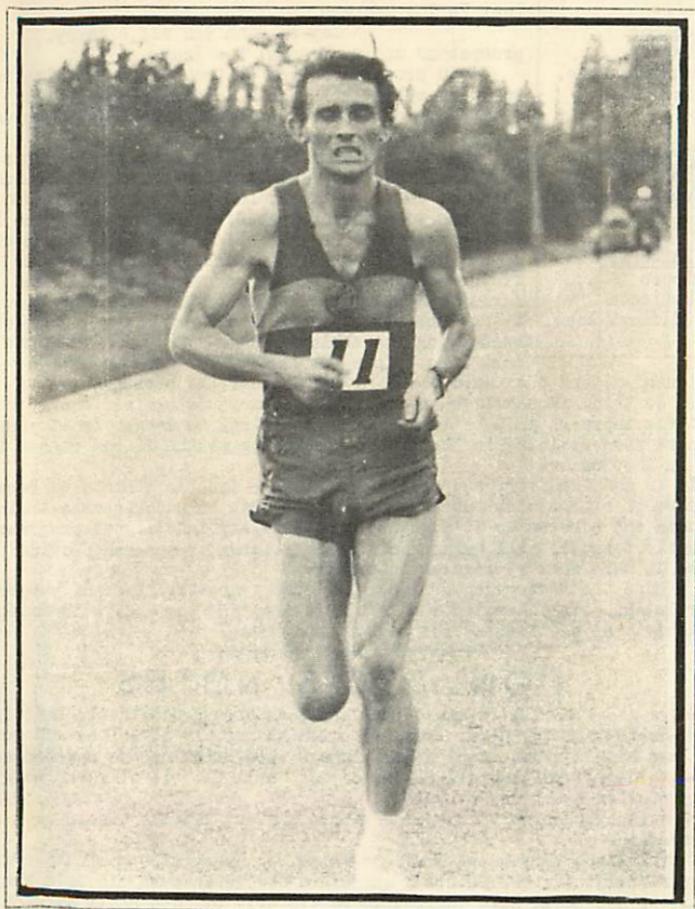


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Dear Fellow Members,

May we wish you all a happy, prosperous and successful New Year.

1960 produced a year of tremendous activity in the world of athletics. At all levels the sport was boosted by an Olympic Games which raised standards on to yet another 4 year plateau.

The established International star, if such a person exists, may well find the coming season something of an anti-climax, but the club athlete who aspires to any representative honours will face his contemporaries in a year which will reflect the effect of new Olympic marks in no uncertain manner. The fixture-congested "summer" season now spans from April to Sept., and whether or not this is a good thing, the athlete must be fit early on to make any headway on the athletic scene. He should make his mark long before the arrival of the A.A.A.'s

Championships, and then hold his form for most of the season.

To do this, it should be realised that a more determined and scientific approach must be made towards training. No longer is it possible to ignore hard training in the Winter and Spring months if one wishes to score in the Summer.

It is not necessary, and indeed inadvisable, for the athlete to become the slave of a schedule, but it is important that he undertakes a training programme and adheres to it's general pattern. Any intelligent programme, thoroughly followed will bring forth a high degree of success, provided it's essence is hard work at regular intervals.

We hope the Belgravian of 1961 will show a greater sense of purpose in his training, more determination in his racing, and the desire to bring many individual and team awards back to Belgrave.

HON. SEC'S NOTES

What a great thrill it was to see our team once again in the lead in a London-Brighton Relay race! True, we could'nt sustain it to the end but we were less than a minute behind the winners when Brighton was reached, and proved to ourselves that all we needed was "a little bit of luck" to give us the premier awards, as of yore.

How much extra effort is needed before history repeats itself with a Belgrave win?

In truth, not very much! A second gained in every mile would have given us a win! Still further reduced; one extra stride in each minute's running by all our men would have carried us to victory. By such small margins are races won or lost--and knowing this secret we can assuredly win, win, win!

All we need is that one extra stride per minute from a fit, determined team!

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One of the sad things about the London-Brighton Relay was saying "good-bye" to Ranjit Bhatia after his last run in our colours, and we wish him a safe return and many years of happiness in his native India. Cont'd. on P.18

THE PRESIDENT ~ L.J. Cohen

Between the wars a great feature of our Winter programme was the series of three-sided cross country fixtures between Ashcombe AC, Thames Valley Harriers and ourselves which took place from the quarters of all three clubs in turn. These were "mob" matches, and everyone who had two legs turned out, and great was the sport and pleasure thereof. In the very early days after World War 1, Thames Valley had prevailed, but gradually Belgrave became stronger and stronger and eventually dominated the competitions. In 1928 we travelled (over thirty of us) to the Valley's quarters at Feltham, and the race was won by Percy Bicknell of IVH, with the long-legged hairpin-thin subject of this article, running in Ashcombe AC colour in second place. Then came the Bels- Pyer, Penny, Duffett, Bill Webb and so on, and we won with 77pts, to the 275 of Ashcombe and 276 of IVH.

A fortnight later the event moved to Wimbledon where there were over 100 starters, 60 of them Belgraviens. The winner on this occasion-Les Cohen, followed by Footer, Jack Flower, Duffett, Penny, Allum, Rice, Pyer, with, needless to say, a Belgrave team win of convincing proportions. In the same month Les won the South of the Thames junior race at Epsom, and incidentally, Belgrave had a very satisfying team win!

So we continued to meet and admire "Leslie's" running ability and his sporting qualities for many years, as he did his utmost to keep Ashcombe's colours prominent. When it was apparent that the club could no longer effectively carry on, what was more natural than that Putney-born Leslie Cohen should pull a Belgrave vest over his head?

He served us well on track and over the country and figured in our scoring teams in both the cross country races held just outside Paris, to which our club was invited. He gained Club Championship medals, and was to be found playing his part in the numerous team successes that came our way at that time. He also took an interest in the financial side of the Club's affairs, and that interest has continued throughout the years and still continues. It is largely through his efforts that we own Belgrave Hall and have been able to add the various amenities that we possess today.

After the war, Les decided to play his part on the administrative side of Amateur Athletics, and to serve the sport which had given him so much pleasure. He did this so well that he soon became one of the best-known and certainly best-liked officials in the game. Most years he heads the poll in the election of the Southern Committee of the A.A.A., and the number of honorary positions he holds is legion. He is at the moment President of the English Cross Country Union and of the Southern Counties Cross Country Assoc. He is Championships Hon Secretary of the A.A.A. and Counties Athletic Union, Hon Secretary to the London Business Houses S.A., Championships Hon Secretary to the London County Council and with many another job in addition! Recently he visited Lagos, in Nigeria, to advise on track layout and technical matters generally; and with his usual mixture of good humour and hard work, order was resolved out of chaos!

And now we honour Les as President of the Belgrave Harriers. There has never been a Club member with the same status and influence that Leslie wields within the Athletic circle- and the Club can take a lot of credit from this. At the same time and concurrently with all these activities there have been very few within the Club who have done so much for Belgrave!

It is a great privilege to have Leslie in the Presidential chair. We have done ourselves great honour; and we wish him many years ahead of continuing health and strength to carry on doing those things he does so well, and with so much personal charm.

A.A.H.

Cover Photo by G.E. Crenham shows RON LINSTAD after 23 miles of the SLH '30', in which he finished second to Brian Cooke of Halmteprice in 2:56:03 ---1min-42secs inside Joe Lancaster's 3 year old course record.

Three weeks later he was 3rd, behind Mekler (Sth. Africa) and Elderfield (IVH), in the London-Brighton Run, covering the 53miles-129yds in 5:36:14. ---an average of 9.48miles per hour.

It was only 2 weeks after this "double" marathon that Ron clocked fastest time of the day on the Redhill stage of the London-Brighton relay,

THE CLUB DINNER ~ 1960

In an admirable speech proposing the toast of Belgrave Harriers, Mr. J.C. Crump, Honorary Secretary of the B.A.A.B., paid tribute to the Club's struggle in earlier years, and its present wide representation on the governing bodies of athletics in Britain.

This year's dinner was held at the Ardington Rooms, Clepham Junction, on Nov. 5th. Perhaps this would have been an appropriate occasion for the fireworks to fly, but the only controversial issue touched upon was a reference to the International Athletes Club. Mr. Crump referred to "---a Sunday Newspaper journalist, known to us all" who had criticised the A.A.A. for not accepting an Athletes Registration scheme put to them by the I.A.C. "I sometimes wonder", Mr. Crump, "whether we are organising athletics for the thousands of Club athletes throughout the country, or for a handful of stars". Our own Secretary had supported the proposal's rejection.



Photo: Lawson & Co

President L.J. Cohen (left) presents T.C. Jones with the retiring President's plaque.

President L.J. Cohen and Secretary A.A. Harley were spoken of in glowing terms by Mr. Crump, who was given a great ovation.

In his response, Dave Shepherd mentioned the impressive lists of past performances and trophies shown in the Club Handbook, and thanked the many Club officials who carried out their duties "--at their wives' sufferance and employers' expense!!! Our newest vice-President, Ranjit Bhatia, was now back home in India, but our thoughts were with him on this occasion for he would certainly have joined fellow Olympians Stan Vickers and Eric Hall as a Club guest.

In his conclusion, Mr. Shepherd thanked the Social Committee for their year's work and related several amusing incidents that occurred during the Belgrave party's stay in Rome.

In proposing a toast to "Our Guests", our Secretary paid tribute to our Olympic representatives who had performed so well in Rome, and Mr. R. Savage who now had 50 years of membership behind him. We were indeed honoured that our guests should also include such distinguished men as J.C.G. Crump (Hon. Sec. B.A.A.B.), E.H. Clymes (Hon. Sec. A.A.A.), W. Harris (E.C.C.U.), L.W. Woodcock (Hon. Sec. Assn. London Clubs), P.S. Gale (Treasurer A.A.A.) organiser of the now famous yellow draw tickets, R. Bacchus of the "News of the World", who had been responsible for so

many athletic promotions, and H. Hathway (SLH) whose timekeeping had been of such great assistance.

In his response, Mr. Glynnes said he hoped that our new President would emulate a certain well known public figure by ringing home the Bells on the Brighton front to a London-Brighton Relay success, during his term of office.

Our retiring President, T.C. Jones, then gave an account of Les Cohen's successes in active athletics and his rise to the top of the administrative ladder. This year he would also be President of the English Cross Country Union--a great honour for the Club.

After thanking everyone in his typically modest manner, Les Cohen said "I got a great deal out of athletics, and I get a lot of fun putting something back into it. I hope a lot of you will one day do likewise". (These were words that could well have been spoken to the International Athletes Club).

Mr. Cohen presented the "Tommy Green" Cup to S.F. Vickers for the year's most meritorious performance by a Club athlete, and called on Mr. Crump to present the same athlete with the A.A.A.'s "Harvey Memorial" Gold Cup; awarded to the year's best A.A.A. Champion.

Stan Vickers, after remarking how dangerous it was to give gold to a member of the Stock Exchange, promptly "dropped the gold standard" by allowing the Cup's base to fall to the floor! But in his usual pleasant and unruffled manner he was soon paying tribute to his "many helpers"; Ray Hall, Harry Shields and "Old Man" Goswell. "You runners", said Stan, "don't know how lucky you are not to have a man like Goswell around!" But his tongue was stuck firmly into his cheek whilst he spoke.

Dancing was underway by 9pm, and the tinkling of glasses and merriment of the company continued in full swing until midnight.

Thus ended one of the most successful Club dinners ever----thanks to A.T. Jordan and his social committee.

THE A.G.M.

FRANK JARVIS REPORTS:

The building is Belgrave Hall, time 6.30 p.m., Friday, 23rd September 1960. The occasion was not an Open Run nor an Open Walk, but an open night for all Belgravians-- the Annual General Meeting for 1960.

Were you there? If you were, these few words will refresh your memory. If you were not able to be there, this report of the proceedings will attempt to show what you missed.

The number present was small compared with the actual members, there is no doubt that a way will have to be devised to encourage attendance at the A.G.M., maybe a 'whipper-in' for each section.

The President T.C. Jones, opened the meeting, and the Secretary in presenting his report, spoke of the respect with which the 'Belgrave' are viewed by other clubs and officials in the athletic world. We in Belgrave may criticise the Club, but all outside admire the Club and its activities and know that within a short period the 'Bells' will win the events that seem to count.

Then Syd Roberts, as the Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet. What accounts! What figures! What an athletic club! This surely, was a balance Sheet suitable for a company in the City. It made visible the amount of work that is necessary to organise the Belgrave Harriers, and, maybe, we accept this effort on the part of the officials too easily.

After this financial wizardry, it was pleasant to hear Dave Shepherd's proposal that R.T. Teylor be elected a Life member of the club, and its adoption.

The election of Officers commenced with the retiring President nominating as his successor, Les Cohen, a man, who, perhaps above all others, has contributed to keep Belgrave Harriers financially strong with his football scheme; and he still finds time to do this invaluable work. It is significant that he has also been elected President of the E.C.C.U.

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Surrey Road Relay:

Holidays and the Rome trip caused a surprising shortage of Belgrave "Surrey"men for this year's event. At the halfway mark we still required two more runners to complete the team, but Don Maclean appeared in the nick of time to run 5th stage. Mike Stearman who had come only as a supporter, was press-ganged into running the last leg after 5 months of inactivity! His fine effort in a complete set of borrowed kit (by no means fresh!) enabled us to finish 5th out of 12 teams.

RESULT.

1. Mitcham AC. 85:44	1. C. Walker. 14:27	4. A. Black. . . . 14:18
2. Walton AC. . . . 86:51	2. C. Shippen 15:20	5. D. Maclean. . 15:04
3. S.L.H. 87:21	3. J. Masters 14:50	6. M. Stearman. 16:23
4. H.H. 89:18	Ten teams finished.	
5. BELGRAVE. . . . 90:35		

THE POLY. ROAD RELAY

Record upon record was the outstanding feature of the Poly Road Relay. A new Club record of 13:30 set by Jack Brown on the first leg did not survive the afternoon; 30 seconds was lopped off it by Pat Newell on the 5th leg.

Pat's 13:00 mins beat the relay record by 2 secs; but this was not enough to erase Bob Roath's new mark of 12:55 set on the first stage. To complete the records our aggregate time was our fastest ever.

First off was Jack Brown. This was his first race since leaving Cyprus and running him with the 'fast-boys' was a gamble--a calculated one. But come off it did, for Jack handed over in third place--behind Roath (Walton) and Day (Ponders End). Eleventh was Eric Gebbett for the 'B' team. Chas Walker with a personal best, replaced Ponders End for second place, whilst Dick Shackelford, although dropping to fifteenth, turned in a surprising 14:19 for the 'B'.

On the third leg Jim Radford had to give best to Poly's Ralph Dunkley (13:21) and Rooke of Essex Beagles (13:36) and handed over to Derek Crookes fourth. Derek on his first run for the 'A' team maintained his position well. Poly and Essex had taken over the second and third places, with Walton still in the lead.

By the time Clive Shippen handed over to Pat Newell the leading positions had altered drastically. Brian Turner (13:17) had taken the Poly into a 22sec lead over Essex Beagles, with the deposed leaders, Walton, a further 16 secs in arrears. Ellis (TVH), had moved ahead of us; but the 'Hill' were our nearest rivals, 45 secs behind.

The splendid run by Pat Newell gained us one place--that of TVH, but there were still 20 secs separating us from the Beagles; whilst Proffitt (Poly) and Llewellyn (Walton) were beyond capture. Jumbo Masters, with a time better than two of our 'A' team had gained the 'B' team two places.

Don Maclean ran well, despite the agonised look on his face and the jack-tar sway of his body near the finish, but Terry Stacey had taken the Valley back into fourth place. The leaders were unchanged.

Mal Robinson on the last lap was clearly not at his best; but with Card (TVH) chasing George Knight (Essex) ahead it was a tough proposition, and we finished 4th. Our 'B' team ran well to finish 10th and collected a set of medals for the first 'B' team to close in; the third time they have gained this award in five years.

RESULT.

1. Polytechnic H .. 107:17		'A'		'B'
2. Walton AC 108:35		Brown 13:30		Gebbett 13:57
3. Essex Beagles .. 108:49		Walker 13:41		Shackelford 14:19
4. T.V.H. 109:27		Radford 13:54		Loore 14:43
5. BELGRAVE H 109:55		Crookes 14:02		Bedford 14:15
Day's fastest:-		Shippen 14:04		L. Bishop 14:11
1. Roath (Walton)-12:55 (rec)		Newell 13:00		Masters 13:59
2. Newell (BELS)---13:00		Maclean 13:45		Short 14:40
3. Towl (HHH)-----13:02		Robinson 13:59		Johnstone 14:33

BROWN WINS 5¾ ROAD RACE

A field of about 37 faced the starter for this, the last but one, trial before the London to Brighton Relay on October 8th. Amongst the runners were Ranjit Bhatia, on his last outing from Wimbledon before returning home, Jack Brown, recently returned from Cyprus and already re-establishing himself as a danger man and Cliff Roffey, home on furlough from Kenya.

John Thresher set the pace with Charlie Walker for 2 miles but decided that two laps of the common was far enough and left Charlie to hold the baby! Jack Brown by this time had moved up and Ranjit who had taken a steady start was also prominent. Hallowell, Gebbett, Roffey and Shippen were in close attendance and Peter Shipley, our 2nd claim member from Farnham, was about 20yds further back with Jim Masters.

Down Copse Hill the situation was much the same, but when Cambridge Road was reached Jack Brown went ahead followed by Ranjit; Charlie Walker dropped back to 3rd. This was the order when the Common was again in sight but Cliff Roffey had moved through to 4th. Gebbett, Hallowell and Shippen were still in the hunt, close behind.

Jack came away well to win a good race from Ranjit, who seemed to have suffered from his heavy summer season culminating in two races in the Rome Olympics. He was certainly lacking the fire which produced a club record over this course last April. Charlie Walker had held on to take 3rd place, only 30yds ahead of Roffey who had 60yds to spare on Gebbett.

Generally speaking the race had run to the form book, although it is difficult to reconcile Don Lacleen's 35:14 in 30th place with some of his better performances. Brian Sawyer a greatly improving runner, more at home over longer distances, took the first handicap prize with Brian Johnston, John Collier and Charlie Henn sharing second place—how that for handicapping!!!

W.E.L.

RESULT

1. J. Brown	29.20	(0.30)	19. A. Peckings	32.31	(3.30)
2. R. Bhatia	29.34	(SCR)	20. J. Moore	32.40	(1.20)
3. C. Walker	29.46	(0.20)	21. D. Crookes	32.46	(2.00)
4. C. Roffey	29.52	(1.00)	22. T. Mallott	33.43	(4.00)
5. E. Gebbett	30.02	(1.00)	23. F. Paget	33.58	(4.45)
6. B. Hallowell	30.10	(1.00)	24. A. Penstone	34.08	(5.30)
7. C. Shippen	30.11	(1.10)	25. C. Fairfield	34.17	(5.00)
8. J. Redford	30.16	(1.10)	26. C. Henn	34.18	(6.00)
9. A. Bedford	30.26	(1.40)	27. E. Penny	34.27	(4.00)
10. J. Masters	30.31	(1.20)	28. E. Pallent	34.42	(4.15)
11. P. Shipley	30.33	(1.00)	29. R. Bolem	35.14	(6.00)
12. B. Sawyer	30.39	(2.30)	30. D. Lacleen	35.14	(1.15)
13. L. Bishop	30.48	(2.00)	31. D. Newell	35.26	(6.00)
14. B. Johnston	31.18	(3.00)	32. M. Smithers	35.47	(5.30)
15. D. Jones	31.21	(3.00)	33. R. Beaumont	36.58	(7.00)
16. J. Collier	31.43	(3.30)	34. P. King	37.30	(7.30)
17. E. Short	32.01	(2.30)	35. J. Baker	38.05	(8.00)
18. K. Stimpson	32.26	(4.00)			

HANDICAP:- 1. B.Sawyer 28.09 2.B.Johnston, J.Collier, C.Henn 28.18.

The Yacht '3':

Ron Linstead produced the star performance of the day by recording a remarkable 14:53, only 7 days after his astounding London-Brighton performance behind South Africa's Jackie Leckler. Apart from P. Shipley, the six fastest runners of the day assured themselves of a place in the following week's Southern Road Relay to Brighton.

RESULT

Fastest Times:-		
1. R. Conway... (3.00). 13:28	1. A. Black... 14:50	6. P. Shipley... 15:10
2. R. Linstead. (0.35). 14:18	2. J. Brown... 14:52	7. C. Roffey... 15:13
3. C. Fairfield (2.40). 14:19	3. R. Linstead. 14:53	8. J. Masters... 15:17
4. A. Black... (0.30). 14:20	4. C. Dabbs... 15:02	9. B. Johnston. 15:44
5. A. Jackson... (2.50). 14:23	5. M. Robinson. 15:10	10. L. Bishop... 15:46
6. T. Mallott... (2.20). 14:28		

SOUTHERN LONDON-BRIGHTON RELAY VICTORY ELUDES BEST BELGRAVE TEAM FOR YRS.

by 'Olympian'

The sight of claret and gold vests leading the field on the Brighton road once again gave Belgrave supporters a deserved "shot in the arm". It may not have lasted for long, (about 8 miles) but it provided us with the brightest spot of the day. The Bels eventually came 3rd, putting up one of their best performances on this course for many years, and finishing a mere 51secs behind the winners (TVH) and 41 secs down on the runners up and holders (Portsmouth).

It all began at 10am in Old Palace Yard, Westminster where twenty runners including Eric Gebbett lined up to await the first stroke of Big Ben. We have become used to seeing Eric taking our first stage and as in April he performed well. Nothing detracts Eric from his steady running and this time he managed to arrive at Clapham Common without mishap in 5th place, 27 secs behind Portsmouth, who had taken a good lead which they were destined to keep most of the way to Brighton (Gebbett 21:25; 5th fastest time).

Charlie Walker set off on the second leg in great style with Eddie Ellis of TVH breathing down his neck. These two battled throughout and soon disposed of Walton, Blackheath and Highgate but Ealing represented by Blagrove, Brighton with Briault, and Woodford with Chapman were making faster progress from behind and eventually passed our runner. Charlie eventually gave over to Pat Newell in sixth place with a deficit of 42 secs on Portsmouth (Walker, 25:58; 10th fastest time).



Photo by E.D. Lacey

Jack Brown takes over from Pat Newell to start Stage four in second place

Pat Newell, who seems to like this third leg, set about closing the gaps and soon took us up to 2nd place in grand style. By the time the roundabout at the beginning of Purley Way had been reached he was joined by Reeve of Poly who was also running a blinder. These two fought neck and neck up the aerodrome straight and Pat eventually had to give away a few yards. Reeve however had "shot his bolt" and was forced to walk the last half mile, thus dropping his club back to 14th. Pat went on to take 2nd place only 13 secs behind Portsmouth. (Newell, 29:23; 2nd fastest time).

Jack Brown, making a welcome return to the team, took the fourth stage to Merstham and although losing ground on the leader kept us in 2nd place. Thames Valley, who had had a bad leg on the 3rd, were again coming back in the picture and were in 4th place, behind Mitchem. (Brown, 25:56; 6th fastest time).

Next came Ron Linstead fresh(!) from his success in the full London to Brighton run. In devastating style Ron reduced Portsmouth's min lead to a mere 4 secs and was the only man to break 22 mins. Despite the bad conditions his time was a new Club record. His long distance rival, Elderfield of TVH, was left trailing by almost a minute. (Linstead, 21:49; fastest)

Malcolm Robinson soon shot into first place and showing fine form opened up a lead of 40 secs. His time was only 4 secs outside the stage record and well inside Alan Black's Club mark. The exuberance of our supporters was a joy in itself to behold—this was the first time we had led in a Brighton relay for many years. (Robinson 13:30; fastest).

Next came Alan Black on the flat leg across Gatwick Airport. Completely exposed to gale-force winds and torrential rain he stuck to his task so well that he broke Robinson's club record for this stage by 8 secs. However our lead had been reduced to 24 secs. (Black, 19:02; 3rd fastest.)

The next leg is probably the hardest and certainly the most crucial and Charlie Dabbs was again our runner. As in April Martin Hyman was performing for Portsmouth and in similar manner was behind us. Soon after Crawley Hyman was up with Charlie and was running far too well for our man to hold on. Wiggs of IVH was also making rapid headway and it seemed as though we were destined to drop back to 3rd. Charlie managed to keep Wiggs at bay but we were now forty-six secs down on Portsmouth at the end of the leg. (Dabbs, 31:28; 7th fastest)

Ranjit Bhatia was again on the leg from Handcross, on which he had run so well in the previous National race. This was to be his last outing for Belgrave before returning to India. Our hopes of a repetition of his time of 28:56 were not to be granted. Ranjit ran well and steadily but his activities in Rome had taken their toll and the fire was gone. He was forced to give way to Card of Thames Valley and we finished the leg in 3rd place, 1 min and 44 secs behind Portsmouth (Tulloh) and 15 secs behind IVH. (Bhatia, 30:20, 5th fastest).

Gliff Roffey who was spending a few weeks in England on furlough from Kenya, and who had regained the form he showed when with us regularly, was on the 10th stage, and with a fine performance shattered the Valley opposition and took us back to 2nd place, 67 secs behind Portsmouth. Could we pick up this deficiency over the last two legs? (Roffey, 21:28; fastest)

Glive Shippen again took the Dale Hill leg, but it was soon obvious that he was not in his best condition and slowly Hicks of IVH gained to eventually pass him and give the Valley a 180 yds lead over us. Glive had run well enough, however, to take 26 secs off Portsmouth's lead, so at the final change—over the spacing between the 3 teams was 17secs and 24 secs. (Shippen, 22:18, 5th fastest).

When Brian Hallowell set off on the last leg we still had hopes of a higher position than third but the two boys ahead were soon fighting out the lead together and Brian was unable to get to grips. We therefore had to be content with 3rd. (Hallowell, 18:54, 2nd fastest).

We should be quite satisfied with this result—it shows we are back in the picture. Although we will be without Bhatia and Roffey next time we have good substitutes in Miller, Radford and David Jones, and can expect Jack Brown to be fitter and Ron Linstead to take a longer leg.

RESULT.
 1. T.V.H. 4:40:40 | 3. BELGRAVE H. 4:41:31 | 5. Mitcham AC. 4:47:23
 2. Portsmouth AC. -4:40:50 | 4. Polytechnic H. -4:45:49 | 6. Walton AC. 4:50:46



Photo by E.R.Lacey

Ranjit Bhatia hands over to Gliff Roffey behind Portsmouth & T.V.H.

BOYS AND YOUTHS

Jack Hampshire (Senior) is our new Junior Hon. Secretary and we extend to him our congratulations on his election to this most important post and trust he will stir our younger members to even greater heights. Jack writes:-

"After a most successful track season the Boys and Youths are now engaged in their winter fixtures. The usual faces are still to the front, but there are one or two newcomers, notably A. Fairclough, who should soon be fighting it out with them.

Of those just leaving school we should not expect too much. The transition from school (with its orderly way of life) to outside employment, is a difficult one. They have to reorganise their training to suit their changed lives, which invariably include evening classes and the inevitable homework. We can only hope that they adapt themselves to suit both vocations."

THE BELGRAVE OPEN YOUTHS ROAD RELAY

Hallamshire Harriers, national youth cross-country champions, were convincing winners of this year's race at Wimbledon on October 15th.

The race was started by South Africa's star distance-runner, Jackie Mekler, in wet, blustery conditions; and by the last stage the rain simply poured down. Nevertheless, the race was yet another success for the Race Hon. Sec., Arthur Whitehead.

Hallamshire shot into the lead on the first leg with a fine run by A. Evans, who, with a time of 11 mins 11 secs, was only three seconds off the course record. He handed over 50 yds clear of Rushman (Oldbury) and O'Sullivan (Herne Hill H.) In fifth place was the Belgrave 'B' team, through an excellent effort by new member Tony Fairclough; and an unfit David Cocks brought the 'A' team home in 19th place. On the second of the four 2 mile legs Hallamshire were still way ahead, but Belgrave 'A', after a fighting run by Ken Redwood, had moved up to sixth place. Just behind was Manning (Mitcham) who handed over one second behind. H.H.H. had dropped out of the first ten and third place was now filled by Hercules with Sheffield and Coventry 4th and 5th.

These teams were altogether in a tight finish at the end of the third stage. Mitcham's 4:17 miler Malcolm Burton had moved his club into 2nd place after a sprint finish with Halliday (Hercules) and Jackie Hampshire, after fighting hard all the way with Burton, lost a little ground on the run-in but had moved Belgrave into fourth place. In striking distance were Sheffield and Coventry. Oldbury after lying 2nd at the first change-over were dropping out of the running.

Hallamshire were 20 secs clear at the finish, but it was a fight for the place teams. With little more than a mile to go the team positions were unchanged; although they were now fairly bunched together. On the final half-mile Holt (Hercules) caught and passed Colwell (Mitcham) to take second place. Colwell was also involved in a sprint finish when Hammond (Coventry), with the 3rd fastest time of the day, went past with barely fifty yards to go. In fifth place was D. Barden (Sheffield) with A. Morrison bringing the Bels home in sixth place.

RESULT:-

1. Hallamshire H	46:58
2. Hercules AC	47:12
3. Coventry Godiva AC	47:17
4. Mitcham AC	47:18
5. Sheffield United AC	47:29
6. BELGRAVE HARRIERS	47:43

Day's fastest:-

1. A. Evans (Hallamshire)	11:11
2. M. Cowan (H.H.H.)	11:15
3. D. Pryer (St. Georges Coll)	11:19
3 J. Hammond (Coventry)	11:19
5 Rushmer (Oldbury A & CC)	11:20
5 O'Sullivan (H.H.H.)	11:20

'A' (6th)	
D. Cocks	12:14
K. Redwood	11:46
J. Hampshire	11:35
A. Morrison	12:08

'B' (27th)	
A. Fairclough	11:44
J. Jarvis	13:51
H. Satchell	12:44
K. Hardy	13:41

'C' (38th)	
D. Hammond	13:26
A. Startup	13:08
A. Mead	14:07
M. Perrock	13:03

SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINS FOR MORRISON & HUDSON:

The activities of our younger runners are not only confined to inter-club fixtures. On Nov 9th at Wimbledon, Alan Morrison and Roger Hudson---both members of Belgrave Harriers!---both members of the Aristotle school!---both won their Championship races, Intermediate and Junior!---both set new course records! A great afternoon's running.

In the Intermediate event Alan was up against last year's Junior winner, Garcia of St. Gerards and Mitcham AC; but showing great form he fought off all his rivals to win a very close finish (only 4 secs separated the first 4 home) in a record time no less than 20secs inside the previous mark, held by our own Jackie Hampshire. Fulse Hill School's winning team included Belgravians, Edwards (6th) and Leaver (20th)---both fine performances.

Roger Hudson was a comfortable winner of the Junior event. After lying in fifth place for most of the way he took the lead with half a mile to go and drew away to a comfortable win. Backing up well in 11th place was Garvey of Aristotle.

RESULT:-

Intermediates. 1.A.Morrison 16:07rec, 6.J.Edwards 16:53, 20.J.Leaver 17:53
Juniors. 1.R.Hudson 13:31rec, 11.-Garvey 14:07, 74.-Ellerington 15:13

THE BELGRAVE INVITATION BOYS X-CITY. RACE

Two outstanding boy athletes, Fuller(Watford) and Blake (Walton) tussled for the lead in Belgrave's Invitation race at Wimbledon on a dank, murky November day. Back down the field, away from this exceptional pair, Mitcham were packing in the old Belgrave style to clinch the team title, and Hudson and Edwards were spear-heading a gallant Belgrave effort to gain a place. The Bels were eventually placed 4th but when the present team become used to the idea of being without last year's leading boys, now Youths, then we can expect their potential to show itself.

RESULT:-

TEAMS

1.P.Fuller ... Watford13:07		1.Mitcham AC ... 4,5,6,8,___ 23
2.M.Blake Walton13:10		2.Walton AC ... 2,7,9,11___ 29
3.P.Lile Guildford13:30		3.Watford H ... 1,10,13,26___ 50
4.A.Garcia ... Mitcham13:41		4.BELGRAVE H ... 16,17,23,24___ 80

16.R.Hudson .. 14:23

24.J.Leaver .. 15:01

39.R.Dawson ...15:39

17.R.Edwards . 14:28

37.J.Allen ... 15:35

41.I.Chandler .15:47

23.M.Smith ... 14:53

38.R.Nelson .. 15:37

44.R.Pearson ..16:00

Match at Sutton & Cheam - Nov.26th

This resulted in the first win for the Youths over the country this season, and a well deserved one too.

The course was over two laps of 1½ miles each. Conditions were ideal other than loads of mud; this the boys revel in, including may I say, Tom Carter, who in track suit ran twice as far as the competitors!

The first lap ended with Jackie Hampshire and T. Naish (Sutton) in the lead together, with Cocks, Fairclough and Lorrison, packing well, close behind; giving Belgrave 5 in 6 at the half way stage.

Jackie pulled away about half way through the final lap to finish one second in front of his rival.

On this form our team can feel confident of many future successes, but I fear that they will soon have a strike on their hands, seeing the condition of their running kit after each outing. I feel sure we will have

In the Surrey Co. Youths' Championship, held at Guildford on Jan 14th Belgrave finished a disappointing 6th. Although Hampshire (7th) and Fairclough (14th) ran well, the rest of the team were well below form.

a "Mum's" strike! Is the Hon. Treasurer prepared to buy a Washing Machine?
J.H.

Eds. It would rarely be used Jack. Most Cross Country runners find it more convenient to be able to stand their kit up against the wall. When it gets badly "cracked" they buy some more!

RESULT

1. J. Hampshire	15:08	17. J. Jarvis	17:45	1. BELGRAVE H	(1,3,5,7)	16
3. D. Cocks	15:31	19. D. Startup	17:50	2. Purley G.S.	(4,8,10,11)	33
5. A. Fairclough	15:34	21. K. Davison	18:21	3. Raynes Park G.S.	(9,12,14,15)	50
7. A. Morrison	15:51	22. B. Hammond	18:55	4. Sutton & Cheam H	(2,6,24,27)	59
13. R. Brown	17:30	23. A. Mead	19:10			

At the same meeting Roger Hudson was our first lad home in the Boy's race, followed by J. Allan and young Pearson, whose action looks more like father Geoff's each time out. This was the first time these lads had run in this standard, and with further races behind them they are sure to show the improvement that enthusiasm and club spirit invariably bring.

RESULT

1. Walton AC	18pts	11. R. Hudson	7:49	33. R. Dawson	8:34
6. BELGRAVE H.	96pts	20. J. Allan	8:10	41. I. Chandler	8:42
		32. R. Pearson	8:33	51. B. Freeman	9:22

THE 'OVERSEAS' CUP

Jackie Hampshire retained his hold on the 3 miles championship for Youths, winning from Tony Fairclough in a time only one second slower than last year's.

It was nearly a mile before Jackie took the lead, and thereafter he had a non-stop fight to hold off the ever-close Fairclough. Redwood faded somewhat after a fast start and Cocks moved thro' to gain 3rd place.

Startup ran particularly well to finish sixth, inches ahead of Hudson and within striking distance of Morrison.

Result:

1. J. Hampshire	20:33	6. D. Startup	23:59	11. J. Jarvis	25:17
2. A. Fairclough	43	7. R. Hudson	59	12. R. Pearson	18
3. D. Cocks	21:25	8. J. Allen	24:09	13. A. Mead	29:03
4. K. Redwood	30	9. J. Chandler	46		
5. A. Morrison	23:45	10. D. Hammond	25:05		



Photo: C. Shippex

DAVID COCKS

Kenked 9th. in British rankings for 880 yards (Youth) with a time of 1:59.0 for 1960 season

Match at Wimbledon ~ Dec. 17th

Held on the same afternoon as the Senior fixture (page 26) our Youths gave Belgrave their only win of the afternoon. Boys and Youths' events were incorporated in one race, and, much to the chagrin of Hampshire, 3rd, and Fairclough 4th, it was won by a boy (albeit an outstanding one), Fuller of Watford.

Result: Youths,

1. Burton (Mit)	13:41	7. Steer	14:18
2. J. Hampshire	45	8. A. Morrison	35
3. A. Fairclough	48	16. D. Cocks	15:02
6. K. Redwood	14:07	11. R. Brown	35
12. H. Satchell	15:42	1. BELGRAVE H	
13. D. Startup	16:04	(2,3,6,7.)	18pts
14. A. Mead	29	2. Mitcham A.C.	
15. J. Jarvis	17:16	(1,4,5,9.)	19pts

Boys:

1. Fuller (Wat)	13:40	10. P. Edwards	15:23
2. Garcia (Mit)	14:11	11. R. Hudson	46
3. Cope	15	15. R. Pearson	16:11
8. J. Leaver	15:05	16. J. Chandler	27
17. J. Allen	16:31	1. Watford H	22pts
18. R. Dawson	16:40	2. Mitcham A.C.	39...
19. R. Nelson	16:51	3. BELGRAVE H	56...
25. B. Freeman	18:24		

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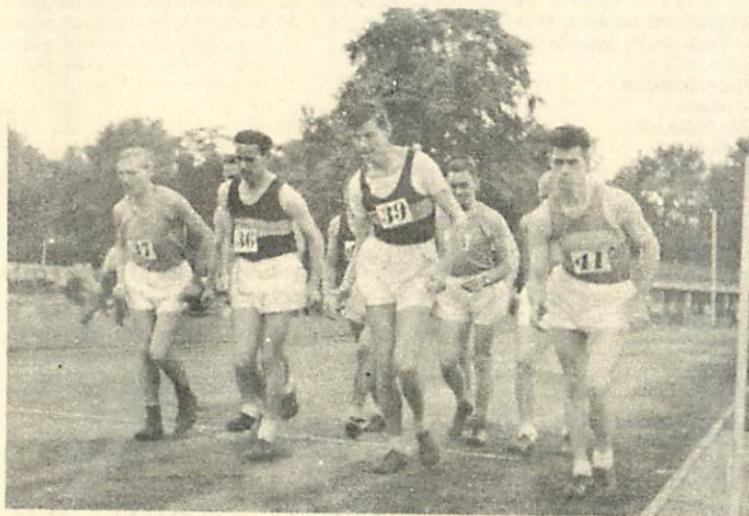


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Four of our leading walkers, Ray Hall, Ted Smith, Bob Barnes and Ray Middleton seen here together at the start of the 1960 Club 2 mile Championship. Both trophies, the "A.J Sawyer Memorial Cup" and the "Don Brown" style award were won by Ray Middleton, who is currently showing great form.

THE LONDON-BRIGHTON WALK

In what must have been the most exciting team race for years (only 10 points covered the first 5 teams) Belgrave were edged to an uncharacteristic 4th.

Why has this race glamour? Why has this race such popularity? Why?--- because it's quicker and more comfortable to go by train, and the competitors who lined up at 7am on the 17th Sept. to await the first stroke of Big Ben don't like doing things the easy way. Amongst the competitors were seven Belgrevians who were also contesting amongst themselves for the Belgrave Cup.

The early pace of Don Thompson was amazing to watch---especially from behind! and he soon moved well away and out of sight. With the individual winner decided so soon most interest centred on the team race; and with each of the first 4 teams taking a turn in the lead this interest was sustained throughout.

Poor George Beecham had one of those very rare races (for him) where the distance must have seemed like 100 miles. Between Crawley and Brighton he was forced to drop 11 places. It was ironical that his misfortune should contribute towards the excitement of the team contest.

The "Belgrave" Cup was retained by Ray Hall, rather unfit after his Roman holiday, with John Morris gaining his first runners-up medal in a Club Championship. George held on to gain the 3rd medal, and John Keown made up the scoring four.

Has anybody a spare pair of legs for Harry Shields still suffering from a large slice of Roman history?!

Members are reminded by the A.A.A. that their amateur status is in jeopardy if they enter for a race of any description in which money prizes are awarded.

RESULTS

1. Don Thompson (Met. W.C.)	7:37:42
2. R.E. Green (Surrey W.C.)	8:23:43
3. N. Thompson (Met. W.C.)	8:28:31
6. R. Hall (BELGRAVE H.)	8:43:19
16. J. Morris " "	9:20:38
17. G. E. Beecham " "	9:22:48
18. J. Keown " "	9:24:26
21. H.W. Shields " "	9:37:33
29. P. Wilson " "	9:52:14
37. C. Yescombe " "	10:16:54

TEAM

1. Surrey W.C.....	44 pts
2. Woodford Grn.....	45 pts
3. Highgate H.....	48 pts
4. BELGRAVE H.....	50 pts
5. Met. W.C.....	54 pts

R.C.H.

Match v. M.P.A.A. ~ Oct. 1st

A rather disappointing match with only 4 policemen getting to the start and one of these getting the judges disapproval at 1½ miles. Olympic man Eric Hall showed good form to win in 37:15 and Ray Middleton walked well for second place. The handicap was won by "new boy" Ken Bailey; to see the best of him we will have to wait until the distance season---16yr old Gerry Cameron took second place. Gerry is gaining minutes every time out and in a year or so he will be pushing for a place in the 'A' team.

RESULT

1. R.W. Hall.....	BELGRAVE H.....	37:15
2. R.C. Middleton..	"	38:46
3. R.C. Hall.....	"	40:24
4. J.F. Knifton....	"	40:29

LATCH RESULT

(Scoring three a side)	
1. BELGRAVE H.....	6 pts
2. M.P.A.A.....	15 pts

BELS. WIN HIGHGATE OPEN '7'

Middleton in form:

Despite being without Stan Vickers, Eric Hall and George Williams--- all taking a well earned rest---Belgrave still managed to notch up another victory in this premier event.

This was the first of the London "sevens" and 21 Belgravians turned out in the field of 192 starters. The job of leading the team to victory went to Ray Middleton who was in great form. His sixth place was an excellent performance only one second behind 5th and 19 secs behind 4th places. Ray Hall and John Knifton walked steadily throughout and Bobby Bernes, taking one step to everybody else's two, backed up well.

When John Knifton finished, each of the 3 leading teams were awaiting their last scoring man. For Belgrave to win "Boots" Bernes had to finish at least 9 places ahead of his rivals' opposite numbers. He did just that--- exactly; and the Bels clinched another title.

RESULT

1. R.A. Clerk....	Polytechnic H.....	52:33.....(2:40)
2. D.J. Thompson..	Met. W.C.....	53:01.....(3:30)
3. C. Williams....	Ilford.....	53:44.....(2:40)
4. D.C. Read.....	Steyning.....	54:18.....(4:40)
5. J. F. Northcott.	Highgate H.....	54:36.....(3:20)
6. R.C. Middleton..	BELGRAVE "A".....	54:37.....(4:20)
12. R.C. Hall....	"A".....	56:01 (5:00)
15. J. F. Knifton..	".....	56:43 (7:10)
24. R.L. Bernes..	".....	58:19 (8:40)
70. G.E. Beecham..	".....	62:36 (9:20)
71. T. Scott.....	".....	62:37 (10:30)
76. C. Yescombe..	".....	63:06 (11:30)
78. T. Bate.....	"B".....	63:13 (10:00)
84. S.C. James....	".....	63:33 (6:00)
85. K. Bailey....	".....	63:44 (10:00)
87. J.F. Taylor..	".....	64:02 (10:00)
106. D. Fotheringham.	"F".....	65:32 (14:00)
118. B. Gibbs.....	".....	66:33 (10:30)
120. G.V. Townsend..	"C".....	66:43 (12:00)
124. J. Wilson.....	"B".....	66:58 (15:30)
128. A.H. East.....	"C".....	67:34 (17:00)
135. P. Wilson.....	"C".....	68:22 (18:00)
143. C. MacLennan..	"C".....	69:01 (14:30)
172. G. Cameron....	"C".....	73:06 (10:00)
174. D. Logan.....	"G".....	73:13 (16:30)
183. F.G. Denny....	".....	75:01 (15:00)

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT

1. BELGRAVE H "A"....	(Middleton 6, Hall 11, Knifton 16, Bernes 22).....	55 pts
2. Met. W.C.....	(D.Thompson 2, Thomson 7, N.Thompson 15, Purser 31).....	55pts
3. Cambridge H....	(Godbeer 8, Percy 10, Weston 12, Keyton 35).....	65pts

THE ENFIELD OPEN '7'

Although still without our Internationals the 'A' team made a gallant attempt to repeat their Highgate win, but had to give best to Met.W.C. this time.

Our scoring four were Ray Middleton 6th, over a minute faster than last year; Ray Hall 14th, rumour says he's past it!!; John Knifton 20th, carrying more hair around the chin than on top; and London Transport Champion Ted Smith 34th, having (some say) "hopped on a bus"!!

The 'B' and 'C' teams walked very well and Terry Scott improved yet again. Vic Townsend and Gerry Cameron showed what pack training can do, and Don Bartliff walked well for his first "Open" in Belgrave colours.

What? no Belgrave man or team in the handicap?---shame! perhaps they are saving it!

RESULT

1. K. J. Matthews.....R.S.C.....	50:40	(SCR)
2. R.E. Clark.....Poly.....	52:16	(2:40)
3. D. J. Thompson.....Met W.C.....	52:51	(3:10)
4. C. Williams.....Ilford.....	54:05	(2:30)
5. J. Godbeer.....C.H.....	54:10	(3:40)
6. R.C. Middleton.....Belgrave "A".....	54:10	(4:20)
14. R.C. Hall "A" 56:18 (5:00)	100. K. Bailey "B" 65:35	(10:10)
20. J.F. Knifton " 57:15 (7:10)	103. D. Bartliff "C" 65:47	(10:00)
34. E.A. Smith " 58:53 (7:00)	104. J. Wilson "B" 66:08	(15:40)
39. R.L. Barnes " 59:17 (8:40)	105. G. Cameron "C" 66:08	(10:20)
50. S.C. James "B" 60:20 (6:10)	108. A. East "B" 66:34	(17:00)
59. T.G. Scott I 61:30 (10:40)	123. C. MacLennan "C" 68:16	(14:40)
76. J. Morris "A" 63:37 (11:00)	125. P. Wilson " 68:20	(18:00)
85. G. Townsend "B" 64:40 (12:10)	151. F.G. Denny " 73:44	(15:10)
93. D. Fotheringham " 65:10 (14:00)	153. J. Scammell " 74:15	(18:10)

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT

1. Met. W.C. "A".....(2,5,13,24).....	44 pts	R.C.H.
2. BELGRAVE "A".....(4,11,17,27).....	59 pts	
3. Woodford Grn "A".....(9,14,20,22).....	65 pts.	

OTHER RESULTS:

Oct 1st

Stan Vickers 2nd to Ken Matthews, Leicester Open '7'.

Oct 6th - Chippenham to Calne 6 miles.

Only 2 Belgrave starters. Ray Middleton 6th, 47:35 and A. Bates 82nd 56:57.

Oct 15th - R.W.A. National Junior 5 miles

Bob Barnes walked well to finish 5th, 40:37. John Taylor (Midland Junior 1 mile Champ) finished 13th, 43:31. Unfortunately our other men fell under the judge's disapproval.

Nov 12th

During the Enfield Open '7' a passer-by was heard to remark "It can't do them any good you know". (Eds. Perhaps some of our readers would like to suggest a suitable retort that can be briefly "delivered" by a competitor who does in fact feel anything but good?!)

Nov 21st

Eric Hall retained his Civil Services 7 miles Championship; Ray Middleton being runner-up.

The next Club social will be held at Belgrave Hall on Mon. 25th, a day of "home" fixtures for both runners and walkers. A sausage and mash supper will be held in the Hall at 5.45pm. The bar (licence applied for) will open at 6.30pm. All sections of the Club are invited to help make the 2nd social of the year a great success.

THE 41ST BELGRAVE OPEN '7'

It was Matthews, Matthews, Matthews all the way in the Belgrave Open '7' at Wimbledon on November 26th. Ken Matthews (Royal Sutton Coldfield W.C.), the A.A.A. 7 mile track champion, was an easy winner; though his time of 52:30 was 3 mins. slower than his record of 3 years ago.

In second place was the much improved Bob Clark (Poly) with Eric Hall occupying the same position as last year, third. Fourth was Stan Vickers and fifth, the Olympic 50 Kilos gold medallist Don Thompson (Met. W.C.)---- a nap hand of considerable note!

Matthews went into an immediate lead and after barely half a mile led the 180 competitors by nearly 100 yds! a few eyebrows were raised but as far as could be seen-----no feet. About his victory there was little doubt. The interesting battle was the second place duel between Eric Hall and Polytechnic's Clark. These two were fighting it out together for about 3 miles when, just short of Pepys Hill, Clark moved ahead increasing his lead up the hill. Stan Vickers was a short distance behind, a few yards up on Thompson, with Rays, Middleton and Hall, within the next six places.

Lapping the Common for the second time, the leading position was unaltered and interest turned to the handicap award. Bob Barnes was trying hard to catch John Knifton and was six places clear of Ted Smith 30th. Around the 70 mark D. Fotheringham was maintaining a short lead over Cyril Yescombe and Johnny Morris, and a little further back still, Bert East had his eyes set on catching George Checkley and another handicap award!

The only change amongst the leaders at the finish was that A.G. Thomson (Met. W.C.) had passed Ray Middleton, and the young Surrey walker M. Fullager had moved ahead of Ray Hall. John Knifton had displaced three, with Bob Barnes maintaining his place.

With four in the first eleven we were assured of retaining the BERMAN Cup; whilst our 'B' team took the handicap award. In the individual handicap we took second and third places with D. Fotheringham and ----yes! ----Bert East!!

RESULT

1.K.Matthews (R.S.C.)	52:30	79.C.Yescombe (Bels)	64:14
2.R.Clark (Poly)	52:42	81.J.Morris "	64:26
3.E.Hall (BELS)	53:06	89.D.Bertliff "	64:54
4.S.Vickers "	54:03	95.G.Townsend "	65:23
5.D.Thompson (M.W.C.)	54:21	102.G. Checkley "	65:53
6.A.Thomson "	54:52	105.J.Wilson "	66:14
7.R.Middleton (BELS.)	54:55	107.A.East "	66:22
11.R.Hall "	56:40	112.K.Bailey "	66:57
14.J.Knifton "	57:04	116.G.Cameron "	67:24
24.R.Barnes "	58:58	122.P.Wilson "	68:11
30.E.Smith "	59:32	147.G.Doubledey "	70:08
57.T.Scott "	62:19	157.D.Logan "	71:07
71.D.Fotheringham "	63:14	159.F.Denny "	71:55
73.G.Bete "	63:36	170.J.Scammell "	75:58
75.W.Balderson "	63:46	172 finished.	

TEAMS:	1. BELGRAVE H.	(2,3,6,10).....	21 pts
	2. Met. W.C.	(4,5,19,24).....	32 pts
	3. Highgate H.	(14,16,25,28).....	33 pts
	4. Surrey W.C.	(7,21,23,33).....	34 pts
	5. Poly H.	(1,17,31,47).....	36 pts
	6. Woodford Gn A.C.	(20,26,29,32).....	107 pts

Are you a member of the Club's Football scheme? For only 1/- per week you can not only help the Club's finances, but also put yourself in line for one of the many substantial prizes that are awarded for each competition. Tickets and result sheets are forwarded to all participants in the scheme. Why not drop a card to J.W.Goswell, 7, Faversham Court, Catford, S.E.6?----right now!

Many members do not seem to be aware that their current subscriptions became due on Sept.1st 1960.

SPOTLIGHT

RANJIT BHATIA

As the hot Roman sun sank to the west, casting the Stadia Olympia into shadow, Ranjit Bhatia stepped on to the brick-red track for an Olympic 5,000 metres heat. At 24 years of age Ranjit had gained the highest award attainable by an athlete—that of representing his country at an Olympic Games.

Ranjit Bhatia was born in the Middlesex hospital on the 27th May 1936. A year later he had moved to Eastern India where he lived until 1948, when that part of the country became Pakistan. Those troubled times forced him to depart to Delhi in great haste, where, four years later, his athletics career commenced.

When in 1957, he left India for a two-year mathematics scholarship at Oxford he had already won the Indian Universities' 1500 metres (4:10.6) and placed second in the 800 metres (1:58.4); but these times were no real guide to his future.

During his first year he did not find the change of climate to his liking—and in any event studies came first—but even so he reduced his best mile time to 4:16.0 when running for O.U.A.C. v Middx and had won his first Club medal when finishing third in Belgrave's one mile championship.

Contrary to popular belief about Asian athletes, Ranjit seemed to prefer the longer middle-distance events, and after a winter season of rather mixed fortunes he was a member of our second placed team in the Ilford Road Relay, April 1959. Most of his winter training had been done on the track and by May he had reached his peak with 52.3, 1:57.1, 4:15.5 and 9:16.0.

It was fortunate for Belgrave, and India too for that matter, that the next 2 months were spent at intensive study; for Ranjit did so well in his finals that he was awarded a year's continuation for research at Oxford. For the remainder of the summer he left the track alone, "I was bored with racing, so I left it and went to Sweden for a holiday".

In the autumn of 1959 he changed his training methods and in the company of such notable athletes as Stephen James, Paddy Montague and Alistair Wood, trained exclusively on the country. Each day he lapped round a circuit which included several steep hills, and by the New Year he was considerably strengthened.

In the early months of 1960 he established himself as one of our leading country runners, being our second man home in both the South of Thames Senior (39th) and Southern (61st) and winning the Oxfordshire County Championship. He steadily improved and came into his own when the road relay season arrived.

In the Ilford Road Relay he was the fastest man of our winning team and became the second ever Belgravian to break 18 mins in that race. The following week he reduced Pat Newell's record by the fantastic margin of 25secs in the Club 5½ mile Road Race Championship, recording 27:56.6—a time that should stand for many years.

Then came the "National" London Brighton Relay. Commenting on the previous autumn's Southern race "Olympian" had written"—a moderate performance with a few bright spots in the form of Bhatia, Black and Dabbs." Ranjit had raced in third on the first leg. Six months later he was promoted to the 9th stage of the "National", and Olympian's report read"—with a time of 28:56 (third fastest of the day) sliced off half a minute from the Club record, besides being faster than such seasoned stars as Gordon Pirie and Bruce Tulloh". Most will remember this as his finest performance; it was a lesson in relaxed, even-paced running.

And so to the Olympic year's track season. Initially he had no thoughts towards Olympic selection, but a 4:08.7 and 13:57 on successive days in the Oxford University Championships in April had many thinking otherwise. In the space of the next four months he had run 3 miles thirteen consecutive times under 14:12—a time only one other Belgravian had ever beaten! During this period he set a new record in the U.A.U. Championships with

13:56, recorded 13:57 in the inter-Counties, was runner-up in the "Kinnaird" to Alistair Wood with 14:02, and on several occasions raced two "threes" in one week---consistency of running which many faster three-milers would envy.

When told he was Asia's fastest miler Ranjit realised that Olympic selection was more than just a possibility; but on learning that the team had already been nominated he gave up the idea. Bob Taylor thought otherwise and advised him to contact Les Cohen whose communication to the Indian Olympic Committee resulted in Ranjit being selected for the 5,000 metres. A vacancy existed in the 10,000 metres event as well, so Ranjit decided to use the Club '6' as a trial, instead of competing in Scotland over the shorter distance. He readily agreed to run alternate laps with Dabbs and Robinson, but although winning the race in a new Championship best performance of 29:50.6 he apologised to one of the competitors for not running his laps fast enough!---such is his modesty.

Three weeks later he ran in Rome. It would be nice to record that he won through his heat, but he didn't. His performance dropped in the same sort of proportion as did those of Britain's 5,000 metres runners; although his only comment was "I didn't feel up to it" and the matter closed!

Thus we say goodbye to an athlete who endeared himself to us all. It was to honour not only his running prowess but also his modesty and love of Belgrave Harriers that at the A.G.M. 1960 he was elected a Vice-President.

L.E.R.

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A hearty vote of thanks goes to Arthur Whitehead and all who helped in any way with the promotion and carrying through of our fourth annual Open Youths Road Relay. Once again it was a great success and drew support from all over the country. The first six clubs, viz. Hallamshire H, Hercules AC, Coventry Godiva H, Mitoham AC, Sheffield United H, Belgrave H, give evidence of the national appeal the race now has, with two Northern clubs and one from the Midlands in the first six placings out of the 47 teams that competed. It was gratifying too, to see our own boys--not all of them in the "A" team--showing up well in this promotion of ours, which has surely already become one of the classic races for Youths.

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Those b * * * y asterisks again! Three have escaped from our new Handbook where they should have reposed against the times recorded in the 1 mile, 3 miles and 6 miles Club Championships; indicating that they were Club Best Championship performances. Please amend accordingly!

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Early in November, on a Wednesday afternoon, nearly 400 boys managed to change in our Headquarters and compete in two races for the South London Schools Championships, and the Shields given by our Vice President, Mr. E. Ryan. How encouraging to see Belgrave vests proudly and prominently worn by so many of the runners; and what a testimony to the Club's future that Belgrave boys should win both the races.

Well done, Hudson and Morrison!

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Stan Vickers' great 2 miles Walk in the A.A.A. Championships, when a 54 year old record was eliminated, has won for him the Harvey Memorial Gold Cup for the best Champion of the year; and Stan's name rightly joins those of the Immortals who have preceded him. This trophy is a wealth of athletic history in itself.

The RWA "Coronation" Cup has also been awarded to Stan for the same performance.

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Our Club Track Championships in 1961 will take place at Hurlingham Park Track on Saturday May 27th. Every Club member is asked to note this date and give his support. The date is a little earlier than usual but only precedes the County Championships by a week.

A.A.H.

BELS. PLACED IN CHELMSFORD RELAY

It was third nearly all the way in this the 13th Chelmsford promotion. The exception was Jack Brown, now running with much of the fire shown in his pre-Cyprus days, who moved up to 1st place on the fourth of the six stages. Taking over from Cliff Roffey in 3rd place, he soon put St. Albans behind him and moved steadily up to Woodford. Meanwhile, H. Minshall (A.P.M.) was sweeping past Thurrock & St Albans and with little under a mile to go was on Jack's heels. But at this point Jack moved away, catching Crump (Woodford) to hand over to Charlie Dabbs in the lead.

Eric Gebbett, running his now customary stage 1, had got us off to a good start by finishing third. Using the "mile to go" post as did Jack, he split the leading group--only Hempstead and Ponders End staying with him. It was only up the finishing straight that they re-passed him.

Although passed by T. Smith (Ipswich) and W. Heiburg (Woodford) Jumbo Masters, on the next stage, pegged back the previous leaders and so retained 3rd place. Aylesford, after an excellent run by Frank Sando had moved up from 17th to 4th, just behind.

Cliff Roffey ran a well judged stage in this his last race in England. He soon passed Ipswich, although Woodford (Chapman 15.05) had moved further away and Denis O'Gorman with 15.02 had taken St. Albans through to 2nd place. We were still third! It was at this point that Jack Brown took command.

On the penultimate leg Charlie Dabbs moved away from Woodford in excellent fashion but eventually had to give way to Mayatt (A.P.M.).

Mal Robinson, super-confident after his "Brighton" run, set off after the leader as though determined to break the course record, but paid heavily for his too fast a start when he was passed by Woodford (Gerrett 14.56) in the last mile.

We thus finished, as we had started, third. But our performance was far better than those of the previous two years.

RESULT

1. Aylesford P.M.	91:44	(E. Gebbett	15:33	J. Brown	15:20
2. Woodford Grd.	92:22	(J. Masters	15:33	C. Dabbs	15:23
3. BELGRAVE H.	92:37	(C. Roffey	15:23	M. Robinson	15:25

Match at Epsom ~ Oct. 15th

Our opening cross-country fixture produced a convincing win for Belgrave. Although we had 12 members competing in the Walton '10', and several more assisting with the Open Youths Road Relay at Wimbledon, we were still able to field 14 at this event—a fine start.

First man home for Belgrave was Gordon Mackenzie. America's Olympic marathon star was making his debut in Belgrave colours, and although well below his usual form, was too good for all but one of the opposition—D. Brown of the Navy. Gordon was well backed up by Shipley (3rd), Maclean & Shippen (6th), Forey (8th) and Miller (12th).

RESULT.

14 to score)	1. BELGRAVE.....18pts	(8 to score)	1. BELGRAVE.....72pts
	2. Hercules.....42pts		2. Hercules.....139pts
	3. Royal Navy....54pts		3. Epsom & Ewell...64pts
	4. Epsom & Ewell.60pts		4. Royal Navy...187pts
	5. Orpington...200pts.		

From 'THE BELGRAVIAN' 25 years ago

FEB 1936 "The A.A.A. have recently circularised about 150 athletes advising them that they are under consideration for Olympic selection, and urging them to take particular care in their preparation. Final selection will be made after the A.A.A. Championships-----Our members to receive the official letter are: J.E. Flower (10,000 metres), J. Ginty (Steeplech.) J. Parker (5,000 and 10,000 metres), A.W. Penny (5,000 and 10,000 metres), G.H. Powell (Javelin) and T.H. Scrimshaw (800 metres).

No walkers have been advised, but here the A.A.A. are acting in concert with the R.W.A., and there is little doubt that several of our men are on the "probables" list.

THE 5 MILES X-CITY RACE ~ Wimbledon

Belgrave's Gordon Mackenzie (once known as America's Gordon Mackenzie!) had to be content with second place for the second successive week in this our opening home event of the season. However, it was only due to an unfortunate injury that he allowed Alan Black to gain such a comfortable win.

Although six of our leading runners were at Chelmsford the 36 starters were quite capable of producing an exciting race, especially as George Williams, one of our noted walkers, had chosen this race to return to the runners' fold.

Black, Mackenzie, Miller and Maclean were soon ahead, but at the "Brook" (in full flood!) the first two were well clear. Sawyer and Dooley were 5th and 6th through the water, with Jones, Peckings, Williams, Penny, Shippen and Mallott in a group 100 yds or so behind.

With a mile to go Alan and Gordon were still shoulder to shoulder a full 1 1/2 mins ahead of the next man. It was here that Gordon tore a calf muscle negotiating a ditch and was forced to finish at a mere trot.

On reaching the hills Joe Dooley made very rapid headway to gain three vital places and finish a worthy third. This effort gave him a convincing handicap win also.

George Williams held his own throughout and should feel well pleased with his first outing.

RESULT.

1. A. Black.....28.26....(0.45)	19. E. Pallent.....32.59... (4.30)
2. G. Mackenzie....29.31....(1.00)	20. R. Conway.....33.15... (4.45)
3. J. Dooley.....29.58....(3.30)	21. R. Bolem.....33.25... (6.00)
4. K. Miller.....30.01....(1.20)	22. A. Penstone....33.25... (5.30)
5. B. Sawyer.....30.12....(1.45)	23. A. Jackson.....34.37... (4.00)
6. D. Maclean.....30.33....(1.15)	24. G. Piddington..34.38... (5.15)
7. C. Shippen.....31.01....(1.10)	25. D. Gordon.....34.53... (6.00)
8. A. Peckings....31.29....(3.30)	26. M. Smithers....35.02... (6.00)
9. D.W. Jones....31.36....(3.0)	27. J. Macdonald...35.02... (6.00)
10. G. Williams....31.45....(3.0)	28. P. Wrench.....35.57... (5.00)
11. E. Penny.....31.51....(4.0)	29. R. Beaumont...36.08... (7.15)
12. T. Mallott....31.55....(4.0)	30. P. Fox.....36.55... (6.30)
13. K. Stimpson...31.58....(3.0)	31. T. Cook.....37.14... (9.00)
14. F. Paget.....32.12....(4.45)	32. J. Baker.....37.33... (8.30)
15. G. Biscoe....32.20....(3.15)	33. R. Glover.....37.38... (3.00)
16. K. Braine....32.26....(4.15)	34. R. Fairman....37.39... (8.00)
17. E. Churchard..32.34....(3.30)	35. D.C. Brown....40.55... (5.00)
18. C. Henn.....32.38....(5.0)	

Handicap:-1. J.Dooley 26:28 2.R. Bolem 27:25 3. F. Paget 27:27.

Match at Addington ~ Oct.29th

Rain, which had fallen continuously for 24 hours, produced stretches of very heavy going on the Addington plough, and caused the rapid obliteration of the powdered-chalk course marks. Ken Miller, Jumbo Masters and Symons of Hercules as a result lost 200 yds or so through going off course

Towl (HHH) was a comfortable winner in 29:53, with Shippen (31:30), Miller (31:35) and Masters (31:40), 3rd, 4th, 5th. Charlie Dabbs (34:40) could not overcome the going and finished an uncharacteristic 15th. Hercules were unable to close in a team, so in a straight fight with HHH we went down by 96-80.

The home club were also winners of the Junior match. Thresher, Heck, Forey and Penny were our scoring quartette.

RESULT.

Seniors:-	1. H.H.H... (1,5,6,7,8,10,12,15,16).....80 pts
	2. BELGRAVE H... (2,3,4,9,11,13,14,17,18).....91 pts
Juniors:-	1. H.H.H... (1,2,3,13).....19 pts
	2. Hercules AC... (4,5,9,10).....28 pts
	3. BELGRAVE H... (6,7,8,12).....33 pts

Twelve Past-Presidents were in attendance at the Club dinner on Nov 5th

BELS. DISAPPOINT IN STH. OF THAMES JNR.

With Ken Miller and Alan Black in the first four after half a mile and Cyril Forey and Mike Heck backing up well, our team chances looked very reasonable. Then first Alan, and later Ken, dropped to the forties, where, at 2 miles they were joined by Cyril Forey, our new Junior member, who had been steadily making ground.

A mile later, with their backs to Windsor Castle, Ken had moved on to 39th, with Cyril four places back; Mike Heck was beginning to move through strongly from the 60's, but Alan was still fading with an attack of stitch, and Brian Sawyer took over as 4th scoring man.

Over the last mile all of the team moved forward. Miller up to 31st and Heck passing Forey to 35th place, but we had to wait for Sawyer 93rd, before the team closed in.

RESULT.

1.D.Cooke (Portsmouth AC)	..28:56
31.K.Miller (BELGRAVE H.)30:23
35.M.Heck (" ")30:26
43.C.Forey (" ")30:35
95.B.Sawyer (" ")31:14

1. Reading AC.....	26pts
2. S.L.H.....	76pts
3. Portsmouth AC.....	99pts
8. BELGRAVE H.....	202pts

105, J. Dooley: 148, A. Black: 161, A. Peckings: 169, D. W. Jones: 197, E. Penny: 210, T. Hart: 220, F. Paget: 225, R. Braine: 232, G. Biscoe: 238, A. Jackson: 266, C. Henn: 267, H. Steerman: 270, E. Pallent: 271, T. Mallott: 283, W. Fairfield: 286, G. Piddington: 290, J. McDonald: 308, L. Smithers: 321, D. Gordon: 324, R. Beaumont: 353, D. Maclean.

PLACED AGAIN IN L.C.C.

The bronze medals went to Belgrave again in this year's race, but it was only by a stroke of good fortune, and at the expense of Herne Hill Harriers, that they were gained. Herne Hill suffered the misfortune of disqualification from 3rd place over a technicality involving pacing by one of their ineligible members. We thus maintained our unbroken run of gaining awards in every Championship that has been held.

Conditions were probably as bad underfoot as they could have been although we were lucky that the rain abated before the race began. Our boys got away to a good start and Black, Miller, Brown, Dabbs and Johnston were soon prominent, with Masters and Dooley further back but well positioned. At 2½ miles, Alan Black was seen to be running very well and easily in 7th place with Ken Miller on his heels in 9th position. Jack Brown was 21st, Charlie Dabbs (without shoes, à la Tulloh) 32nd, Masters 47th, Dooley 57th, Gebbett (recovering from gastric trouble) 60th and Johnston 64th.

A mile further on Alan had moved up to 5th but Ken had fallen to 10th. Charlie Dabbs had found that his lack of shoes was too much of a handicap, and retired. The remainder, with the exception of Jumbo, had made progress—especially Joe Dooley who was enjoying himself immensely making place after place.

With less than a mile to go our positions were Black(4), Miller(10), Brown, also without shoes but maintaining his position, (17), Dooley (34), Gebbett (51), Masters (62), Johnston (63). There was little or no change at the finish and our score (with individuals deleted) was 59 which to all intents gave us fourth place. Later we were to learn of Herne Hill's disqualification.

It was grand to see Alan Black performing so well—this young man has a wealth of talent and if only he can change his attitude towards racing and convince himself that his rightful position is much higher than he normally finishes, we shall have yet another international in our ranks. Ken Miller can also congratulate himself on a grand effort and Joe Dooley again surprised us all by the progress he makes after a slow start. If his legs could "twinkle" a little harder in the early stages he would be much better placed.

Three of our runners lost their shoes during the race. Let us hope they have learnt their lesson before the major championships come round.

RESULT

1. Highgate Harriers.....(2,3,8,13).....	26 pts.
2. Hampstead Harriers....(7,10,12,16).....	45 pts.
3. BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....(4,9,15,31).....	59 pts.

W.E.L.

'IT'S ALL A PROBLEM'-----OR-- When in Rome do as the Belgravians do!

As our train gathered speed and Dennis Logan gave a last cry of "erevederci" to the fast disappearing figure of his daughter on the platform, we settled into our seats to see what the newspaper pundits had to say of the XVIII Olympiad. Our trip to Rome had begun.

According to our schedule it should take 36 hours to reach the "City of the seven hills"; and exactly to the minute we arrived. Having got there trouble-free we naïvely assumed there would be no difficulties, but it was in Rome that trouble reared its ugly head. "Your accommodation" said the most genial, but rascally, Italian ever to be an assistant agent, "has been moved to a lovely villa, not far away". The Villa Gracia was indeed lovely, but over two miles from the City centre and quite out of the way for the stadia.

After two nights of Tom Carter and friend Reggie initiating us into the art of late night habits, and giddy climbing over 10 feet high barred gates at 2 a.m., we moved to the Pensione Adriana. This was just outside the station (a magnificent example of modern architecture) and was indeed very comfortable.

"Black Wednesday" was our first day at the Stadia Olympica. Hewson out---Rowe out---Selvat and Ranjit Bhatia out; what a start! and then Bruce Tulloh, after a tremendous fight, was also eliminated. But saddest of all we saw the slender, loping figure of Gordon Pirie----the only man to stop the incessant "RAIRA'RA! GERMANIA!" chant of the Germans----finish outside the first six.

As we trooped out of the Stadium, a dejected band, the confusion over transport did little to improve our feelings. However, we couldn't remain glum for long, there was so much to see and do. This, Harry Shields emphasised each morning when he mapped out the day's schedule for his family. St. Peter's by lham, then the Vatican, the Castel S. Angelo and lunch, and then on to the Stadium. "Can we get in the Partheon? we'll see; it's all a problem!" A problem it was.

A night visit to the Colosseum was a must. One's imagination could easily cast off the ruined appearance and visualise a vast marble stadium housing thousands of Romans clad in white togas, gesticulating at the figures in the arena to the accompaniment of lions roaring in the dungeons below; whilst Nero (fiddle and all) turned down his thumb.

Rome is not all ruins, or rather, out of the ruins there often rises beauty. The open air performance of Verdi's opera "Aide" at the Baths of Caracala was indeed spell-binding. Spell-binding too was the view seen from the flat roof of St. Peters, where, looking over the stone balustrade of small sculptured figures, could be seen the liber meandering past Castel and hill. The inside of St. Peter's was in itself a wonder. Every stone, mural or font was studied with history. "Christ leant against that colonnade whilst preaching; this mural Michaelangelo painted for his life; this stone-----; that window-----," so much for a lay-men to absorb.

But all roads led to the Stadia when the noon-day heat was down. "Gee! burn those cinders lorton!", "Come on Radford!", "Viva Berrutti!" could be distinguished from the cheers of the many Nationalities all fervently pleading for their favourites; and each athlete strained even harder to do justice to his support, eager to gain a coveted Olympic medal and all aware that only one man can be the winner. As the evening drew on the hot sun slipped behind the Stadium walls and the ensuing darkness was relieved only by the electric scoreboard and the Olympic flame which fluttered continuously through rain and shine.

In a two weeks athletics programme there was so much to see that it is difficult to bring forward all the memorable moments. Though, Thompson striding to a great win in the 50 Kilos walk; Radford flashing to a bronze medal in the 100 metres; Elliott toying with the world's best over

1500 metres: "wild-men" Cerutti running on to the track; Avril Williams throwing the javelin beyond the Olympic record and into second place, only in her excitement, to step over the line and be disqualified; Halberg jumping the 5,000 metres field for a 3:11:0 last 3 laps (60,65,66); Kryzkowiek winning the steeplechase exactly how he wished; the three Americans, after taking all three medals in the "shot", parading around the arena in complete disregard of the officials; the tall lithe negro Otis Davis jumping with abandon when hearing that his winning time in the 400 metres was a world record, and Robbie Brightwell with a new British record failing by the narrowest of margins to qualify for the 400 metres final, come instantly to mind.

Most memorable, of course, was the sight of our own Stan Vickers striding gamely into the Stadium to take third place in the 20 Kilos walk. Our 6'X 3' Union Jack which had not been seen very frequently during the Games was waved till the shaft broke! We cheered and cheered, and before there was any quieting Eric Hall appeared in 10th place, his Legionare cap hiding his distorted face as he finished his final effort. It was difficult to know who caused the most attraction, Stan and Eric, or ourselves. Our neighbours were not quite certain for whom we cheered "Up the Bels., B-E-L-G-R-A-V-E, Belgrave!" but their cameras clicked and their movies whirred just the same.

And so to those evergreen moments on the social side. Dave Shepherd and Win with Merry Shields and family in the land of spectacle, romance, music and delicious wines, crowding round a small paraffin stove on the marble floor for a "brew-up"; a certain gentleman choosing this particular fortnight in this particular country to have 4 stitches inserted in his head, when no free health-service existed; the look of utter surprise on the face of the East German 1500 metres star S.Valentin, as we galloped past during a hard training session on the sands of the Lido, and the sight of Valentin getting up from his reclining position to train in the opposite direction----mad dogs and Englishmen etc! These, and many more memories come crowding in.

As always our last day soon arrived, and as we filed past the beaming Pensione women, the rascally agent Angelo (what a name!) and on to the Continental Express, our Roman holiday was brought to an end.

M.E.R.

HERE & THERE

In the London Clubs' Floodlit meeting at the White City on Sept 28th, Belgrave were placed third with Pat Newell (9:7:8) 8th, Ranjit Bhatia (9:9:0) 10th, and Lal Robinson (9:13:4) 13th being our scoring three. In the 5 miles Invitation walk Vickers and Hall were placed 2nd and 4th respectively behind a record-breaking Ken Matthews.

At the same meeting Peter Eldridge and Ron Holtum gained their "London" vests; Peter doing 48.8 and Ron anchoring the relay team.

Len "Ginger" Coleman was a member of the triumphant British team in the International Chefs'(!) competition held recently in Germany.

The Editors have been taken to task for withholding vital information re our increased membership. Both Archie Bedford and Eddie Short claim they were daddies before the issue of our last gazette. Their word is not doubted. After all Archie is capable of almost anything! It is rumoured that Mrs Bedford now has difficulty in deciding who should have the milk (stout!) bottle first!!

The item of news at the foot of Page 11 in September's Belgravian should have read "-----John Bromleys 3 mile record of 15 minutes odd still stands, and-----".

In attempting to keep track of the recent spate of newly-born Belgravians, your co-Editor, Clive Shippen, almost overlooked that his own second son had arrived!---with 14 years to go before they are even youths, this newly acquired 2-man pearlauf team has great prospects!!

THE CLUB SEVEN

A field of 28 took part in this event held on one of the most miserable afternoons of the winter. The start was fairly fast with first Like Stearman and then Eric Gebbett enjoying a brief few seconds of glory. By 600 yards however Charlie Dabbs was in command with a fair sized bunch of runners all lying handy. Alan Black and Lal Robinson were soon level with Charlie and for the first two miles these three fought it out with never more than a few yards in it. At two miles Alan gradually crept in front with Lal and Charlie only a few yards down.

At the end of the first lap Alan (20.53) led Lal (20.55) with Charlie a further 4 secs down. Jack Brown (21.10) was also fairly well up. After these four the field became rather strung out with Hollowell, Johnson and Gebbett filling the next three positions. Stearman, the initial leader, was back in 14th place, and our old friend Macdonald although well down the field was in fine form, vocally that is, and let fly a sizzling stream of abuse at Bill Lucas who will in future know better than to offer "Mac" any advice in the middle of a race! Another to distinguish himself in an unorthodox way was Bob Glover who retired simply because he wanted to watch the leaders finish!

Over the final lap the positions remained practically the same except that the gaps increased but Eric Gebbett, now getting fit again after a bout of gastro-enteritis, made up two places.

At the finish both Alan and Malcolm appeared to be quiet fit and strong and one can only hope that this result will give Alan a little bit of confidence; which he seems to have lacked in the past. On the debit side mention must be made of the gap between the first four and the remainder of the field; four good men unsupported will get us nowhere in the major races

RESULT	R.L.
1. A. Black.....42.15...(0.20)	14. M. Stearman...47.30....(4.15)
2. M. Robinson...42.34...(1.15)	15. E. Penny.....47.50....(5.00)
3. C. Dabbs.....42.55...(SCR)	16. G. Biscoe....48.20....(4.30)
4. J. Brown.....43.28...(1.45)	17. T. Mallott...48.22....(4.30)
5. E. Gebbett....45.15...(1.15)	18. G. Pearson...48.31....(6.00)
6. E. Hollowell...45.23...(1.00)	19. A. Penstone..48'41....(6.30)
7. B. Johnston...45.25...(3.00)	20. B. Sawyer....48.55....(2.45)
8. D. Maclean....45.35...(1.30)	21. C. Henn.....49.05....(6.00)
9. L. Bishop.....46.04....(2.45)	22. D. Newell...50.54....(8.00)
10. D.W. Jones....46.24....(4.15)	23. J. Macdonald.50.54....(9.00)
11. J. Thresher...46.36....(2.45)	24. R. Cogway....51.10....(6.45)
12. D. Crookes...47.05....(3.15)	25. J. Heathfield.51.23....(4.30)
13. A. Bishop....47.12....(6.00)	26. S. Hilton...55.28....(6.30)
	27. J. Beker....58.00....(12.0)
Handicap:-1. A. Bishop 41:12	2. M. Robinson 41:19
	3. J. Macdonald 41:54

Match at Blackheath ~ Dec. 10th

Although we had several runners competing in both the Civil Service and Insurance Championships our turn-out at this fixture was decidedly poor. The already long list of incapacitated Belgrevians must have lengthened still further on the day, for the majority of our leading athletes failed to appear. Of the eleven Bels that started only Ken Miller produced anything worthwhile, and it was no surprise when we were placed last in the team result; especially so when five of the eleven were in the last eight to finish.

Result: (11 to score)

1. Blackheath 134 pts	5. K. Miller 45:36	22. D.W. Jones 48:46
2. Royal Navy 171	13. J. Thresher 46:58	26. M. Stearman 49:29
3. BELGRAVE 256	17. Shippen/Short 47:55	(first six Bels)

Ken Venton, now stationed at Taunton with the R.A.P.C., finished 8th in the Devon County cross country championships---one place ahead of Olympic athlete Brian Kent-Smith. Ken is beginning to show fine form and hopes to be available for our leading fixtures. For the record, and as a post script to the round up of Counties' track championships in our last issue, Ken was third in the Devon County half-mile of 1960.

CROSS-COUNTRY CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

Since the last issue of the Belgravian we have both welcomed and bade farewell to Gordon McKenzie of the United States. Belgrave Harriers were not exactly unknown to Gordon. How could they be when his wife is none other than the former Chris Slemon of Selsonia Ladies A.C., and close friend of Betty Jones, our immediate past-president's wife.

Although their post-Olympic stay with Belgrave lasted but 4 weeks, most active Belgravians have had the pleasure of the McKenzies' acquaintance. We hope Gordon's memories of the London-Brighton Relay, two races in Belgrave colours, a Saturday evening social, a Sunday ramble, and the Club dinner will be sufficiently pleasant to persuade him to visit us again soon.

Ranjit Bhatia, who ran against Gordon in the Olympic marathon is now teaching at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; and Cliff Roffey, who ran so well in the "Brighton" is now back in Kenya for another 3 year tour of duty.

Talking of the "Brighton", what a heartening sight it was to see Jack Brown handing over to Ron Linstead! The former has got back into his running most impressively after his 3 year absence whilst Ron has burst into the limelight in most sensational fashion. Many of us were aware of his potential, but his reluctance to compete unless he considered himself 100% fit and at the height of form led one to believe his intentions were not really serious---until the Belgrave "Open 20" that is. His 6th place in 1:51:49 was a definite warning to the Country's distance runners----- a warning which he underlined, in no uncertain fashion, with 3rd places in the "S.L.F. 30" and "London/Brighton" runs. The shorter distance athletes were not exempt from this treatment either, for he chalked up fustest time by far on the Redhill stage of the "Brighton" relay, and was only 3 secs slower than Alan Black in our own yacht '3'. Unfortunately, Ron is rather injury-prone and will miss the chance of gaining his county colours this January. However, the main part of the season is yet to come and he should find some tough cross-country races a valuable background to his road-running, as have Jack Holden, Jim Peters and Fred Morris before him!

We hope to see Charlie Walker out again in the New Year. The tragic loss of his 4 year old daughter in October has naturally curtailed his activities. Several of the lads contributed towards a floral tribute and sent their sincerest condolences to Chas. and Betty, whose young son Stephen helped them magnificently in their time of sorrow.

Pat Newell had his first outing of the season in the Hatch against Litcham and in his first race for 11 weeks completely pulverised a strong field. His excellent form during the track and road-relay seasons suggests he could well occupy forward positions in the Southern and National Championships. Pat has helped a great deal in "carrying" the Bels through their lean spell these last few years. It rather looks as though he'll be getting the support he deserves---perhaps this will raise him to new heights.

Turn-outs for our fixtures have so far not been very pleasing. If 35 can regularly appear in our own closed races, surely we should average 25 at our inter-club fixtures; the present figure is more like 15. Those who rarely miss a fixture include George Piddington, Chris Fairfield, Dennis Jones, Eric Penny and Mike Steerman, with another half-dozen not far behind. It is to be hoped that this nucleus will shortly be supplemented by most of our leading runners, who should now be tuning up for the Southern and National events.

Charlie Dabbs is another to have joined our long list of "temporarily inactive" runners. Suspected pleurisy has restricted Chas's training for at least 8 weeks, but he should be back in form for the Southern. Most improved runners of the season are at present Ken Miller, Alan Black and, Junior Cyril Forey; but perhaps there are some dark horses waiting for the final run-in before they show their hand--- Mike Heck, Jim Radford, David Jones and John Thresher for example.

By the time you read this the County Championships will have been decided. We could well have Jack Brown (Kent), Pat Newell (Widex) and one of our Surrey team competing in the Inter-Counties at Bingley.

May 1961 bring to you all, the greatest of success-----this, of course will call for a little harder work all round!

C.S.

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The election of other officers followed the normal course, some sections had their plans made with members willing to serve, others had difficulty in finding members to act as officials. The election of the Committee was notable in the fact that only nine names were nominated to fill the ten positions on the committee. Is this the first time that this has occurred?

In many ways this seems to be 'missing the opportunity'. Criticism is aimed at the Committee (and maybe rightly so) for lack of understanding, but, on election night, there are no volunteers to assist in this matter. Members can learn so much from Committee work-Club administration, it's finance, arranging meetings and so forth. A good club committee man is the equal of a champion runner or walker, within the Club.

A man who became a good Belgravian in a short time, Ranjit Bhatia, was proposed by Clive Shippen to be made a Vice-President of the Club, and this was adopted amidst acclamation from the members.

Then came that item on the agenda, when anything can happen-"Other business". And it happened. A member asked what action the Officials were going to take about Police competitors running for the Police at open meetings; the status of their 'first claim', including the fact that Police members were not running for the Club. The opinions expressed seemed to indicate that the Police athlete was running for the Police Club instead of his private club at his own request. That there was a definite misunderstanding of the Policeman's position, as an athlete actually competing on behalf of the Police Authority, was apparent.

Each man selected to represent the Police Authority in a sporting event of whatever nature is entitled to four hours time off for the event once a week. If for any reason he is unable to attend the event he cannot claim the four hours privilege time off under any circumstances.

It can be seen that an athlete selected to represent the Police Authority in an athletic event, for which his duty has been facilitated by the grant of the four hours time-off privilege, could be at an event at which his private club have entered a team. The athlete must represent the Police Authority, he must not use the four hours for his private purposes.

As a general rule, however, a policeman athlete who is willing to help himself will obtain assistance from his senior officers to attend events, bearing in mind, though, that Police Duty must come first.

The Chairman then informed the meeting that the matter of Police athletes at Open meetings was being investigated, and there being no other business, closed a successful A.G.M.

In retrospect, it is to be regretted that more members were not there to give their views, and we, all of us, should endeavour to be at the Belgrave Harriers Annual General Meeting next year.

F.J.

Match at Wimbledon ~ Dec. 17th

With Seniors, Juniors, Youths and Boys taking part in one afternoon, there was plenty of entertainment for the many spectators. Arthur Whitehead's new 3 lap course was ideal for the occasion; Boys and Youths doing one lap, Juniors two and the Seniors three.

The Bels performed in all four contests, Mitcham and Watford in three, and Hercules in one; and in a very friendly afternoon's sport each club won one match, Mitcham the Senior, Hercules the Junior, the Youth by Belgrave and the Boy by Watford—an ideal way of exchanging Christmas presents!

Pat Newell was in a class of his own in the Senior event, with Jack Brown a good second; team support was poor however. Cyril Forey (a great prospect), was a comfortable winner of the Junior race with John Thresher third; and our Youth success was due to Hampshire and Fairclough being 2nd and 3rd.

Senior Result:

(3 to score)		(14 to score)		(first six Belgravians)	
1. Mitcham	13	1. Mitcham	183	1. P. Newell	40:20
2. BELS	14	2. BELS	261	2. J. Brown	41:10
3. Watford	52			11. C. Walker	43:13
				12. B. Sawyer	43:27
				14. E. Short	59
				17. C. Shippen	45:00

Junior Result: 1. Hercules 22pts. 2. BELGRAVE 22pts. 3. Watford 34pts.

ROAD-RUNNING RESULTS - 1960

Chichester to Portsmouth 14th May	
1.D.O'Gorman (ST.Albans)	1:24.08
34.G.Pearson (Bels.)	1:36.21
55.K.Stimpson ..	1:48.00
65.A.Penstone ..	1:43.19
71.R.Stairs ..	1:45.07

Kent '20'		21st May
1.T.Wray (Bristol)		1:46.25
5.L.Gebbett (Bels.)		1:51.50
12.L.Bishop ..		1:57.40
13.D.Jones ..		1:58.15
29.A.Bishop ..		2:06.48
30.K.Stimpson ..		2:06.51
39.C.Fairfield ..		2:29.30
Teams: 1.BELGRAVE H.		16 pts.
2.S.L.H.		45 pts.
3.Cambridge H.		47 pts.

Derlington to Bernard Castle 4/6.
 1.T.Rooke (Middl'bro) 1:34.25
 2.R.Linstead (Bels.) 1:37.54
 N.B. For intending '1961' runners this race will be held on Whit -- Saturday. Free acc. is available from Friday night to Monday night inclusive. The race is part of the three days fair and Carnival.

Poly. Marathon (incorporating Club Championship)		11th June
33.L.Bishop		2:44.49
37.G.Pearson		2:47.34
55.R.Stairs		2:52.24
60.E.Bishop		2:54.00
85.P.Lathews		3:06.02
92.H.Bishop		3:08.38
108.B.Sawyer		3:14.20
114.D.Jones		3:16.57
115.J.McDonald		3:18.48
Club 1st class standard		(2:55.00)

Heathfield '15'		9th July
1.A.Llewellyn (Walton)		1:21.24
14.D.Jones (Bels.)		1:27.44
20.K.Stimpson ..		1:31.07
24.B.Sawyer ..		1:32.55
34.A.Penstone ..		1:37.22
45.J.Baker ..		1:48.23
Team: 1.Walton A.C		12 pts.
2.T.V.H.		16 pts.
3.BELGRAVE H		39 pts.

Horsham '10'		16th July
1.H.Foord (Brighton)		51.21
39.N.Stairs (Bels.)		57.29
51.B.Sawyer ..		58.37
61.K.Stimpson ..		60.28
75.A.Penstone ..		62.48

Shaftesbury '10'		6th Augst
1.A.Llewellyn (Walton)		51:32
23.N.Stairs (Bels.)		57:04
37.J.Dooley ..		58:02
47.A.Penstone ..		60:22
49.R.Lawrence (&Lansb'y)		60:49
55.R.Braine (&Wake'ld)		61:34
64.C.Fairfield (Bels.)		63:17
8th Belgrave.		

South London H. '30'		3rd Sept.
1.E.Cooke (Helt'price)		2:52.48
2.R.Linstead (Bels.)		2:56.03
14.B.Sawyer (..)		3:20.19
15.G.Pearson ..		3:20.54
26.A.Bishop ..		3:39.14

Southall '10'		17th Sept.
1.G.Brown (H'Gate H)		53:14
14.C.Roffey (Bels.)		56:56
34.K.Stimpson (..)		59:25
38.D.Jones ..		59:50
61.J.Collier ..		61:31
72.R.Lawrence ..		63:03
75.A.Penstone ..		63:15
94.R.Conway ..		65:58
109.J.Baker ..		68:40
114.L.Rolls ..		70:43
4th Belgrave.		

London to Brighton Run		24th Sep.
1.J.Wekler (Germiston)		5:25.56
3.R.Linstead (Bels.)		5:36.14
26.H.Bishop ..		7:21.06

Walton '10'		
1.R.Roath (Walton)		50:03
11.C.Debbs (Bels.)		51:31
14.J.Brown ..		52:04
15.C.Roffey ..		52:09
21.E.Gebbett ..		59:59
Team: 1.Derby & County		50 pts.
2.St.Albans A.C		54 pts.
3.Walton A.C		56 pts.
4.BELGRAVE H		57 pts.

Members should note that the A.A.A.'s 10 miles run and 7 miles walk will be held on the 15th April; one week later than shown in the Club handbook.

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 When Les Cohen arrived in Lagos, to help organise the Nigerian Independence Day Games, one of the first persons he met was Belgrovia David August. David was of great assistance to Les during his stay in Lagos, and in turn, no doubt learned a great deal from our President.

