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**FRONTISPIECE:**(Ron Linstead) A classic shot of classic styles shows Steve White (left) winning from Bruno Hafner in the final of the Club Championship 100 metres.

**FRONT COVER:**(Ron Linstead) Martin Eloice (4) inches ahead of Gerry Quarry (Tulse Hill School) to win the Surrey County Youth 200 metres title in 23.2 which, with his brilliant 51.3 win in the 400 metres, must have vied for the most impressive double of the Championships.



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## EDITORIAL

Eleven years have now elapsed since your Editor took over his present position from the Bishop Brothers. It was at the A.G.M. of 1959 that this aspiring "journalist", aided and abetted by an enthusiastic Mal Robinson, was elected to the Editorial Chair. From that moment on "The Belgravian" saw many changes. It grew in size, portrayed more photographs (bad ones at first!), introduced more feature articles, more links with the past, a youths and boys section, two changes of cover, and a centre pages spread to make you think, smile, wince, laugh or be shocked (as long as it produced some reaction).

It all took time of course, but eventually all the main ideas of the various Editorial teams were implemented. It had been great fun, immensely interesting and as rewarding as any job could be. From that point on the task became a routine one, the format inflexible and the time available less and less—symptoms that cry out for one word, "CHANGE".

All progressive administrations require a perpetual influx of new blood. It must be the right kind of course, but enthusiasm will cover most of the requirements. Your Club is no exception and neither is your journal.

"The Belgravian" is not only the mouthpiece of Belgrave Harriers, it is the common link between all our members, young and old, near or far. It is important that it should move with the times. The ideas of 1959 should be a far cry from the ideas of 1970. It was with this thought in mind, together with the knowledge that his enthusiasm for the production work had deserted him, that led your Editor to give notice to your Committee that he would not be seeking re-election for the forthcoming year. The September issue therefore, will be the last under present "management".

At the time of going to press your Committee has been unable to find a successor and appeals to anyone who is interested in this type of work to offer his services, even if it be only in a minor capacity—we have had three co-Editors before.

For those who are momentarily considering the position the following points should be of interest

1. Access to a typewriter is preferable but not essential.
2. There are both regular and occasional correspondents available.
3. We are blessed with generous photographers.
4. The production procedures are well laid down and easy to follow.
5. It is an ideal job for two. Exchanging ideas and sharing the work load saves time and can produce a better result.

Finally, your present Editor does not intend to sever all connections with the Gazette. He hopes to devote more time to biographical features, Club history and general comment. So, with any luck, the new Editor(s) should have more material to play with than ever before!

Aspirants to the Editorial Chair may also rest assured that they will not have the full burden of production thrust upon them right away. There will be a suitable handing-over period.

Please contact the Honorary Editor or the General Honorary Secretary **NOW** before you forget to do anything about it. Time is running out and the Club must have its gazette—or must it?

### MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE TO SUPPORT THESE STAR FIXTURES

JULY 27th-----10,000m Club Championship-----Battersea Park

AUGUST 7/8th---A.A.A. Championships-----White City

AUGUST 15th---R.W.A. 50 Km Walk Championship

AUGUST 22nd---SOUTHERN LEAGUE-----Wimbledon Park

## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Our Hon. Treasurer John Baker has changed his address. Please amend your Handbook and fixture card to "9, MORETON TERRACE, S.W.1."—in the heart of the original Belgrave country. And if you should be guilty of owing your annual subscription at this late stage of the Club year; or wish to make a donation to Club funds, John will be glad to hear from you at the address given above.

The Amateur Athletic Association is again promoting a Draw in the Autumn, with a car as first prize and a mass of other pleasant—to—come—by prizes to be won. It will be remembered that one of our more heated Past Presidents won a refrigerator last year, which seems fair enough!

Our own club will retain half of the proceeds from sales of tickets by our members and friends and it is hoped that every member will help us, and the sport, by giving maximum support and co-operation.

Past-President Frank Webb has again agreed to organise things for us, for which we are greatly indebted, and your books will arrive with the next copy of the "Belgravian" in early September. Your real support, please!

The Club Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 17th at Belgrave Hall, Wimbledon.

Here is your opportunity to elect those of your number who are prepared to work hard for the Club; to create and disseminate enthusiasm in all its activities; and by working efficiently and planning ahead raise our standards higher and higher than anything we have known in the past.

So make the date in your diary, and note what is required of you.

Whilst you have your diary in your hands, note also the Club Annual Dinner-Dance date at the Wimbledon Hill Hotel. It is Saturday, November 21st.

Our sincere congratulations go to LES COHEN on becoming President of the Southern Counties AAA—an honour he deserves more than any other man in Athletics. The responsibility he assumes, the work he does, the wires he pulls in the service of our Sport have become a tradition and a legend; and we all hope he will long continue serving and enriching Athletics at all levels.

We find particular satisfaction in knowing that with all the work Les does for us all throughout the year, he yet has time for some of our Club activities and to make valuable contribution on the financial side.

We congratulate also BILL LUCAS on becoming President of the Surrey Co. A.A.A.----- again an honour well deserved; and we wish him every success in his year of office.

Incidentally BILL is the first Belgrave man to become a Surrey President—which is just a little surprising for we have been members since the Association's inception.

There has been discussion recently on whether we were justified or not in retaining the telephone at our Headquarters. There can be no argument that it is a facility we would wish to have, and one which in some circumstances could be of the utmost value. Nevertheless it does cost us an increasing amount of money, representing many members' annual subscriptions.

The decision could be easier if we were convinced that the members appreciated the facility as shown by its growing use. Perhaps this reminder that OL-946-6859 exists for the service of all our members visiting our Headquarters may lead to increased use and less expense to the Club.

Cadogan AC, under whose name and colours many Belgravians served in Middlesex County events over a period of nearly 40 years, is no more. A recent change in AAA Laws permits clubs such as ours to affiliate to more than one County Association (with permission); and so Belgrave has affiliated to Middlesex County AAA, as well of course, continuing in affiliation with Surrey County AAA.

Lets hope Belgrave can now proceed to win team titles in both counties! Our list of Middlesex athletes is not as strong at present as it once was; but we hope to build up on strength North of the River and emulate the performance of years ago.

DAVE SHEPHERD has been re-elected as a member of the Southern Counties AAA Committee; and we congratulate him.

Our Past-President SID ROBERTS has recently undergone an operation, and we all wish him a quick recovery and return to accustomed health.

## OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we report the death of F.W. (Fred) Brunning at the age of 72. He collapsed whilst out for a walk in Garratt Lane. He had chest trouble - the effect of being gassed in the first world war, but this did not prevent him from being a keen cyclist and Fred and his wife covered many miles together. In 1937 he took up walking and joined the Bels and competed over the short distances and was quite happy in persevering to beat the clock. His cycling activities were brought into play on the long distance walks where he was a first class attendant and lucky was the man who had Fred to take him down to Brighton. Further use was made of his cycling plus his knowledge of the road when he acted as pilot for many races.

Recently he had been under medical treatment but was hoping to come along to our summer meetings. He also helped the Club financially by selling tickets for the Football Competition. Our sympathies are extended to his widow.

**G.S.D.**

A very special welcome goes to our Swiss friends HEINER PFENNINGER and BRUNO HAFNER who are assisting our teams and joining in our activities.

Many of our older members will remember the father of the first-named, EMIL PFENNINGER, who in the 1930s was a great source of strength to our teams in the field events. Nothing less than five events in an afternoon satisfied him, with generous points earned in each-----a veritable trophy-winner on his own!

----- **A.A.H.**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To MARGARET AND GEOFF NORTH on their engagement - it's about time Geoff thought of settling down.

To MARGARET AND GEOFF NORTH on their marriage - he really did take the plunge

To MARGARET AND GEOFF NORTH on making the inhabitants of Rainham and district sit up and note how the other half live when they moved into their new house.

To MARGARET AND GEOFF NORTH on the birth of their daughter, JULIE, - yet another for SELSONIA L.A.C.

To GEOFF NORTH on his 99th retirement and his courage to face hard labour in his garden instead of following the easy life of an international athlete.

To THE EDITOR, for regaining his memory and having the courage to admit that each of the above five items should have found a place in one or other of our last five issues! But don't get the idea you all warrant such attention. However, if you can match MARGARET's immaculate typing you have a chance!

To MAVIS AND JOHN THRESHER on their wedding this June 13th - Poly Marathon Day. John is only accustomed to gold medals so they get their awards in 50 years time!

It was a great wedding party at John's local H.Q. - South London Harriers, Coulsdon - and things can expect to be livened up in the Chipstead Valley area pretty soon.

To WIL WESCH on his marriage.

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## *Welcome*

Garry F. AYLING  
Eric BARKER  
Lennox BURKE  
John CANNING  
Ian J. COLLINS  
Mark S. EATON  
Bruno HAFNER  
Martin J. HAGGERSTON  
Michael A. HAYES

(Surrey)  
(Suffolk)  
(Guyana)  
(Scotland)  
(Surrey)  
(Lancashire)  
(Switzerland)  
(Surrey)  
(Cheshire)

Clive A. LOGAN  
John MACASKILL  
Danny M. MILLS  
Guy MONNET  
Heiner PFENNINGER  
Julian SPENCER-WOOD  
Brendan VINCENT  
Michael MANSFIELD

(Warwickshire)  
(Surrey)  
(Suffolk)  
(Canada)  
(Switzerland)  
(Kent)  
(Surrey)  
(Surrey)

## GOODBYE CADS!

It was in 1927 that ALF HARLEY put forward the idea of a club within a club which would allow Middlesex qualified members to compete in their County Team Championships. Such members would join a subsidiary club as second-claim members, paying a small subscription to cover the modest expenses envisaged; and this new-born club would compete only in Middlesex County team events and not expand into the broader fields of athletics.

This suggestion was worked out in detail and SYD KING undertook to place it before the Club Committee for consideration, as ALF had yet to commence his forty odd years of work on the Belgrave Committee. A sub-committee was set up on which ALF was co-opted. The idea was thoroughly investigated, and the decision was taken not to form a subsidiary club!

Meantime, our strength in athletics from North of the Thames was steadily growing, and this found expression in a North and South fixture on the track on June 27th 1928. ERNIE DUFFETT managed the South team and ALF HARLEY organised the North team. Seven relay and team track events were held and the North were successful by 4 events to 3. An outstanding run on that evening was by a junior, TOMMY SCRIMGHAM from South Kensington, who was to be a treble-International at 880 yards, before his 21st birthday.

In January 1931 ARTHUR PENNY won the Surrey Cross Country Championship leading a Belgrave team to victory; and on the same day in the Middlesex event ARTHUR ALLUM won the individual championship. ARTHUR ALLUM followed this with second in the "Southern", fifth in the "National" and became our first Cross country International. These performances on the track and over the country gave emphasis to our strength in Middlesex; and in October 1931 a gathering of Middlesex qualified members decided to form a club within Middlesex, without reference to the Belgrave Committee, as they were fully entitled to do. Something of the sort had become more and more of a necessity for our runners were being approached to join other Clubs in Middlesex for County events; but they naturally preferred to compete together as a team, if possible.

So "THE BELLS AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB" was formed, and included in its draft rules was a condition that it would compete only in Middlesex team events, and its colours were registered as claret and gold, and its Headquarters "The Rising Sun", Ebury Bridge Road, S.W.1., then Belgrave's mid-week training quarters.

The affiliation was accepted but later well authenticated rumours reached Belgrave that the Southern Committee of the AAA were likely to cancel the affiliation on certain technicalities in the draft rules.

So a hurried meeting was called to offset the objections that were to be raised, and to do this the name was changed to "Cadogan AC", the colours to white, and the Headquarters to ALF HARLEY'S home at Isleworth. When the AAA met to expel the upstart club, they found it no longer existed but a new one had risen in its stead and with the objections overcome, affiliation was, perforce, granted. Needless to say the National newspapers made much of the wranglings that went on! Half-columns of comments appeared day after day, and the telephone never ceased to ring, making BILL WEBB and ALF very busy indeed!

Now it seemed, the way was clear to enter our first team in a Middlesex C.C. Championship and this was done, and accepted; but on the day of the race we were told we were ruled out as a team and could compete only as individuals! The reason given? That any entry could be refused without a reason being given!

Naturally we were inflamed with this treatment and waited for the Annual General Meeting of Middlesex County to make our re-doubled protests. Fortunately, a more enlightened spirit prevailed, thanks largely to the late BEN ACOMBE who took over the County Secretaryship at that time; and guarantees were given that our teams would be accepted in all future team events. ALF found himself elected to the Committee and eventually in the fullness of time, became President of the County Association.

In 1932 young HARRY SHIELDS won the Middlesex Junior Cross-country Championship; and in 1933 the Club Championship at 7 miles had in its leading positions PENNY, ALLUM, CARTER; and a Belgrave v Cadogan match, in conjunction, gave Belgrave a 38 to 40 points win, six aside scoring.

Then came one of the great days in the Club's history---13th January 1934. The Surrey C.C. Championship was won by ARTHUR PENNY (with BERT FOOTER second) and we had a team win with 56 points to the 143 of the runners-up, Surrey A.C.

In the Middlesex race held on the same day ARTHUR ALLUM was champion and led home a winning Cadogan team, who had nine in the first 22 scoring positions. Cadogan's score was 45 to the 106 of Poly H, and the team scored:- A. ALLUM 1, HARRY SHIELDS 4, JACK FLOWER 6, RON PATIENCE 8, ALF TAYLOR 11, DAN PATIENCE 15. Two team wins, two individual wins, the same afternoon---what running!

A couple of months later CADOGAN had a team in the 10 miles Walk Championship, but could only finish fourth.

In the 1934/5 Cross-country season Bells again beat Cads, eight aside scoring, 61 pts to 75. First six in this Club 7 miles Championship were PENNY, FOOTER, GLINTY, ALLUM, CARTER, SHIELDS, all to become Internationals with the exception of the sixth man!

In Jan'35 the Surrey C.C. title was again ours, with BERT FOOTER the individual winner; and in the Middlesex race Cadogan again made it a "double" with ARTHUR ALLUM third, and TED STIMPSON third in the junior event.

The following year Belgrave could still win the Surrey Championship (PENNY 1, FOOTER 3), but Cadogan could only manage third place of the 14 teams competing in the Middlesex race but TED STIMPSON obliged by winning the Junior Championship.

# Postbag:

Derek Crookes writes to say that he has heard from PAT & ALAN MEAD who are now happily settled in Australia. Alan has given up serious training and turned to surfing—who can blame him? Pat plays hockey for a local team during the winter months and last season helped them to a higher division. Pat and Alan would like to keep in touch with Belgravians, so if there are any budding correspondents keen to find out more about the surfing game, the address is: Flat 2, 41/47 Bellevue Street, Glebe, SYDNEY, New South Wales, Australia 2037.

## Bhatia wins the 20 km race

By A Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, March 21.

OLD-TIMER Ranjit Bhatia, popular Varsity long-distance runner not so long ago, is still worth a prize. He demonstrated it here today while winning the 20 kilometre event in the Otto Peltzer Races. Bhatia clocked one hour 12 minutes and 27 seconds as against 1:13:10 returned by second-placed V. Sampath Kumar. Third was S. D. Sharma in 1:15:55.

The honour of being the chief guest on the occasion was given to Mr. Sirat Singh Mathur, Marathon runner of olden days, who represented India in the Helsinki Olympics in 1952.



The above cutting and photograph was sent to us by that most regular of correspondents, RANJIT BHATIA. Ranjit writes, "I have made an auspicious start to the new season so I thought I would share my joy with fellow Belgravians who, from far away Denmark Road in Wimbledon, continue to inspire me to press on regardless. I begin my summer vacation with a marathon bid at Bangalore on May 10th (home town of Derek Boosey)".

Ranjit recommends those athletes travelling to Australia to stop off in New Delhi en-route. "It would not only help them to get acclimatised to the Australian heat but would also provide them with some good races". He has just been nominated Secretary of the Olympic Youth Club (Delhi) which was founded by the immortal Dr. Peltzer, and regular racing is now organised over road and country during the March to October winter season. Ranjit sends his regards to all Belgravians.

Belgrave's former marathon champion and record holder BARRY SAWYER (he lost his record this year to the man he calls "the late Trevor Hart") continues to write regularly from Australia and sends his regards and defiance to all at Belgrave Hall. He is still very much under the spell of Portsea and spends much time in the company of that effervescent 75yrs old Percy Cerutty who is now back in residence there. This famous training spot is not so well frequented as in Herb Elliott's day, though it still sees Herb and his sons on occasional week-ends. Barry is enraptured by the place and goes there in all seasons"-----battling the silent hostility of the sand in the heat of summer when the sun dazzles and each breath scorches the lungs, and into the teeth of winter's wild south-westerlies when only the flashes of lightning illuminate the eerie half-light. And always the pounding of the mighty surf on the beach". He goes on, "I've even come to understand the joys of hurling oneself into this mighty seething cauldron in mid-winter and then to face the prospect of fighting back to the beach for the climb up the dunes before the final plunge down through the bush to Perce's place".

Barry's proposed trip to U.S.A. with Cerutty has been postponed indefinitely "-----and we now spend our weekend afternoons over a flagon of Vermouth planning our European escapade in 1972. All we have to do now is find the cash! Still, morale is high and determination ferocious, so watch out for us!"-----We shall.

## SOUTHERN

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS----Matspur Park, June 26/27

100: J. Vivian 11.0---eliminated in semi-final

200: S. White 22.3--- " " " "

3000: (standards race) 2. W. Kerr 8:31.0

3000 s/chase: 1. J. Bicoart 9:01.0, 8. A. Black 9:35.2, 9. R. Piotrowski 9:47.8.

400 H: 3. M. Ford 54.4; C. Gillett 56.9 (1n heat)

# ROAD RELAY ROUND-UP

TWO FIRSTS

TWO SECONDS

ONE FOURTH

ONE FIFTH

On the face of it, the above record for the Spring road relay season is typical of recent years----with the exception of that fifth place. Unfortunately, our worst position was in the most important event of them all, the National Relay. Whatever else is done in the way of success it pales alongside a bad National and for that reason it is difficult to be enthusiastic about the first season of the "Seventies". Mind you, the line between success and failure, praise and criticism, enthusiasm and cynicism is a thin one indeed. Two off-days in a twelve man team means the difference between 2nd and 5th but, as we've said in these columns before, the truly great teams have off-days and still win.

Six weeks before the National Relay it seemed as though we would be fortunate to even make the first ten with the form being shown. It was the inaugural Crawley Relay (see March---'Belgravian') and we were a poor 4th over part of the old "Brighton" course. Old Belgravians would have turned in their graves if they had heard of such running on, and in the vicinity of, the sacred Brighton Road!

Two weeks later, on March 21st, we began to snap out of it by finishing a good second in the TVH relay at Cranford. Ominously though, Hercules-Wimbledon were ahead of us by 1½ minutes; all but 2 seconds of it gained on the first two stages. It was particularly interesting to see how the North brothers and O'Hara held Hercules-Wimbledon's top trio of the Holt twins and Beever to that two-second margin. At least it pointed to an interesting duel 2 weeks later when our rivals had to defend their S.C.A.A.A. and Belgrave Open title at Wimbledon.

Last year we had lost the title, but this year, although without the services of Fairclough and Dance (both injured), we thought, ran and won like a real team for the first time. Not a man ran badly. One of the most pleasing performances was by Bob Smith who not only made his debut at road relay running but at road racing as well.

So Belgrave had "come right" at last, but was it too early? The National was still two weeks away after all. In the intervening week was the Brighton Front Relay----a fast short course and a great leveller of reputations. It is usually difficult to get away from the field in this race but with Laurie O'Hara winning the first stage and the team all breaking 12:50 for the 2½ miles course, we were never headed and ran out winners by over 2 minutes.

Hopes could be nothing but high for the National at Sutton Coldfield----but it had come too late. Whether the break-down on the M1 and the resulting dash to the venue had any effect, or the last minute re-arrangement of the team due to colds and late arrivals; or whether it was just a case of "going over the top" we shall never know. At any rate, three of our team were below par----that alone kept us out of silver medals; but it is something deeper that keeps us out of gold.

After any National event there is a period of anti-climax. The pressure is off. Some deflate others are unaffected, and so it was at the final relay at Ponders End on May 2nd. Bill Kerr and Lionel Mann were in the former category (after good runs in the National) and we were well beaten by Medway in the most minor race of all. Athletics Weekly grabbed the opportunity to headline "Medway Crush Belgrave" which goes to show, we may not have much to win but we have a darn sight more to lose.



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Bob Smith and John Bicourt lead the chase after Bob Holt (H/W) in the Surrey County 5,000m Championships at Motpur Park. Holt (14:14.6) won from Bob (14:23.6) with John taking the bronze in 14:39.8.

Photo: Ron Linstead

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CRAWLEY RELAY---March 8th.

See March edition of "THE BELGRAVIAN" (p.42)

T.V.H. RELAY---Cranford, March 21st

1. Hercules-Wim.	81:47				
2. Belgrave H	83:11	<u>Bels 'A'</u>		<u>Bels 'B'</u>	
3. Reading AC	83:15	J. Biccourt (17)	17:07	J. Thresher (10)	16:49
4. Blackheath	83:17	L. Mann (12)	17:01	A. Major (?)	16:53
5. S.L.H.	83:52	Geoff North (4)	16:11	T. Hart (6)	16:48
10. Belgrave 'B'	85:15	Gerry North (2)	16:22	P. O'Connor (10)	17:11
		L. O'Hara (2)	16:30	J. Dear (10)	17:29

Vets 'A'Vets 'B'Bels 'C'

J. Brown (29)	18:03	A. Bruce (45)	19:02	W. Kerr (5)	16:36
D. Jones (43)	20:20	C. Manning (52)	22:27	R. James (21)	18:36
C. Walker (39)	18:37	E. Stimpson(49)	23:10	C. Pearson (26)	18:52

Bels 'D': R. Beaumont (59) 21:21, M. McNair (55) 21:38Fastest Times: M. Absolom (BRC) 16:06, R. Holt (H/W) 16:09, Geoff North 16:11SOUTHERN COUNTIES A.A.A. & BELGRAVE OPEN RELAY---April 4th--- see page 9BRIGHTON FRONT RELAY---April 11th

(A)

'B'

1. Belgrave 'A'	75:26	L. O'Hara (1)	12:28	J. Biccourt	12:30
2. Portsmouth	77:29	J. Thresher (1)	12:38	A. Major	13:08
3. Brighton & H.	77:46	T. Hart (1)	12:49	P. O'Connor	12:50
4. Aldershot F.D.	78:16	Geoff North (1)	12:19	R. James	13:56
5. Hercules/Wimb.	78:35	Gerry North (1)	12:24	J. Rimmer	13:38
9. Belgrave 'B'	79:46	R. Piotrowski (1)	12:47	J. Kelly	13:41

'C'

'D'

G. Monnet	13:28	C. Pearson	14: 05	H. Satchell	14:05
A. Black	13:22	D. Mclean	-	D. Jones	15:03
M. McNair	14:10	J. Blairfish	-	J. Martin	17:06

Fastest Times: P. Bennett (B&H) 12:14, Geoff North 12:19, M. Fuller (H/W) 12:22A.A.A. NATIONAL ROAD RELAY---Sutton Coldfield---April 18th---see page 10PONDERS END RELAY---April 25th

1. Medway AC	86:24	P. O'Connor (3)	17:36
2. BELGRAVE H	88:25	T. Hart (1)	17:23
3. Belling & Southall	89:07	W. Kerr (2)	18:02
4. Aldershot, Farnham & D. (16 teams finished)	90:46	L. Mann (2)	18:23
		Gerry North (2)	17:01

Fastest Times: 16:41 Newble (Med), 17:00 Briault (Med), 17:01 North.**SOUTHERN TITLE REGAINED**GORDON DOUBLEDAY REPORTS:

The 1970 Championship was held on April 4th at Wimbledon over the usual two laps alternating with long (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ m) and short (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ m) legs. The Clerk of the Weather seemed to enter into the spirit of things with frequent changes of sun, rain, wind and the cold. Without a win in the cross-country Championships (six to score) we were confident that our strength in depth would assert itself here.

Promptly at 12 noon 21 runners set out on the first leg. Some clubs like to show their strength early on and Bob Smith's third placing, 22 seconds behind the leaders, Portsmouth A.C., was most encouraging. On the second leg John Biccourt passed the two leading teams but was overtaken by McAndrew of Reading A.C. who clocked the fastest short leg of the day. The net result was that John handed over to Dick Piotrowski 11 seconds in arrears. This stage saw a 5 second improvement in our position, but Medway had displaced Reading, so Dick's run had brought us almost to the lead which was well and truly established on the next stage by Bill Kerr who led the way to the tune of 32 seconds - our strength in depth was beginning to show. On the next stage

Geoff North continued the good work by stretching the lead to 1 min 26secs and clocked the fastest time of any of our runners over the long leg; then Pat O'Connor brought us to the half-way stage with a lead of 1min 48secs.

Our main rivals, Hercules-Wimbledon were not yet in the picture, but on the next stage Mike Beevor clocked the fastest time for a long leg (23:36) to bring them up to fourth place, 1:49 behind Laurie O'Hara who had a number of very good men chasing him - to little avail! To be exact our lead was cut by one second. Lionel Mann, if his final run is anything to go by, showed no slackening of the pace and pushed our lead up by 32 secs to hand over to Gerry North. It was 2mins 19secs later that Bob Holt (Hercules-Wimbledon) set off in pursuit. Mother Nature decided to join in the battle at this point with a sharp burst of wind rain and cold which sent the officials scurrying for shelter. Over the first half of the leg Holt had cut the lead by 21 secs. but Gerry fought back and handed Adrian Major a lead of 2.07. There was no let-up. The lead was increased by 15 secs when Trevor Hart took over for the last of the long legs. Our rivals had another "ace" in Mike Fuller, but Trevor isn't put off by tough opponents, and although he did concede 27secs he handed over a lead of nearly 2 minutes to John Thresher. John's run was no mere formality, in fact he clocked our fastest time over the short leg to lead Belgrave home to a great victory 2mins 18secs ahead of Hercules-Wimbledon.

Our team must have been one of the best balanced ever. On the long lap the difference between our fastest and slowest runners was 67 secs, on the short leg it was even more remarkable, the difference being 15secs! If our runners had all recorded the same time as our slowest over each leg we would have clocked 4hours, 4mins 54secs! Good enough for third place! Congratulations to all twelve on a great performance.

Finally, thanks to all who turned up and helped, and, in particular, the Race Hon. Sec. Gordon Biscoe.

**RESULT:**

1. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	4:01:26
2. Hercules-Wimbledon AC	4:03:44
3. Mitcham AC	4:07:30
4. Reading AC	4:07:50
5. Portsmouth AC	4:07:59
6. T.V.H.	4:08:10

(21 teams ran)

Long Stages		Short Stages	
M.R. Smith	24:30	J. Bicourt	15:44
E. Piotrowski	24:52	W. Kerr	15:52
Geoff North	23:47	P. O'Connor	15:45
L. O'Hara	24:54	L. Mann	15:52
Gerry North	23:55	A. Major	15:55
T. Hart	24:40	J. Thresher	15:40

Fastest Times:- LONG STAGE, M. Beevor (Herc-Wim) 23:34  
SHORT STAGE, R. McAndrew (Reading) 15:30

## National Relay ~ BELS FAIL AGAIN

SUTTON COLDFIELD—18th April

It was hoped that with a change of venue from Leicester to Sutton Coldfield the general organisation and attraction of this race might have improved and lived up to its name—but we hoped in vain! True the course was a good one in the pleasant setting of Sutton Park, but that was as far as it went. Even here, traffic still caused congestion and hindrance at times whilst the changing, washing and catering facilities were deplorable, not to say anything of the misleading travelling instructions which caused many people to arrive late. On top of this, almost continuous heavy rain soon reduced the immediate area of the dressing rooms and start to a quagmire.

For us, however, this was only part of a disastrous day. A coach break-down on the M.1, a hastily arranged hire car, and the sterling efforts of Reg Hopkins in his 'Magic Bus' resulted in the team being transported along the motorway in different groups at breakneck speeds. Luckily Bill Lucas had once again saved the day by taking the first two stage runners by car at an earlier hour.

Needless to say this all had an upsetting effect on the team resulting in a collection of good, bad and indifferent runs, as the results show. For this kind of competition they have all got to be good and so our dream of improving on last year's 2nd place with a victory (inspired by our win in the Southern) faded as our fortunes changed from stage to stage resulting in a final position of 5th—without doubt a day best forgotten by runners and supporters alike.

G.I.B.

(Cont'd opposite) —

# FROM 'The Belgravian'

## 25 years ago ●●●●●

JULY 1945: - "Saturday, March 10th 1945, has proved to be one day in these war-torn years that can remain a very happy memory for the Bels, for on that day was decided the first National Youths Race in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich. The race - 101 runners started - comprised two laps of parkland, each lap measuring a distance of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. From the fall of the starting flag the race was dominated by our own Derek Burfitt. At the end of the first lap he was comfortably ahead by some 90 yards and the farther he went the greater the lead he gained. Full of running, he finished some 250 yards in front of Farrell, Hallamshire, with Rouse, S.L.H., third. Unfortunately, only three Belgrave runners turned up at Paddington and so we were prevented from starting with even a scoring team.

## ●●●●● and 40 years ago

JUNE 1930: - "THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CLUB". The definite arrangements for our trip to Earlswood Common on Sunday June 22nd are as follows: Meet at Clapham Junction Subway at 11a.m. The train leaves at 11:27 - fare 2/4 return (!)

A short bus ride or stroll, as inclined, takes us on to Earlswood Common. A suitable parking place is soon found, and an "alfresco" lunch partaken of. Portable gramophones are permitted, but music must be carefully selected; Bach, Gounod etc. considered taboo.

After lunch, cricket and baseball fans are separated and games are soon in full swing. "Dug" Sloper at the bat and Bert Footer as catcher is a sight not to be missed. So passes the afternoon. Nearby is a boating lake and also a swimming pool. Whether visitors are allowed to swim I cannot say, but there are a number taking costumes on the chance of a dip.

Tea is arranged and set at "The Railway Inn" where, of course, lunch could be had for those who prefer it and with Radio-Paris on, gramophones and the usual chatter, it is a real family affair. After tea, games rule on the sedate side and attempts at dancing are made. Then, at last, time intervenes and perhaps after one or two "quiet 'uns" we make our way slowly back to the station in a thorough good vein, having seen another side of the Club's activities.

## NATIONAL RELAY RESULT

(Continued from opposite page)

### RESULT

1. Coventry Godiva Harriers	253:52
2. City of Stoke	254:56
3. Manchester & District	256:06
4. Derby County	256:07
5. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	256:44
6. Birchfield Harriers	257:10

<u>STAGE</u>	1. J. Bicourt	(5)	26:53	7. L. O'Hara	(6)	27:47
	2. W. Kerr	(5)	15:19	8. A. Major	(6)	15:26
	3. R. Piotrowski	(10)	28:20	9. Gerry North	(4)	26:42
	4. P. O'Connor	(7)	15:26	10. T. Hart	(3)	15:13
	5. Geoff North	(3)	26:27	11. R. Smith	(3)	28:18
	6. L. Mann	(4)	15:20	12. J. Thresher	(5)	15:39

Note: Position in brackets indicates hand-over position.

Fastest Laps: (Long) 1. I. Stewart (Birch) 25:13, 9. Geoff North, 15. Gerry North, 20. J. Bicourt. (Short) 1. E. Strong (Bris) 14:26, 12. T. Hart, 15. W. Kerr, 16. L. Mann.

# YOUTHS & BOYS

Last Winter our Youths took part in no less than 16 races over country and road. Their record was as follows:-

8 wins, 5 seconds, 1 third, 1 fourth and 1 fifth.

Truly an excellent record. The fifth place (a lapse) was the Reigate Priory race and the fourth place, the National cross-country championships.

Peter Carton (11th) and Bill Curtin (17th) were members of the victorious Surrey County cross-country team which won the Youth Inter-County title at Leicester.

Over fifty members attended a film show at Belgrave Hall on March 26th. The main feature was a 16mm "talkie" on the Tokyo Olympics and the supporting programme included "The First Four Minutes" (Roger Bannister) and "The Brighton Relay" (Belgrave Harriers). Not only did we have 3½ hours of fascinating film but we also had our own chocolates/ice-cream/cigarettes girl/ NIGEL---to add authenticity to the occasion!

## NOTE!

Where Junior, Youth and Boy matches or championships have been held in conjunction with Senior meetings, then those results can be found in the main Track and Field section elsewhere in this issue.

### BARNET AC ROAD RACE

1. I. Whittle (Luton)	14:08	5. W. Curtin	14:52
2. J. Stow	14:34	11. A. Binda	15:29
4. P. Carton	14:50		

#### Teams:

1. Belgrave H.	11 pts	2. Southgate H.	25 pts.	3. Thurrock H.	35 pts.
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### FELTHAM A.C. ROAD RACE - Easter Monday

1. P. Adams (AFD)	12:37	6. P. Carton	13:07
3. W. Curtin	12:45	8. A. Binda	13:25
4. J. Stow	12:49	26. E. Godfrey	14:31

#### Teams:

1. Belgrave H.	9 pts.	2. Horsham B.S.	34 pts	3. Feltham A.C.	37 pts
4. T.V.H.	38 pts.				

### BRIGHTON FRONT ROAD RACE

1. B. Ford (AFD)	12:35	12. A. Binda	13:35
3. J. Stow	13:00	27. P. Breslin	14:36
5. W. Curtin	13:12	48. X. Yianni	15:33
7. P. Carton	13:19	51. M. Clancy	15:56

#### Teams:

1. Belgrave H.	14 pts.	2. Southgate H.	24 pts	3. T.V.H.	35 pts
9. Belgrave 'B'					



Peter Crosbie, Colin Nazer and Ivan Beaumont show contrasting styles in the Boy High Jump Championship

Photo: R. Hopkins

# SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

West London Stadium - June 13

Belgrave had ten competitors on view in this year's championships, which was quite an achievement in a meeting of this high standard.

Peter Carton won the 1500 with no difficulty and this was probably the reason he just failed to make the qualifying standard for the English Schools meeting. Two places behind Peter was Xanthos Yianni who had his best track race to date.

The fair-headed, freckle-faced Martin Bloice was particularly affected by the hot weather and was not too well before his race. Despite this, he still clocked 52.4 to finish second in the Intermediate 400 metres.

Second places also went to Mick Marshall (Inter 100), Alan Mills (Inter High Jump) and Richard Langley (Senior 800) all failing to win by the narrowest of margins.

### RESULTS

<u>400:</u>	2. M. Bloice	52.4	<u>800:</u>	2. R. Langley	2:03.8
<u>1500:</u>	1. P. Carton	4:14.3		3. X. Yianni	-
<u>2000 s/chase</u>	3. E. McNally	7:10.4		6. M. Clancy	-
<u>Discus:</u>	6. I. Ioannu	120' 0"	<u>Long Jump:</u>	J. Smith	20' 2½"
<u>High Jump:</u>	3. R. Moriah	5' 5"			
<u>High Jump (Inter)</u>	2. A. Mills	5' 7½"		- R. Hopkins	5' 1"
<u>100 (Inter)</u>	2. M. Marshall	11.5 (11.3 heat)			

## SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Crystal Palace

### Intermediates

400:	3. C. McKeever	58.7
200:	5. M. Weight	25.9
H,J:	1. A. Mills	1m.65o
Tr,J:	2. J. Aickey	11m.51o
Disc:	1. J. Ioannu	37m.23o
1500:	6. F. Dunn	5:46.9

### Seniors

1500:	1. P. Carton	4:14.9
Jav:	3. J. Fordham	38m.36o

### Lewisham Schools

1500: E. McNally 4:45.0, Jav: E. McNally 117'6"

### Kensington & Chelsea Schools

L.J: Len Hobbs 17'-0½"

### Wandsworth Schools

100: 1. M. Marshall N.T.      400: 1. M. Bloice 53.6  
800: 1. H. England 2:10.0      L.J.(Junior Boys): R. Butt 16'-3½"

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Richard Langley leads Chris Taylor (Hitcham) in the Surrey County Youth 3,000m at Wimbledon Park. He finished 6th in 9:36.2.

Photo: Ron Linstead



Mickey Pyer and Reg Hopkins keep a careful eye on the colts during a javelin throwing session at Battersea Park.

## MEDAL COMPETITION

### (Ryan Cup)

#### Boys 100m

1.	R. Butt	14.00
2.	J. Cambridge	14.06
3.	C. Nazer	15.06
4.	P. Crosbie	16.06

#### Youths 100 m

1.	M. Marshall	12.00
2.	W. Burnett	12.04
3.	P. Randell	12.08
4.	A. Mills	13.00
5.	R. Langley	13.00
6.	S. Crosbie	13.01
7.	L. Tizon	13.02
8.	L. Nelson	13.06
9.	J. Talhades	13.06
10.	R. Hopkins	13.08
11.	G. Saunders	13.09
14.	G. Jessop	14.00
15.	L. Hobbs	14.00

#### Long Jump

M. Marshall	18' 1" (Y)
A. Mills	17' 10" (Y)
S. Crosbie	17' 8½" (Y)
L. Hobbs	17' 2½" (Y)
R. Hopkins	16' 4" (Y)
G. Saunders	14' 7" (Y)
R. Butt	14' 6" (Y)
J. Talhades	14' 4½" (B)
P. Randell	13' 11" (Y)
C. Nazer	13' 3½" (B)
J. Cambridge	12' 4½" (B)
P. Crosbie	11' 11" (B)

#### 1500 Walk

1. S. Holmes	8:33.8
2. R. Hopkins	8:37.0
3. L. Hobbs	9:02.0
4. S. Crosbie	9:59.0
5. G. Jessop	10:51.0

Youtis 1500m	1. J. McAffie	4:34.6	2. R. Hopkins	4:40.3
			3. L. Hobbs	5:00.7

### Southern Counties A.A.A. Open Meeting---Crystal Palace---April 22nd

400:	1. M. Eloice (Y)	52.6	T.J.	2. M. Marshall (Y)	39'-9½"	
1500:	1. P. Carton (J)	4:11.5,	4. R. Langley (Y)	4:22.9,	5. P. Breslin (J)	4:23.9,
	V. Butcher (J)	4:26.4,	M. Clancy (J)	4:42.0,	E. McNally (J)	4:44.0.

# SOUTHERN JUNIOR/YOUTH

SOUTHERN JUNIOR & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS----Brighton--June 20/21

Belgrave had nine athletes competing in this year's Championships and they did the Club proud with two seconds, one third, three fourths, one fifth and one twelfth. Quite a select team. Richard Langley was the only one way below his best; the sad loss of his mother earlier in the year naturally affected his preparation for this season, but he had still made some courageous efforts in meetings prior to this one, notably the Surrey County. He has tremendous potential, his father's encouragement, and the will to overcome setbacks which should see him through to some fine victories.

Our other two youths did particularly well. Martin Eloice produced another sub-52 '400' to gain a well deserved silver medal and young Reg Hopkins did a personal best 5'-5" with a "Fosbury Flop" to get within an inch of "bronze".

Prior to this season Peter Carton had not broken two minutes for the 800 metres. Not only has 1970 seen him do it on more than one occasion but it saw him slash his personal best to 1:55.8-----a colossal improvement.

Peter's two rivals, John Stow and Bill Curtin steered clear and pooled their resources in the 3,000 metres, Tony Binda also toned up. John found himself up against his Surrey County victor Ford (Aldershot F.D.) and Julian Goater (Shaftesbury) who is coached by the man who took Dave Bedford through to the Senior ranks. Goater had won the 1500 the previous day and had set an age record of 14:33.8 for 5,000 metres a week earlier but, despite this formidable reputation reputation, John Stow held the Shaftesbury runner for almost 1600 metres (4:25.4) before he had to give way. He did well to continue solo for third place, with Bill chasing hard in fourth spot. It was all a bit too sharp for Tony Binda who flowed along in his graceful way back in twelfth place. Lee Sullivan was a split second and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " away from real success. He just failed to make the final of the 100 metres and then with an excellent jump of 22'-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ " had to give best by  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to Rose (QPH) in the long jump.

Paddy Breslin continued his improvement in the steeplechase with a useful fifth place in the 2,000 metres event.

All in all, a very good day for our youngsters. A pity though that we had no one in the throwing events.

## RESULTS

### JUNIORS:-

100: L. Sullivan eliminated in semi-final. 800: 4. P. Carton 1:55.8

3000: 3. J. Stow 8:36.8, 4. W. Curtin 8:44.8, 12. A. Binda 9:13.4.

2000 S/Chase: 5. P. Breslin 6:34.6 Long Jump: 2. L. Sullivan 22'-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

### YOUTHS:-

400: 2. M. Eloice 51.8. High Jump: 4. Reg. Hopkins 5'-5"

800: R. Langley 2:10.0, eliminated in heat.

## THE JUMBLE JUNGLE

It all starts on the Friday evening. The tables are set up as counters and the sorting begins; opening sacks, parcels and boxes of all manner of interesting things. Experienced eyes sort the Rembrandts from the Picassos, the Antiques from the Victoriana and the men's shoes from the ladies'.

On the Saturday morning the scene is set, all counters are overflowing, the team is picked: Bill and Ben "Mens Suits"---: John, Ted and Bernard "Gas Fires and the Big Stuff"---: Clive & Sons---"Books"---: Nigel & Yours Truly "Shoes"---: Bob "Handbags"(?)---: Marla, Gwen, Elizabeth, Eve, Barbara and the Treasurer "Ladies Clothes"one can just see their heads above the huge pile of clothing.

The queue outside Belgrave Hall is about 100 strong. Ten seconds to go. Everyone in position butterflies in stomach---9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2, then "Crash"! the side door flies open, in comes Reg Hopkins and the boys. "I've got a load of stuff out here". Panic everywhere. Reg continues to bring in cases and trunks of jumble. Two priceless vases crash to the floor. The crowd outside is getting ugly, it is past 10.30. An effort is made to calm them. At last the doors open and whoever opened them got flattened as the crowd surged in. Now absolute pandemonium reigns. Hundreds of hands grab shoes, clothes, anything, "what size"? "How much"? "I've lost the other shoe"! 2/---1/6---1/-----

Gradually, one hour later, the crowd dwindles away and the ladies can be seen quite clearly now as the huge pile of clothing has disappeared leaving only a few odds and ends. This was where the money was made!

Bernard Merry comes down the stairs with 'TEA', what a welcome sight. A great effort by all and a profit of £44.10.7. to the Club funds.

Don't miss your chance of helping in the next Jumble Sale in October.

N. C.

# RUNNING IS THE EASY PART!

Writes 'International' Charlie Manning after his Swedish caper

I'm not afraid and I'm not superstitious but flying is different and I won't have my palm read.

Such is the incongruous nature of man that it was with a jaunty step and leaden heart that I approached London Airport, furtively glancing at familiar things like red buses, policemen, toffee wrappers written in English and trying to absorb them as if I would see them no more.

We drove through the hole from the Bath Road to Terminal I. I was early. This was out of character and the waiting catalysed my apprehension. A cup of tea and a bun seemed a good idea - the tea ran down my dry throat like quicksilver and the bun followed like a shower of golf balls. Years later the P.A. announced that flight BE 284 to Gothenburg had to assemble at the gate.

When my passport was scrutinized I felt like Ronald Biggs and the moustache was on upside down, so I contorted my features to look like the photograph. After the last walk down the corridors and ramps we ended up in a room with a door leading out to the aircraft. About 20 total strangers stood or sat looking at the walls, ceiling, out of the windows and being careful to avoid fellow travellers - until their eyes met - then they would hurriedly study their shoes.

I looked at the nose of the Trident waiting for us - I could visualize our rescuers dragging the sea and this very nose complete with its letters and numbers, sitting on the deck of some ship and the experts wondering what could have gone wrong. Actually it wouldn't be too bad over the sea - but of all the luggage being stowed away, I wondered what didn't belong to the crew or passengers - I mean the holdall that might be alongside mine, which contained pyjamas, camera and liver salts, nothing that was remotely like a cannister with wires and ticking. It would make the national press - 'Disaster over North Sea' - 'Last Message from -' - 'International Athlete Killed'. I turned the idea over in my mind and started to grin. 'International ...' yes, that's rich - and now the frozen faces looked towards me, I mustn't smile, one looks so stupid smiling on one's own. The more I thought of it the more I wanted to laugh, but, in front of all those people, I bit my lip, pretending my nose itched and turned round.

Why, oh why were we being kept waiting? - the flight was due off at 16.20, it was now 16.30. Aircraft had been shooting off every minute so what was wrong? An announcement was made apologising for the delay and a mechanic strolled through to the aircraft. We all watched him. He came back again and after a while he returned - with a screwdriver. He was a long time now but at last he emerged and after a compassionate glance at our little group, went out of our lives for ever.

Eventually we boarded - must sit facing the tail, nearly all survivors have had their backs to the front. I studiously avoided smiling at the stewardesses - let them think I do this every day - where's my safety belt? - I haven't got one! - must have - crikey! oh! here it is - phew!! Revving up, taxiing along - stop - more revs - more - the whole damn thing's shaking. That wing looks wobbly - whoosh! up, up, faster, I think of Bill Lucas and become braver - higher-damn it, I wish my stomach would catch up. Clouds drop away down below - 600 mph, up and closer to the great majority who haven't to worry about pressurized cabins.

After all this it was just a quick run and back home. The results speak for themselves. I ran a brilliantly judged race and the only reason Geoff Pearson was faster was that he'd had a week to acclimatize to the altitude, food and completely emancipated Swedish women. Ken Stimpson said the race cost me £30 an hour - but some things have a price higher than rubies.

## RESULT

1. Nobuyoshi Sadanaga	2:23.52	G. Pearson	2:57.41
6. R. Franklin (TVH)	2:34.43	C. Manning	3:19.22

## DON'T BE FRIGHT!

Our Club is in dire need of more officials. Track judges, Field judges, Timekeepers and many other posts, including coaches, are open to anyone interested. If YOU, or anyone you know, is interested please contact the General Honorary Secretary who will explain how you can help the Club and become a graded official. You don't have to have been an athlete at all—all we want is the enthusiasm to learn an interesting and rewarding job. Write now. Don't be fright!

# ROAD RUNNING

## GORDON BISCOE WRITES:

Taking the relays and longer distance races as a whole over the last few months our successes have been rather mixed, with good victories in the Southern Relay, Finchley 20 and Southern 20m Championship but disappointments in the National Relay and Poly Marathon. We have also seen Trevor Hart emerging as another of those valuable club men who can turn in first class performances on several consecutive weeks, over distances from 3 miles to a Marathon; and we offer our congratulations on his new Club record in the Poly—a record well earned.

Whilst on the subject of valuable club men we surely have another in Bob Smith. Not just for his performances for, as reported elsewhere, this season has been his first outing on the road for us; but for his club spirit and enthusiasm which put some longer serving members to shame. An example of this was his solo dash to Sutton Coldfield after finishing work at his dental surgery at noon(!) in order to run the 11th stage in the National Relay.

Another of our quieter stalwarts Paul Pringle, is also showing great improvements of late (see Finchley 20m result) and proving a great 'back up' man in the longer events.

Finally, but far from least in this round up, I would like to thank once again, in case any have been missed, all those Club members, young and old, who helped out as pointsmen and officials etc. in our recent Open and Southern Relay. I think all by now appreciate, that no matter how well planned such a race like this is, without these helpers it could not go on. So many thanks to you all and may you come back again (with others) next year.

## FINCHLEY '20' WIN

### Finchley and Southern 20m Triumphs—25th April

In this the first long distance race of the season our team set about the task of defending the Southern title, won last year, in great style and succeeded in not only retaining it, but adding the Open Team title as well. Amongst a large field of 210 starters our scoring team of Messrs Hart, Mann, O'Connor and Brien quickly settled into positions amongst the leading group and all maintained places amongst the first 20 throughout the race. Likewise, all four went on to achieve personal bests which for Tony Brien also earned him a Club honours badge. Thus with four men inside 1m 50s yet another landmark of Belgrave's long distance running was recorded. Personal bests also went to Clive Shippen and Paul Pringle, the latter taking 30 mins(!) off his previous time. For good measure Pat O'Connor also won the Middlesex individual championship held in conjunction and then completed the day by winning a raffle prize of a bottle of sherry, which was quickly passed round for an instant celebration!

G.I.B.

### Finchley 20 Results

1. H. Leeming	(Derby Cty)	1:41:29	107. W. Mathews	2:09:28
6. T. Hart	(BELGRAVE)	1:45:09	121. P. Pringle	2:12:36
10. L. Mann	"	1:46:33	123. D. Bonsor	2:13:47
14. P. O'Connor	"	1:47:52	125. G. Pearson	2:15:10
19. A. Brien	"	1:49:18	135. D. Trow	2:20:10
63. C. Shippen	"	1:58:03	144. C. Manning	2:26:29
(152 finished)				

### Open Race (4 to score)

<u>Teams</u>		
1. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	37 pts	
2. Hercules-Wimbledon	61 pts	
3. T.V.H.	76 pts	
(14 teams closed in)		

### Southern Championship (3 to score)

1. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	16 pts
2. Hercules-Wimbledon	21 pts
3. S.L.H.	27 pts
(10 teams closed in)	

### 1st Middlesex Ind. P. O'Connor.

### FELTHAM 5 miles and MAIDENHEAD 10 miles - 30th March, 1970

With the Southern Relay only five days away the majority of our runners opted in favour of the shorter Feltham 5 miles instead of the tougher Maidenhead 10 miles on this annual Whit Monday clash.

At the end of the first of this flat and fast two lap course all our leading runners were well placed in the rather large leading bunch. Naturally, during the second lap the field began to stretch out and Belgrave hopes were high as Gerry North came back to the track in second place chasing hard but unable to close on Les Presland (Surrey A.C.) who had extra final speed. Dick Piotrowski then led in the rest of our crowd with some impressive looking packing but unfortunately with only three to score even this was not good enough to give us first place, although our second position was an improvement on former years.

Charlie Walker doing one of his famous 'late arrival at the start' acts went in unperturbed to take the prize for the first vet to finish.

Meanwhile at Maidenhead, with a depleted team, our iron men had to relinquish the title held since 1968, but none the less gave a good account of themselves.

#### FELTHAM A.C. 5 miles

1. L. Presland (Surrey A.C.)	24.06	59. J. Kelly	27.19
2. Gerry North (Bels A)	11	66. C. Pearson	35
9. R. Piotrowski (Bels A)	36	71. H. Satchell	52
13. W. Kerr (Bels A)	46	80. A. Bruce	28.18
14. A. Major ( " " )	50	107. B. Merry	30.00
15. T. Hart (Bels B)	52	117. P. Sutton	31.41
47. C. Walker	26.32	118. R. Beaumont	32.04
Teams: 1. Cambridge H.	14 pts	4. Surrey A.C.	41 pts
2. Bels 'A'	21 pts	12. Bels 'B'	121 pts
3. Ealing & Southall	41 pts	18. Bels 'C'	203 pts

#### MAIDENHEAD 10 miles

1. A. Rushmer (Tipton H)	48.39	47. B. Joines	56.07
11. L. Mann	50.48	82. P. Pringle	60.59
13. P. O'Connor	50.58		
Teams: 1. Reading A.C.	21 pts	6. Belgrave	58 pts
	(15 teams closed in)		

## Results . . .

#### WIGMORE 15m - 21.3.70

1. D. Byrne (Blackpool)	1:18.52
64. P. Pringle (Bels)	1:35.53
68. R. Plummer	1:36.30
69. W. Mathews	1:36.40
73. D. Bonser	1:38.16
83. G. Piddington	1:40.59
85. H. Bishop	1:41.46

#### ROMFORD 1/2 MARATHON

1. F. Titley (Essex B)	1:06.54
45. J. Dooley (Bels)	1:21.06
47. P. Pringle	1:22.42
54. W. Mathews	1:23.56
56. D. Bonser	1:24.51
69. D. McMullen	1:37.42
74 starters	

Team: 7. Belgrave H.

#### CHICHESTER TO PORTSMOUTH 16m

1. K. Darlow (Reading)	1:22.53
65. G. Piddington (Bels)	1:57.33

#### ISLE OF WIGHT MARATHON - 16.5.70

1. J. Clare (RNAC)	2:28.40
25. B. Joines (Belgrave)	3:05.11
33. A. Brien	3:10.04
36. H. Bishop	3:16.15
43. G. Piddington	3:30.44

A. Brien first in Wiltshire C'ship held in conjunction.

#### VETERANS A.C. 10m CHAMPIONSHIP - 23.5.70

1. C. Walker (Belgrave)	52.04
4. V. Blowfield	53.49
11. P. Pringle	56.16
25. C. Manning	61.45
28. J. Walker	62.00
29. D. McMullen	63.30
35. J. Baker	67.10

46 finished

#### HULL 20m - 2.5.70

1. J. Newsome (Wakefield H.)	1:46.01
21. W. Mathews (Belgrave H.)	2:14.38
24. G. Piddington	2:29.34

## Kent '20' ~ 9th May, 1970

Making one of his rare appearances in the distance events it was Bill Kerr who, by virtue of his 19th position, just clinched the second team position for us in front of Medway A.C. thus improving on our last year's position of third. On this tough course it was Lionel Mann who led our scoring three home with Clive Shippen and Bill running together for the best part of the race until Clive pulled clear in the last couple of miles.

1. D. Faircloth (Croydon)	1:43.50	27. C. Walker	2:06.48
7. L. Mann (Belgrave)	1:49.51	37. D. Bonser	2:17.40
16. C. Shippen (Belgrave)	1:59.01	38. P. Pringle	2:17.41
19. W. Kerr (Belgrave)	2:01.13	42. R. Beaumont	2:22.46
(44 finished)			

Teams: 1. Blackheath H. 28 pts 2. Belgrave H. 42 pts (7, 16, 19)  
3. Medway A.C. 42 pts (3, 18, 21)

# The POLY

## POLY MARATHON---Windsor---Chiswick 13th June

Unfortunately the high hopes we had, following the Finchley 20, that this year we could at last win the Poly Marathon and Southern team titles in one go did not materialise, but fell rather flat.

Bill Dance was still unable to compete due to injury, and Lionel Mann forced to retire at 18 miles (it at least proves he is human!). Recurring injury also took its toll of Tony Brien who after being well placed at 18 miles with Clive Shippen and Pat O'Connor was forced to drop back over the last few miles. In the heat of the day Pat O'Connor was not at his best leaving Clive and Trevor Hart to keep the colours flying. This Trevor did in magnificent fashion. Running a well judged race, and refusing to be drawn out by the leading bunch, he led our team home with a new Belgrave record. Knocking 2 mins-10secs off the time set by Barry Sawyer in 1963. Clive, not to be outdone by 'T.K', improved his own performance of 1969 by just on 12½ minutes to take a well deserved 2nd place in the Club Championship. Brian Joines passed Tony Brien in the latter stages to finish strongly whilst Geoff Pearson in his 22nd Poly improved on his time of last year by 4 mins-19secs (Ken Stimpson please note!!).

G.I.B.



Photo: Maurice Jones

Trevor Hart, leading here from J. Wight (Edinburgh S.) in the closing stages, a new Club marathon record of 2:25:58.

### RESULT

1.	D. Faircloth	(Croydon H.)	2:18:15	114.	A. Brien	2:58:04
20.	T. Hart	(BELGRAVE)	2:25:58*	128.	W.D. Mathews	3:05:09
70.	C. Shippen	"	2:41:20	130.	G.M. Pearson	3:05:47
71.	P. O'Connor	"	2:41:30	146.	G.R. Bonsor	3:14:23
104.	B. Joines	"	2:53:57			

\*A New Belgrave Record. L. Mann did not finish--over 200 started.

JACK BROWN is alive and well and winning mile races! Our star of yesteryear, who was in international class at everything from one to twenty miles, raced in the event at which he started out when competing in the veteran's mile at the Carshalton Trophies meeting in April. At 44 years of age he is still a cut above his contemporaries and many a runner twenty years his junior would have been pleased with his winning time of 4:47.8--especially in April.

Another, whose fluent style brings back memories of his great days, is CHARLIE WALKER who seems to have found a new lease of life in the veteran's ranks. As effervescent as ever he makes the opposition look 10 years older to a man---and that's before he starts! Charlie made a trip to Holland in April for the International Veterans 10,000 metres cross-country races and finished a creditable 5th, 34 seconds behind winner Willie Lindsay, the former Scottish cross-country international.

# Old Contemptible

## ELECTION SPECIAL

### ELECTION REPORT - 1

#### Quo Vadis Clive?

On hearing of your recent announcement to surrender the editor-ship of the 'Belgravian' one is forced to ask "What is the true significance underlying this decision?"

Is it possible that the Belgravian is to be the only casualty, or shall you SCAN the horizon for fresh fields to conquer? Are your sights on the higher echelons of our sport? Shall we lose you to sink in the morass of Heavy Titles and Light Deeds? Will your undoubted ability with the pen and courageous expurgation of silly rules and regulations be stilled? Shall your voice, strong in its support of your club weaker; not from choice, but dilution by pompous Committee bilge.

C.E.M.

### ELECTION REPORT - 2

#### Broken Promises

This was the theme of an "under the showers" speech by Colin Pearson in Belgrave Hall last night. Quoting from last December's issue of the Belgravian he recalled Gordon Biscoe's promise that ... "this year we would win the Polytechnic Marathon as well as the National Cross Country Championship".

"However, it is beyond doubt," he continued, "that the Hon. Member will be returned with an even larger majority than last year, proving again the value you can place on the opinion of the 'man in the street'."

"I'm not really to blame, your worship, I was foodless, friendless and homeless," pleaded the burglar. "My man," replied the judge, "you move me deeply. Food, shelter and companionship shall be yours for the next nine months!"



Who really knows how to assess election issues? Read

## THE INFORMERS!

As a reader of the "Belgravian" you are already aware of its authoritative presentation of views and news about challenging subjects of national importance. The A.G.M. merits special assessment of the issues involved and you are now offered a unique opportunity to be comprehensively informed by writers who live and know athletics 52 weeks a year. When you read the Belgravian, the gossip ends and the facts begin from all points of view - left, right and centre.

### ELECTION REPORT - 3

#### Autumn Budget

After a detailed examination and an Emergency Finance Meeting, the Rt. Hon. John Baker, who last year took office as the Chancellor of the Exchequer recently disclosed at a Cabinet meeting that the state of the economy was worse than he had been led to believe prior to taking office. His final figures have not been revealed in the national interest but informed sources speculate that worse is to come following a complete dossier being handed to the Director of Public Prosecutions and that an Autumn Budget seems inevitable.

#### Footnote:

Following Interpol's investigations a Home Office spokesman, Mr. Frank Jarvis, categorically stated that the short, smiling gentleman found at his luxurious sheep farm in Jerusalem was not the man thought to be able to assist Scotland Yard in their enquiries.



#### A BLATENT BRIBE

Every man has his price - is this the cancellation of Concorde - secret negotiations with the People's Republic of China - No! - He wants Peach Melba instead of Ice Cream at the Club Dinner.

Tom found out that his best golfing friend was having an affair with his wife. Rather than get involved in anything unpleasant like a row, they decided to play eighteen holes - the winner to have complete ownership of the lady. "...and just to make it more interesting", said Tom, "let's play for a pound".

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The latest Opinion Poll taking a Poll of rival Pollsters



ELECTION REPORT-4

# A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT

At the end of the current administration in September, yet another of our elder statesmen has intimated that he will not be standing for re-election. We, of course, refer to the Party Secretary, the Rt. Hon. A.A. Harley. His name is legion to the many athletes and unions throughout the country and no doubt many more words will be written and said in tribute to him before he finally stands down.

However, much interest will be focused on the man who has the timidity and gall to accede to this vital post and who was recently announced by the Official Party Office as Mr. Peter Hillier.

What sort of man is this? Let us quote from his manifesto .....

Peter Hillier .....

recently married, in an unguarded moment, your prospective candidate for Hon. Sec. has not involved himself into the cauldron of athletic politics and is consequently eminently suitable for the role of neutral referee at the monthly bun fights at "The Ship".

Educated at the 'ampshire Parish School for backward children, he was prematurely discharged with a note to prospective employers that said they could, "teach him no more".

With such qualifications he naturally gyrated to the Stock Exchange. The frequency with which he changed Brokers was only matched by the swiftness with which he changed his disguises.

Hobbies include, impoverishing friends, his love of classical music is expressed in playing the spoons, missing his round, writing to "Junior Points of View", stealing sods from the "Poly" cricket pitch for his garden, selling male snails to propagate the species (he knows they are hermaphrodites)

Can you afford NOT to vote for this man?

Put  
your  
X  
here



\* Edward Heath has his music - Alfred Harley has his amateur dramatics - here he is seen in, "Lockhart's Last Case" with a strong supporting cast. In the background it looks like Charlie MacLennan (without trousers) taking fingerprints and the immediate foreground are three heads waiting for the chop whilst the amiable assistant "Tinker" is being carpeted by the boss.

The New General? \* \* \* \* \*



**COMPETITION** Since the March copy of the Belgravian in 1967, there have been 14 editions, including this one, where the centre page has been loosely based on a well-known paper or magazine. A prize of a ticket to this year's Club Dinner and Dance will be given to the sender of the first envelope opened on 1st September containing the correct list of original names of the publications

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# TRACK AND FIELD

## PETER HILLIAR (Track Captain) WRITES:

It is my task once again to put pen to paper in order to assess our track prospects this season. To put this into financial terms, I have to offset our assets against our liabilities (yes- we do have them!). Prospects have invariably been set out in tabular form in past years and who am I to depart from such a practice?

- SPRINTS:-** We started 1970 realising that we had lost the valuable services of John Mitchell- a crushing blow. Nevertheless, we are hardly short of class with Steve White, already a county champion at 200 metres, and Jim Vivian available. We have annexed a fine sprinter from Switzerland in Bruno Hafner, who has already given Steve a couple of close races.
- 400 M.:-** Mel Ford has already given a glimpse of his true potential with his 49.5 at the club championships, although his versatility means that he does not get a great deal of opportunity for competition over this distance. Our second ranking man, Charlie Gillett, is also a class hurdler. We have a very promising youth coming through in Martin Bloice, who has already done times that would do most seniors credit. We must not forget Philip Gee, ever-willing to turn out despite being short of real fitness, and Dave Rees, just back from 'birdless' West Wales.
- 800 M.:-** This event has always been one of our weak spots in spite of the willingness of our competitors. However, the emergence of a 1st year junior as our leading runner is a healthy portent for the future- keep up the good work Peter Carton. We also have John Boardman, Mel Ford and another junior, John Stowe, under the 2 minute barrier and Colin Pearson and John Kelly should also be shortly.
- 1500 M.:-** John Thresher reigns supreme at this distance, although John Stowe's Surrey Junior run, when he broke 4 minutes and led home the Stowe/Carton/Curtin triumvirate, was a fine achievement. Other promising runs have come from Peter Carton, Bill Curtin, Bill Kerr, Adrian Major, Bob Smith and Jim Rimmer. This could be one of our stronger events.
- 5000/10000 M.:-** Potentially our strongest events, but we very rarely get 2 of our top men out at the same time. Outstanding performers so far are Bob Smith, Gerry North, John Bicourt and Bill Kerr. Geoff North's retirement is a sad blow (if it is true!).
- Steeplechase:-** Another potentially strong event. John Bicourt is already well under 9 minutes and it is good to see Alan Black and Dick Piotrowski back in action again after injury. A word of encouragement to such as Nigel Bacon, who has deputised for others absent on innumerable occasions- keep plugging away, Mate, we need you!



**LEFT:** Colin Pearson leads winner Mel Ford, Lionel Mann, John Kelly and Doug Baines in 800m at the Club Championships.

**RIGHT:** Glyn Ratcliffe wins the Club discus title

Photo: J. Martin

## BILL COUZENS (Field Captain) WRITES:

From some of our recent results it may seem that the jumping and throwing side of the Club is down and out but in fact, to my knowledge, we have never had such all round talent on our books. Just to illustrate, we have a new member from the Grenadier Guards (just demobbed) Eric Barker. You cannot miss this mountain of a man at 19½ stone. He competes in the Hammer, Discus, Shot and even the High Jump if it will get points for the Club. He is a real asset. His

performances this year include 155 feet Hammer, 43 feet Shot and 138 feet Discus. With Eric partnering Glyn Ratcliffe in the Shot and Discus we take some beating. Our two new Swiss members Bruno and Henry are very talented, with Bruno able to turn out electrifying sprints, and a very good long jump, whilst Henry's main event is the Pole Vault, his best height to date being 14 feet.

Nick Head is back in the country again and is already finding form with the Javelin, with Steve Inman close on his heels. This partnership has already given us maximum points in the Malkin Trophy.

Another "Dynamic Duo" is Mel Ford and Charlie Gillett Middlesex and Surrey 400m Hurdle champions respectively. It must be the first time in Belgrave's history that we have had the winners in both counties.

John Martin seems to have had one personal best after another this year and is now only a few inches short of 40 feet in the Shot Putt, I wonder how many athletes with a body weight of 11½ stone can achieve this distance with the 16lbs Shot, not many I'm sure.

This is only some of the talent in Belgrave and you may wonder why we have had such poor turn outs. It may be that we lean heavily on Chelsea Barracks but one thing I am sure of----- when we field a full team we are going to win.

#### THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

The National League was introduced last year to provide a national inter-club competition. The organisers believed that it would raise standards and enable new talent to be recognised more easily.

Last year, we were invited to compete in the 3rd. Division of the National League and, on finishing last, we were relegated to Division 1 of the Southern League. We have already competed in one League fixture this year and were surprised to find the standard somewhat higher than in the lower echelons of the National League. We were unlucky to be without the services of most of our regular field-event men, who were unable to compete due to other unavoidable commitments. However, we were most seriously inconvenienced by two leading runners, both of whom were either too proud or casual to get in touch with the Track Secretary or Captain, who had assumed that both were available. As a result, we finished 5th out of 6 clubs and are in danger of relegation again. This from the 9th strongest track club in the country, judged on our best performances!

We are a superb walking club, a fine road and cross-country club and we have the athletes to make us a great track club. Only one quality seems to be lacking and that, quite bluntly, is club spirit - the will to win at all costs. The National League is surely a clear indication of a club's strength and the support its athletes give it. Judged on our recent results, we don't get the support although we have the athletes.

So, let's confound the cynics who say that Belgrave are a lot of has-beens. All track athletes can help by competing in the remaining two meetings (July 4th at Reading and August 22nd at Wimbledon Park), if selected. If unable to compete, please let the Track Secretary or Captain know as soon as possible so alternative selections can be made.

Finally, a plea for support. Please come along whoever you are, whether you feel aggrieved at being left out of the team or otherwise. Every bit of support helps and it could mean that we win promotion instead of relegation!

----- P.H.

## RESULTS ~

### Battersea Park Saturday 25th April

#### Senior

- 100m 2. B. Hafner 11.7 4. P. Gee 11.9  
 200m (A) 2. P. Gee 24.6  
 200m (B) 3. P. Smith 24.6 4. H. Rickner 24.8  
 400m 1. M. Ford 51.2  
 800m 5. C. Pearson 2m 7s 6. J. Hamilton 2m 9s  
 1500m 1. R. Smith 4m 5s 2. J. Rimmer 4m 11.6s 3. A. Major 4m 15s 4. A. Black 4m 18s  
 5. J. Kelly 4m 20s  
 3000m 1. J. Thresher 8m 34.8 2. L. O'Hara 8m 53.5 4. G. Monnet 9m 9s  
 70. R. Langley 9m 46s 11. V. Butcher 9m 49s 13. P. Breslin 9m 54s  
 4 x 100m 1. Belgrave A 46.6s 2. Met. Police 47.0s 3. Belgrave B 48.7s  
 Javelin 3. F. Glass 150' 5"  
 Long Jump 1. B. Hafner 21' 6½" 3. Henry 18' 8"

Shot 2. J. Martin 38' 5" 3. W. Couzens 37' 1½" 4. F. Glass 35' 3"

Result: 1. Met. Police 79pts 2. Belgrave 73pts 3. Ilford A.C. 45pts  
4. Walton A.C. 14pts

#### Youths

100m 1. M. Marshall 12s

200m 2. M. Marshall 24.9s 4. G. Jessop 28.9s

400m 2. R. Hopkins 61.1s 3. Hobbs 63.8s

800m 1. R. Langley 2m 16.8s 2. M. Bloice 2m 17.2s 3. R. Hopkins 2m 17.5s

4 x 100m 1. Belgrave A 49.3s 2. Belgrave B 58.2s

High Jump 1. Hobbs 4' 9" 2. R. Hopkins 4' 0"

Long Jump 1. M. Marshall 20' 5" 3. Hobbs 16' 8"

Result: Belgrave 64pts 2. Walton A.C. 27pts

#### Juniors

100m 1. Sullivan 12.1s

200m 2. S. Barlow 26.2s

800m 1. M. Elliott 2m 12s

4 x 100m 1. Walton A.C. 49.7s

High Jump 2. E. McNally 4' 9"

Javelin 3. E. McNally 96' 4" 4. M. Harvey 75' 8"

Long Jump 1. L. Sullivan 21' 9" 2. E. McNally 18' 1"

Shot 1. E. McNally 30' 8" 3. M. Harvey 27' ½"

Result: 1. Belgrave 59pts 2. Walton A.C. 45pts 3. Ilford A.C. 7pts

#### Banstead Coaches Trophy Meeting at Norbiton, Saturday, 2nd May

##### Senior

100m 2. J. Vivian 11.5s

400m Hurdles 2. C. Gillett 57.7s

200m 3. S. White 22.8s

3000m Steeplechase 1. A. Black 9m 50.2s

400m 4. P. Gee 54.2s

Hammer 2. E. Barker 44.36m (145'6")

800m 5. R. Moody 2m 3.2s

Long Jump 4. A. Brooks 19' 6½"

1500m 1. J. Thresher 3m 54.1s

Javelin 3. W. Couzens 43.66m (143'3")

5000m 2nd Team

Shot 2. E. Barker 12.44m (40'10")

1. R. Smith 14m.42.2s

Triple Jump 4. A. Brooks 11.8m (38' 11½")

4. J. Stow 15m26.8s

Discus 4. J. Martin 25.48m (83'7")

J. Rimmer 16m 28s

4 x 100m 1. Belgrave (S. White, C. Gillett, C. Martin, J. Vivian) 43.8s

##### Junior

200m 6. E. Leniston 26.8s

Discus 5. E. Leniston 26.36m (86'6")

400m 3. M. Elliott 54.4s

Javelin 3. E. McNally 33.28m (109'2")

800m 1. P. Carton 2m00.5s

Shot 5. E. McNally 9.43m (30'11½")

1500m 1. W. Curtin 4m 12.5s

High Jump 3. E. McNally 5' 0"

2000m Steeplechase 1. P. Breslin 6m53.4s

Triple Jump 4. E. McNally 10.87m (35'8")

##### Youths

100m 6. B. Quirk 13.7s

Discus 4. B. Quirk 23.70m (77' 9")

200m 6. R. Hopkins 27.4s

Triple Jump 4. S. Holmes 10.15m (33' 3½")

400m 5. S. Holmes 59.4s

Javelin 3. J. McAffie 19.84m (65' 1")

800m 3. D. Harvey 2m 12.6s

Shot 2. B. Quirk 9.34m (30' 7½")

1500m 3. J. McAffie 4m 37.4s

High Jump 1. R. Hopkins 5' 0"

4 x 100m 6. Belgrave 52.1s

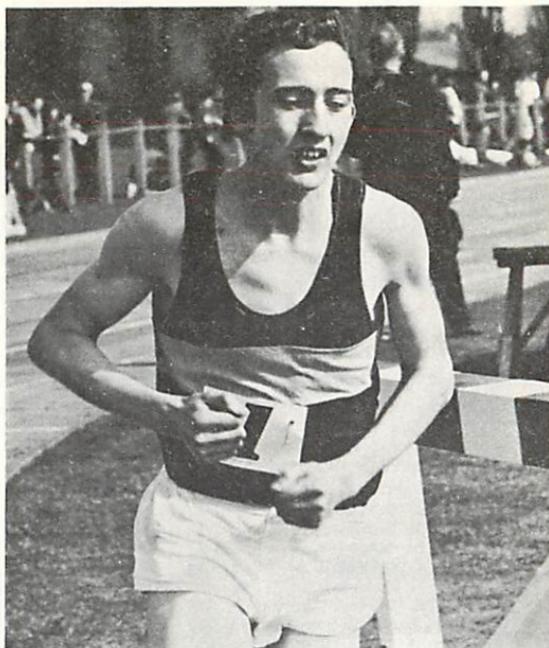
Long Jump 3. B. Quirk 5.45m (17' 10½")

Result: 1. Croydon 199 pts 2. Q.P.H. 100 pts 3. Belgrave 158 pts  
4. Ealing/Southall 152 pts 5. T.V.H. 136 pts 6. Surrey A.C. 130 pts

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Bill Curtin wins the  
Junior 1500 metres race  
at the Banstead Coachs  
Meeting with a time of  
4:12.5.

Photo: Ron Linstead



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Vancouver Trophy Meeting at Woodford Sunday 10th May 1970

110m Hurdles	6. R. Couillault 17.5	200m	2. S. White 22.2s
400m Hurdles	1. M. Ford 55.3s	Shot	4. T. Ratcliffe 43' 11" 6. E. Barker 43' 1"
Hammer	4. E. Barker 155' 6"	High Jump	2. A. Bentt 5' 8" 3. R. Couillault 5' 8"
Discus	4. E. Barker 138' 8"	Triple Jump	2. R. Couillault 43' 7 1/2"

Result: 1. Woodford 91 pts 2. Ilford 71 pts 3. Southgate 55 pts 7. Belgrave 36pts

Battersea Park Wednesday 20th May

Senior

100m	1. B. Hafner 11.2s	6. H. Pfenninger 12.3s		
200m	1. S. White 22.4s	2. B. Hafner 22.4s		
800m	1. M. Ford 1m 59.6s	4. R. Smith 2m 3s	5. J. Kelly 2m 4s	6. C. Pearson 2m 5s
	7. R. Langley 2m 6s	8. L. Mann 2m 7s	9. J. Hamilton 2m 9s	10. R. Hamilton 2m 16s
1500m	1. W. Kerr 4m 14.2s	2. D. Jardine 4m 19.2s	3. J. Rimmer 4m 20s	6. L. Mann 4m 25s
3000m	2. L. Mann 9m 3.4s	3. W. Kerr 9m 18s	4. C. Walker 9m 36s	6. C. Pearson 9m 39s
	7. J. Canning 9m 53s	11. D. Davies 10m 44s		

Javelin 1. S. Inman 171' 1"

High Jump 1. S. Inman 5' 0"

Shot 1. E. Barker 41' 6 1/2" 3. J. Martin 37' 11"

Result: 1. Belgrave H. 76 pts 2. Poly H. 37 pts 3. S.L.H. 28 pts

Juniors

100m	1. L. Sullivan 11.7s	
200m	4. R. Hopkins 26.3s	5. S. Crosbie 27s
400m	1. P. Carton 54.7s	2. R. Langley 55.9s
800m	3. J. McAffie 2m 14.5s	5. E. McNally 2m 19s
1500m	1. A. Binda 4m 38.5s	
Javelin	3. E. McNally 118' 6"	
High Jump	1. A. Mills 5' 3" 2. M. Eaton 5' 3"	

Result: 1. Police Cadets 70 pts 2. Belgrave H. 54 pts 3. Poly H. 13 pts  
4. S.L.H. 2 pts

# SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV. 1

## DISMAL START TO SEASON

### OPENING MATCH — Crickelfields Track, Ilford on 16th May

Belgrave fortunes reached their highest point in the first event to be held on the track, the 400 metres hurdles, where we placed 2nd and 1st respectively. Subsequently, progress was generally downhill, despite one or two excellent performances. Basically, we could not afford to field a weak team in a competition where the standard is possibly above that of Division 3 of the National League. Even our strongest team would have been hard-pushed to come out on top.

Our outstanding performers were Steve White, winner of the 'B'100 metres, 2nd in the 'A'200 metres and a member of both relay teams; Jim Vivian, 4th in the 'A'100 metres, 1st in the 'B'200 metres and a member of the winning sprint relay team; John Thresher and Bob Smith, 2nd respectively in the 'A'1500 and 5000 metres.

Both of our relay teams ran exceptionally well, despite their relative positions.

Finally, I should like to single out a very promising performance by 1st year junior Peter Carton. His 1 min. 57.4 secs in the 'B' 800 metres was a portent that we could have another Dave Cocks emerging from our junior ranks— given Dave's appetite for a great deal of hard work, of course!

P.H.

100m	(A) 4. J. Vivian 11s	(B) 1. S. White 11.1s
200m	(A) 2. S. White 22.1s	(B) 1. J. Vivian 22.6s
400m	(A) 6. P. Gee 54.6s	(B) 6. P. Smith 54.6s
880m	(A) 5. J. Boardman 1m 58.5s	(B) 5. P. Carton 1m 57.4s
1500m	(A) 2. J. Thresher 3m 51.3s	(B) 4. P. Carton 4m 10s
5000m	(A) 2. R. Smith 14m 22s	(B) 2. L.O'Hara 14m 53.6s
3000m S/C	(A) 6. N. Bac on 11m 00s	(B) 6. D. MacLean 12m 1s
110m Hurdles	(A) 5. R. Couillault	(B) 6. A. Bentt
400m Hurdles	(A) 2. M. Ford 55.5s	(B) 1. C. Gillett 57.3s
Discus	(A) 6. W. Couzens 89' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(B) 6. J. Martin 87' 5"
Long Jump	(A) 1. L. Sullivan 22' "	(B) 2. A. Bentt 20' 7"
High Jump	(A) 3. R. Couillault 5' 6"	
Javelin	(A) 6. S. Inman 151' 3"	(B) 5. W. Couzens 128' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Triple Jump	(A) 3. R. Couillault 43' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(B) 4. A. Brookes 37' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Pole Vault	(A) 2. S. Inman 10' 6"	(B) 3. A. Brookes 8' 6"
Shot	(A) 5. J. Martin 37' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(B) 2. W. Couzens 36' 11"
4x100m	1. BELGRAVE H. 43s (L.Sullivan, J. Vivian, C. Gillett, S. White)	
4x400m	4. BELGRAVE 3m 24s (P. Gee, C. Gillett, S. White, M. Ford)	
RESULT	1. Reading 135pts, 2. Windsor/Eton 127pts, 3. HHH & Ilford 118 pts.	
	5. Belgrave H. 112pts, 6. Aldershot 97 pts.	

### Inter-Club Meeting at Norbiton on Tuesday 2nd June

110m Hurdles (S)	2. J. Macaskill 16.8s
800m (Y)	1. R. Hopkins 2m 15s 2. J. McAffie 2m 15.5s
800m (S)	1. P. Carton 1m 56.2s 3. J. Kelly 2m 1.2s 4. W. Curtin 2m 1.7s
100m (Y)	3. S. Crosbie 13s 4. G. Jessop 13.2s
100m (S)	3. P. Gee 11.3s 6. D. McMillan
1500m (J)	1. R. Langley 4m 17.5s 3. P. Breslin 4m 23.5s 5. A. Binda 4m 26s 6. M. Clancy 4m 37s
200m (Y)	3. L. Hobbs 26.5s 4. S. Crosbie 26.5s
200m (J)	1. M. Elliott 24.4s
200m (S)	4. P. Gee 23.2s 5. D. McMillan
1500m (S)	2. J. Rimmer 4m 7.8s 3. C. Pearson 4m 10.2s
4x100m (Y)	1. Belgrave H. 51.6s
4x100m (S)	3. Belgrave H. 48s
Hammer (S)	3. W. Couzens 36.80m
Shot (S)	3. W. Couzens 10.46m
Javelin (S)	3. E. McNally 37.32m
Long Jump (J)	2. E. McNally 5.39m
Shot (Y)	1. L. Hobbs 7.91m
Result:	1. Surrey A.C. 147 pts 2. Belgrave H. 115 pts 3. Epsom/Ewell 103 pts

# Surrey Championships

May 9/10 Wimbledon Park  
 May 27/28/30 - Wotspur Park

The outstanding Belgravian at this year's Championships was undoubtedly Martin Bloice who successfully defended his Youth 400 metres title and also annexed the 200 metres for good measure. Drawn in Lane 5 for the one lap event he ran a perfectly judged race to hit the final straight three yards clear and moved away still further to break the tape eight yards to the good. His time of 51.3 was 1.3 seconds better than his winning time of last year and a tenth better than the Junior champion recorded. In the 200 metres it was a much tighter thing. Gerry Quarry of Tulse Hill School (runner-up in the 100) was leading ten yards from the tape but Martin's stamina and judgement edged him ahead just when it mattered. He certainly is a fine prospect.

The man whom Martin eyed with most interest was another former Youth star, now fulfilling the promise he always showed, Steve White. Steve showed all the majesty of a true champion as he smoothly powered his way to the Senior 200 title; in this his first year too.

Richard Langley, runner-up last year in the Youth 800, tackled this year's event in a most forthright way. He shot into the lead and towed the strung-out field thro' a first lap of 58.7. At 600 he had only four rivals near him but as they ran down the final straight it became a blanket rush for the tape. The straight was just about 20 yards too long for Richard who slipped to fourth in those final few strides. Nevertheless, it was a courageous run and he obviously has a great chance of winning a County title in future years.

The 'terrible triplets' (Peter Carton, Bill Curtin, John Stow) were on view in the 1500, which became a Belgrave v Aldershot F.D. match with Adams and Ford in the line-up. Unfortunately it was a case of Belgrave doing the work and Aldershot collecting the awards, for Bill led the first lap, Peter the second, and John made the final determined effort to break clear with 600 to go - but he was 'jumped' in the last 200 and got a bronze for his attempt. Once again our lads had displayed courageous attacking running against tough opposition. It will soon pay off.



Photo: Ron Linstead

Peter Carton leads winner Adams (AFD), Bill Curtin (hidden), Ford (AFD), and John Stow in the final of the junior 1500 metres.

In the 3,000 metres walk, Wesch, Coates and Lawton made a clean sweep of the medals, following the example of Paddy Breslin and Eddie McNally who, three weeks earlier, took the first two places in the Junior steeplechase. Other winners were Lee Sullivan (Junior long jump), our Senior sprint relay team and Colin Gillett (400 hurdles) who also featured prominently in the flat 400.

John Thresher made a gallant attempt to win the 1500 title, making his break with 600 to go. Only Mike Davis (TVH) stuck with him and although he had covered the distance faster than his previous best he just had enough left to move past John in the last few strides.

Just over an hour later Bob Smith also gained a County silver, his first Surrey medal, in the 5000. With John Bicourt (3rd), Trevor Hart (5th) and Bill Kerr (10th) in this race, we were very well represented.

Altogether the Championships were a fine affair. The final day at Motpur Park is always a treat to see. It not only illustrates that Surrey are perhaps the best organised County in the land but that they also have the talent to lay on one of the most attractive meetings in the athletics calendar. All non-Surrey men are invited to see for themselves next year - one presumes that our Surrey members are there in any case!

#### SENIORS

100:	1. C. Cheetham (Ports) 11.0, 3. J. Vivian 11.1, 4. S. White 11.1
200:	1. S. White 21.7
400:	1. M. Winbolt-Lewis (Ach) 48.2, 4. C. Gillett 50.9
400 H:	1. C. Gillett 56.0
1500:	1. M. Davis (TVH) 3:49.1 2. J. Thresher 3:49.5
5000:	1. R. Holt (H/W) 14:14.6, 2. M.R. Smith 14:23.6 3. J. Bicourt 14:39.8, 5. T. Hart 14:55.8, 10. W. Kerr 15:19.6
10,000:	1. M. Fuller (H/W) 30:06.2 2. T. Hart 30:47.0
3000 s/chase:	1. W. Allan (E. & E) 9:19.6 3. A. Black 9:43.8
4 x 110y rel:	1. Belgrave H. 43.6
4 x 440y rel:	1. Herne Hill H. 3:20.4, 3. Belgrave H. 3:25.2
3000 walk:	1. W. Wesch 12:45.4, 2. R. Coates 13:00.8, 3. C. Lawton 13:26.8

#### JUNIORS

100:	1. J. Gostelow (H/W) 11.2 4. L. Sullivan 11.6
1500:	1. P. Adams (A.F. & D.) 3:55.7 3. J. Stow 3:57.8 4. P. Carton 4:00.7 5. W. Curtin 4:05.3
3000:	1. P. Adams (A.F. & D.) 8:28.6 3. J. Stow 8:47.6 4. P. Carton 9:02.0 - M. Clancy 10:30.0
2000 s/chase:	1. P. Breslin 6:45.8 2. E. McNally 7:11.0
Pentathlon:	1. P.A. Martin (Dul/Coll) 2685 pts. 5. E. McNally 2052 pts.
Long Jump:	1. L. Sullivan 21' 8"

#### YOUTHS

200:	1. M. Bloice 23.2
400:	1. M. Bloice 51.3
800:	1. T. Balmer (E. & E.) 2:00.6, 4. R. Langley 2:01.5 8. R. Hopkins 2:12.0
1500:	1. C. Taylor (Mit) 4:08.0, J. McAfee 4:29.1, S. Holmes 4:42.0
3000:	1. P. Francis (Wal) 9:05.6, 6. R. Langley 9:36.2
4 x 110y rel:	1. Tulse Hill School 46.0, - Belgrave H. 46.5
100 H:	1. D. Danvers (HHH) 14.2, 5. G. Saunders 18.6
Triple Jump	1. P. Hannam (SLH) 42' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 6. S. Crosbie 38' 10"
Pentathlon:	1. R. Bull (Mit) 2336 pts, 5. M. Marshall 2055 pts - B. Quirk 1762 pts.

#### OTHER COUNTY RESULTS

##### Middlesex:

400H:	1. N. Ford 55.3
10000	1. M. Quanne (QPH) 30:28.0 5. L. O'Hara 30:51.0

##### Cambridgeshire:

3000 walk	1. R. Barnes 16:42.4
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##### Bedfordshire:

5000m	2. L. Mann	800m	3. L. Mann
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# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## HURLINGHAM PARK - JUNE 6th

For the first time in many years our Championships were blessed with a hot, dry and sunny day. A pleasant enough setting for the spectators perhaps, but a "horse-ride" of a track and an unusually strong wind up the finishing straight made it the usual bad-conditions verdict for the runners.

The afternoon saw two "trebles" and three "doubles". Heaviest loaded with trophies and medals were Lee Sullivan (Jun), who notched the senior long jump title in addition to the Junior's sprint double, and John Cambridge (Boy) who scooped an unusual trio in the Boys 100, 800 and high jump.

The "doubles" went to Steve White (100/200), Mel Ford (400/800) and Glyn Ratcliffe (Shot/Discus) - all in good form.

Martin Bloice, our new Surrey County Youth Champion, had no need to repeat his 51.3 of the previous week in winning the Junior 400 - but he was chased hard by Elliott and Langley.

Another Surrey Champion on view was Will Wesch, but he was unable to match Martin Bloice's example. He set the pace in the 10,000 metres walk for 85% of the race and then had to see Bob Coates "jump" him to go on to an impressive win. Fancy letting a honeymoon affect your racing!

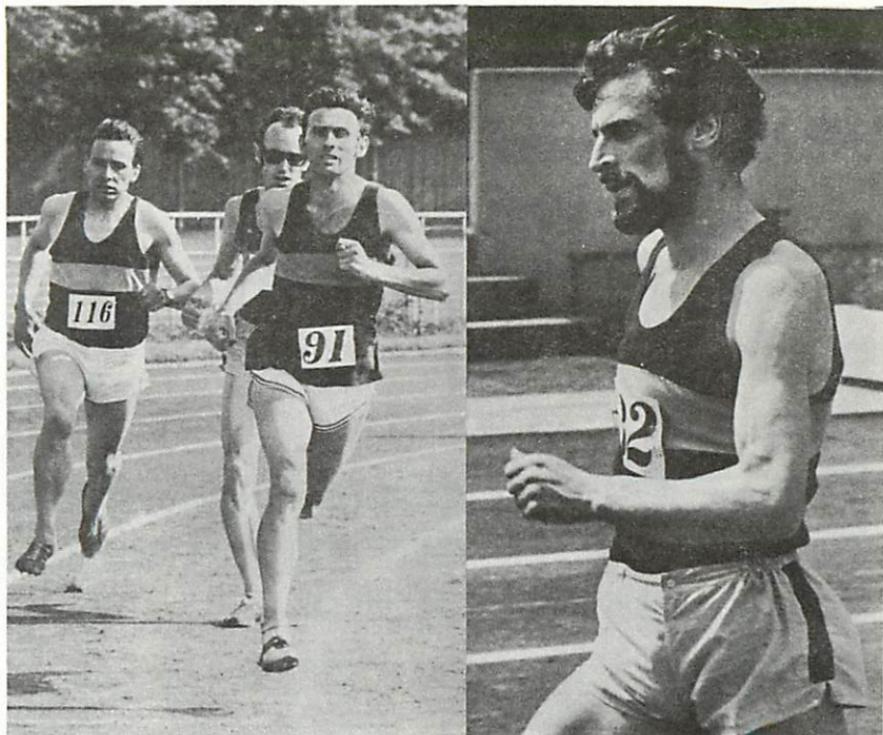


Photos: Ron Linstead  
**LEFT:** Lee Sullivan adds the Senior long-jump title to his Junior sprint double.  
**RIGHT:** The moment of truth. Peter Carton wins the junior 800m in the last stride from an exhausted John Stow.

There were many interesting contests during the afternoon but excitement built up for the clash between Bill Curtin, Peter Carton and John Stowe in the Junior 800 and 1500 events. Bill was the holder of both titles but Peter had clocked the fastest 800 this year (1:57.4) and John the fastest 1500 (3:57.0). Bill sized up the odds and withdrew from the 800 leaving his rivals to sort out who should be his successor. John set a fearsome pace and gradually stretched a lead to the 600 mark where he began

to tire. Peter bore down on him but still seemed to have little chance, till John seemed to mistake the finish and momentarily stumble allowing Peter that valuable split second to squeeze past for the title. Fine efforts by both, in the second lane too, 1:59.5 to 1:59.8 - times even the Seniors couldn't better! And so to the 1500 where they renewed their battle alongside a fresh Bill Curtin. Bill shot to the front as usual but soon the trio were together again and clear of the field, with 600 to go the slight frame of John Stowe stole ahead and one wondered whether his stronger looking rivals would repeat the story of the 800. But this time there was no mistake and it was the followers who struggled the last 200. John's fine win of 4:08.6 would have placed him third in the Senior race. He is a fine prospect indeed.

John Thresher had no difficulty in retaining his Senior 1500 title but it was good to see Guy Monnet tag him closely for 1200 metres before fading badly in the final straight.



Photos: Ron Linstead

**LEFT:** Bill Kerr leads Guy Monnet (116) and John Thresher, the winner, on the second lap of the Senior 1500 metres.

**RIGHT:** Bob Coates on his way to an impressive win over Wil Wesch in the 10,000 metres walk.

The 400 promised much, with Steve White meeting 800 winner Mel Ford and our Surrey 400 hurdles champion, Charles Gillet. However, it proved to be an anti-climax with Mel showing himself a winner all the way and Charles and Steve crossing the line together 15 yards back - the latter unusually comfortable for a race of this severity.

The best field event performer was Glyn Ratcliffe whose discus throw was well ahead of his rivals.

Once again the meeting ran smoothly and to time and much credit for this goes to Bob Taylor, who is the only one pleased to see this meeting end.

Charlie Manning enjoyed himself organising the children's races in a scene of utter confusion, but there seemed to be no upsets and as the champions of the future left clutching their hard-won prizes it became apparent that some semblance of order must have prevailed.

## RESULTS

Boys 100 metres

1. J. Cambridge	14.9
2. C. Nazer	16.0
3. I. Beaumont	16.4
4. F. Crosbie	16.4
5. G. Ayling	NT

Junior 100 metres

1. L. Sullivan	11.6
2. M. Marshall	11.7
3. S. Crosbie	12.9

Senior 100 metres

1. S. White	11.4
2. B. Hafner	11.5
5. C. Gillett	11.8
4. F. Gee	NT
5. D. McMillan	NT
6. H. Pfenninger	NT

Junior 200 metres

1. L. Sullivan	23.5
2. M. Bloice	23.8
3. M. Marshall	24.5
4. M. Elliott	24.6

Senior 200 metres

1. S. White	22.2
2. C. Gillett	23.4
3. D. McMillan	24.8

Junior 400 metres

1. M. Bloice	53.4
2. M. Elliott	54.6
3. R. Langley	54.8
4. L. Hobbs	60.9

Senior 400 metres

1. M. Ford	49.5
2. C. Gillett	51.6
3. S. White	51.6
4. F. Gee	53.0
5. A. Brooks	54.7

Boy 800 metres

1. J. Cambridge	2:35.5
2. M. Murphy	2:49.0
3. I. Beaumont	3:07.9
4. C. Nazer	3:08.4

Junior 800 metres

1. P. Carton	1:59.5
2. J. Stowe	1:59.8
3. R. Langley	2:06.0

4. X. Yianni	2:09.0
5. F. Breslin	2:12.0
6. A. Binda	2:18.0
7. J. McAffie	2:20.0
8. M. Clancy	2:21.0
9. R. Hopkins	2:22.0

Senior 800 metres

1. M. Ford	1:59.8
2. L. Mann	2:01.4
3. J. Kelly	2:02.0
4. C. Pearson	2:03.0
5. J. Hamilton	2:06.0
6. T. Hart	2:07.0
7. J. Rickner	2:08.0
8. A. Fairclough	2:11.0
9. D. Davies	2:22.0

Junior 1500 metres

1. J. Stowe	4:08.6
2. W. Curtin	4:16.2
3. P. Carton	4:23.0
4. P. Breslin	4:33.0
5. J. McAffie	4:41.0
6. X. Yianni	4:46.0
7. S. Holmes	4:47.0
8. M. Clancy	4:57.0
9. R. Hopkins	5:06.0

Senior 1500 metres

1. J. Thresher	4:00.8
2. L. O'Hara	4:06.4
3. G. Monnet	4:09.0
4. W. Kerr	4:11.0
5. L. Mann	4:15.0
6. A. Major	4:18.0
7. J. Rimmer	4:20.0
8. R. James	4:24.0
9. J. Kelly	4:25.0
10. M. McNair	4:27.0
11. C. Pearson	4:35.0
12. R. Hamilton	4:39.0
13. J. Hamilton	4:44.0
14. D. Maclean	5:02.0
15. G. Piddington	5:04.0

Senior 3000 metres S/chase

1. M. McNair	10:21.6
2. N. Bacon	11:10.2
3. E. McNally	11:44.0

Senior 10,000 metres Walk

1. R. Coates	46:04.2
2. W. Wesch	46:25.2
3. C. Lawton	48:54.8

4. B. Ingarfield	53:32.4
5. P. Duncan	55:43.0
6. B. Ward	55:50.4
7. D. Fotheringham	56:25.8
8. J. Keown	60:06.8

Senior Shot

1. G. Ratcliffe	41' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2. J. Martin	38' 8"
3. N. Head	37' 9"
4. W. Couzens	36' 7"
5. F. Glass	35' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Senior Discus

1. G. Ratcliffe	145' 11"
2. F. Glass	122' 5"
3. N. Head	122' 0"
4. W. Couzens	103' 1"
5. J. Martin	99' 3"

Senior Javelin

1. N. Head	186' 7"
2. S. Inman	169' 6"
3. K. Schofield	165' 4"
4. F. Glass	161' 4"

Boy High Jump

1. J. Cambridge	3' 11"
2. P. Crosbie	3' 10"
3. G. Ayling	3' 7"
4. C. Nazer	3' 7"
5. I. Beaumont	3' 3"

Junior High Jump

1. E. McNally	5' 5"
2. R. Moriah	5' 4"
3. M. Eaton	5' 3"

Senior High Jump

1. R. Moriah	5' 5"
2. R. Mills	5' 5"

Senior Long Jump

1. L. Sullivan	20' 11"
2. B. Hafner	20' 9"
3. M. Marshall	20' 3"
4. H. Pfenninger	20' 1"
5. S. Crosbie	18' 3"
6. L. Hobbs	17' 5"

Senior Triple Jump

1. M. Marshall	41' 9"
2. R. Pienkowski	38' 2"
3. S. Crosbie	37' 11"

flashback photo!

~ 24 years

It's the Club Championship 880 yds of 1946 and the setting is Tooting Bec track. Just look at those crowds; over half the track was lined like that. Taking the lead, which he held to the end, is Len Marchant who won in 1:59.0 from Len Herbert (4th from right) and Jack Brown (6th from right).



# INTER-COUNTIES

INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS---Leicester, May 24/25

10,000m: 6. Gerry North 29:33      L.J.: 1. A. Lerwill (2nd Claim) 26'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
500m: 2. D. Boosey 50'-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "      6. A. Lerwill 47'-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
20 miles Road Race: 8. L. Mann 1:49:13.4, 32. P. O'Connor 1:58:09  
3,000m: 3. W. Wesch 12:38.2      10,000m: 1. W. Wesch 45:42.4.

Southern Counties Open Meeting at Crystal Palace 3rd June

100m 1. S. White 10.9s      200m 1. S. White 21.9s

Battersea Park Wednesday 10th June

Senior

100m 2. P. Smith 11.9s 4. P. Gee 12.5s  
 200m 3. P. Smith 24.3s 5. A. Brooks 25s  
 400m 3. P. Gee 53.4s 5. L. O'Hara 57s  
 800m 2. P. Carton 2m 1.9s 3. C. Pearson 2m 2.6s 4. A. Major 2m 5s  
     5. R. Langley 2m 9s  
 1500m 1. W. Kerr 4m 6.2s 2. L. Mann 4m 17.1s 3. J. Boardman 2m 5s  
     4. J. Rimmer 4m 19.8s  
 3000m 1. Gerry North 9m 1.2s 2. L. Mann 9m 15s 3. A. Major 9m 18s  
     6. C. Pearson 9m 47s 7. C. Keavey 10m 2s  
 4 x 100m 3. Belgrave 46.8s  
 Shot 1. J. Martin 39' 5" 2. N. Head 39' 3" 3. W. Couzens 37' 0"  
 Long Jump 4. H. Pfenninger 17' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Javelin 1. N. Head 186' 4" 2. J. Martin 154' 3"  
 Result: 1. Belgrave 81 pts 2. Sutton/Cheam 61 pts 3. Queens Park H. 44 pts

Battersea Park Wednesday 10th June

Junior

100m 5. E. McNally 13.9s  
 400m 3. E. McNally 63.8s  
 800m 4. E. McNally 2m 19s  
 1500m 1. A. Binda 4m 30.2s  
 4 x 100m 3. Belgrave A 52.1s 4. Belgrave B 52.4s  
 Shot 2. E. McNally 31' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
 Long Jump 2. J. Smith 18' 0" 5. L. Hobbs 16' 0"  
 Javelin 2. E. McNally 117' 6"  
 Result: 1. Queens Park H 66 pts 2. Sutton/Cheam 60 pts 3. Belgrave 34 pts

## RYDER TROPHY

RYDER TROPHY MEETING at SOUTHAMPTON - Saturday 20 June 1970

100 metres	(A)	3. S. White	11.2	(B)	5. P. Gee	11.9
200 metres	(A)	4. S. White	22.4	(B)	6. D. Rees	24.4
400 metres	(A)	5. P. Gee	52.6	(B)	3. D. Rees	53.9
800 metres	(A)	4. C. Pearson	2:00.7	(B)	4. W. Kerr	2:00.6
1500 metres	(A)	4. A. Major	4:06.0	(B)	1. J. Rimmer	4:10.2
5000 metres	(A)	2. R. Smith	14:53.2	(B)	2. W. Kerr	15:42.4
3000 m S/Ch	(A)	1. A. Black	9:30.8	(B)	2. R. Piotrowski	
4 x 100 metres	(A)	5. (D. Rees, J. Hamilton, P. Gee, S. White)				46.0
Medley Relay	(A)	5. (200m D. Rees, 200m S. White, 400m P. Gee, 800m C. Pearson)				3:44.9
Shot	(A)	4. J. Martin	10.75m	(B)	2. W. Couzens	35' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
High Jump	(A)	2. A. Bentt	5' 8"	(B)	6. J. Martin	4' 10"
Long Jump	(A)	5. S. White	19' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(B)	-	
Triple Jump	(A)	5. A. Bentt	39' 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	(B)	5. J. Hamilton	33' 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Discus	(A)	3. N. Head	117' 4"	(B)	4. J. Martin	
110 m Hurdles	(A)	5. A. Bentt	17.4	(B)	-	
Javelin	(A)	3. N. Head	56.48m	(B)	2. J. Martin	137' 7"

RESULT

1. Southampton 213 pts 2. H.H.H. 183 pts 3. Royal Navy South 169 pts  
 4. Portsmouth 144 pts 5. Belgrave 142 pts 6. Eastleigh 77 pts.

## 'MALKIN' WIN

MALKIN TROPHY at HURLINGHAM PARK on Sunday 14 June 1970

100 metres	(A) 2. S. White	11.3	(B) 2. L. Sullivan	11.6
200 metres	(A) 1. S. White	22.2	(B) 5. D. McMillan	24.8
400 metres	(A) 2. C. Gillett	51.3	(B) 3. P. Gee	52.9
800 metres	(A) 5. J. Kelly	2:01.8	(B) 2. C. Pearson	
1500 metres	(A) 1. A. Major	4:09.6	(B) 1. R. Piotrowski	4:13.4
3000 metres	(A) 1. W. Kerr	8:38.0	(B) 1. L. O'Hara	8:41.0
3000 m S/Ch	(A) 5. N. Bacon	10:39.8	(B) 2. M. McNair	11:31.8
4 x 100 metres	4. Belgrave (L. Sullivan, M. Marshall, D. McMillan, S. White)			46.0
4 x 400 metres	2. Belgrave (P. Gee, R. Moody, J. Kelly, C. Gillett)			3:35.3
Hammer	(A) 4. W. Couzens	111' 9"	(B) 4. J. Martin	70' 10"
Long Jump	(A) 4. L. Sullivan	6.42m	(B)	6.01m
Discus	(A) 3. T. Ratcliffe	141' 10"	(B) 3. N. Head	109' 10"
Triple Jump	(A) 4. M. Marshall	41' 2"	(B) C. Keavey	8.12m
Shot	(A) 3. T. Ratcliffe	42' 6"	(B) 4. J. Martin	37' 1"
High Jump	(A) 2. D. Mills	5' 4"	(B) 2. N. Head	5' 0"
Javelin	(A) 1. N. Head	194' 9"	(B) 1. S. Inman	181' 4"

RESULT

1. Belgrave H.	248 pts	2. Met Police	241 pts	3. London A.C.	214 pts
4. Cambridge H.	163 pts	5. Queens Park H.	129 pts	6. Blackheath H.	41 pts.

INTER CLUB MEETING at PADDINGTON REC on Wednesday 17 June 1970

Senior 100 m	2. P. Gee	11.8	4. D. McMillan	12.7
200 m	2. P. Gee	24.0	4. D. McMillan	24.5
400 m	4. D. Rees	54.6		
800 m	3. J. Kelly	2:01.7	4. A. Major	2:03.2
1500 m	2. W. Kerr	4:02.0	3. L. Mann	4:12.6
	4. J. Rimmer	4:15.3	5. C. Pearson	4:18.0
	6. D. Jardine	4:22.0	9. J. Kelly	4:27.0
3000 m	2. L. Mann	8:58.0	11. C. Keavey	9:48.0
Discus	(A) 3. J. Martin	105' 0"	(B) 1. W. Couzens	100' 11"
Shot	(A) 4. W. Couzens	35' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	(B) 1. J. Martin	35' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

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# WALKING

Pat Duncan writes:

Wilf Wesch goes from strength to strength following his National 10 Mile win by dominating the 20 Kilometres, the 20 Miles, his new wife and the inter-counties 10,000 Metres not to mention numerous other victories including a world class time in the Met WC 20 Kilos. Ray Middleton and Carl Lawton have also turned in some magnificent performances and Bob Coates must count himself badly done by in not being selected for Scotland to accompany Len Duquemin and John Moullin who have both been picked for Guernsey. It is incredible that Scotland, the host country, can overlook Bob's claim to selection; he is one of the most competitive walkers in the country and would certainly have performed with credit before his home crowd in Edinburgh. Barry Ingarfield and Brian Ward have also come to the fore and Pat Duncan is now busy trying to convince Dave King that he is needed for the longer ones. Victory by over 50 points in the National 20 Miles should set us on our way to a similar victory over 50 Kilos in August.

## CLUB 20 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

April 18th - Club 20 Mile Championship for the Rickett's Shield

Only Len Duquemin could hang on to Wilf Wesch and by six miles even he found it impossible as Wilf stormed through rain and wind to record a terrific 2: 37: 38 for a new record over this tough and accurately measured course.

Result:

1. W.Wesch	Belgrave	2: 37: 38	12. A.Eddlestone	M.P.W.C.	3: 28: 38
2. L.Duquemin	"	2 44 52	13. J.Morris	Belgrave	3 31 15
3. R.Coates	"	2 48 40	14. M.Jackman	Cadet	3 36 44
4. R.Middleton	"	2 51 24	15. C.Lindsay	Cadet	3 40 46
5. P.Duncan	"	2 56 09	16. P.George	Cadet	3 45 58
6. J.Moullin	"	2 57 55	17. W.Parsons	MPWC	3 46 02
7. B.Ingarfield	"	3 03 43	18. A.Foreman	MPWC	3 49 19
8. K.Chamberlain	M.P.W.C.	3 16 38	19. S.Bennet	MPWC	3 49 21
9. D.Holmes	M.P.W.C.	3 23 00	20. C.Gittens	Belgrave	3 50 39
10. J.Keown	Belgrave	3 26 52	21. R.Peat	MPWC	3 51 50
11. D.Fotheringham	Belgrave/MP	3 27 27	22. Humphreys	Cadet	3 55 12

Handicap 1st W.Wesch 2 : 37 : 38 scratch 2 : 37 : 38

24 Started

## Surrey 10,000m

April 15th - Battersea Park

The first four places in the Surrey County 10,000 Metres were all filled by claret and gold, or would have been if Ray Middleton had a club vest. Wilf Wesch walked very well on a rough track to lap the field.

1. W.Wesch	Belgrave	44 45.4	8. R.Hall	Belgrave	54 03.0
2. R.Coates	Belgrave	47 14.6	13. J.Morris	Belgrave	59 46.0
3. C.Lawton	Belgrave	47 48.0			
4. R.Middleton	Belgrave	48 09.0			

## Surrey 20 mls

April 25th - Wallington

In his first ever 20 Carl Lawton took three minutes from Ray Middleton to win the Surrey 20 Mile championship. Surrey just pipped Belgrave in the team.

1. C.Lawton	Belgrave	2 37 47	9. R.Farley	Belgrave	3 05 59
2. R.Middleton	Belgrave	2 40 38	14. J.Keown	Belgrave	3 19 25
7. R.Hall	Belgrave	2 56 53			

Team: 1. Surrey WC "A" 18, 2. Belgrave H 19, 3. Surrey WC "B" 51.

# National 20 kilos

## Title Lost - But Wesch Wins

May 9th Crystal Palace - IWA National 20 Kilos

Over this tough 9 lap motor racing circuit Belgrave reckoned to have a good chance but we failed to reckon with Lancashire Walking Club's great junior prospect Chris Eyre who flashed past the post in 7th place for the surprise result of the year. Wilf Wesch walked his customary race from the front for his second National victory over Wallwork and with the lads all backing well we looked all set. Disaster struck when Len Duquemin dropped out and John Moullin was pulled leaving Bob Coates in 16th position to close the team in. Although only one point separated us from victory this was not to be, although if Ray Middleton or Carl Lawton had been aware of the position these two great walkers could surely have pulled something out. A disappointing day for Belgrave although that vocal Irish newcomer John Johnson staged an entertaining finale to his first national.

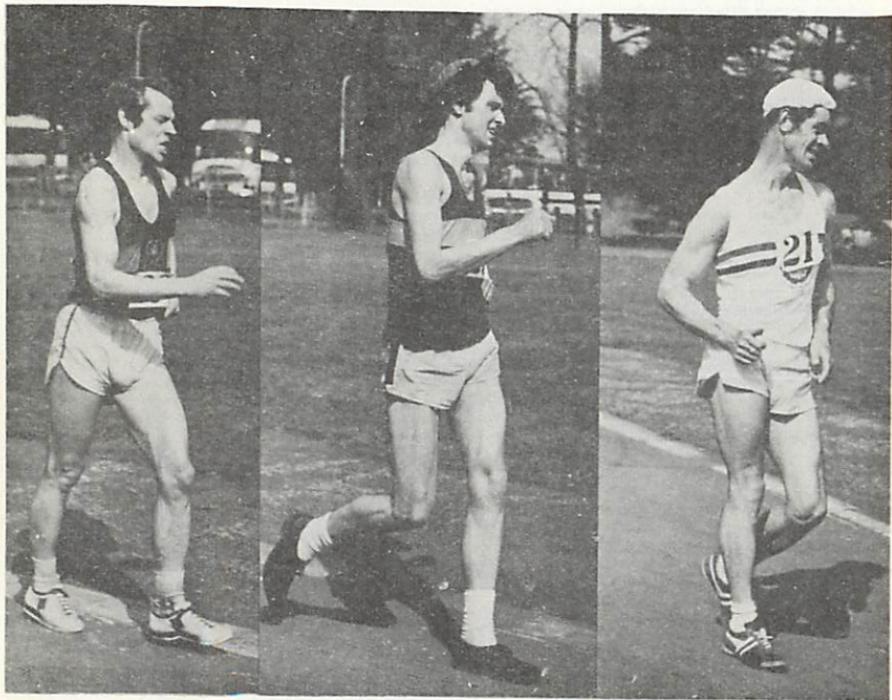


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Wilf Wesch, Carl Lawton and Ray Middleton finish 1st, 10th and 12th.

1.	W. Wesch	"A" Belgrave	91.47	89.	R. Hall "B" Belgrave	114.18
2.	R. Wallwork	"A" Lancs	92.12	100.	D. Fotheringham Belgrave "B"	116.33
3.	P. Fullager	Basildon	93.15	116.	J. Morris "B" Belgrave	120.07
10.	C. Lawton	"A" Belgrave	96.44	123.	J. Keown "B" Belgrave	121.38
12.	R. Middleton	"A" Belgrave	97.11	127.	J. Johnston "B" Belgrave	125.33
16.	R. Coates	"A" Belgrave	98.23			
34.	B. Ingarfield	"A" Belgrave	103.20			
69.	P. Duncan	"A" Belgrave	109.14			
75.	C. Capener	"B" Belgrave	109.53			

Team Championship Result  
 1st. Lancashire W.C. 68 2nd. Belgrave H. "A" 39 pts  
 3rd. Basildon A.A.C. 77 4th. Belgrave H. "B" 336 pts

# SPOTLIGHT ON ... ..

## ... .. *The Wilson Brothers*

BY JOHN KEOWN

An athletic club is composed of many different age groups with the active members tending to come from the younger and middle groups and the officials and supporters from the older groups. Yet each club has a number of athletes who remain competitors for most of their lives, few of whom ever achieve greatness. They are the unsung heroes who in their younger days help fill the non-scoring positions in club teams and in their later years act as counsellors, guides and unofficial coaches to successive generations of athletes. They are the backbone of the club, without whose support, year after year, many clubs would find it extremely difficult to survive the lean years through which each club passes from time to time.

Belgrave Harriers has always been blessed with such men. Each section has its own stalwarts; quiet, unassuming men who are as much a part of the club as Belgrave Hall. Men, who year after year, lead the slow packs during training sessions and thereby help turn the raw novice into a budding athlete. Two such men are the Wilson Brothers Joe and Percy, both members of the Walking Section.

Sixty-one year old Joe, joined Belgrave in September 1939. He was introduced to the club by Charlie Churcher, one of Belgrave's top walkers just immediately before and after the Second World War. Joe has been walking ever since, although now barred by age from competing in National Championships, he still manages to turn out in various club and inter-club events.

Before taking up walking he was a keen amateur footballer, winning several league and cup medals. A serious knee injury meant giving up that sport. He was also a good performer at Ballroom Dancing, winning several open competitions and being placed in the first three many times. Later he acted as a Judge and Demonstrator at Dancing Competitions.

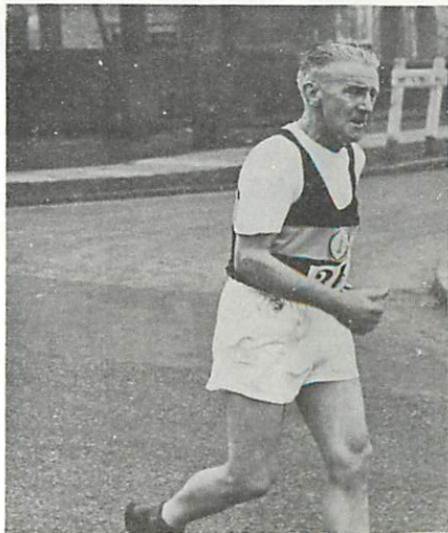
During the war Joe competed in various races and joined London Vidarians as a second claim member. By 1947 he had turned into an above average performer at all distances from 10 miles to 53 miles and became a regular member of Belgrave's first team over distances of 20 miles and above. His times in the National 50Kms. Championship in 1947, 48 and 49 were 5h.17m.28s., 5h.12m.30s (his fastest ever) and 5h.16m.48s respectively. During his long competitive career he competed in 14

London to Brighton races, finishing all inside 10 hours (Second class standard time). In 1947 he was the second Belgravian to finish, thus securing 2nd place in the club long distance Championship. His time was 9h.27m.40s. In each of the next three years



Percy Wilson is seen here competing in the 1969 R.W.A. 10 miles at Morden

Photo: Ron Linstead



he reduced this time, until in 1950 he clocked 9h.10m.22s., his fastest for the Brighton course. One of his proudest memories was helping Belgrave to finish 2nd team in a big Open 50kms. at Eastleigh in 1949. Other scoring members of the team were Jack Rutland and Tommy Green. Joe himself also took third handicap prize and a time standard medal. In the 1951 Brighton and Back race he became Centurion No.164 with a time of 21h.59m.30s. in what Joe himself describes as his most satisfactory race. At about 43 miles in the 1957 'Brighton' he was hit by a car and spent the next three weeks in the Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton recovering from a broken jaw bone and facial injuries.

Percy, the younger brother, at 57, joined Belgrave in 1943/4. Prior to this he had played football, table tennis and tried his hand at Boxing. Although not as successful in competition as his older brother he has in his own way contributed much to the success of Belgrave walkers and race walking in the London area. During the last 26 years he has competed in numerous National Championships and 10 London to Brighton races. His fastest 'Brighton' was accomplished in 1953 when he clocked 9h.25m.07s. That year he was the 5th club walker to finish only a few minutes behind the 4th scoring man A.J. Stirling Wakeley. In 1955 with the help of brother Joe he became Centurion No.246, passing the 100 mile point in 21h.53m.55s. Perhaps his greatest contribution on the Brighton road has been as a helper to other walkers and for a number of years now chief organiser of a feeding station just after Gatwick Airport. There is no more welcomed sight than to see Percy standing at the side of the road with his special tray of drinks after one has fought one's way around the two miles of difficult roadway which skirts the airfield. One usually finds him in action again near Preston Park, where with a cheerful greeting, a drink and a sponge, he and his friends see each competitor safely away on the last leg of their journey to Brighton front. Percy has on a few occasions provided a similar service for the long distance runners in their annual race over the same historic course.

For a number of years Percy organised a Boys Brigade Walk in his native Earlsfield. The first year he had 27 boys, 8 years later this figure had risen to 127. An Open 3 Miles Walk was held at the same time. This walk was always well supported by walkers from the London Area. The money to pay for the prizes for the walks was collected by Percy from the local shops. Unfortunately in 1968 Percy had to go into hospital for two operations and despite the efforts of brother Joe to keep the walks going, lack of sufficient local support made this impossible, so London lost a popular summer fixture.

Down the years both brothers have helped many Belgravians and others to achieve success in race walking. Amongst their most notable achievements in the role of helpers have been assisting that great Belgravian, A.J. Stirling Wakeley to win a 24 Hour Track Walk at Motspur Park in 1948 and helping fellow Belgravians, Gordon Doubleday and Syd. Spencer compete successfully in races at 100 miles and over. Dickie Green (Surrey W.C.), many times winner of the Stock Exchange Brighton, has had Joe as his attendant on 10 occasions.

The Wilson brothers both have a great love and respect for Belgrave and the sport of race walking. Percy sums up this respect with the words, "Belgrave is a great club, one of the best. Race walkers are a wonderful lot of chaps, in their ranks I have met some of the greatest sportsmen to be found in any sport."

## Mercury '20'

### May 23rd - Leicester Mercury 20 Miles

Wilf Wesch missed this one in favour of the Inter-Counties race the next day and only an inspired performance from Pat Duncan held off Basildon as Carl Lawton cracked something horrible. Ray Middleton walked an inspired race and also got up in the handicap.

1. R.Wallwork	Lancashire	2.37.22	22. P.Duncan	Belgrave	2.55.21
2. R.Dobson	Basildon	2.38.2	24. B.Ingarfield	Belgrave	2.57.1
3. S.Lightman	Metro	2.39.4	37. R.Hall	Belgrave	3.4.27
4. R.Middleton	Belgrave	2.39.19	47. B.Capener	Belgrave	3.10.38
11. R.Coates	Belgrave	2.47.35	52. G.Farley	Belgrave	3.12.38
20. C.Lawton	Belgrave	2.54.57			

1. Belgrave H. 43 , 2. Basildon A.C. 44 , 3. Bromsgrove and Redditch 68

Good performances by both Ray Middleton 47 : 17 and Barry Ingarfield 49 : 28 in the Southern Counties 10,000 Metres on May 16th. While on May 2nd, Ray once again triumphed over his fellow postmen to win the 15 Kilos in 72 : 25. In the same race Bernard Capener finished 8th in 80 : 20 and that old campaigner George Beecham 19th in 91 : 21

# WESCH WINS NATIONAL 20mIs

## BELS Take Team Title

RMA National 20 Miles Championship - Redditch

This was a really tough course and with Commonwealth selection resting on the outcome a tremendous race was inevitable. Nobody could have anticipated the tremendous display of real power and speed that Wilf produced to take his third National Road title in a thrilling 2:38:15 over two minutes ahead of the current Commonwealth champion. Carl Lawton and Ray Middleton were also much in evidence with Ray qualifying for the reserve spot should anyone drop out before Edinburgh. Carl faded a little towards the close but can still be pleased with such a sustained effort over a very hard course. Bob Coates struggled with the aftermath of 'flu but still finished 19th and second Scotsman home. Pat Duncan and Brian Ward both walked steady races but Barry Ingarfield was unhappy although he hung on determinedly to close in the 8 to retain the Nijmegen Shield.

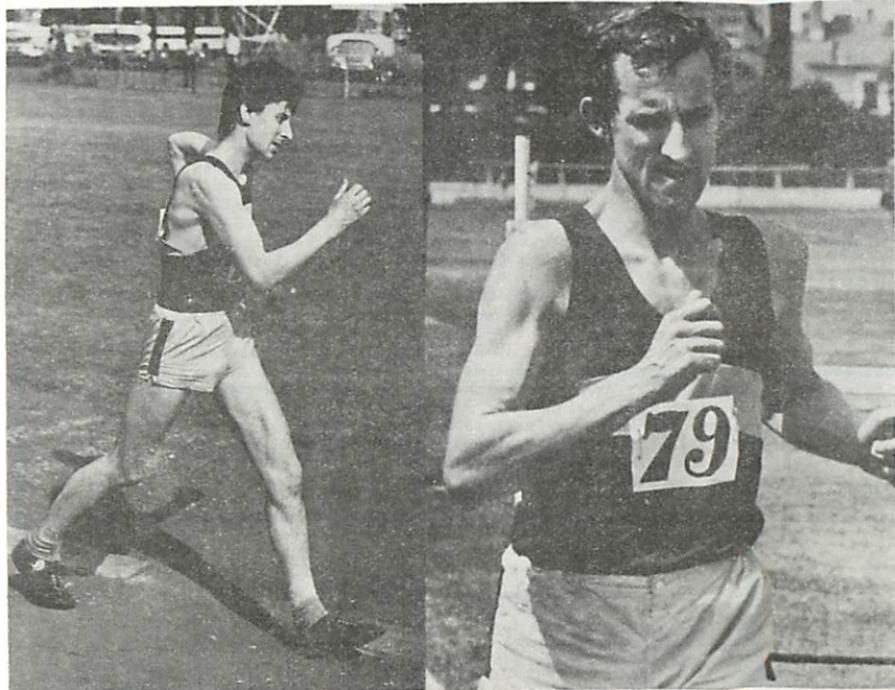


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Photo: Ron Linstead

Pat Duncan and Barry Ingarfield back up our winning team to clinch the Nijmegen Shield

1. W.Wesch	B.H. "A"	2.38.15	34. L.Duquemin	B.H. "A"	3.02.08
2. R.Wallwork	Lancs	2.40.27	44. B.Ward	B.H. "B"	3.06.24
3. R.Dobson	Basildon	2.41.36	62. B.Ingarfield	B.H. "A"	3.12.00
6. R.Middleton	B.H. "A"	2.43.15	100. J.Keown	B.H. "B"	3.27.58
7. C.Lawton	B.H. "A"	2.46.23	101. J.Morris	B.H. "B"	3.27.58
19. R.Coates	B.H. "A"	2.54.33	120. G.Beecham	B.H. "B"	3.36.59
24. J.Moullin	B.H. "A"	2.57.47	132. R.Picton	B.H. "B"	3.43.42
29. P.Duncan	B.H. "A"	3.00.59	J.Johnson	B.H.	4.15.00

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

1. Belgrave H. "A" 31 pts.    2. Lancashire W.C. 83 pts.    3. Sheffield U.H. 97 pts.

## A DAY AT THE RACES

The Duncanmobile sways to and fro  
As off to Redditch we all go  
With "Doub", 3 Johns, and Brian too  
Wilf, Carl, Pat, Barry; who'd be blue?

After a coffee we all pile  
Back into the Duncanmobile -  
Morris wades through fruit and rice  
Giving him energy that should suffice.  
All talk is centred on the race,  
Each wondering who will set the pace  
20 miles of tough terrain  
Should expose those men that train.  
We arrive and meet the rest,  
They all seem fit and full of zest,  
Jean's bargain car is packed with gear  
So that the men will have no fear  
Of passing out without a drink,  
We have the sponges too - I think!  
Up to the start we all make tracks  
Late comers' numbers pinned on backs  
Nerves are wrought and tension high  
Awaiting for the starters cry.  
Now they are off - the climb uphill  
Watched speculatively by Paul Nihill.  
Us women make for Jean's auto  
A quick ice cream then off we go.  
The day is hot, conditions tough,  
Racing round this course is rough.  
We sponge away and hand out drinks,  
Into a ditch poor Jenny sinks!

Our stalwart "kraut" hotly pursues  
The vanishing hind of Bob Hughes.  
Wilf out in front now, pace gets hot  
The Bels are giving all they've got.  
One by one the men come in  
No one's surprised at who did win  
It's the lad that's full of fun  
Our handsome, friendly, little "Hun".  
Belgrave win and sweep the board  
Of medals, quite a just reward  
We even got the Nijmegen shield  
With thanks to Barry Ingarfield.  
All over now for a little while  
It's back into the Duncanmobile  
Off we speed to nearest pub  
To cheer the victory of our club.  
It's been a gorgeous day I think  
As Duncan whips my shandy drink!  
You lovely bunch of handsome men  
If I'm asked I'll come again.  
A day with you lot is a treat  
And one that I'd find hard to beat  
It's great to see you all do well  
And thus preserve the name of "Bel".

Now I am back among the chores  
Of cooking washing cleaning floors  
Look out my window see it's raining  
Where's my man? - Oh, he's out training!

### APHRODITE

#### SUSSEX AND MIDDLESEX 20 MILES WALKS

At Sussex Pat Duncan ran into trouble, despite his attendants, managing a paltry 8th position. Barry Ingarfield broke 3 Hours for the first time at Middlesex.

In Guernsey the Commonwealth Games Trial was won by John Moullin in 2 : 46 : 00 with Len Duquesin 43 seconds behind. Over Easter Ray Hall pulled out an 84 : 37 10 Miles during a Stock Exchange visit to Guernsey.

#### Inter-Counties Results

10,000 Metres.	1. W.Wesch Surrey 45:42,	3,000 Metres.	3. W.Wesch	12.:38
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In our Jubilee Year these results were again first and third teams; and in 1938 Cadogan managed another win but Belgrave slipped to second place in the Surrey event beaten by Mitcham A.C.

The foregoing has been mainly an outline of our cross-country activities in Middlesex, but Cadogan loyally supported other Championship events also.

Track teams have won and been placed in the Madly Relay and 4 x 110 yards sprint relays. Placings have been gained in 10 miles and 20 miles Walks and 20 miles Road Runs and the CADOGAN club has given excellent backing to Middlesex County for many years. Now it comes to an end with the disappearance of Cadogan AC, but to a new beginning with the acceptance of the affiliation of Belgrave Harriers by Middlesex County A.A.A.

We have drawn dozens of high class athletes from the areas immediately north of the Thames from Westminster through Chelsea, Kensington, Fulham, Hammersmith, Acton etc. Likewise most of our earlier officers and a good proportion of those still serving us have come from "the other side". This populous area can still give us many Belgrave members who as they advance to win further Middlesex titles will perhaps spare a thought for those who have gone before, and mutter "Good-bye, Cans!"

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**BACK COVER:** (Ron Linstead) Paddy Breslin seizes his opportunity to produce the currently fashionable victor's salute as he wins the Surrey County Junior 2,000 metres steeplechase in a comfortable 6:45.8.

