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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

When I joined the Club, between forty and fifty years ago, I did not dream that I should ever attain the dignity of President of the Club. I wish I could have occupied the office under happier conditions than those which we are now going through. The Club has during its history gone through several critical periods and has emerged successfully; and we shall carry on the tradition of the Club and, in the end, be prepared to take our place in the front rank of athletics when the "All Clear" is sounded.

My experiences of the Club are many and varied, some of them amusing and some of them had disturbing effects on the Club's existence. Still we live and our strength is greater than that it has ever been.

The social side, which has developed during the last few years, has been a great help to the Club, and was non-existent in the early days. The accommodation for the members for training and racing is also a great advance on the old days. I can remember, on the formation of the Club, that the headquarters was the King's Arms, Ranelagh Road, where we could hold about forty members, with one bath of hot water to be shared by everybody. I also recollect some handicaps at 100 yards, when the final was run at 10 o'clock in the evening. Then we had our great Boxing Day events, when the occasion was used for a reunion of the old members, and the price of beverages was well below to-day's prices!

The Editor reminds me that I have used up my space, so I will conclude with my sincere wish for the safe and speedy return of all the members on active service, and trust that I may be of good health and cheer to help the Club through until the time comes to propose the health of "The Club."

HON. SECRETARY'S COMMENTARY

The days we live in compel a rather different-looking "Belgravian," reminiscent of our 1925 efforts, when W. H. Hare was Hon. Editor, with fewer pages than usual, and with more condensed reports of our activities. It is regretted that quarterly publication has not been found possible, but here again, the current difficulties are responsible.

We are pleased to record, however, that our athletic activities have gone on, despite the decreased number of members available and the reduced training and racing facilities owing to the closing of Battersea Park Track.

Our Wimbledon headquarters are now open for the winter season, and every Saturday finds a number of stalwarts enjoying their training. It is hoped that all available members will make the fullest use of these facilities and keep alive the spirit of comradeship and earnest endeavour which has made the Belgrave Harriers pre-eminent in the world of athletics.

All of us hope for an early victory, and a return to happy, care-free days with our normal athletic programme before us. May it come soon!

It is with deep regret that we have to record the deaths of E. G. W. Birch and W. F. Pigott, both of whom were killed on active service. It is with sorrow, also, that we announce the death of Harold Titherley, former Civil Service 880 yards champion, and valued member of our track teams, who was killed in a recent air raid.

We extend our profound sympathy to the relatives and friends of these three members who have left us for ever.

We have a record of the following members serving in H.M. Forces, and we wish them the best of luck wherever they may be. We are always glad to hear from members; and should be pleased to receive any further information which will amplify the following list.

W. H. Applebee (R.N.), A. Allum (R.A.), N. Askew (Essex Regt.).
J. A. Bellchambers (2nd Lt., R.A.), F. Bellchambers (R.A.P.C.),
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Instructor), C. E. Churcher (R.A.F.), J. Crilly, N. Chalk (R.A.F.), A. F.
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A. E. Elliott (R.C. of S.), P. W. Edwards (R.A.).
J. E. Flower (R.A.).
J. Ginty (Coldstream Gds.), E. Green (R.A.M.C.)
E. K. Holmes (R.T.C.), M. Holt, E. H. Herbert (Searchlight T. Regt.),
A. A. Harley (R.A.F., Pilot Officer), A. L. Herbert (R.A.F.)
W. E. Ives (Anti-Tank Regt.).
L. Jackson, W. H. Jones (Army Dental Corps), A. W. Jerman
(R.A.F.) S. A. T. Jones, W. A. Johnson (Fleet Air Arm), F. Jeffries.
J. A. W. Kemp, F. P. King (Traffic Control).
C. H. Lloyd (R.E.), W. E. Lucas (R.A.F.), D. R. Laing (M.G.T.C.).
E. Musselbrook (R.A.M.C.), A. E. Miller (R.A.F.), G. M. Murray (Beds
and Herts Regt.).

A. H. Orton (R.A.F.).
L. Penny, K. E. Penney (Royal Navy), A. Patience (Scots Gds.),
D. Patience (Scots Gds.), R. Patience (Scots Gds.), F. W. Pritchard (Field
Artillery).
R. V. Reynolds (E. Yorks Regt.), E. L. Reeve (R.A.O.C.), E. G. Read
(R.A.F.), S. D. Richards (R.A.), J. E. Rutland (R.A.P.C.), W. H. Rispin
(R.A.).

E. Saunders (R.A.M.C.), J. R. Shotter (2nd Lt.), F. J. Skelley
(R.A.S.C.), L. H. Smith (R.A.S.C.), R. E. Stride, J. H. W. Scott, E. S.
Stimpson (R.A.), N. C. Shrubbs (R.A.F.) A. Sampson (R.A.), L. R. Spooner
(R.A.P.C.)

J. Tosh, J. H. Thomas (R.A.P.C.), W. E. Timberlake (17th Lancers),
R. S. Turner (R.A.F.), R. F. Towndrow (A.M.P.C.), G. K. Talbot.
P. G. Wright (R.A.), E. J. Watts (R.A.F.), D. Winton, F. H. C. White
(R.A.F.), K. N. Wood (R.A. School of Survey).

Others on full-time service include E. A. Duffett (W.R. Police), R. F.
Elson (A.F.S.), T. Cotton (A.F.S.), G. A. Steer (Merchant Navy); and,
of course, our many Regular Police and Fire Brigade members are very
fully employed these days.

Many others best serve the nation's war effort by carrying on in their normal work; whilst others find time to serve in the Home Guard and other Civil Defence services.

Good luck to them all!

Our Hon. Secretary has recently been taken out of civil life and appointed to the rank of Pilot-Officer in the R.A.F., and has now reported for duty in the West Country.

In his absence the secretarial duties will be performed by the genial Harry Parker, and communications should be addressed to:—

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SURREY.

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Our Hon. Treasurer is still at the same address (see page 1), and would welcome subscriptions, which are now due. It is our desire to keep the Club functioning in a modest way for the duration of the war; and to maintain our quarters in good condition against the day when we can all be together again for our accustomed sport. Income is needed to do this, and prompt settlement will save the Hon. Treasurer much effort and a big postage bill.

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Our congratulations and best wishes to Stan Botwright (now of the R.A.F.) and Tony Bellchambers (now 2nd Lt. in the Royal Artillery) and Syd Jones (now of the Army) on the occasion of their recent marriages.

May good luck go with them!

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Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes go to our popular timekeeper and well-known A.A.A. official, Joe Turner, on his election as President of the Southern Counties Cross-Country Association, and also of the English Cross-Country Union. It is a matter for regret that his year of office cannot be a very full one; but the honour is well deserved for many years of hard work on behalf of cross-country running; and we know that Joe will do his utmost to keep the sport alive, and will be one of the first to ensure its revival to greater popularity than ever when peace comes again.

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Many members have written us lately, and it is regretted that limitations of space prevent quotations from being printed for the information and amusement of all. Several have achieved considerable success in the Service racing in which they have participated; and every letter asks for the writer's good wishes to be extended to all fellow-members.

REPORT OF TRACK SEASON, by TRACK CAPT. F. R. WEBB.

The 1940 Track Season was to most Clubs a problem, owing to so many of their Active Members having been called up for military service. This was, however, soon overcome. Club Officials, etc., got together, and decided to carry on in the usual way; with one exception, no Championship would be held. The membership shortage was also got over by clubs joining forces with each other for the duration of war.

Belgrave were, however, more fortunate, being able to kick-off in early matches with some of the regular stars, but as the season advanced, together with the calling-up of the older age groups, so did our numbers reduce. With the aid, however, of several of our promising junior members, we were able to complete our full programme for the season, which was, on the whole, a most successful one.

Twelve matches were fixed up, and we proved successful in ten, being beaten on the other two occasions by the Combined Clubs, whose combination of Blackheath H., London A.C. and S.L.H. members, were a little too strong for us, although in the first match we were defeated by only 4 points.

In addition to the above matches we took part in four open track Team Races and a 1 Mile Medley Relay race, winning fairly easily each time, and then finally finishing up with a great win in the newly formed "News of the World" 7 mile relay race round Mitcham Common, five runners each to cover a distance of 1 mile 3 furlongs.

I should like very much to thank all those members who have taken part at these meetings and helped to make them the success they were. It is hard to single out any one person, but special mention should be made of Len Marchant and Bill Bowers, both of whom have proved they are fast approaching the front rank of athletes by their fine performances. Len, in fact, has already represented the A.A.A. in their match against the Metropolitan Police, and has also assisted his county, Surrey, in several matches.

It would hardly be correct to conclude this report without paying our tribute to our worthy Assistant Hon. Sec., Harry Parker, who has, if my memory is correct, turned up at every meeting throughout the season, and whose help was invaluable.

Below are details of the various meetings:—

MATCH v. T.C.C. (Blackheath H., L.A.C., S.L.H.) 8.5.40.

Our first Track meeting of the season was against the Combined Clubs, (Blackheath H., London A.C. and S.L.H.) Some keen racing was witnessed by many, and the result was a narrow win for the T.C.C. by 4 points.

The first race was the 100 yds., Bowers running very well to be beaten by inches, Ransome, T.C.C., winning in 10-9, Botwright 3rd. Ransome also scored in the 220 yds., Botwright finishing 2nd and Bowers 4th. Syd Jarlett scored for us in the 440 yds., and was also 2nd in the 880 yds. In the mile, Bill Lucas had a grand tussle with Bingham, T.C.C., who won by a few yards in 4m 32 secs., Cohen finishing 3rd. In the field events, Sutton and Jones upheld the club's prestige.

100 Yards Match.—(1) Ransome (T); (2) W. Bowers (B); (3) S. Botwright (B). Time, 10.9. **Weight Putt. Match.**—(1) S. Jones (B), 38ft. 7; (2) Stone (T), 33ft. 2; (3) Moreton (T), 32ft. 4. **880 Yards Match.**—(1) King (T); (2) Jarlett (B); (3) Peckett (T). Time, 2 min. 4 2/5. **Long Jump Match.**—(1) Moss (T), 19ft.; (2) Jones (B), 18ft. 8½; (3) Moreton (T), 18ft. 2½. **220 Yards Match.**—(1) Ransome (T); (2) Botwright (B); (3) Howard (T); (4) Bowers (B). **24.4. Discus Throw Match.**—(1) Jones (B), 101ft. 9; (2) Moreton (T), 100ft. 3; (3) Sutton (B), 96ft. 5. **1 Mile Match.**—(1) Bingham (T); 2, Lucas (B); (3) Cohen (B). 4 mins. 32 2/5th. **440 Yards Match.**—(1) Jarlett (B); (2) Donaldson (T); (3) Trodd (T). 53.9. **Members' 220 Yards Junior Handicap.**—Heat 1: (1) Hart (11); (2) Banner (5). 25.2. Heat 2: (1) Bateman (19); (2) Shields (15). 24.9. Final: (1) Bateman; (2) Hart; (3) Shields. 24.4.

MATCH v. H.H.H. and M.P.A.A. 25.5.40.

This triangular match ended in a very narrow win for the Bels, 38 pts. against 36 M.P. and 25 H.H.H. In the 100 yds. Bowers finished 2nd and Read 3rd. Read also finished 3rd in the 220 yds. Jarlett was just beaten in the 880 yds., whilst in the mile Len Herbert and Bill Lucas came home easy winners. Shrubbs finished 4th. The Medley relay was a very close race, Belgrave winning from the Police in 3 mins. 46 secs.

Syd Jones, Jeal, Powell and T. C. Jones gained us valuable points in the field events.

Also at this meeting was an open 3 Miles Team race, and Belgrave gained an easy win, filling first 3 places with Smart, Carter and Stimpson. Reeve, of Poly, was the actual winner, but was running as an individual.

SENIOR MATCH EVENTS.—100 Yards.—(1) Jover (H); (2) Bowers (B); (3) Read (B); (4) Matthews (P). 10.5. **220 Yards.**—(1) Jover (H); (2) Cremer (P); (3) Read (B); (4) Peck (P). 23.5. **880 Yards.**—(1) Mead (H); (2) Jarlett (B); (3) Morris (P); (4) Hobbs (P). 2m 1 1/10th. **1 Mile.**—(1) L. Herbert (B); (2) Lucas (B); (3) Saunders (P); (4) Shrubbs (B). 4.40. **1 Mile Medley Relay.**—(1) Belgrave H. (Marchant 380, Jarlett 440, Bowers and Read 220); (2) Police; (3) H.H.H. 3 mins. 46. **Shot Putt.**—(1) S. Jones (B), 36.11½; (2) Collins (P); (3) Messon (P); (4) Pallett (H). **Javelin.**—(1) Jacobs (P), 151ft. 8½; (2) Powell (B), 143ft.; (3) Jeal (B); (4) S. Jones (B). **Discus.**—(1) Monro (P), 116ft. 1½; (2) S. Jones (B), 107ft. 5½; (3) Masson (P). **High Jump.**—Watkins (P), 5ft. 7; (2) Simmons (P); (3) Pallett (H); (4) Brooke (B). **Long Jump.**—(1) Pallett (H), 20ft. 1; (2) Nicholls (P); (3) T. Jones (B), 18ft. 7½. **3 Miles Open Team Race.**—(1) Reeve (Poly); (2) Smart (B); (3) Carter (B); (4) Stimpson (B); (5) Williams (M). Time, 14mins. 51.6. Team: 1: Belgrave H. (Smart 1, Carter 2, Stimpson 3). 2: Mitcham A.C. (Williams 4, Fox 6, Brown 7). 3: Aylesford A.C. (Macey 9, Charlesworth 10, Ibbotson 13). **1 Hour Open Walk.**—(1) F. J. Redman (Met. W.C.), 7 miles 1,270 yards; (2) H. Whitlock (Met. W.C.), 7 miles 900 yards; (3) H. Fisher (S.W.C.), 7 miles 885 yards. Belgrave members: A. L. Fletcher, 7 miles 400; McMullen, 6 miles 1,680; Elson, 6 miles 1,470; Snell, 6 miles 1,220. **Members' Javelin Handicap.**—(1) T. Jones, 171ft. 2½; (2) Sutton, 163ft. 3½; (3) J. Coleman, 163ft. **Members' Long Jump Handicap.**—(1) Jeal, 20ft. 3; (2) T. Jones, 20ft. 1½; (3) S. Jones, 17ft. 1½.

JUNIOR MATCH EVENTS.—100 Yards.—(1) Stoker (H); (2) Bateman (B); (3) Dunford (B); (4) Hewson (H). 10.9. **220 Yards.**—(1) Stoker (H); (2) Dunford (B); (3) Newson (H); (4) Nunn (B). 23.9. **440 Yards.**—(1) Bateman (B); (2) De Beau (B); (3) Lomas (B); (4) Driscoll (B). 57.2. **880 Yards.**—(1) Marchant; (2) De Beau (B); (3) Lomas (4) Stocks (H). 2.5 9/10ths. **Long Jump.**—(1) Smart (H), 17ft. 2; (2) Jeal (B), 16ft.

Return Match against T.C.C. 1.6.40.

Unfortunately we were unable to turn out a very strong team, but the home team were given quite a good match.

Bowers and Bennett finished 2nd and 5th in both 100 yds. and 220 yds. F. R. Webb was second to Trodd, T.C.C., in 440 yds., whilst Ernie Duffett gained us a valuable point by finishing 4th, although he pulled a muscle in the first 100 yds. The 880 yds. proved an easy win for S. Wooderson, with Len Marchant 3rd and Alf Orton 4th. Bill Lucas won the mile, and Shrubbs was 3rd. Carter was 2nd in the 2 miles, after a keen tussle with Bingham, T.C.C. Charlie Smart gained points by finishing 3rd. The final event, the 1 Mile Medley relay, was a great win for Belgrave, despite the inclusion of 3 distance runners and 1 sprinter—Marchant 380 yds., F. Webb and Bowers 220 yds., and Orton 440 yds. Our field events men scored valuable points.

100 Yards.—(1) Hamshire (T.C.C.); (3) Bowers (B); (5) Bennett (B). 10.8. **220 Yards.**—(1) Elliott (T.C.C.); (2) Bowers (B); (4) Bennett (B). 23. **440 Yards.**—(1) Trodd (T.C.C.); (2) F. Webb (B); (4) Duffett (B). 53. **880 Yards.**—(1) Wooderson (T.C.C.); (3) Marchant (B); (4) Orton. 1.56.7. **1 Mile.**—(1) Lucas (B); (3) Shrubbs (B). 4.35.4. **2 Miles Team.**—(1) Bingham (T.C.C.); (2) Carter (B); (3) Smart (B). 9.30.6. (Belgrave 10 points, T.C.C. 11 points). **1 Mile Medley Relay.**—(1) Belgrave H.—Marchant, Orton, Webb and Bowers. 3.46.6. **Javelin** (1) Dalrymple (T.C.C.), 158ft. 11½; (2) Jeal (B), 150ft. 9; (3) S. Jones (B),

131ft. 8. **High Jump**.—(1) Cannon (T.C.C.), 4ft. 10; (3) Brookes (B) and T. Jones, 4ft. 8. **Discus**.—(1) Morton (T.C.C.), 105ft. 8½; (3) Brewer (B), 103ft. 0½; (4) Jeal (B), 99ft. 11. **Long Jump** (1) Stone (T.C.C.), 20ft. 9; (3) T. Jones (B), 19ft. 5; (4), Dunsford (B). **Weight**.—(1) S. Jones (B), 41ft. 1½; (2) Brewer (B), 40ft. 0½.

The match against Southgate, at Broomfield Park, took place in glorious weather, and some keen racing was seen, as the result below will show, the club winning with 58 points to 51 points.

100 Yards.—(1) Marin (S); (2) Bowers (B); (5) Bennett (B). 10.5.
880 Yards.—(1) Marchant (B); (2) Orton (B). 2mins. 5.4. **Long Jump**. (1) Ryman (S), 21ft. 0½; (3) T. C. Jones (B), 19ft. 9; (4) Dunford (B).
220 Yards.—(1) Marin (S); (2) Bowers (B); (3) Bennett (B). 24.3.
Javelin.—(1) Bailey (S), 150ft. 10; (2) Geal (B), 138ft. 6½; (3) Jones (B), 138ft. 1. **440 Yards**.—(1) Jarlett (B); (4) F. Webb (B). 55.4.
1 Mile.—(1) Cohen (B); (3) Shields (B). 4.47.2. **High Jump**.—(1) Brooks (B), 5ft. 1; (4) T. Jones (B). **Discus**.—(1) S. Jones (B), 106ft. 2; (2) Sutton (B), 96ft. 0½. **Weight Putt**.—(1) S. Jones (B), 36ft. 1; (3) Sutton (B), 33ft. 1½.

Inter-club, versus Southall A.C. and T.V.H.

Quite a number made the long journey to Southall on Tuesday evening, 11th June, and a splendid evening's entertainment took place. Junior and Senior matches were decided, and in the end Belgrave came out winners by one point, 42 to 41.

880 Yards.—(1) Marchant (B); (4) Driscoll (B). 2.6 2/5. **440 Yards**.—(1) Littler (T.V.); (3) F. Webb (B); (4) Stimpson (B). 55.2. 160 **Yards**.—(1) Bowers (B); Pritchard (B). 10.6. **100 Yards Junior**.—(1) Patterson (T.V.); (2) Nunn (B); (3) Bateman (B). 10.7. **Mile**.—(1) Costley (T.V.); (2) de Beau (B); (3) Lomas (B). 4.45. **2 Miles Team Race**.—(1) T. Carter (B); (2) Smart (B); (4) Stimpson (B). 9.42. **1 Mile Medley Relay**.—(1) Belgrave H.—Bowers, Pritchard, Bateman, Marchant. 2.7. **Discus**.—(1) Kirby (T.V.), 103.7; (3) Bateman (B); (4) Driscoll (B). **Weight Putt**.—(1) Sutton (B), 35.11.3; Jeal (B), 27.8½.

Match v. Woodford Green and Shaftesbury H., 10.7.40.

This triangular match was unfortunately spoilt by heavy rain during the meeting. Despite this, however, some good performances were given by both Juniors and Seniors. The Juniors, by the way, was against the Old Mid-Whitgiftians and H.H.H. and Met. A.C. combined, the latter club winning by 36 points to O.M.W. 28, and Belgrave 17 points. The senior match was won by Belgrave, 57 points, to Shaftesbury 32 points and Woodford Green 20 points.

100 Yards Junior.—(1) White (O.M.W.); (2) H.H.M.; (3) Bateman (B). 11.2. **100 Yards Senior**.—(1) Russell (W.G.); (2) Bowers (B); Green (S); Pritchard (B). 10.8. **220 Yards Junior**.—(1) Hayes (H.H.M.); (2) Bateman (B); (3) O.M.W. 25.3. **220 Yards Senior**.—(1) Green (S); (2) Read (B); (3) Jarlett (B). 24.3. **440 Yards Junior**.—(1) Mears (O.M.W.); (2) Hayes (M); (3) de Beau (B). 56.6. **440 Yards Senior**.—(1) Russell (W.G.); (2) Marchant (B); Taylor (S); Orton (B). 54.4. **880 Yards Junior**.—(1) Socks (H.H.M.); (2) Meo (H.H.M.); (3) Lomas (B). 2.11. **880 Yards Senior**.—(1) Wilson (S); (2) Howes (W.G.); (3) Morris (S); (4) Webb (B). 2.4. **1 Mile Junior**.—(1) Arnock (O.M.W.); (2) Percy (O.M.W.); (4) Shields (B). 5.0. **1 Mile Senior**.—(1) L. Herbert (B); Lloyd (S); (4) Carter (B). 4.37. **2 Miles Run**.—(1) Smart (B); (2) Stimpson (B); (3) Cohen (B). 9.54. **2 Miles Walk**.—(1) Cooper (W.G.), (2) Churcher (B); (4) McMullen. 15.10. **Weight Putt**.—(1) S. Jones (B); (2) Sutton (B). **Long Jump Junior**.—(1) Munns (H.H.M.), 16ft. 11½; (4) Dunford (B), 15ft. 7½. **Long Jump Senior**.—(1) Rugman (S), 19ft. 9½; (3) Jones (B), 18ft. 1. **High Jump Junior**.—(1) Brookes (B), 5ft. 2; (2) Ford (H.H.M.). **Discus**.—(1) Brewer (B), 109ft. 3½; (3) S. Jones (B);

(4) Jeal (B). **Javelin Senior.**—(1) Jeal (B), 163ft. (2) Brewer (B); (4) S. Jones (B). **Javelin Junior.**—(1) Frietag (O.M.W.), 138ft. 10; (2) Parkinson (H.H.). **Members' Weight Putt. Handicap.**—(1) Jeal, 40ft. 5; (2) Crawley; (3) Sutton. **Surrey County 880 Yards Scratch Race.**—(1) Close (Surrey A.C.); (2) Mead (H.H.H.); (3) Atkinson (S.L.H.). 1.59.
Match with Poly. H. 24.7.40.

Once again our meeting was upset by pouring rain, and only after some considerable delay were we able to start. Absentees were many by both Clubs. In the 100 yards, Bowers and F. R. Webb were 2nd and 4th respectively. Bowers was also 2nd in the 220 yards, with Jarlett 3rd. Marchant won the 440 yards, and F. White and F. R. Webb were 2nd and 3rd in the 880 yards. Other successes were Carter, the mile, with Abberton 2nd. We also gained points in the field events. Bel., 18 points; Poly., 16 points.

A 220 yards club handicap was arranged at this meeting, and resulted in a win for Syd Jarlett, with F. R. Webb and W. Bowers 2nd and 3rd respectively.

100 Yards Senior.—(1) Vandenburg (P); (2) Bowers (B); 4; F. Webb (B). 10.6. **100 Yards Junior.**—(1) Bird (P); (3) Francis (B); (4) Dunford (B). 11.5. **220 Yards Senior.**—(1) Vandenburg (P); (2) Bowers (B); (3) Jarlett (B). 23.8. **220 Yards Junior.**—(1) Bird (P); (2) Dunford (B). 27.0. **440 Yards Senior.**—(1) Marchant (B); (2) Carnie (P). 55.3. **440 Yards Junior.**—(1) Lait and Sanderson dead-heat (B and P); (4) Shields (B). 57.6. **880 Yards Senior.**—(1) Connor (P); (2) F. White (B); (3) F. Webb (B). 2.15. **880 Yards Junior.**—(1) Lomas (B); (4) Francis (B). 2.12. **1 Mile Senior.**—(1) Carter (B); (2) Abberton (B); (3) Yarrow (P). 4.43. **Long Jump Junior.**—(1) T. Jones (B), 17ft. 11; (3) Dunford (B), 15ft. 10. **Members' 2 Miles Walk Handicap.**—(1) McMullen (325); (2) C. Churcher (125); (3) Brunning (825). 13.58. **Members' 220 Yards Handicap.**—(1) Jarlett (8); (2) F. Webb (15); (3) Bowers (7). 23.6. **Veterans' 100 Yards Handicap.**—(1) R. Best; (2) Zimmer; (3) Graham. 11.8.

Match v. C.A.V. 30.7.40.

This match was unfortunately marred by the non-appearance of several C.A.V. men, who were unable to get away from work. However, those who did show up gave us quite an interesting meeting.

Bowers gained a double, winning the 100 yards and 220 yards, with Frank Simmons 4th. The 440 yards was an easy win for Frank Webb, with Tommy Morrell, taking up sprinting, 2nd. L. W. Herbert and Harry Shields accounted for the 880 yards, and Carter and Smart the 1 mile. Charlie Jones won the long jump, with Frank Simmons again 4th. Belgrave also won the relay with F. R. Webb, Morrell, T. C. Jones and Bowers.

100 Yards.—(1) Bowers (B); (4) Simmonds (B). **220 Yards.**—(1) Bowers (B); (4) Simmonds (B). **440 Yards.**—(1) F. R. Webb (B); (2) Morrell (B); East (C.A.V.). **880 Yards.**—(1) L. W. Herbert (B); (2) H. W. Shields (B). **1 Mile.**—(1) Carter and Smart (B). **Long Jump.**—(1) T. C. Jones, 18ft. 6in.; (4) Simmons. **Relay.**—(1) Belgrave—F. Webb Morrell, Jones, T. C. Bowers; (2) C.A.V.

Inter-club match v. Poly. H. and T.V.H. 5.8.40

Belgrave again came out best in the above match, Len Marchant proving how much he has improved by again beating George Morris, T.V.H., the indoor half-mile champion, by inches, in 2mins. 4/5 secs., Frank Webb running as well as ever to finished 3rd. Bill Bowers was another to show how much he is improving by winning the 220 yards. Fred White, who was making his last appearance for the Club owing to his being called for the R.A.F., finished 2nd. The field events men—Syd Jones and Bill Sutton—gained full points in most of the field events. Charlie Jones also scored in these events.

Match v. M.P.A.A. 10.8.40

The return match with the Police was marked by the appearance of so many middle distance men; no fewer than seven Belgrave men ran in the mile, which was won by Arthur Cooper, T.V.H., running for Belgrave. Bowers again ran very well, taking both the 100 yards and 220 yards. In these events, N. Day and Bob Littler, T.V.H., both running for Belgrave, also scored points; as did George Morris in the 440 yards, in which Len Marchant scored a grand win, running in the outside lane, to record undoubtedly his fastest 440 yards.

Len Herbert showed his versatility by winning the 880 yards in 2 mins. 0 3/5 secs.

Match v. Victoria Park and Woodford Green. 17.8.40

This was our final track meeting, and unfortunately we were not able to field a very strong team. In the 100 yards and 220 yards F. R. Webb and Morrell were 3rd and 5th respectively; 440 yards and 880 yards, Marchant and Carnie, 1st and 4th; the mile, Cohen, Carter and F. R. Webb finished in that order, with Harry Shields 5th. L. Herbert and Smart accounted for the 2 miles; whilst Sutton, Jeal, Brooks and de Beau accounted for the field events. Belgrave, 91 points; V.P., 72. The Junior match was won by Victoria Park, 67; Belgrave, 59 points.

"News of World" Relay Race. 24.8.40.

The above took place on Saturday afternoon, from the "News of the World" Sports Ground, each runner starting the lap round the track, and then out on to the road for about 1 mile, and return to finish on the track once again.

Allan Jerman was our first runner, and running very strongly, finished second to Frank Close, Surrey A.C. Les. Cohen then took over, and soon caught his man, to hand over a long lead to Charlie Smart, who continued after the restart through an air raid warning, in which the race was held up, to increase the lead, which was carried on by Tom Carter and Len Herbert, who finally broke the tape nearly 4 mins. ahead of the 2nd team.

BELGRAVE HARRIERS. (Junior Championships) June 19th.

100 Yards (under 16) Chandler Cup Championship.—(1) E. Brooker (holder); (2) S. Hart; (3) R. Snook. 11.5. **100 Yards Junior Championship (under 19).**—(1) A. Nunn; (2) E. Day (3) E. Brooker. 11.4. **880 Yards (under 19) Rice Bowl Championship.**—(1) L. Marchant (holder); (2) S. de Beau; (3) A. H. Lomas. 2.2 4/5th. **100 Yards Club Handicap.** Heat 1: (1) F. Webb (9½); (2) A. Chetland (27). 10.6. Heat 2: (1) W. Bowers (4); (2) R. Best (20). 10.5. Final: (1) Webb; (2) Bowers; (3) Chetland. 10.5. **Members' Javelin Handicap.**—(1) C. Crawley, 168ft. 4½; (2) W. Sutton, 158ft. 4; (3) R. Jeal, 149ft. 8. **Members' Long Jump Handicap.**—(1) T. C. Jones, 18ft. 5½; (2) R. Jeal. **Members' 880 Yards Handicap.**—(1) L. Marchant (25); (2) S. Jarlett (20); (3) F. R. Webb (40). 1.56. **Surrey County 440 Yards Race.**—(1) S. Jarlett; (2) W. Mead (H.H.H.); (3) W. Atkinson (S.L.H.). 52.6. **2 Miles Open Walk Handicap.**—(1) M. Fisher (S.W.C.), 240; (2) W. Rich (Met. W.C.), 395; (3) J. Allen (E.A.C.), 420.

WITH THE WALKERS

"With the Walkers" would take us far afield these days, to many different parts of the country, but censorship will not permit us to say exactly where our friends now find themselves.

Our Hon. Secretary has a commission in the R.A.F.; our Road-Walking Captain, Charlie Churcher, is in an R.A.F. unit in the North; and our A.A.A. Champion and hero of many walks, Harry Churcher, is also in the R.A.F., undergoing a physical training instructor's course.

Vice-Captains Joe Coleman and Reg Elson are serving in the R.A.F. and A. F. S. respectively.

Our Track Walk Captain, Percy Wright (recently proud father of a son and heir), still mans the A.A. guns, whilst Vice-Captain Eddie Heather is, we regret to write, in a sanatorium, but making progress. All his many friends will wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and we hope to see him about again shortly.

Jack Rutland (R.A.P.C.) audits Army accounts somewhere in the Midlands; and Len Coleman instructs Army cooks on how to cook! A former champion, E. L. Reeve, is in the R.A.O.C.; whilst Ted Saunders is a corporal in an R.A.M.C. unit functioning in the Near East. A. E. Elliott has duties with the Royal Corps of Signals, and W. H. Jones is in the Army Dental Corps. Bert Clayton and E. J. Watts are in the R.A.F., Tony Bellchambers holds a commission in the Royal Artillery, W. E. Ivès is an Anti-Tank Regiment man, whilst his friend, C. H. Lloyd, is a Royal Engineer.

Altogether, quite enough to affect the numbers out training from Wimbledon, especially as many of our Police members have little time for training; and others, such as Alan Bridger, Colin Sutton and Charlie Speechly are working seven days a week, and at least one, G. S. Double-day, evacuated many miles away on important work.

We still have a few who are taking their training seriously, however, and we are glad to know they are carrying on. Those serving will hope to be out again soon, getting ready for championship tussels and the thrill of the close-fought race.

We imagine a "Belgrave—R.A.F." team consisting of H. G. Churcher, C. E. Churcher, J. G. Coleman and H. G. Clayton (reserves: E. J. Watts, A. A. Harley), would take some beating over seven miles. Perhaps a "Belgrave—Army" team chosen from L. J. Coleman, J. E. Rutland, P. G. Wright, A. E. Elliott, J. A. Bellchambers, W. H. Jones, C. H. Lloyd, E. L. Reeve, W. E. Ivès, would like to try conclusions—if it could be arranged—with perhaps a "Belgrave—Police" team to make a three-cornered affair of it. We should certainly see some very fine walking, if only such a fixture could leave the realms of fantasy for actuality!

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On May 25th we promoted, at Tooting Bec Track, a One-hour's Walk in an endeavour to make yet another contribution to the sport.

The entry received was quite good, having regard to the general conditions, and 22 started, 19 finishing. Fred Redman walked in excellent style, and with nine other walkers, detailed below, covered over seven miles in the hour.

We are certain that in normal times such a race as this would be overwhelmingly popular. It is the mark of a "useful" walker to be able to cover seven miles within the hour; and many of us have experienced a thrill on the first occasion we have succeeded in doing so. Conditions vary so widely in road races that standardisation is impossible, but in a track race such as we promoted competitors had the opportunity of earning an engraved award should they succeed in walking seven miles or over in sixty minutes.

We feel that when the war is disposed of, an event of this nature, held on one of our best tracks, would attract an embarrassingly large entry, and do much to popularise walking as a sport.

1, F. J. Redman (Met. W.C.), distance in 1 hour, 7 miles, 1,270 yards; 2, H. H. Whitlock (Met. W.C.), 7 m., 900 yds.; 3, M. J. Fisher (S.W.C.), 7 m. 885 yds.; 4, E. A. Staker (H.H.), 7 m. 740 yds.; 5, N. A. L. Burt (S.W.C.), 7 m. 620 yds.; 6, H. D. Neilson (Poly. H.), 7 m. 455 yds.; 7, A. L. Fletcher (Bel. H.), 7 m. 400 yds.; 8, A. H. Rayner (S.A.C.), 7 m. 130 yds.; 9, C. C. Saunders (H.H.), 7 m. 110 yds.; 10, T. B. Kent (W.G.A.C.), 7 m. 106 yds.; 11, E. G. Barnes (H.H.), 6 m. 1,750 yds.; 12, J. J. Allen (Enf. A.C.), 6 m. 1,740 yds.; 13, R. D. McMullen, Jr. (Bel. H.), 6 m. 1,680 yds.; 14, A.

D. McSweeney (H.H.), 6 m. 1,480 yds.; 15, F. H. Elson (Bel. H.), 6 m. 1,470 yds.; 16, C. Megnen (H.H.), 6 m. 1,438 yds.; 17, W. H. Snell (Bel. H.), 6 m. 1,220 yds.; 18, G. G. Swan (B.W.C.), 6 m. 1,200 yds.; 19, S. E. Horton (S.W.C.), 6 m. 1,090 yds.

A Cup, suitably engraved, was presented to the winner, and engraved miniature souvenir cups have gone to the nine other successful walkers. War service and duties robbed the race of entries from some of the well-known walkers in the South; but the Club has every reason to be proud of its promotion and the interest it created.

The Club has been paid a high compliment by the Southern Committee of the Road Walking Association in the election of A. A. Harley to its Chairmanship, and of J. C. Bidgood to the Vice-Chairmanship.

In addition to F. G. Thomson, a past Chairman, we also have F. H. Elson and S. C. Roberts serving on this Committee. J. G. Coleman was a member of the Committee last year, but would not allow his name to go forward this season as he is now serving in the R.A.F.

A glance at the last issue of the "Belgravian" published shows that we were then looking forward to the newly instituted Southern 20 Miles Championship. The race took place on May 4th from De Bohuns Farm, and it is now very much late news that Belgrave won the title after one of the most exciting races ever.

Charlie Churcher played a real captain's part in finishing second only nine seconds behind Whitlock. Our team was completed by Rutland, Bidgood and Roberts finishing 10, 11, 12. This gave us a total of 35 points—the same as Surrey Walking Club, whose men scored 4, 8, 9, 14. According to rule, lowest time aggregate decided the winning team, and here we had the advantage of 3 mins. 29 seconds. A wonderfully fine finish between two splendid teams. The closing stages were most exciting in both individual and team race, and we received great help when the two Essex Beagles, Abel and Everard, overhauled S.W.C. walkers in the last two miles.

Altogether a very fine race, which held compensation for our defeat by Surrey Walking Club in the 10 miles race held earlier in the season.

Two other walks held earlier had served as preparation for the Championship just described. In the Metropolitan W.C. 15 miles race, held in Regents Park, we won the scratch team race by two points from Surrey Walking Club. Harry Thaxter won the individual handicap, with Charlie Churcher second; and so, inevitably, we won the handicap team race.

The "Godstone," held on April 20th, did not find us quite so prominent. In this race Charlie Churcher walked splendidly to take second place, and in the scratch team race S.W.C. won by 13 points to our 25.

Our congratulations go to Harry Thaxter, who won the Metropolitan Police A.A. 10 miles Championship in April last.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at Belgrave Hall on September 25th, and in view of the comparatively small attendance (37 were present) we give some account of the proceedings.

In the absence of the President, Mr. J. B. Belchamber was elected to the Chair and the meeting began with the formal reading of the notice convening the meeting, and of the Minutes of the last A.G.M., which were approved.

The Hon. Secretary then made his report. He announced that two members, E. G. W. Birch and W. F. Pigott, had been killed on active service, and the meeting stood for a few moments as a tribute to their memory.

The Hon. Secretary then said that the Committee had kept their promise of the previous year to keep things going; and that the Club had enjoyed an excellent winter season and a very fine track season. The Club had given a lead to the Athletic world in the previous November, when it had promoted its Annual Open Walk, and its Headquarters had been at the disposal of promoting bodies time and time again for their races. Two open events had been included in the first summer track programme in a further endeavour to give a lead to the sport.

The Hon. Secretary said, with some emphasis, that in the year under review the Belgrave Harriers had done more to keep athletics alive—and vigorously alive—than any other organisation. He did not expect nor desire columns in the Press praising the Club's efforts; but he knew that but for the Belgrave Harriers, its headquarters, its promotions, and its athletes, the Athletic year would not have been nearly so successful as it had proved.

He said that Club members had greatly distinguished themselves, and without giving detailed statistics, contented himself with pointing out that both runners and walkers had carried off the highest honours during the winter season, and that on the track and in the field the Club members had greatly distinguished themselves. He regretted the spasmodic appearance of "The Belgravian," occasioned by current difficulties, but promised an edition in the course of a few weeks.

The Hon. Secretary recalled that as the year had progressed, more and more members had been absorbed into H.M. Forces, until we had now reached the stage when almost every member between the ages of 20 and 34 (with the exception of a few working long hours in reserved occupations) was either serving in some way or expecting to do so in the near future.

He then paid tribute to the Committee's efforts during the past difficult year. The President had early been placed in an important position taking him out of London and monopolising the whole of his time; and so the Chair had been occupied at various times by Messrs. Gordon, Thomson, and Webb, who had helped the business through. The Hon. Secretary expressed his personal gratitude to H. Parker and E. A. Duffett for their ever-ready help; and also said that the Club owed much to their Hon. Treasurer; to T. F. Morrell for his excellent social arrangements; to the Club Captains for their work, and to the three Hon. Secretaries, who had carried the burden of the Club's money-making schemes. He also expressed the Club's thanks to W. J. Fish, A. G. Fell, W. Redgrave and the other Club officials, without whom track meetings would be an impossibility.

The Hon. Secretary continued by saying that, although the future was obscure to all, he felt confident that if the Club affairs were left in the hands of the older members—men who had done much for the Club and were prepared to do a lot more—the younger element would come back and find that the stewardship had been wisely administered. All members felt pride and a personal interest in the Hall, the Club's investments, and in the growth and development the Club had made in recent years, and those members called upon to don uniform would do so knowing that these interests were being maintained and preserved. When the longed-for day arrived and everyone could get back to the normal life, members would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had a Committee in being which, with an infusion of the younger blood, would get the Club away to a flying start and a clear lead. There would be no inertia to overcome.

The Hon. Secretary concluded by wishing all members the best of luck, and asked for their continued support for years to come as active members, officials, helpers, supporters—anything as long as they attended on occasion, and so continued in the good fellowship all had learned to value so much.

It was proposed by F. H. Elson, seconded by G. H. Powell, and unanimously agreed that the report should be adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer then introduced his Accounts and reported thereon. J. B. Bellchamber, Club Hon. Auditor for approaching thirty years, praised the Hon. Treasurer's work; and the report and accounts were duly adopted.

The Hon. Secretary then explained the proposed alteration of rule relating to the management of the Club, which had been circulated. It was made clear that this was only a war-time measure, and designed to facilitate the conduct of the Club's affairs in such difficult times. The alteration to rule was approved.

On behalf of the Committee and in accordance with the Law governing the matter, the Hon. Secretary then proposed the election of C. E. Churcher as a Life Member. He spoke of Churcher's services to the Club as a walker, as a Club captain, leading the Club teams to many victories, of his valuable help on the social side, but above all, of the unremitting care and many hours of labour that he had devoted, often at great personal inconvenience and without any thought of reward, to Belgrave Hall and its maintenance. It was a matter for regret that C. E. Churcher could not be present and witness the appreciation of his fellow-members for his many efforts on their behalf; but that morning he had joined his R.A.F. unit in the North.

The proposal was seconded by T. F. Morrell and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then made a further proposal on behalf of the Committee, that R. J. Savage should be similarly honoured. He said that Mr. Savage, who had joined the Club in 1910, had always devoted himself to the Club's interests, was an ever-willing worker, an enthusiast who had presented us with a Junior Cross-country Championship Shield, and a man who had done more than his share to build up the Club. The proposal was seconded by E. Gordon, and carried unanimously. Mr. Savage replied suitably and assured the meeting of his willingness to help the Club at all times.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers. E. Gordon proposed that F. G. Thomson should be President for the ensuing year. He said that Mr. Thomson had joined the Club in 1889—two years after formation—and had been honoured with Life Membership as far back as 1897. He had served athletics in many high positions and was one of the best known and most respected A.A.A. officials of the day. G. H. Powell seconded the proposal, which met with the meeting's unanimous support. Mr. Thomson returned thanks for his election.

The existing Vice-Presidents were all re-elected, as were the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Trustees, Hon. Auditor and other officials.

Ten members were elected to serve on the Committee as follows:—F. R. Webb, H. Parker, T. F. Morrell, F. H. Elson, H. W. Shields, L. J. Cohen, C. T. Carter, E. A. Duffett, R. J. Savage and T. C. Jones.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

THE WALKERS TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY—

of expressing their combined thanks to A. A. Harley (now Pilot Officer) for his work on behalf of their Section over a number of years.

Although he has had many other voluntary duties, the walkers have always felt that his chief concern was for them, and they know very definitely that the many successes and the proud reputation their section has in this branch of athletics is, without doubt, greatly due to his untiring efforts on their behalf.

We also thank our captain, Charlie Churcher, now in the R.A.F., for his brilliant leadership and good comradeship, and we remind both these gentlemen that the Club has not elected anybody to fill these positions in their absence.

So we thank very sincerely our Walking Secretary and our Captain for their work, and say that the Walking Section will be ready again to follow their lead when we all re-unite in happier times.