27.20	50	E. J. Gebbett	33.31	5.45 27.46
12	K. G. Stimpson	31. 7	3.15 27.52	51	D. W. Jones	33.40	5.30 28.10
13	R. F. Towndrow	31.10	3.45 27.25	52	L. F. Rolls	33.47	4.30 29.17
14	C. L. Stokell	31.13	1.45 29.28	53	T. C. Mitchell	34.14	6.30 27.44
15	E. M. Bishop	31.15	3.30 27.45	54	A. H. Orton	34.15	5.30 28.45
16	G. J. Stace	31.23	4.15 27. 8	58	D. G. Woodhead	34.29	5.30 28.59
17	E. S. Stimpson	31.33	2.15 29.18	59	R. G. Savage	34.35	6.30 28. 5
19	S. Charlton	31.41	1.45 29.56	60	A. T. A. Jordan	34.40	7. 0 27.40
20	J. McDonald	31.41	4.45 26.56	63	E. D. Lacey	34.56	6.30 28.26
22	J. Murphy	32. 4	4.15 27.49	68	W. F. Merryman	35.45	6.45 29. 0
23	J. W. Kennedy	32. 6	4. 0 28. 6	73	F. M. Mitchell	36.23	6.45 29.38
25	S. G. Brooks	32. 9	4.30 27.39	74	A. D. Pyer	36.37	7.15 29.22
26	H. E. Footer	32.10	4.45 27.25	75	D. S. Boothman	36.44	5.15 31.29
27	A. Smith	32.13	5.15 26.58	76	J. F. Keown	37. 0	7. 0 30. 0
28	M. H. Tween	32.27	5. 0 27.27	77	W. C. Jones	37. 4	8.15 28.49
29	R. Minahan	32.33	3.50 28.43	78	D. R. Laing	37.10	6.15 30.55
30	A. P. Whitehead	32.35	5. 0 27.35	81	A. W. Taylor	37.45	7. 0 30.45
31	E. G. Poplewell	32.37	4.50 27.47	82	W. G. Isaac	38.24	7.45 30.39
32	A. Housego	32.40	5.45 26.55	83	W. Paine	38.40	6.30 32.10
34	S. Davies	32.45	4.10 28.35	84	N. R. Dewberry	38.54	7.30 31.24
35	K. A. Cuff	32.46	4. 0 28.46	87	F. G. White	39.54	8.30 31.24
36	G. Durrant	32.47	3.15 29.32	88	J. G. Flatt	40.34	9.15 31.21
37	R. J. Mitchell	32.48	4.45 28. 3	90	G. Still	44.42	15. 0 29.42

MATCH WITH THAMES VALLEY H.

This was held at Cranford on November 3rd and we had a very poor turn-out and deservedly lost the team race against the home club.

Derrick Burfitt's present club, Oxford City A.C. were also present and in a three-sided match, the scores were—T.V.H. 74; Belgrave H. 117; Oxford City A.C. 224.

Charlie Walker won the individual race beating Alec Olney and Ted Manley with Bill Lucas in 4th place, Ray Tooby 7th and Archie Bedford 8th.

Vern Blowfield showed a welcome return in finishing 12th with Len Adams 18th, Ken Stimpson 31st, Ted Stimpson 36th, Len Bishop 37th, Eric Bishop 40th, Doug Briggs 45th, Alan Bishop 48th, George Stace 49th, Steve Charlton 51st, Bob Taylor 52nd, A. Housego 56th, A. Whitehead 61st, M. Tween 62nd, George Chantler 68th, Jack Lacey 70th, R. Johnson (a new member) 74th, Bert Jordan 75th, Dick Savage 77th and S. Jefferson 79th.

SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE

A record entry of 54 teams for the South of Thames "Junior" race held at Farningham on November 10th, and a field of 317 runners faced the starter.

The course was very heavy after recent rain and included quite a bit of plough and in the words of one competitor, it had "everything."

At the end of the first lap Don MacLean was our first man with the others quite a long way back and already the Herne Hill lads seemed comfortable winners of the team race.

"Ginger" Newell and Mick Porter came through well on the second lap with Maclean dropping back a bit and Hudson and Mike Stearman were too far back for us to stand a chance of getting placed.

Peter Courtney ran quite well in his first senior race, for although this is known as a Junior event, the word junior applies to ability and not to age.

We had entered five teams as we believe in giving all our members a chance of representing the club in open competition, and as they all closed in, it was evident that our policy was justified.

Given below are the placings of our men in their various teams:—

"A"—17, Newell; 19, Porter; 40, Hudson; 49, Stearman; 50, Courtney; 76, Bolam; 80, Stimpson, K.; 83, Collis.

"B"—32, Maclean; 120, Briggs; 132, Bishop, E.; 135, Abbott; 158, Bishop, A.; 194, Rice, B.

"C"—112, Godfrey, J.; 125, Murphy; 142, Brooks; 161, Mitchell, R.; 182, Lacey, J.; 231, Coxon.

"D"—166, Whitehead; 168, Tween; 205, Saville; 206, Housego, A.; 264, Lacey, E.

"E"—219, Pinchin; 249, Jones, D.; 267, Mitchell, T.; 269, Jones, M.

Team result—1, Herne Hill H., 34; 2, Walton A.C., 75; 3, Reading A.C., 86; 4, South London H., 89; 5, Cambridge H., 108; 6, Eastleigh A.C., 110; 7, C. of Rochester, 114; 8, Belgrave H., 125; 21, Belgrave "B," 419; 24, Belgrave "C," 540; 35, Belgrave "D," 745; 47, Belgrave "E," 1004.

(52 teams closed in)

ENFIELD A.C. 7 MILES OPEN, 10-11-51

Enfield A.C. reverted to their old course for their Open this year and once again we had a very big entry. Gerry Gregory took an early lead on the uphill climb over the first mile and gradually increased it on the outward journey being followed by Barrett and Harry Churcher. Barrett, however, made a great effort on the return journey and succeeded in catching Gregory at about 5½ miles and gaining a 10 yards' lead. Over the last mile Gerry tried hard to close the gap but Barrett held on and won by the narrow margin of 8 yards. With Harry Churcher 3rd and Dave McMullen 4th we had another scratch team win despite the fact that we lost George Checkley who was well up at about 3 miles and had

to wait until 26th position was filled by Jack Rutland. Although Charlie Churcher finished 19th, he was walking in the "B" team which did well to finish 6th. Times and placings as follows:—

1	F. Barrett	...	...	54.44	74	A. Robins	...	...	62.45
2	G. Gregory	...	...	54.46	77	H. Shields	...	...	62.55
3	H. Churcher	...	...	54.59	84	G. Doubleday	...	...	63.27
4	D. McMullen	...	...	56.29	91	A. St. Wakeley	...	...	63.50
19	C. Churcher	...	...	56.20	106	J. Coton	...	...	65.25
21	J. Rutland	...	...	58.55	109	H. Jeffery	...	...	65.37
29	C. Sutton	...	...	59.18	115	G. Waddingham	...	...	66.06
30	G. Oliver	...	...	59.36	118	J. Scamell	...	...	66.18
32	J. Bellchamber	...	...	59.52	119	S. Spencer	...	...	66.22
36	G. Warr	...	...	60.17	128	P. Wilson	...	...	66.54
43	E. Smith	...	...	60.49	138	W. Ferguson	...	...	68.36
48	A. Readman	...	...	61.55	146	F. Jarvis	...	...	69.50
58	G. Beecham	...	...	61.55	149	D. Hills	...	...	69.57
62	A. East	...	...	62.00	154	E. Beesley	...	...	71. 8
65	J. Bidgood	...	...	62.06	156	J. Goswell	...	...	71.22

Scratch team—1, Belgrave Harriers "A," 34 points; 6, Belgrave Harriers "B," 136 points.

MATCH v. WALTON A.C. AT WIMBLEDON, 17-11-51

1	H. Churcher	...	...	58.16	7	A. East	...	...	62.40
2	B. Shepherd	...	...	59.15	8	P. Green	...	...	63. 1
3	S. James	...	...	59.56	9	E. Hall	...	...	63. 3
4	C. Sutton	...	...	59.56	11	W. Wesson	...	...	64. 2
5	E. Smith	...	...	61.31	13	G. Doubleday	...	...	64.37
6	S. Jarlett	...	...	62.19	17	J. Goswell	...	...	73.10

Belgrave Harriers, 26 points; Walton, 52 points.

BELGRAVE HARRIERS OPEN 7 MILES, WIMBLEDON, 24-11-51

For the first time for four years we were favoured with fine weather for our own big race of the season. Following the advice that latecomers would not be waited for, almost everyone turned up early and the race was off to a sharp start at 3 p.m. and it was obvious that Harry Churcher was out to show them the way round over the home course. At the halfway stage, Barrett, winner of the two previous opens, was lying third and was never able to make up any leeway. Once again we had our first scoring three in the first five and with Charlie Churcher back in the "A" Team, 10th making our fourth man, we thus regained possession of the Berman Trophy, winning by the wide margin of 15 points. Although none of our walkers figured in the individual handicap, our "C" team completed the team double by winning the team handicap race, less than one minute separating the first three teams.

Our thanks are once again due to the generous support given to the prize fund and also to the band of helpers, particularly the recorders whose excellent work enabled us to have the result completed in what must have been record time.

Times and placings as follows:

1	H. Churcher	...	...	54.41	76	A. Readman	...	...	63.30
2	G. Gregory	...	...	55.15	78	H. Shields	...	...	63.39
5	D. McMullen	...	...	57.10	79	G. Waddingham	...	...	63.42
10	C. Churcher	...	...	58. 5	85	G. Doubleday	...	...	63.57
14	S. James	...	...	58.23	86	A. East	...	...	64. 2
18	G. Checkley	...	...	59. 2	101	J. Robins	...	...	65. 5
25	G. Oliver	...	...	59.51	114	H. Jeffery	...	...	66.17
27	H. McGreechan	...	...	59.52	115	W. True	...	...	66.27
29	C. Sutton	...	...	60.11	118	J. Coton	...	...	66.33
34	J. Bellchamber	...	...	60.17	123	J. Scamell	...	...	67.00
40	S. Jarlett	...	...	60.48	128	S. Spencer	...	...	67.24
42	J. Rutland	...	...	60.54	141	W. Ferguson	...	...	68.36
47	G. Warr	...	...	61.14	144	P. Wilson	...	...	69. 6
59	E. Smith	...	...	61.59	152	J. Goswell	...	...	70.36
61	E. Hall	...	...	62. 6	150	F. Jarvis	...	...	70.47
63	G. Beecham	...	...	62. 9	161	E. Beesley	...	...	71.49
64	J. Bidgood	...	...	62.14					

Scratch team—Belgrave "A," 18 points.

Handicap team—Belgrave "C," 210.55 (Bellchamber, Beecham, Warr, Doubleday).

MATCH WITH JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

This youths' fixture was held at Purley on November 24th, over a 3 miles' course. Geoff Goode was first home followed by Peter Courtney, who was running for the school, then came Frank Wright followed by four more Belgravians.

We scored 10 aside and came out fairly easy winners with 71 points to the School's 140. Actual positions and times of our lads are given below:—

1, G. J. Goode, 21.38; 2, P. P. Courtney, 21.51; 3, F. J. Wright, 22.35; 4, J. K. Fadden, 22.35; 5, G. Lines, 23.01; 6, R. Linstead, 23.31; 7, J. Hills, 23.50; 9, J. Standage, 24.04; 10, C. E. Freeman, 24.29; 11, L. O. Harding, 24.29; 12, M. R. Courtney, 24.48; 14, R. D. Baines, 26.28; 18, S. Mansell, 17.36.

MATCHES WITH EALING HARRIERS

These were held at Perivale on November 24th and in the Junior match, we won a three-sided contest scoring five aside, and Ray Tooby was first man home followed by D. G. Maclean.

R. D. Knights, a new member, ran well and we were pleased to see Brian Rice able to obtain leave from his unit.

Finishing positions were—1, R. C. Tooby, 23.12; 2, D. G. Maclean, 23.40; 4, G. J. Stace, 24.27; 6, R. D. Knights, 25.29; 11, B. K. Rice, 26.07; 12, R. F. Budd, 26.10; 14, R. J. Mitchell, 26.23.
Team scores—Belgrave H., 24 points; Ealing H., 47; Poly. H., 60.

In the senior match H. Woollard of the local club was the first man home followed by J. Tillotson of the Poly, and then came Eddie Short and Bill Lucas. In a three sided contest, it was decided to score 8 aside and with three of our runners not completing the course, it meant scoring all our actual finishers.

These were—3, E. A. Short; 4, W. E. Lucas; 12, L. C. Bishop; 15, J. A. Lacey; 16, A. H. Bishop; 19, G. R. Chantler; 26, A. W. Taylor; 27, S. Jefferson.
Team scores—Poly. H., 73 points; Ealing H., 111; Belgrave H., 122.

L.C.C. OPEN C.C. RACE

This was the second race promoted by the L.C.C. and once again Charlie Walker was first man home, although given a close race by R. S. Clark of Herne Hill, with the English Internationals D. C. Lee and D. J. Thompson of Shaftesbury close behind.

We had several club members competing and they finished—1, C. W. Walker; 9, M. F. Porter; 11, C. N. Collis; 19, K. G. Stimpson; 20, E. S. Stimpson; 43, A. W. Saville; and Bob Taylor retired after a bad fall.

In the team race scoring four aside the result was—1, Shaftesbury H. 28 pts.; 2, Herne Hill H. 33; 3, Belgrave H. 40; 4, Highgate H. 68; 5, Victoria Park H., 113; 6, Wigmore H. 130; 7, Kent A.C. 140.

ROCHESTER ROAD RACE

On November 24th this annual race was well supported. This time we sent down a team and had the satisfaction of securing second place.

We were pleased to see Vern Blowfield once more appearing in our colours, and although he seemed rather short of training we are sure he will soon get back to the form which gained him second place in the English cross-country championship in 1948 at Sheffield.

Our first man to finish was John Bromley 5th, then came Archie Bedford 9th, Len Adams 12th with Vern Blowfield 21st.

The team race scoring four aside resulted thus—1, Aylesford Paper Mills S.C., 23; points; 2, Belgrave H., 47; 3, Cambridge H., 63; 4, City of Rochester A.C., 96; 5, Hythe A.C., 103; 6, Southend A.C., 105.

SURREY YOUTHS C.C. RACE

This was held at Addington on December 1st, and we retained our title with the same score as last year, but this time the other placed teams were closer to us.

Geoff Goode improved on last year's third position by finishing as runner-up to I. Boyd of Wallington County School, with Frank Wright in third place.

With Brian Trower 7th and J. K. Fadden scoring 12th we totalled 24 points, with Herne Hill H. 34, and Wallington C.G. School 36, and our "B" team were placed 7th with 151 pts.

Actual placings and times of our lads were as follows—2, G. J. Goode, 21.42; 3, F. J. Wright, 21.49; 9, B. C. Trower, 22.16; 16, J. K. Fadden, 22.54; 18, J. Hills, 23.08; 39, C. E. Freeman, 24.12; 41, C. W. Rodgers, 24.35; 49, P. M. Childs, 24.58; 51, M. R. Courtney, 24.59; 54, L. O. Harding, 25.09; 56, D. A. Wise, 25.25; 62, R. D. Baines, 27.57; 63, S. Mansell, 27.57.

L.B.H. SENIOR C.C. RACE

At Parliament Hill Fields on December 1st over a 5 miles' course we had several of our club members representing their various Business Houses.

Archie Bedford finished third in the individual race with Vern Blowfield in fifth place, and then came Jimmy Wood 13th with Len Bishop 16th, and the latter just beat Tom Richards, the well known marathon runner.

Others to finish were—Ken Cuff, 36th; J. W. Kennedy, 39th; R. F. Budd, 43rd; Denis Brickwood, 46th; H. J. Pinchin, 57th; E. G. Poppellwell, 62nd; and Eddie Lacey, 70th.

CLUB 7 MILES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

This annual race for the "Blackstaffe" Shield was held at Wimbledon on December 8th, and a good field was seen out.

The holder, Chas. Walker, ran a fine race to retain his hold on the Shield although Jack Braughton gave him a close race, and a good sign was the fact that our first six men were all home within 42 seconds.

With Braughton not eligible for a championship placing, owing to the fact that he is only 2nd claim to us, this meant that John Bromley took second place with Archie Bedford third.

B. L. Hudson ran well to take first place in the handicap with Ken Cuff second and Mick Tween third.

We held a team race with our old friends, Cadogan A.C., in conjunction with the championship, and came out winners with 38 pts. against Cadogan's 157, scoring 8 aside.

The complete result with placings and times is given hereunder:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hep. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hep. Time
1	C. W. G. Walker	39.11	Scr.	39.11	24	D. A. Brickwood	44. 4	3.45	40.19
2	J. Braughton*	39.14	0.45	38.29	25	C. H. Henn	44. 6	6.15	37.51
3	J. Bromley	39.30	1.15	38.15	26	S. Davies	44. 8	5.15	38.53
4	A. W. Bedford	39.33	2. 0	37.33	27	A. Smith	44. 9	6. 0	38. 9
5	W. E. Lucas	39.44	1. 0	38.44	28	C. W. Coxon	44.28	6.15	38.13
6	E. A. Short	39.53	2.30	37.23	29	A. Housego	44.34	6.30	38. 4
7	R. T. Taylor	40.35	3. 0	37.35	30	J. Murphy	44.38	5.45	38.53
8	B. L. Hudson	40.53	4. 0	36.53	31	G. Durrant	44.42	5.45	38.57
9	E. H. Herbert	40.59	2.45	38.14	32	A. P. Whitehead	44.51	6.15	38.36
10	J. H. Wood*	41.10	1.30	39.40	33	G. R. Chantler	44.54	6.45	38. 9
11	L. A. Adams	41.13	3.45	37.28	34	J. A. Lacey	45.15	5.40	39.35
12	P. G. Newell	41.25	3.30	37.55	35	H. J. Pinchin	45.31	7.30	38. 1
13	L. C. Bishop	41.34	4.15	37.19	36	A. T. A. Jordan	46.11	9. 0	37.11
14	C. L. Stokell	41.50	2.15	39.35	37	D. W. Jones	46.36	7.45	38.51
15	S. Charlton	42.11	3.30	38.41	38	T. C. Mitchell	46.54	8.45	38. 9
16	E. S. Stimpson	42.17	2.15	40. 2	39	S. Jefferson	46.59	9.15	37.44
17	A. H. Bishop	42.25	4.50	37.35	40	R. G. Savage	47. 0	8.45	38.15
18	K. A. Cuff	42.35	5.30	37. 5	41	A. H. Orton	47.52	7.30	40.22
19	C. T. Carter	42.47	4.45	38. 2	42	A. W. Taylor	48.14	8.45	39.29
20	R. F. Bolam	43. 9	4.15	38.54	43	W. F. Merryman	48.20	9. 0	39.20
21	M. H. Tween	43.28	6.20	37. 8	44	D. R. Laing	49.36	9.15	40.21
22	G. J. Stace	43.35	5.15	38.20	45	F. M. Mitchell	49.36	9.30	40. 6
23	A. W. Saville	43.56	6.45	37.11	46	G. S. Doubleday	50.30	10. 0	40.30

* Not eligible for the championship.

Team scores—Belgrave H. (1-2-3-4-5-6-8-9), 38 points.

(8 aside) Cadogan A.C. (7-12-15-16-23-27-28-29), 157 points.

NOVICES' ROAD RACE

Over a 3 miles road course on December 8th from Belgrave Hall, we had six starters.

The winner was a well built athlete, J. E. Burr, who was a former member of the Paignton A.A.C. and he looks like being a useful addition to our ranks.

Placings and times were—1, J. E. Burr, 17.32; 2, D. L. Hall, 17.52; 3, K. C. Whitaker, 18.21; 4, K. G. Beech, 18.50; 5, R. W. Chase, 20.27; 6, P. J. Ashby, 20.48.

HORWOOD CUP, 8-12-51

There was an excellent field for this race which as usual included a match with the Police. All our possibles for the Garnet Cup race were out and George Checkley soon made it clear that he was determined to get his name on the cup. Woods, of the Police, led all the way with George close on his heels. Gerry Warr walked exceptionally well and thoroughly deserved his second place in the handicap which was won by Bill Ferguson off the long mark of 9.30. Result as follows:—

1	W. Woods (P.)	56.57	18	G. Waddingham (B.)	63.44
2	G. Checkley (P. & B.)	57.30	19	W. True (B.)	64.5
3	J. Bellchamber (B.)	59.05	21	W. Wesson (B.)	64.17
5	G. Warr (B.)	59.28	23	B. Eglinton (B.)	64.44
6	H. Kemp (B.)	59.32	24	H. Jeffery (B.)	64.51
7	S. Jarlett (B.)	59.48	26	W. Ferguson (P. & B.)	65.39
8	H. McGreechan (P. & B.)	60.17	27	J. Coton (B.)	65.53
10	E. Hall (B.)	61.31	28	J. Wilson (B.)	66.28
11	A. Readman (P. & B.)	61.47	30	P. Wilson (B.)	66.54
12	G. Beecham (B.)	62.5	31	S. Spencer (P. & B.)	66.59
15	J. Robins (B.)	62.38	37	D. Hills (B.)	72.13
16	J. Bidgood (P. & B.)	62.38	38	M. Parks (B.)	72.23
17	A. East (B.)	63.2	40	J. Goswell (B.)	72.28

Handicap—1, W. Ferguson, 9.30; 2, G. Warr, 2.30; 3, P. Wilson, 9.30.
Match—M.P.A.A., 330 points; Belgrave, 336 points.

CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS OPEN 7, 15-12-51

This race, as usual, was not supported by us in any great strength. Although Harry Churcher had entered, he was unable to turn out and with Gregory and McMullen also absent we did not expect to figure in the scratch team event. In the absence of our leading scratch men, Tony Bellchamber carried the Club colours with great credit and in finishing 17th out of 149 starters, was our first man home. His great performance resulted in him winning the individual handicap and despite our handicap team to win in our own Open, three of the same team, plus Ted Smith, took third team place. Time and placing as follows:

1	W. Woods	55.47	58	A. East	62.14
17	J. Bellchamber	58.36	61	J. Robins	62.36
19	H. McGreechan	58.49	71	W. True	62.23
22	G. Oliver	59.13	84	G. Warr	64.44
31	J. Rutland	59.46	90	J. Coton	64.50
35	A. Readman	59.17	103	S. Spencer	66.00
53	G. Beecham	61.30	133	J. Goswell	69.28
57	E. Smith	62.2	139	F. Jarvis	70.38

Individual handicap—J. Bellchamber, 7.20.

Team handicap—2nd, Belgrave "C" Team; Bellchamber, Beecham, Smith, Doubleday, 210.3.

CLUB JUNIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Wimbledon on December 15th over our usual 5 miles' course, Ray Tooby retained the "Savage" Shield by beating "Ginger" Newell with D. G. Maclean in third place.

R. D. Knights, a new member and one of Alf Taylor's proteges, ran well to win the handicap with yet another new comer in E. T. Paterson second and R. J. Mitchell third.

R. C. Wing who is second-claim to us also turned out in a field of 18 and we hope that some of these youngsters will eventually make the grade in our senior teams and so keep up the club tradition in the cross-country world.

Placings and times were as under:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	R. C. Tooby ...	29.28	Scr.	29.28	10	J. K. Fadden ...	32.57	3.15	29.42
2	P. G. Newell ...	30.41	0.45	29.56	11	C. H. Henn ...	33.4	3.30	29.34
3	D. G. Maclean ...	30.48	1.0	29.48	12	J. E. Godfrey ...	33.6	3.0	30.6
4	R. C. Wing ...	30.51	0.30	30.21	13	R. F. Budd ...	33.13	3.40	29.33
5	R. D. Knights ...	31.21	3.0	28.21	14	J. E. Burr ...	33.18	3.45	29.33
6	M. J. Stearman ...	31.48	1.15	30.33	15	M. J. Rigby ...	33.42	4.0	29.42
7	G. J. Stace ...	32.17	2.15	30.2	16	C. E. Freeman ...	33.50	4.45	29.5
8	E. T. Paterson ...	32.29	4.0	28.29	17	R. J. Wolton ...	36.8	5.0	31.8
9	R. J. Mitchell ...	32.32	3.30	29.2	18	J. F. Keown ...	36.39	6.0	30.39

CLUB BOXING DAY MEETING

Our annual track meeting on Boxing Day morning was held this year at Battersea Park, so reverting to our pre-war custom of holding meetings at this track.

It has now been re-laid into a 4 lap affair as against the old 3 lap track which many of our older members will no doubt remember so well.

The meeting commenced with the heats of the club 120 yds. sprint handicap and Denis Merrett ran well to win the first heat off the scratch mark.

Alan Sexton was also present but was unable to get up off 1 yard in a slightly faster run heat.

One of the high-lights of the meeting, which attracted a good crowd, was the "Grandfathers" sprint over 100 yards, and the winner was none other than our old friend George Still now in his 74th year.

The winner of the 3 miles' walk was young G. Beecham and he walked very well to beat E. A. Smith with R. Ferguson third.

A large field turned out for the 2 miles' run and Ray Tooby ran well off a back mark to thread his way through to gain third place.

Alan Bishop put in a fast finish to beat E. T. Paterson for first place and Jack Brown was another to finish well up.

The Shot Putt handicap was won by Les Stokell who is now taking up field events, he has ideas about becoming a decathlon performer, and he certainly did well to take first place in the handicap with Frank Kemp second and a new member in R. J. Harris third.

Full results are given below:—

- "Grandfathers" race—1, G. Still (30); 2, E. Glover (9); 3, R. W. Best (15). Time: 11.8 secs.
 120 Yards—1, P. Cornish (8); 2, J. Benstead (7); 3, G. J. Barker (5). Time: 12.3 secs.
 3 Miles Walk—1, G. Beecham (1.00); 2, E. A. Smith (0.40); 3, R. Ferguson (2.40). Time: 23 min. 40 secs.
 2 Miles Run—1, A. H. Bishop (270); 2, E. T. Paterson (320); 3, R. C. Tooby (60). Time: 9 min. 22 secs.
 Weight Put—1, C. L. Stokell (11ft.); 2, F. W. Kemp (12ft. 6in.); 3, R. J. Harris (10ft.). Distance: 42ft. 4 1/2 ins.

Match v. Surrey W.C., Wimbledon, 29-12-51

1	S. James ...	57.29	15	A. East ...	64.9
3	C. Sutton ...	58.20	18	H. Jeffrey ...	65.13
4	J. Bellechamber ...	58.42	22	F. Rolfe ...	67.00
7	C. Churcher ...	60.31	23	J. Wilson ...	67.12
10	G. Beecham ...	62.11	24	J. Robins ...	68.18
11	S. Jarlett ...	62.11	25	P. Wilson ...	68.18
12	G. Doubleday ...	62.17	30	J. Goswell ...	73.7
13	H. Shields ...	62.53			

Result—1, Belgrave, 139 points; S.W.C., 161 points.

THE COUNTY C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Surrey County Senior and Junior events were held at Otter but although the locals had done their best as regards arrangements, it was a far from satisfactory venue.

This was mainly due to the fact that the start of the race was some distance from the finish, and in consequence all the runners' track suits, sweaters, etc., had to be carried from one place to another. Also the course was laid out in such a manner that the spectators saw practically nothing of the actual race apart from the start and finish.

In the Junior event our first man home was Don Maclean in 6th place and Peter Courtney also ran well to finish 14th. Mike Stearman was unlucky in the fact that owing to arriving a bit late he missed the start and trailed the field along and so can be said to have done well to finish 41st out of the 63 who completed the course.

Our seniors made no mistake in retaining the "Pickett" Cup for the senior championship and actually set up a new record by scoring only 37 points for our six counters.

Chas. Walker just beat Eddie Short for second place, and then came Jack Braughton 5th, Bill Lucas 7th, Archie Bedford 9th and Len Herbert 11th.

All the first five were selected to run for Surrey in the Inter-Counties race at York, and Jack Brown 7th in the Kent race and A. Cockram 5th in the Wilts. championship, will also be running in this event and this must be almost a record for any club to have seven representatives in such a race.

In the Middlesex Championships at Trent Park, our lads who were running for Cadogan A.C. did not do too well, although "Ginger" Newell ran his best race to date in finishing 16th in the senior race. Vern Blowfield was 25th, Tony Snoch 26th, Bob Taylor 37th, Ken Stimpson 50th and Ted Stimpson 53rd. Others to finish were—Steve Charlton 54th, J. MacDonald 89th, A. Housego 94th, A. W. Saville 111th and Bert Smith 121st.

Placings and times in the Surrey races were as under:—

Senior—2, Walker, 37.36; 3, Short, 37.37; 5, Braughton, 37.53; 7, Lucas, 38.11; 9, Bedford, 38.31; 11, Herbert, 39.05; 27, Bromley, 39.58; 29, Adams, 40.02; 33, Hudson, 40.17; 40, L. Bishop, 40.35; 46, Carter, 41.18; 47, Bolam, 41.24; 54, A. Bishop, 41.41; 58, Tween, 41.58; 65, E. Bishop, 42.26. Teams: 1, Belgrave H., 37; 2, Herne Hill H., 95; 3, South London H., 111.

Junior—6, Maclean, 29.32; 14, Courtney, 30.48; 26, Briggs, 32.04; 29, Fadden, 32.26; 32, Godfrey, 32.37; 36, Paterson, 33.01; 40, Henn, 33.27; 41, Stearman, 33.27; 42, Rice, 33.41; 46, Mitchell, 34.02.

Teams—1, Walton A.C., 20; 2, Herne Hill H., 44; 3, South London H., 49; 4, Mitcham A.C., 63; 5, Belgrave H., 67.

METROPOLITAN POLICE OPEN, 12-1-52

The absence of Dave McMullen and Gerry Gregory no doubt accounted for Surrey A.C.'s first scratch team win for many years, and with Paddy Woods narrowly beating Harry Churcher for individual honours, the Surrey boys are to be congratulated on their dual win. As will be seen from the times it was generally a very fast race, our own walkers being no exception. George Beecham is to be heartily congratulated on his excellent performance which gave him the individual handicap. A bigger surprise awaited George when he received his prize later in the evening at the Club Dance (having left Imber Court before the awards were presented). Rumour has it that he thought it was an infernal machine, which might blow up any minute, but was eventually convinced that it was in fact a pressure cooker. Following our recent successes in team handicaps, the resulting win for our "C" team was further proof of

our lads' performances. Times and placings as follows:—

1	P. Woods	53.31	81	J. Robins	60.41
2	H. Churcher	53.38	85	G. Doubleday	60.55
10	S. James	55.56	104	H. Shields	62.06
17	C. Churcher	56.35	115	B. Eglinton	62.54
18	G. Checkley	56.39	131	H. Jeffery	64.00
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31	G. Beecham	57.41	142	J. Wilson	64.43
34	S. Jarlett	57.49	143	W. Ferguson	64.48
35	H. McGreechan	57.55	146	S. Spencer	64.55
45	E. Smith	58.24	155	J. Scamell	65.46
54	A. Readman	58.56	156	P. Wilson	65.51
57	E. Hall	59.11	160	B. Waghorn	66.10
60	R. Kemp	59.19	166	F. Jarvis	66.54
79	A. East	60.36	181	J. Goswell	69.22

Scratch team—1, Surrey A.C., 42 points; 2, Belgrave H. "A." 47 points.

Handicap Team Race—1, Belgrave "C." 200.26 (Beecham, Hall, Doubleday, Jarlett).

Individual Handicap—1, G. Beecham (9.20).

CLUB YOUTHS' C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

At Wimbledon on January 12th Geoff Goode retained his hold on the "Overseas" Cup by a comfortable margin. Frank Wright was second with G. Lines third and W. P. Bird, who is second-claim to us, in fourth place.

The handicap was won by K. C. Whitaker, who finished third in the recent Novices race, and he has shewn a marked improvement in the short time that he has been with us.

We were sorry that P. M. Childs sustained a heavy fall soon after the start and trust he will soon recover from his injuries.

Two other youngsters in J. Standage and J. N. Golding also ran well and it looks as if Mick Pyer's guidance is reaping good rewards among our under 18 section.

Placings and times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	G. J. Goode	21.29	Scr.	21.29	7	J. Hills	24.07	1.40	22.27
2	F. J. Wright	22.00	0.30	21.30	8	K. C. Whitaker	24.26	4.15	20.11
3	G. Lines	22.30	1.15	21.15	9	L. O. Harding	24.30	3.00	21.30
4	W. P. Bird	23.12	1.45	21.27	10	P. F. Hayden	25.03	3.45	21.18
5	J. Standage	23.20	2.00	21.20	11	M. R. Courtney	25.40	3.30	22.10
6	J. N. Golding	23.31	2.15	21.16					

EALING YOUTH CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

For the second year in succession Northolt Youth Centre, whose team consists mainly of Belgrave Harriers, won the Ealing Youths Cross-Country Race and once again in no uncertain manner. The first man home was John Smith of Northolt and Belgrave. John is a very versatile athlete and has without a doubt a very promising future. Adept at high and long jumping and 220 yards, he now turns temporarily to cross-country and literally "cake walks" the race. M. Kirkby, another Northolt Belgravian was 3rd. Final result shows that Northolt finished 5 men in the first six places and most of them wearing Belgrave colours. Why don't some of our coaches pay Northolt a visit?

Reported by F. H. ELSON, a *Walking Coach*!!

INTER-COUNTIES C.C. RACE

This was held at York on January 19th from the Rowntree's Cocoa Works Sports Ground, and Lancashire easily retained the team title.

Surrey provided the individual winner in D. A. G. Pirie and also running in their team were J. Braughton 29th, Bill Lucas 44th, Eddie Short 53rd, Chas. Walker 55th and Archie Bedford 96th.

Jack Brown 51st was running for Kent while a new member in A. Cockram finished 153rd running for Wiltshire.

To have seven club members in a race of this description is no mean feat and they can be said to have packed very well if a little too far back.

Team result—1. Lancashire, 70 points; 2. Middlesex, 151; 3. Kent, 165; 4. Yorkshire, 186; 5. Surrey, 238; 6. Warwick, 300.

JUNIOR C.C. MATCH

This was against the Oxford and Bermondsey Club on January 19th and owing to the fact that our visitors were late in arriving, it was actually a Youths' team that we fielded.

Geoff Goode, Frank Wright and G. Lines came home together in first place followed by V. Baker of O. and B., then came K. C. Whitaker and the rest of the Bermondsey boys.

Scoring four aside we were easy winners by 11 points to our visitors 25, and we are sorry that their last two lads went off the course but they eventually arrived back at the Hall safe and sound.

CLUB 10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP, 26-1-52

Misfortune once again befell this race. As last year, some of the competitors, including Harry Churcher, who was in the lead, went off the course a short distance from home. Although this had little or no effect on the ultimate result of the championship, it was decided to cancel the handicap. The question of altering the course is now being seriously considered and it is hoped that we shall be able to avoid any such mishap in the future.

As usual, we had a match with the Police and Paddy Woods, continuing his Imber Court form, just beat Harry into first place.

Times and placings as follows:—

1	P. Woods	76.35	24	G. Doubleday	87.24
2	H. Churcher	76.39	26	A. East	88.20
3	C. Sutton	81.28	27	W. Wesson	89.07
4	S. James	81.41	30	Eglinton	89.58
5	J. Rutland	82.32	33	J. Wilson	90.47
6	H. McGreechan	82.54	34	F. Rolfe	91.23
7	J. Bellchambers	83.15	35	F. Jarvis	91.42
8	S. Jarlett	83.30	36	G. Beecham	91.54
10	A. Readman	84.16	37	W. Elis	92.26
16	J. Robins	85.51	38	W. Fergusson	93.18
17	D. McMullen	86.40	39	J. Coton	94.04
18	C. Churcher	86.45	40	P. Wilson	95.52
19	E. Smith	86.45	43	H. Jeffery	96.24
22	H. Warr	87.15	45	J. Goswell	100.17
23	H. Shields	87.20			

Match—Belgrave, 311 points; M.P.A.A., 390 points.

"MACHER" SHIELD RACE

The club 10 miles cross-country championship was held on January 26th and the race was started by Albert Macher, who we were pleased to see out and about once again.

A good field of 38 runners faced the starter on a snow covered course of two laps, and at the half-distance Charlie Walker was out in front being about 60 yards ahead of Bill Lucas and Jack Brown who were together.

Next came Vern Blowfield, making a welcome re-appearance together with Eddie Short who was finding the going a bit too hard for him, as I think he prefers more muddy conditions.

When they came in sight of the finish, Jack Brown was well ahead and he must have made up a good bit of ground over the second lap. Bill Lucas still retained third place and the other placings had not altered much, and for our first eight men to finish within 4 minutes is I think a good sign for the more serious races to come.

Len Herbert was obviously short of training and we were pleased to see his brother Eric coming back to the form which gained him a place in our Southern team last season.

Alan Bishop ran very well but he often does better over our own course than he does on a course where the going is more difficult. Incidentally, there was a triple dead-heat for first place in the sealed handicap and this is the first time we can remember such a happening in a club race.

Placings and times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time
1	J. W. Brown	59.5	5	59.5	18	E. M. Bishop	67.53	5.45	62.8
2	C. W. Walker	59.25	0.15	59.10	19	K. A. Cuff	67.54	6.15	61.39
3	W. E. Lucas	60.30	1.15	59.15	20	J. McDonald	67.59	6.15	61.44
4	V. S. Blowfield	61.12	1.45	59.27	21	J. E. Burr	68.35	7.15	61.20
5	E. A. Short	61.43	2.15	59.28	22	A. W. Saville	69.32	8.45	60.47
6	E. H. Herbert	62.21	3.15	59.6	23	G. R. Chantler	69.44	9.30	60.14
7	A. W. Bedford	62.36	2.30	60.6	24	A. T. A. Jordan	69.48	11.30	58.18
8	L. W. Herbert	62.46	0.45	62.1	25	A. P. Whitehead	70.5	9.15	60.50
9	A. H. Bishop	64.18	6.0	58.18	26	J. A. Lacey	70.34	9.0	61.34
10	K. G. Stimpson	64.25	5.15	59.10	27	A. Smith	71.6	9.30	61.36
11	L. A. Adams	64.46	3.15	61.31	28	M. H. Tween	71.16	8.15	63.1
12	B. L. Hudson	64.49	4.15	60.34	29	R. G. Savage	72.48	12.30	60.18
13	S. Charlton	65.1	3.0	62.1	30	A. W. Taylor	73.48	15.30	58.18
14	E. S. Stimpson	65.33	3.50	61.43	31	A. Penstone	74.30	10.45	63.45
15	G. J. Stace	66.29	6.45	59.44	32	F. M. Mitchell	74.30	16.0	58.30
16	L. C. Bishop	66.44	5.15	61.29	33	D. R. Laing	75.50	14.0	61.50
17	C. T. Carter	66.49	5.30	61.19	34	T. C. Mitchell	76.19	15.0	61.19

Team race—Belgrave H. (1-2-3-5-6-7-8-9), 41 points.
(8 aside) Cadogan A.C. (4-10-13-14-20-21-22-23), 127 points.

YOUTHS' ROAD RACE

Held at Wimbledon on January 26th this was a 7 aside match with the Sutton & Cheam lads.

Geoff Goode was first home followed by Frank Wright with R. D. Simmons of Sutton in third place.

Two of our under 16's in J. N. Golding and R. Braine also did well and we were pleased to see our Youths 880 yds. champion, D. A. Wise, out again with the lads.

Our placings and times were—1, G. J. Goode, 15.51; 2, F. J. Wright, 16.11; 4, G. Lines, 16.42; 6, R. Linstead, 17.5; 7, J. Hills, 17.6; 9, J. N. Golding, 17.20; 10, D. A. Wise, 17.21; 12, R. Braine, 17.25; 13, L. O. Harding, 17.27; 15, P. M. Childs, 17.41; 16, K. C. Whitaker, 17.44; 18, M. R. Courtney, 18.1; 19, P. F. Hayden, 18.4.

Team result—Belgrave H., 39 points; Sutton and Cheam H., 66 points.

GARNET CUP RACE, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1952

Sporting columnists seeking sensational copy would have headed their reports of the Garnet Cup Race at Sheffield:—

"The debacle at Sheffield—were the judges too hard?"

106 walkers, comprising sixteen teams, started this ten mile race on a good day over a two lap course that appeared to be reasonable. Only 76 walkers finished with Surrey W.C. the only club finishing a complete team of 8. Sheffield had 9 men pulled with their "A" Team reduced to 4, their "B" Team to 3. Three clubs failed to finish a team of 4 and like the rest we suffered too.

Immediately, from a fast start, Paddy Woods took the lead, surrounded by five members of the Sheffield team, obviously meaning business in the team race, but soon after the first mile post was passed two Sheffield lads were "pulled" and five of their men were out in the first four miles.

But what happened to the "Bels"? Early in the race, Syd Jarlett, although suffering from a very heavy cold was leading our team in the 12th position. Then came Ron Kemp closely followed by five others with Alan Robins starting steadily in the rear. A quick check at 5 miles showed leading teams to be 1, Sheffield 32; 2, Highgate 47; 3, Met. W.C. 53; 4, Belgrave 78.

Already we had suffered our first reverse. Gerry Warr had been pulled 50 yards short of the 5 mile post. The team were informed quickly, but worse was to follow when Tony Bellchamber was pulled at 5½ miles. Then the whips came out and the lads were pushed on. Syd was still leading with Ron Kemp, Ted Smith and the two Georges (Checkley and Beecham) working their way forward. At 6¼ miles George West (Highgate) then in 16th position was pulled, a sorry blow to them.

Team positions at this point shows:—Sheffield 35, Met. W.C. 48, Highgate 62, Belgrave 73, and the fight was really on. Our lads, urged forward by Charlie Churcher and the "horrible handicapper" (yes, he was watching form) now made their big effort and at 9 miles team points were Sheffield 41, Met. W.C. 51, Highgate 60, Belgrave 63,—showed that anything could happen. Nobly our lads responded to our urging, Sid Jarlet (what a race he walked) found a little more effort and pulled up two places. Ron Kemp (walking above form) went up three more and George Beecham hung on to George Checkley in a final grand effort to give us a placed team. But all in vain, we were beaten into 4th place by one point.

1, Sheffield U.H. 42; 2, Met. W.C. 48; 3, Highgate H. 56; 4, Belgrave 57.

Finally congratulations to Sheffield on winning the Garnet Cup for the 8th time, and so beating our record of 7 wins.

Junior Walkers!! We shall have to put this right next year.

1	W. Woods	...	...	79.41	17	G. Checkley	...	...	85.58
3	B. Shepherd	...	...	81.43	19	G. Beecham	...	...	86.12
9	S. Jarlett	...	...	84.34	44	E. Smith	...	...	90.49
12	R. Kemp	...	...	85.9					

AYLESBURY YOUTHS' ROAD RELAY

On February 2nd our team not only won the race but knocked over 4 minutes off the previous winning time.

Geoff Goode ran the first stage of about 3 miles in 18.15 and gave us a good lead from Highgate, Wycombe & Finchley H. Gerry Lines was our next runner and he kept the lead and did 18.54, with Ron Linstead going next and he clocked 19 mins. dead and we were still ahead of Wycombe, Highgate and Finchley.

Frank Wright our fourth and last runner did 18.22 to come home an easy winner and our total time was 74.31.

We also started a "B" team and after the following had run—J. Hills 19.33 (9th), P. F. Hayden 20.36 (10th) and C. W. Rodgers 22.06 (13th) we were forced to retire owing to our other runner being unable to travel owing to a damaged leg.

It was interesting to note that the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, who dead-heated for first place in last year's Southern Youths c.c. championship, could only finish 5th in the above race. Wycombe Phoenix H. were 2nd, Finchley H. 3rd and Highgate H. 4th, with Watford H. 6th, and 20 teams closed in.

MATCH v. SURREY BEAGLES

At Caterham on February 2nd we fielded what was more or less a "B" team and the local club beat us with 51 pts. to our 55.

Pete Newell was first man home followed by a couple of the Beagles, then came Len Herbert who is also a local but he scored for us on this occasion.

Doug Briggs also ran well to finish in 5th place, with Alan Bishop 9th, Ken Cuff 11th, Eric Bishop 12th, Jack Lacey 13th and Mick Tween 14th.

We scored seven a side and with Len Bishop having to retire owing to shoe trouble this meant that nearly all our men had to count.

However, the result is not the thing, so long as a good run was had by all then we are well satisfied and we would like to thank the home club for providing refreshments.

SOUTH OF THAMES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

This was held at Aylesford on February 9th from the local Paper Mills sports ground. The dressing facilities were of the best and tea was also provided, not only in the dressing rooms at the finish of the race, but also a sit-down affair when the awards were made.

The club was honoured by the fact that this year's President of the Association, was none other than Ernie Duffett, our Running Hon. Sec.

Having had winning teams four times out of the last six races, this meant that we had at least 24 chaps barred from competing not forgetting our Southern and National successes, which also bars you from competing in this race.

In the circumstances, our 7th position in the team race was quite good and 22 clubs closed in.

Pete Newell was our first man home in 16th place, and then came Bob Taylor 30th, Len Bishop 31st, Mike Stearman 62nd, B. L. Hudson 66th, Reg Bolam 74th, Ken Stimpson 75th, Alan Bishop 96th, Doug Briggs 100th, Eric Bishop 110th, Ken Cuff 120th, and A. W. Saville 125th.

The "Colman" Cup was won by Reading A.C. and the team positions were:—

1. Reading A.C., 188; 2. Herne Hill H., 192; 3. Bristol A.C. & Mitcham A.C., 194; 5. Walton A.C., 228; 6. Surrey A.C., 270; 7. Belgrave H., 279; 8. C. of Rochester, 370; 9. Cambridge H., 371; 10. Brighton A.C., 468; 11. Portsmouth A.C., 474; 12. Horsham Blue Star H., 482.

MATCH v. THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS

This match held at Wimbledon on February 9th provided a test for those of our members who were not eligible to compete in the South of Thames race.

Alec Olney was first home followed by Charlie Walker, and then came Ray Tooby, Eddie Short and Archie Bedford who ran in together, just in front of A. R. Miles.

Jack Brown and Len Herbert were 7th and 8th, just ahead of a batch of T.V.H. lads and these forward positions gave us the "edge" in the team race.

Scoring nine aside the points were:—Belgrave H. 74; Thames Valley H. 97.

SURREY W.C. "BANSTEAD" 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ MILES, 16-2-52.

In conjunction with this race, there was a match Surrey W.C. v. Belgrave and match Surrey W.C. v. Met. Police whose team, of course, included several of our own members. This is quite a popular fixture with our lads and out of a field of 41 starters 17 were our own members. H. Martineau of Surrey was first home in 1.38.30 and was followed by three Belgrave lads. We won the match against Surrey W.C. while Surrey W.C. secured a victory over Met. Police.

Placings of our men as follows:—

2	C. Churcher	...	1.40.13	20	W. Wesson	...	1.49.52
3	S. James	...	1.41.00	22	B. Eglinton	...	1.51.33
4	D. McMullen	...	1.41.17	24	J. Wilson	...	1.52.47
10	S. Jarlett	...	1.44.30	25	W. True	...	1.52.48
14	A. Readman	...	1.47.28	28	S. Spence	...	1.54.15
15	G. Oliver	...	1.48.24	29	W. Ferguson	...	1.54.35
16	G. Checkley	...	1.48.26	34	P. Wilson	...	1.58.49
18	H. Shields	...	1.48.35	40	J. Goswell	...	2.09.38
19	G. Doubleday	...	1.48.37				

Match Results: Belgrave 223 points v. Surrey W.C. 242 points; Surrey W.C. 65 points v. Metropolitan Police 106 points.

Syd James won a Handicap for Belgrave members only.

YOUTHS v. SUTTON AND CHEAM

Held on February 16th at Cheam and in view of the Southern Counties race a week later I understand that Mick Pyer had advised our lads to take it steady.

The Sutton lads reversed the previous result and this time came out on top with 35 pts. to our 47.

Geoff Goode was content to run in behind a local lad and he was followed by Gerry Lines, with J. Hills 6th, L. O. Harding 9th, M. R. Courtney 13th, C. W. Rodgers 14th and P. F. Hayden 15th.

We scored six aside and fielded seven as against the home club's eight. Ron Linstead was an absentee owing to knee trouble and Frank Wright was another not present.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Hadleigh, Essex, on February 23rd, over fairly rough country which included a climb up and around the ruins of Hadleigh Castle.

In the Youths' event our lads got away to a good start with Wright and Goode up in the first half-dozen. Then came tragedy in the fact that they were wrongly directed and by the time they got back on the right course they had lost quite a lot of ground and places. Frank Wright managed to get up with the leaders once again but Geoff Goode found the effort too much for him and was our 4th scoring man. This race is certainly a "hoodoo" for Geoff and Micky Pyer must have been disappointed at our 4th place in the team race, but we hope for better luck next year.

The senior race came next and at the end of the first lap of the country it looked as if Aylesford Paper Mills would retain their team title, as they had three men in the first dozen runners. Our lads were running well together but seemed too far back although Vern Blowfield was going great guns and Eddie Short was also well up. On the second lap we saw Charlie Walker, Eddie Short, Jack Brown and Archie Bedford running well together with Bill Lucas, our captain, acting as the whipper-in.

At the finish we saw Vern Blowfield, who had truly made a comeback and had run himself out in the progress, being placed 11th, then we had four in the 20's and although Bill Lucas had dropped about ten places, we still had 10 points to spare over the holders.

The rest of our team had also run well with special mention for Hudson and Len Bishop and it seemed strange to see Len Herbert back so far, but he has not done a great deal of racing this season. John Bromley had damaged a foot in an Army race a few days previously but pluckily kept going to the end in order that we could win the "Odling-Smee" Cup, which is awarded to the first Surrey club to finish its complete team of 12 men.

We thus regained the "Frank Wynne" Challenge Cup which is awarded to the winners of the senior race, and so repeated our previous wins in 1934, 1946, 1948 and 1949.

The Junior race was last on the "card" and as we had expected Ray Tooby was well up with the field but felt the effects of a Service race in mid-week and so could only finish in 7th place. Mike Stearman was next home followed by Doug Briggs and Don Maclean, and don't think it was the latter's type of country.

Placings of our members in the various races were:—

- Youths—3, F. J. Wright; 25, R. Linstead; 30, G. Lines; 38, G. J. Goode; 105, J. Hills.
Junior—7, R. C. Tooby; 37, M. J. Stearman; 58, D. Briggs; 60, D. G. Maclean; 73, E. T. Paterson; 99, J. E. Burr.
Senior—11, V. S. Blowfield; 21, C. W. Walker; 23, E. A. Short; 27, J. W. Brown; 28, A. W. Bedford; 43, W. E. Lucas; 48, B. L. Hudson; 53, L. C. Bishop; 63, L. W. Herbert; 68, L. A. Adams; 84, K. G. Stimpson; 94, J. Bromley.
Teams—1, Belgrave H., 153; 2, Aylesford P.M., 163; 3, Reading A.C., 268; 4, Thames Valley H., 274; 5, Blackheath H., 331; 6, Shaftsbury H., 349.

ROAD RUNNING SECTION

(The Editors are happy to grant this Section complete recognition by giving it a regular page in the Club Magazine)

The Long Distance Road Running Section, by reason of its new constitution finds itself now not exactly the "Cinderella" of Belgrave Harriers. It appears that this new status has given the lads an enthusiasm and impetus which will no doubt be felt in our Club life.

At the time of going to press we shall only have been a going concern for a few weeks but nevertheless we can report our first race in the Mitcham 15. This event is an innovation and now makes our season literally about 9 months, a fact which appears desirable to those contemplating seriously the journey from Windsor Castle to Chiswick Stadium.

In this first event we were not at full strength but nevertheless all our runners showed good times in spite of lack of preparation and despite something that may hurt a little—lack of team running. The results were as follows:—

1	S. E. Cox,	Southgate H.	...	...	...	1.24.17
23	E. Hudson	...	...	...	...	1.32.19
34	A. Whitehead	...	...	...	...	1.34.58
36	A. Jordan	...	...	...	...	1.35.23
40	J. McDonald	...	...	...	...	1.36.46
54	A. Penstone	...	...	...	...	1.41.26
64	F. Mitchell	...	...	...	...	1.44.38

There were 94 starters and 16 teams closed in.

Teams—1, Blackheath H. "B," 22 points; 8, Belgrave H. "A," 97 points; 13, Belgrave H. "B," 154 points.

For special mention we must include Bert Jordan who pulled off one of his little surprises. Our old friend Mac who finished 40th, is still wondering where Bert popped up from.

On 19th July, the highlight of the season takes place—the Belgrave Open 20 from the Wimbledon headquarters. The race, comprising team, individual and handicap events, is over a three lap course from Lauriston House round roads familiar to us all. This is, of course, one of the Club's first attempts at staging an event of this nature and is largely due to the efforts of Arthur Whitehead, the Race Secretary, who so ably voiced the feeling of many runners that there should be a "20" in South London, an event to fill the gap after the A.A.A. Championship.

Help of both a personal and financial nature will be needed and gratefully accepted by the Race Secretary—Arthur Whitehead, Lauriston House, South Side, Wimbledon.

THE 1952 TRACK SEASON

We open our fixtures with a match at the *News of the World* ground at Mitcham on Monday, April 28th, and then our first club meeting is at Battersea Park on Saturday, May 3rd.

On May 10th we have the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy match at Drayton Green and the following Wednesday evening we have a match with the Poly and S.L.H. at Chiswick.

We have our second club meeting only this time at the Tooting Bec track on Monday, May 19th, and this is the night fixed for our open Schools Relay race.

On Saturday, May 24th, we are again at Tooting for the "Brockman" Trophy contest and hope we shall be able to field men for each event, including the Pole Vault!

May 28th we visit the Victoria Park H. and then on May 31st we meet Surrey A.C. in an Inter-Club match at Tooting.

The "Kinnaird" Trophy meeting is on June 14th at Chiswick, and we shall be holding our club Marathon Championship in conjunction with the Poly and A.A.A. race on that day.

Wednesday, July 9th, is the day fixed for our annual Inter-Club Walking competition, only this time it will be at Battersea Park, and the previous evening the Inter-Club Relay meeting will be held at the White City, which includes the 4 x 1 mile for the "Victory" Trophy.

On July 12th we break fresh ground by going to Mayesbrook Park, Barking for an Inter-Club match promoted by the Essex Beagles, and this club is paying us a visit at Tooting Bec on the 23rd July.

We visit Walton A.C. on July 26th and have our usual trip to Aylesbury on August Monday, and then on August 9th we have a match at Worthing and in both these fixtures we hope to travel down by coach with our supporters.

Saturday, August 30th we have our final club meeting at Battersea Park with the club 3 miles track championship being decided, and our usual club championship meeting is due to be held at Battersea Park on Saturday, August 2nd.

For the information of our members with Surrey County qualifications—the Youth Champs are at Tooting Bec on May 10th, with the Senior and Junior events at Motspur Park on May 17th. The County Relay championships are at Walton-on-Thames on June 28th, and they are also holding a couple of Junior Inter-County matches this season on July 12th and August 16th.

Any enquiries re fixtures to E. A. Duffett, 57, Harcourt Road, Thornton Heath.

FROM THE TRACK RUNNING CAPTAIN

The track season which is now upon us, has forced me to pick up the pen to remind you that as your track Captain I shall expect plenty of support and co-operation in keeping to the programme set out for you by your committee.

If selected and notified to compete, etc., and you cannot accept either reply to Ernie Duffett or myself as I do not intend to waste time on members who do not show some club spirit in supporting fixtures when asked to do so, unless of course there is good reason for your absence.

My advice to all athletes is get what you can from the enjoyment of Club activities, because when you reach the end of your active career you will realise they have been your best moments. I know—having been through them. So, on to a happy track season.

FIELD EVENTS

JACK CHAPPELL has taken over the duties of Field Events Hon. Secretary and is determined, with the co-operation of all concerned, to raise the numbers and standard of performance in this important section. Excellent coaching facilities have been available during past months and will be continued; and there is no reason why we should not have a hundred members keenly interested in one or more of the field events with an ever increasing standard of performance.

Jack, and the Field Events Captain, George Powell, are deserving of all the help and support you can give them. It is their wish, and surely that of everyone of us, that our Field Events men should not lag behind any other of the Club's activities, but should be in the forefront of things; but without your enthusiasm and support they are helpless. Let them have your immediate assurance that you are behind them with all their efforts and all your keenness.

Jack has already sent out a notice to all interested in Field Events informing them of the new ideas together with a questionnaire, and has received a satisfactory response. He is anxious that members should come to Battersea Park for the Coaching Sessions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

G. H. Powell (George) is the Club's oldest, active and perhaps finest ever Field Events man.

He joined the "Bels" in 1920 and immediately took up running. He tells me he ran in the Boxing Day Handicap in that year which was won by one of our Past Presidents Ted Gordon. George was nowhere. He soon turned his mind to Field Events—Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump—and must have been one of the Club's very few Field Events men in those days. He eventually took up Javelin Throwing which proved his best event and this has been his speciality through the years. He has won Surrey and Southern and Inter-Counties Championships but to George's chagrin never a Club Javelin Championship. His record in these events and others is to be marvelled at and the following list speaks for itself:—

1924	Surrey County Long Jump	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	Southern Counties H.S. & J.	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1925	Southern Counties H.S. & J.	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1926	Surrey County Long Jump	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
1928	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1929	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1930	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1931	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	Inter-Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1932	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
1933	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	A.A.A. Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1934	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Surrey County Pole Vault	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Inter-Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
1935	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	1st
	Surrey County Pole Vault	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1936	Club Championship Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1937	Southern Counties Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
	London Business Houses Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1938	London Business Houses Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1939	Club Championship Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
	London Business Houses Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1946	Club Championship Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	2nd
1948	Surrey County Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
	Club Championship Javelin	...	...	...	...	...	3rd
1929-30-31-33	Winner Club "Harry Wright" Shield for Field Events in the days before individual Championships were instituted.						
1935-36	Represented A.A.A. v. Oxford.						
1931	Represented A.A.A. v. Northern Counties.						
1936	Represented A.A.A. v. Metropolitan Counties.						
1927-28-31-34-35	Represented Surrey in Inter-Counties Championships.						
1931	Reserve in Javelin for Great Britain v. Italy.						
	Other Awards—A.A.A. Standards, 6; Southern Standards, 9; Surrey Standards, 5; Club Standards, 7.						

George's best performance with the Javelin was in 1934 when at a meeting at Ponders End he threw 183ft. 1½ins. This bettered the then British record and in fact he broke it three times during the afternoon. Unfortunately for him that record could never be claimed as there were

insufficient qualified judges officiating. His best performances other than that were:—

A.A.A., 169ft. 4½ins.; Inter-Counties, 172ft. 10ins.; Southern Counties, 175ft. 4½ins.; Surrey County, 165ft. 3½ins.

Apart from all these performances George has represented the Club in all the most important Trophy events and in Club matches. He is a true Belgravian and whilst he specialised in the Javelin he also competed in the Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Hurdles, Discus and Shot. George's Club spirit was such that if at any match we were short in any of those events you only had to mention it and he would have a "bash"—just for the Club.

Even these days when he is over 45 years of age he can be relied upon to turn out in almost any event and put up a good show. In fact he was placed in the Club Javelin Championship only last year.

He is known all over the South where Field Events men gather as a great sportsman and gentleman and many young athletes who have eventually made their mark have welcomed his good advice and encouragement.

George's advice to youngsters is train, try, try still harder and be determined and you'll succeed.

It is, to men like George, we hope all budding Field Events men will look for inspiration and as an example of a true "Belgravian" and be determined that they will aspire to reach the heights he has, not only for themselves but for the Club.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

"ATHLETICS WEEKLY."

Members attention is called to the interesting and informative periodical "Athletics Weekly" at 6d. per copy, edited by P. W. Green, of Surrey A.C., and one time Belgrave member. It is published by Kent Art Printers, Ltd., Brook Street, Chatham. We feel it fills a necessity and would enable members to keep a complete record of their own races besides providing them with useful data.

Our President, in his capacity as President of the Road Walking Association, would like to thank all those members who have responded so nobly to his appeal to take up Honorary Membership of the Association and so help to guarantee its finances for a further period. Belgrave support has been very gratifying indeed and clearly shown the very important part the Club plays in Road Walking, as in other branches of athletics.

We were delighted that Alan Sexton received his "Blue" for Cambridge University and ran 3rd in both 100 yards and 220 yards events in the Inter-Varsity Sports. We hope to have Alan's services in some of the important Inter-Club events later in the season and Championship Relay Events.

The Club received a substantial cheque as its share of the proceeds of the 1951 London-Gothenburg Match. Another International meeting will be held at the White City on September 17th this year consisting of a

match, London-Paris-Brussels. Our President will again serve on the organising committee. Please reserve the date and give the meeting your full support. Frank Webb did a good job of work last year selling tickets and we hope he will help us again in this direction this year.

Frank Webb is again the official Club Agent for tickets for the A.A.A. Championships and it is advisable to book your seats early, in fact as soon as they are available—cash with order, of course.

OLYMPIC GAMES, 1952

The Club has contributed a donation to the funds of the Olympic Games. This does not, of course, preclude members from making their own personal donations. Some of you have probably already done this, and for those who would like to do so, Joe Coleman will be pleased to receive donations, however small. These should be sent to him not later than 31st May. The address is: 20, Shaldon Way, Walton-on-Thames.

COMPETITORS' NUMBER STEWARD

All active and some not so active members will remember me as the chap who has taken your hard-earned bobs for handicap and championship events throughout the last few summers; who listens sympathetically to your moans and groans about the shortness of your mark, or you don't like this or that prize, or most important of all—please can I have a run, as I am not on the programme.

Well, boys, here's a shock for you. On and from May 3rd, 1952, entrance fees for all track and field events, handicap and championship, will be 1s. 6d. for the first event and 1s. for each additional event for seniors. This measure has been adopted, firstly to keep up the high value of prizes given for handicaps and to offset the increasing rise in prices. It must be remembered that prizes are subject to considerable purchase tax.

Secondly, re the shortness of your mark. I can only suggest that you run a little faster or a little more often, with perhaps a little more training.

The third item is prizes. The difficult task of buying these is ably carried out by Eric Bishop who spends hours of his time trying to get a selection to suit everyone. So please, if you manage the impossible and get placed in a handicap, remember Eric cannot foresee who will win the prizes or what the lucky ones would like for a prize.

Running, when not on the programme, was a growing menace of all the track events last summer. If there is no improvement this summer, the committee will have to take stern action to stamp it out. To those in the habit of entering on the day, I ask you to remember the extra work placed on the officials concerned; members of the public who buy our programmes finding that half the starters are not officially entered, and lastly competitors who enter in the proper manner being unplaced by the late entrants. I myself took second place to a late entry on three occasions last summer. So please send or hand your name in *at least seven days before the race*, either to Ernie Duffett or to me on training nights.

Lastly, a word about pins and numbers. These are an expensive item, therefore you will help me and the Club if you will kindly return them to me in good condition, after the race.

Many thanks in advance for your future help in these matters.

TOM MORRELL.

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR

If this article seems too much to the point, I make no apologies. It is written against or about no person in particular, but I would be false if I did not say that which is in my mind.

This 1951-52 Cross Country Season, as voiced by Bill Lucas, should be Belgrave's, indeed his slogan "*Belgrave for the National*" is the best I have heard for a long time and indeed we have the chaps to bring the bacon home, but it is not to the Cross Country boys or the walkers, but the **TRACK MEN** to which this article is directed.

We can make much better showing on the track than in the past if all really pull their weight. There is too much leaving it to someone else and consequently we lose matches we should have won.

There is ample talent in the Club and I cannot pretend to understand why we do not do better. Perhaps there are too many sitting in the stands or watching elsewhere when their presence on the field of competition would help not only themselves but their Club mates. If you are playing rugby or soccer on Saturdays and have Sunday mornings free, come along and join in the happy bunch of lads at Battersea Park, especially you field events men.

We used to have a very strong field events section, indeed it was those people who used to win our matches for us. Let's get together and make it strong again, so that we can challenge the best once more.

As a regular at Tooting and Battersea I have noticed much talent. If they got together and trained hard they would go a long way to strengthening their part of the Club. I have also been told about talent by numerous other people, but I never see them—what are they afraid of? Hard work! This phrase applies to all, for it is only by hard work and still more hard work that we can obtain our objective. No first-class athlete gets to the top the easy way but only continued effort to make the grade.

As for the Junior sprinters—I want those Surrey Relay titles again this year of 1952. We are going to do even better. We can and I honestly think we can win not only individual honours but team honours in the Southern and A.A.A. Junior Relays.

To the Senior sprinters, it's about time you got together and won the Surrey County Senior Relay (4 x 110 yards). You could also win the Surrey County Medley Relay with the help of the Middle distance men we now have. I believe that the Senior sprinters of both Surrey and Middlesex can win a place in the Southern and A.A.A. 4 x 110 Relays and indeed win them both, but again it means **HARD WORK**.

Now what about it? Make whichever team you pick, Belgrave's first Senior A.A.A. 4 x 110 yards winning team; you can if you try. But remember the Juniors will be out to beat your performances, not necessarily in times but in team and individual honours and none will be prouder than they themselves if you do better.

To Junior Field Event men, come and give the Junior Track men your fullest support and make our Junior Section the strongest in the Club's history. Turn out regularly for training, whatever the weather and under the expert guidance of Franz Stampf there is not the shadow of a doubt that you will improve to your own amazement and satisfaction. Lose that awful sense of apathy and you will go a long way to enjoying your athletics.

FRANK SIMMONS.

HERE AND THERE

At the recent Surrey County A.G.M. Joe Coleman was made a Vice-President and Dick Savage and Bill Lucas were elected on the Committee.

Our old member, Albert Frost, has also done well in a Civil Service legal examination and came 8th out of All-England. We always thought Albert was a brainy sort of chap.

Ray Tooby followed up his 2nd place in the Kent County Junior race by winning the Junior Inter-Banks and also won the Eastern Command championship.

John Bromley finished 2nd in the Southern Command race, but as this was only a few days before the Southern Counties it affected his running in the latter event.

It is a pity that the Service authorities do not hold their own races in a week where there is no open race at the week-end and the combined Army championship has been fixed for March 6th which does not give those runners who wish to compete for their civilian clubs in the National races a fair chance.

Harry Churcher once again won the Business Houses Championship and was followed home in 2nd place by Syd. James.

Ted Smith recently won the London Transport Seven Miles Walking Championship.

Tony Snoad did well in the U.A.U. championship, being in the winning London University team and finishing 12th in the actual race, and we hope that next season we shall see him doing a bit more in our own Club teams.

Bill Lucas won the Insurance C.C. championship and it is a strange fact that Bill has yet to win a Club championship.

Many of our promising Junior members are now doing their National Service, and we have recently seen Frank Kemp join the R.A.F. and Peter Courtney and R. D. Knights have gone into the Army. We hope that they will be able to secure leave to run for us during the coming track season, but Harry Greene is not so fortunate as he is now in Benghazi.

We have heard from Tony Whincup who is still in Cheshire and doing a good job of work with the lads of the Crewe L.M.R. A.C. They have recently formed a new club, the Crewe C. & A.C., and their members did well in the Cheshire County championships.

Make a special note of our new venture which has already been reported in earlier pages—The Belgrave Open 20 Miles Road Run at Wimbledon on 19th July. Also note, support of every kind will be welcome for this race, including the financial support of any well-wishers in the Road Section's new venture.

We gratefully acknowledge a medal from Ted (E. A.) Good, a member for 50 years, to be presented for some future event.

Jack Norton writes from Malaya and sends his thanks for the *Belgravian* and *B.N.L.*, together with best wishes to all.

St. Dunstan's Sports Club (Walking Section) would welcome any walkers at the Bedford College Annexe on Tuesday evenings to act as escorts to their walkers.