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**FRONTPIECE** (Photo by Ron Ininstead)--The Southern field after half a mile.  
Ringed athletes (l. to r.) are, Black, O'Hara, Fairclough, Hart,  
Steer, Innesher.  
**FRONT COVER** (Photo by Ron Ininstead)--Every inch counts, even after 10 miles  
logging across country on a murky January afternoon. Tony  
Fairclough and Laurie O'Hara fight out the right to hold the  
"Machor Shield" for 1966 in a thrilling finish. Tony (41) was  
the winner.



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## EDITORIAL

It was sad news to all athletics enthusiasts to hear that the era of London to Brighton road relay races has ended. The financial burden of sponsorship has obliged the NEWS OF THE WORLD to withdraw their support from all road-relay races only 12 months after discontinuing the 'Southern' event.

As everyone knows, the April event was widely regarded as the "Cup-Final" of inter-club road racing in Britain, and we are grateful that the NEWS OF THE WORLD should have supported it so well over the past 40 years. The support by this Sunday newspaper has been, and still is, extensive in the field of athletics. In return, it is probably fair to say that most athletes have "supported" the paper itself.

But is it a proper state of affairs that a sport which is the principal one at the Olympic Games should have to rely on such support? Is it generally realised how many White City meetings or cross-country championships would disappear or barely survive but for the help of sponsors? Is it also appreciated just how many clubs are unable to participate in the National Championships when they are held in the extreme North or South of the country? Perhaps it would be an eye-opener for the Minister of Sport (who has probably never heard of the London to Brighton Road Relay) if all sponsorships were suddenly withdrawn and the White City National and Inter-Counties meetings abandoned---but it is doubtful, for few people outside the athletics world would seem to appreciate what happens in between Olympic Games and four-minute miles. Yet is the case of Athletics really any different from that of the Arts? Government sponsorship of the National Arts Theatre is accepted, why not also support for the National Championships of road, track and cross-country?

These are some of the thoughts that come to mind when the efforts of hard-working amateur officials receive a set-back of this sort. Every endeavour will be made to find someone willing to sponsor a National London to Brighton Relay on a more modest scale than usual and with the clubs contributing perhaps a third of the cost, but there is virtually no hope of salvaging the 1966 event.

For those members who consider these problems rather out of their province, we would remind them that this Club would cease to exist if we were obliged to rely solely on subscriptions---even if everyone did pay up regularly each September---and we would ask athletes everywhere the heart-searching question "DO WE PAY ENOUGH FOR OUR SPORT?"

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to those new members who have joined us since our last issue and hope that they will not hesitate to contact any of our officials should they require any advice.

Michael J. BAKER	(Norfolk)	Joseph T. REILLY	(Scotland)
Peter R. COOPER	(Midxx)	Anthony J. SAMPSON	(Surrey)
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Robert D. MORRISON	(Scotland)	Raymond P. YOUNG	(Sussex)
Richard RAFFAN	(Devon)		

2nd Claim Members

Dereck W. FERNEE (Poly H) Frederick D. GILSON (S.L.H.)

Honorary Member

W.R. MOODY of Streatham.

## Edwin Gordon

It is with sorrow that we have to advise the death of Ted Gordon, in his 89th year; a Past President and Trustee of the Club and a vital personality in the growth of the Belgrave Harriers.

Teddy joined the Club as far back as September 1908 and old minute books indicate that he quickly played his part on the Club Committee and worked solidly for the development and welfare of the Club in those early days. After the first World War he was one of the workers who assisted in the re-birth of the Club and its gradual growth to National honours and renown; and in this he received every assistance from Mrs Gordon.

He became President to W.H.Hare and his lively personality permeated on Club life; and whilst he supported all our Club activities, he claimed and earned for himself a very special place as Chairman of our Building Fund Committee. His energies, assisted by the efforts of many others, were applied to our rather small but cherished Headquarters Fund, and the hundreds of pounds grew into thousands and ultimately gave us the Headquarters we have today.

Many of us well remember Teddy turning out regularly in sprints and veteran events. We remember him as link-man in his car on London-Brighton Relay races, ready to dash forward with our runner should traffic so dictate, for in those days we hired a double-decker bus which was our combined dressing room and grandstand. We remember Mr and Mrs Gordon setting out at 4 am on Brighton Stroll nights to overtake the strollers and prepare breakfast ahead, to be partaken at the roadside. We recall Teddy as Chairman of a Smoking Concert for the Building Fund and at other Social affairs, and a worker in so many ways for Belgrave; and we shall treasure his memory as one of the truly great Belgravians to have gone before.

Teddy had a great interest in the Camping movement and was President of one of the Area organisations; and later became a Councillor and Deputy-Mayor of Malden and Coombe. During his year in this latter office and as he was about to become Mayor, Mrs Gordon, who had rendered sterling support throughout to her husband, died suddenly, and Teddy decided in his distress to retire from Civic duties and to live in the West Country. For a while he served as a Trustee to the Gloucestershire AAA; and then moved on to North Devon where he kept himself remarkably well informed on Athletic and particularly Belgravian matters.

We are indeed grateful for Teddy's near-sixty years of membership, and all he did for us - the evidence of which still abounds and endures.

A.A.H.

## HON SEC'S NOTES

We are Surrey cross-country champions once again - the forerunner of other championship wins, we hope - and it seems incredible that our last win should have been in 1952. Granted that Surrey has more than its rightful share of strong cross-country clubs it still seems remarkable that we should wait so long in recent years for a title that once came to us with some regularity.

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Our first win came in 1925, and great was the joy at "The Kings Head" Epsom when the cup circulated, primed by Harry Hare who had managed to find two winning horses on the same afternoon!

Our team was Ken O'Kell(3), Mick Pyer(4), Bert Footer(8), Jack Andrews (17), Bert Smith(21), Harry Bruce(26). Our 79 points gave us a two point win over Epsom H, with Surrey AC third.

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For the first time Belgrave has a Vice-President - or rather two - on the Southern Counties AAA. They are LES COHEN and ALF HARLEY and we wish them well in these new appointments which reflect honour on the Club as well as the individuals.

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His many friends will be glad to know that Joe Scamell is making a good recovery after serious respiratory trouble. Joe joined us in 1920 and has continued to show his walking paces until as recently as a few months ago. Our best wishes go to Joe for a complete and speedy recovery.

## 25 YEARS AGO . . . .

From the Belgravian 1941:

"For the purposes of inter-club matches etc. we have arranged to combine with the Polytechnic Harriers. There has always been a very friendly feeling in existence between our two clubs and in difficult times it is natural that we should turn to one another for mutual help."

Because of the war the usual racing programme was severely restricted. The Southern Counties C.C.A. staged three races in the November 1940/February 1941 period and Tom Carter won every one. Three other fixtures were held during this period and Tom won each of these also - including a convincing win over the great Sydney Wooderson.

## . . . . and 40 YEARS AGO

From the Belgravian 1926:

".....after this success (a win in the South of Thames Junior, with Footer 2nd and Belgrave scoring 4 in 9) we had visions of "larger game" in the Surrey County Championships at Epsom. ....Coming round at the end of the first lap we seemed to be well away with the team race, having a lead of some 20 points. Epsom, however, were closing up rapidly whilst our back men were feeling the effects of the heavy going. Coming round the second time at Tattenham Corner, K.B.O'Kell and A.D.Pyer were going great guns with H.E.Footer, who had an off day, plugging along in 8th position. Then came the "turn-up" in J.Andrews who showed wonderful improvement and helped considerably to withstand the efforts of our Epsom friends so that eventually we ran out winners of our first Cross Country Championship by a margin of 2 points.

RESULT: 3.K.B.O'Kell, 4.A.D.Pyer, 8.H.E.Footer, 17.J.Andrews, 21.A.E.Smith  
Teams:- 1.BELGRAVE H 79pts 2.Epsom H 81pts 3.Surrey AC 93pts.

## COACHING

GEORGE PIDDINGTON WRITES:-

12 Coaches and Athletes attended the coaching course held at Belgrave Hall on Sunday February 20th. John Bromley ran the course and talked for almost 4 hours non-stop on the 4 throwing events i.e. Hammer, Shot, Discus, and Javelin. A break in the mid-afternoon for refreshments was well received by all. Those that attended very much appreciated and enjoyed this course, especially the field events section. It's a pity that more did not attend as they certainly missed something worth while. As a result of this course there are to be more held at the hall so that all active members in the club will have a chance to attend. I would urge you to attend the course covering your particular event as I can assure you that you will learn a great deal. They are for your benefit. Details will be out soon. Watch out for them!

## POSTBAG

Our Road Running Secretary, Derek Crookes, writes in reply to the "Countryman" column of our last issue where, in commenting on the first league race, our columnist wrote "It did not help, of course, to have two of our CROSS COUNTRY runners taking part in a little road race of minor importance":-

"For the sake of the Countryman", Chas. Walker is the ROAD RUNNING VICE-CAPTAIN and so cannot be the sole possession of the cross-country section. It is surely difficult enough to run the road running section without having to have such periodic clap-trap put in the BELGRAVIAN'S cross-country reports.

D.R. Crookes.

Eds: The "Countryman" contribution and the league race report were from different correspondents and both made the same point.

Our view is that there is enough fixture congestion outside the Club without introducing it within as well. It seems to us that the Road Running Hon. Sec. and the Cross Country Hon. Sec. should do a little more liason when their "seasons" overlap---just as the Track Hon. Sec. has always done when the occasional track meeting has clashed with a road relay. If the Club consider it worthwhile to enter a team in any race then it should be shown on our fixture card or the Committee informed---then no-one can complain afterwards.

# JUNIOR SECTION

**BOYS:** Our team this year has been going from strength to strength. Raymond Young has emerged as the leading runner in this age group but only just. Very close behind him tread the Hamilton twins, Robert and John, with Alan Chandler also near to the fore. Apart from these, our usual scoring four, there are several other youngsters ready to pounce should the present leaders falter.

**YOUTHS:** Things are not so good here, cross-country wise, nearly all our team being shorter distance track runners. Most of them become first year Juniors on the track this season, so it should be interesting to see how they fare after a solid winter's training.

**JUNIORS:** Although short of cross-country runners this season, our Juniors have done fairly well. John Bicourt and Adrian Major are, of course, far and away the leading pair but we have a good prospect in new member Michael Baker from Battersea College of Technology. As in the Youth section, many of our runners are sprinters etc. but nevertheless they have done a good job of backing up our leading two, enabling us to place 2nd in the Surrey Champs.

## December 4th -

### Overseas Cup

John Kelly won the Belgrave Youth's cross-country championship for the "Overseas Cup". He went off course after about a mile and a half and made various detours in and around the bushes surrounding Queensmere Lake but the whole field followed in his footsteps and it made no difference to the result.

Those 'terrible' Hamilton twins created an eye-opener by filling 2nd and 3rd places, beating Richard Moody into 4th place. Further back, S.White got the better of Parvez Iqbal, Russell Ward and P.Dunn after a close race.

#### RESULT:

1.J.Kelly	17:06	6.P.Iqbal	18:07
2.J.Hamilton	17:09	7.R.Ward	18:33
3.R.Hamilton	17:15	8.P.Dunn	18:44
4.R.Moody	17:22	9.D.McMillan	20:36
5.S.White	17:53		

## December 18th - Blackheath Harriers Youths Inter-Club Match

A great run by new member Raymond Young who would have finished even nearer the front had he not fallen whilst in the lead. Although Blackheath ran out easy winners the fight for second team place was very close, St. Dunstons just pipping us by getting their 4th scorer home before ours.

#### RESULT:

8.R.Young	23.A.Chandler	1.Blackheath H	15pts
14.J.Kelly	30.R.Moody	2.St.Dunstons	62pts
17.T.Brooks	31.P.Gee	3.BELGRAVE H	62pts

## BICOURT LEADS JUNIORS TO SURPRISE 2nd PLACE IN SURREY C. C. —

### January 1st 1966 - Wimbledon Common

With the retirement from athletics of Colin Church (Walton AC) at the ripe old age of 18, all the local papers tipped Steve Badgery (Mitcham) for an easy win, although our own John Bicourt had beaten both these fine runners in the previous North Surrey League race.

From the start the Mitcham boy and John were well to the fore and after a mile were 30 yards clear of the field. As they climbed the hill from Queensmere for the first time John, his Alan Simpson type chest held high, looked far the stronger and showed just ahead of Badgery who seemed to be feeling the pace. Along the horse-ride and turning out again for the second lap, John kept piling on the pressure and it was soon obvious that nobody would beat him on this day. 'Badge' kept fighting gamely but a gap was opening up and he eventually had to give best by 12 seconds.

Meanwhile, Adrian Major was having a battle royal with the rest of Mitcham's scoring team and after running one of his best races to date, he finished a very distinguished 5th. Great backing by Derek Hurd (who seems to be finding his old form) and quarter-miler Philip Smith (he could never have dreamed of winning his first County medal in a cross country race) ensured us of a surprise 2nd place in the team event.

Last year we predicted that John Bicourt's forward running could well earn him the title at his next attempt, so let's stick our necks out once more and forecast a win for Adrian Major in 1967.

RESULT:

1.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE H)	29:05	21.D.Hurd (BELGRAVE H)	33:28
2.S.Badgery (Mitcham AC)	29:17	35.P.Smith "	35:56
3.D.Strudwick ( " )	29:43	43.A.Bousfield "	37:03
5.A.Major (BELGRAVE H)	30:17	45.J.Martin "	38:47

Teams:- 1.Mitcham AC 18 pts      2.BELGRAVE H 56 pts      3.HHH 59 pts.

Due to New Year's Eve festivities the night before, we were unable to close in a Youth team. The Race was won by J.Rix (SLH) in 18:36. Belgrave positions were R.Moody 47th (22:10), A.Brooks 56th (22:57) and P.Gee 57th (22:57).

## The Galloping Major takes Junior '5'

January 22nd - Wimbledon

This was a good day for Tom Carter's 'school', with Tony Fairclough taking the Senior '10' by 1 second and Adrian Major winning the Junior '5' by what must be the largest margin ever - 5 minutes 11 seconds! Although Adrian ran the entire race on his own (John Bicourt having elected to do the Senior race) and the going was really slippery, he recorded the excellent time of 28:26. This, incidentally, is 39 secs. faster than John Bicourt's winning time in the Surrey Championship over the same course, less approx. 75 yards at the finish.

That surfin', hammer throwing, vodka drinking, half-miler - John Kelly was 2nd in 33:37 and Phil Smith 3rd, 13 seconds later.

RESULT:

1.A.Major	28:26	5.A.Brooks	34:36
2.J.Kelly	33:37	6.P.Gee	34:40
3.P.Smith	33:50	7.J.Martin	39:11
4.A.Bousfield	34:26		

### KENT A.C. BOYS RACE

January 22nd

10.R.Young	11:18	Teams:- 1.Shaftsbury H	27pts
26.J.Hamilton	11:48	2.Maidstone H	30pts
30.A.Chandler	11:57	3.Luton United.	30pts
34.R.Hamilton	12:04	6.BELGRAVE H	66pts

### A L D E R S H O T R E L A Y S

January 29th

Boys		Juniors	
A.Chandler	8:18	J.Rimmer	7:33
R.Young	7:51	D.Hurd	8:23
R.Hamilton	8:04	P.Smith	8:21
J.Hamilton	8:02	A.Bousfield	8:24

BELGRAVE H 'A' 7th 32:15      BELGRAVE H 3rd 32:41  
 BELGRAVE H 'B' 13th

## SOUTHERN C. C. CHAMPS.

Parliament Hill Fields - February 12th

Youths: This was the first race of the afternoon and we were not expecting a great deal from our team this year as they are young and inexperienced in races of this kind. This was borne out by the result for we finished last of the teams that closed in with the large score of 751 points.

RESULT:

1.Mitcham AC 72pts      2.Windsor & Eton 105pts      3.TVH 125pts  
 31.BELGRAVE H 751pts.

Juniors: As usual in the major championships the Juniors have the worst of the conditions after hundreds of Youths and Seniors have churned up the course. This year it was worse than usual and only the fittest could hope to run to form.

Our Junior team had been at Parliament Hill almost three hours before their race was due to start but nevertheless the majority of them were only just in the starting pens before the maroon was fired, despite a very adequate five minutes warning. Adrian Major, of whom we expected a good performance was left behind and had the invidious task of chasing the field whereas he would normally have been contesting the lead. It is to be hoped that this experience will have taught him a hard earned lesson.

John Bicourt was soon prominent and at the end of the first lap was lying 9th although a fair distance behind the leaders. Adrian Major, despite his belated start, had moved through to 22nd but was showing signs of his extra exertions. James Rimmer and a new member, Michael Baker, were our other scorers in 100th and 133rd places respectively.

Little change took place on the second lap. John Bicourt moved up to take a very respectable 7th place again beating his local rival Steve Badgery from Mitcham. Adrian made no further progress and finished 24th lacking the necessary finishing fire to take him past the six runners all within striking distance. Without doubt he would have been much higher if his start had been normal. Rimmer and Baker came in 105th and 131st to make a team score of 267 points which gave us 7th place.

**RESULT:**

1.A.Ashton (Reading AC)	33:25	105.J.Rimmer (BELGRAVE H)
2.R.Young (Hornchurch)	33:31	131.M.Baker "
3.C.Moxom (Woodford Grn)	34:05	162.D.Hurd "
7.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE H)	34:56	167.P.Smith "
24.A.Major (BELGRAVE H)	35:43	

Teams:- 1.TVH 98pts 2.Boro'Enfield 150pts 3.Reading AC 157pts  
7.BELGRAVE H 267pts.

**Olympian****Surrey Boys C. G.****February 19th - Morden Park**

On Saturday, 19th February seventeen teams took part in the Surrey Boys race, held over a wet, heavy course at Morden Park. The course consisted of two laps, the total distance being 2½ miles.

After a fast start, Ray Young moved up into 3rd place, Alan Chandler and newcomer Trevor Upham were 30th and 31st, Russell Ward and the Hamilton twins John and Robert were in the mid 60's and Parvez Iqbal the mid 90's. The pace soon began to tell and the field split up. At the finish Ray Young was 6th, having lost two places in the run in, Alan Chandler with a final effort gained a few places to finish 28th, Trevor Upham was 46th and John Hamilton 60th.

**RESULT:**

6.R.Young	70.R.Ward	<b>Teams:-</b>	1.Epsom & Ewell H	43pts
28.A.Chandler	73.R.Hamilton		2.St. Pauls	57pts
46.T.Upham	91.P.Iqbal		3.Surrey Beagles	72pts
60.J.Hamilton			8.BELGRAVE H	132pts

*Tony Brooks***THE NORTH SURREY LEAGUE****YOUTHS & BOYS****FINAL TABLE**

1. Mitcham Athletic Club.....	101 points
2. Croydon Harriers.....	201 points
3. Hercules Athletic Club.....	335 points
4. BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	377 points
5. Surrey Athletic Club.....	407 points
6. Walton Athletic Club.....	582 points
7. Herne Hill Harriers.....	619 points

The loss this season of Adrian Major to the Senior/Junior league hit any hopes we might have had of improving on last year's 3rd place. Once again Mitcham and Croydon took first two places whilst Hercules jumped from their bottom place of last year into third position.

Our only runner to take part in all four races was J. Kelly, who was our first man home in three of the fixtures. The individual trophy went to D. Faircloth of Croydon, who had 3 wins and a second place.

**RACE NO.1 (omitted from November BELGRAVIAN)**

Held on our own course last October we had our best turn-out of the competitions. Kelly, Chandler and Geary packed well in the early twenties and were supported by Tony Brooks and the Hamilton twins in the late thirties; but these were positions that were unlikely to give us a forward placing and it was no surprise to learn we had come 4th.

**RESULT**

1. D. Faircloth (Croy).....	14:11	21. J. Kelly.....	16:20	42. P. Gee.....	17:28
2. B. Byrne (Mit).....	14:12	22. A. Chandler.....	16:29	43. J. Hamilton.....	17:31
3. N. Morrison (Croy).....	14:24	23. E. Geary.....	16:30	52. N. Bondonno.....	18:08
4. K. Dillon (Mit).....	14:39	36. T. Brooks.....	16:52	56. R. Davies.....	18:55
5. K. Lee (Mit).....	14:57	37. R. Hamilton.....	16:52	57. P. Colla.....	18:56
				60. P. Iqbal.....	19:01

**Teams:-**

1. Mitcham 24 pts, 2. Croydon 49 pts, 3. Hercules 53 pts, 4. BELS 104 pts  
5. Surrey 111 pts, 6. HHH 143 pts, 7. Walton 152 pts.

RACE NO.2. (Walton AC ---Egber)---December 11th

Run through heavy mud and deep water, over a course that included a very steep hill, this was a true test of strength for everyone. Our lads were not deterred by the conditions and, led once again by Kelly, were able to achieve fourth place again. Our runners finished in a similar order to the first race except that Iqbal turned the tables on Bondonno and thus closed in our scoring five.

RESULT

1. D. Faircloth (Croy)...17:09	13. J. Kelly 19:45	26.P. Iqbal 21:45
2. N. Morrison (Croy)...17:09	20. A. Chandler20:38	29.N. Bondonno 22:47
3. K. Dillon (Mit).....17:38	21. R. Hamilton.20:39	30 W. Ockendon.22:56
4. C. Knell (Mit).....17:40	24. J. Hamilton.21:11	33.P. Colla ----

Teams:

1. Mitcham 27 pts, 2. Croydon 53 pts, 3. Surrey 67pts, 4. BELS 83 pts  
5. Hercules 117pts, 6. HHH 156 pts, 7. Walton 165 pts.

RACE NO.3. (Surrey AC, Richmond Park)---January 15th

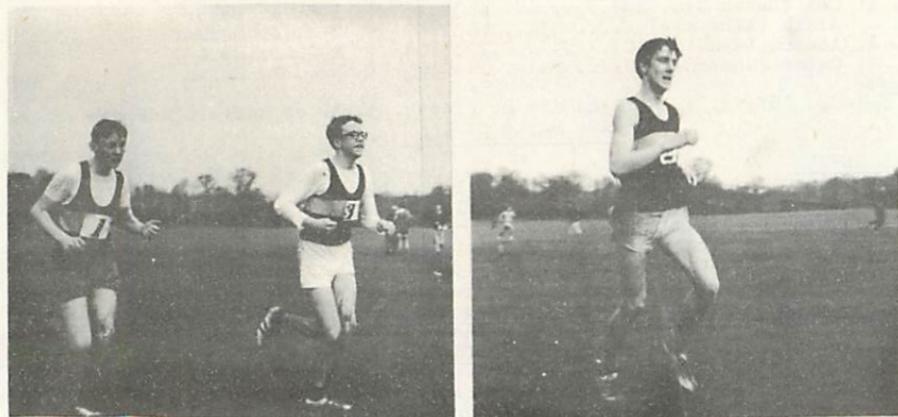
From the sloppy going at Walton we went to the extreme of rock hard going at Kingston. Bitterly cold weather and a hard frost had made the course too hard for comfort. The occasion did not suit Kelly and Chandler, our first scorers in the previous two matches, neither of whom scored this time. But for this unfortunate setback we would certainly have made third place, but due credit should go to the rest of the team--- particularly R. Young---who salvaged the situation to gain us a close 5th position. John Hamilton got the better of his brother Bob for the first time in three races; the margin?---one second!

RESULT

1. D. Faircloth (Croy)...12:53	22.J. Hamilton..15:05	32. Moody...15:36
2. K. Dillon (Mit)....;...13:08	23.R. Hamilton..15:06	33. J.Kelly.15:55
3. C. Knell (Mit).....13:26	26.T. Brookes...15:12	35. P.Iqbal.16:41
4. W. Hughes (Walt).....13:31	28.P. Gee.....15:22	37.R. Ward..16:59
12. R. Young (BELS).....14:29	31.A. Chandler..15:33	39.P. Dunn..18:15

Teams:-

1. Mitcham 23pts, 2. Croydon 56 pts, 3. Hercules 91 pts, 4. Surrey 96 pts  
5. BELS 99 pts, 6. Walton 100 pts, 7. HHH 155 pts.

RACE NO.4. (Croydon H., Shirley)---February 26th

(Photos: C. Skippen)

LEFT: Two of our promising boys Russell Ward(1) and Alan Dunn (3).  
RIGHT: Youth runner, John Kelly.

We went into the final fixture with an outside chance of securing a final league place of 3rd. Mitcham and Croydon were already assured of the first two positions, but Hercules were only 25 points ahead of ourselves. It was disappointing to find that we only had six starters but Hercules were even worse off with only four, which meant that their 5th counting place (first five score) would have to score the maximum of 35 This appeared to give us a great chance but the Hercules lads were too good

all four finished before our second man, so we had to be content with a final position of 4th. Kelly returned to his form of the earlier matches and was our first man home once again.

RESULT

1. A. Byrne (Mit).....15:13	13. J. Kelly....17:15	24. R. Ward....20:05
2. D. Faircloth (Croy).15:15	21. T. Brookes..18:27	25. W. Ockendon20:30
3. K. Dillon (Mit).....16:04	23. P. Dunn.....20:05	26. - Macmillan20:32

Teams:-

1. Mitcham 27 pts, 2. Croydon 43 pts, 3. Hercules 74 pts, 4. BELS 91 pts  
5. Surrey 133 pts, 6. Walton 165pts, 7. HHH 165 pts

## JUNIOR & YOUTH 'NATIONAL'

Bicourt and Major only forward placings---March 5th

Our Surrey County Junior champion, John Bicourt, who was 7th in the Southern was, together with our supporters, hopeful of making the first dozen---after all he was 22nd last year---and even possibly making the Junior International team. But it was not to be. He got a reasonable start and the three hill climbs at the beginning should have suited him, but he was unable to reproduce his County and Southern form and fought a losing battle to hold his place---slipping to 26th at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 33rd at 3, 39th at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 50th at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Team mate Adrian Major ran to form, making enough ground on the final lap to pass John a mile from home, but his lack of a finish enabled Bicourt to re-pass him 200 yards out.

Our other two scorers were Mike Baker, whose 195th place was a good effort in his first year of running, and Jim Rimmer who, when ahead of Baker, had two heavy falls that cost him 100 places in half a mile.

Our score of 564 points failed to place us in the first twelve teams.

Our Youths' team is not up to the strength we have previously known, but the lads are keen and we did better than some clubs in starting a team. Tony Brooks, Richard Moody and John Kelly packed well to be our first three home and if they keep at it could be doing likewise in our future senior teams.

JUNIOR RESULT

1. M. Tagg (Norfolk Gazelles).....31:58	43. J. Bicourt
2. R. Young (Hornchurch H).....32:32	48. A. Major
3. A. Cox (Luton Utd. AC).....32:48	195. M. Baker
4. D. Atkin (Airevale).....32:52	278. J. Rimmer
5. A. Ashton (Reading AC).....33:00	292. D. Hurd
6. J. Caine (Gateshead H).....33:01	326. P. Smith

Teams:-

1. Sale H. 167pts, 2. Hallamshire H. 254pts, 3. B. of Enfield 269 pts  
BELGRAVE H 564 pts.

YOUTH RESULT

1. D. Mileson (Sunderland).....15:10	302. T. Brooks
2. A. Simmons (Luton).....15:14	323. R. Moody
3. J. Holden (Preston).....15:23	343. J. Kelly
4. D. Faircloth (Croydon H).....15:25	418. W. Ockendon
5. G. King (Windsor).....15:30	432. D. McMillan
6. J. Bednarski (Swindon).....15:32	

### DON'T FORGET THE JUMBLE SALE

Have you any jumble? Old clothes, books, records, toys, bric-a-brac--anything you feel you could part with without too much heart-rending is just what we need. Just telephone Ted Stimpson at MAL 3893 and he will do the rest. Now, don't read on, look NOW and telephone right away. Oh! and by the way, if you should wish to replace any of those valuables you are going to send us why not come along to our jumble sale on Saturday, March 26th (10a.m to 11 a.m.)-- you might find something there you need.

# Junior Club Records

100 yards	J.Vivian	Aug.1965	9.9 secs.
220 yards	A.D.Sexton	July 1949	22.1 secs.
440 yards	D.Cocks	June 1962	49.7 secs.
880 yards	D.Cocks	Aug.1962	1:56.4 secs.
1 mile	J.Bicourt	May 1963	4:17.6 secs.
1,500m S'chase	J.Bicourt	Sept.1964	4:20.5 secs.
4 x 110 yards	J.Mitchell,D.Gleeson, C.Martin, J.Vivian .	Sept.1965	42.8 secs.
4 x 220 yards	C.Martin, C.Oliver, J.Vivian, D.Gleeson.	May 1965	1:32.4 secs.
1 mile walk	J.F.Knifton	July 1958	7:08.9 secs.
120 yds hurdles	R.J.Briggs	July 1946	16.6 secs.
220 yds hurdles	J.Sams	July 1958	23.1 secs.
High Jump	S.R.Day D.Wade	Aug.1955 May 1962	5 ft. 8 ins .
Long Jump	J.Mitchell	Aug 1965	23 ft. 2½ ins.
Hop Step & Jump	R.Jones	Sept.1965	43 ft. 2 ins.
Weight	J.P.Jones	July 1954	53 ft. 1 in .
Discus	J.Grey	June 1949	137 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin	G.M.Edwards	July 1955	181 ft. 11 ins.



27th January 1937---Part of Belgrave's winning team which beat U.S.M. (Paris) pose with Surrey's winning inter-county team at the Television studios, Alexandra Palace. But for our match in Paris coinciding with the inter-county championship, Carter,Penny,Footer and Cohen would have been included in the Surrey team. Belgravians are (l to r) rear row: W.L. Bayliss (President), A.R. Shaw. Centre row: C.T. Carter, A.W. Penny, J.A. Kemp, L.J. Cohen. Front row: A.E. Taylor, H.E. Footer. The central figure is, of course, J.C. Crump and the man on the extreme right, Denis Brickwood-- then of Mitcham AC. Six days after these teams were televised by the Baird process, it was announced by the B.B.C. that the E.M.I. process would be adopted!

# MEXICAN TRACK DANCE

Geoff and Gerry North write of their trip to Mexico as part of the team investigating the effects of high altitude competition; with the 1968 Olympics in mind.



(Photos: Monitor Press Features Ltd.)

GERRY

GEOFF

We arrived in Mexico City on November 7th 1965 accompanied by Martin Hyman and John Cooke (Portsmouth), Dominic Keily (Derby) and Mike Turner (Liverpool) together with John Le Masurier, the team coach, and Doctors Pugh and Owen. Prior to embarking on the trip we had taken part in a programme of physical fitness tests and racing that enabled direct comparison of results to be made.

Mexico struck us immediately as a beautiful country, with captivating scenery and exciting little market towns, whilst Mexico City itself was very modern with buildings of striking architectural merit. Whilst there we paid a visit to a bull-fight at the 80,000 capacity stadium - the largest bull ring in the world. The Mexicans have a very cheerful outlook on life and we found them easy to get on with. We stuck to English food throughout and took regular doses of "Streptoriad" tablets - these safeguards kept all members of the team free from stomach ailments. Our hotel was well away from the main traffic and was in a pleasant and relaxing situation. We made several trips to outlying places during the days and in the evenings we found many other places of interest! The beer was very good and the people always very friendly - particularly the *senoritas*!

The first few days of training were most uncomfortable. The rarified air made us feel as though we were just unfit, with laboured breathing, a tightness in the chest and heaviness in the legs. A race was held after 3½ days, Gerry finishing 4th and Geoff 6th, and our performances were about 1½ minutes down on our current sea-level times. As one would expect, our pace judgement was bad and in the early races there was a noticeable slowing-up after about a mile. Recovery afterwards also took longer than usual to begin with but, as with everything else, it felt normal once we had become acclimatised.

Four races were held during our stay in Mexico and these resulted in average percentages down on sea-level times by 8%, 6.9%, 6.6% and 5.7% respectively - a clear indication of the benefits of an acclimatisation period of 4 weeks. The results of each weekly race were as follows, (the figures in brackets give seconds down on mean sea-level times)

Race 1.

1.J.Cooke	14:35.4	(60.4)
2.D.Keily	14:35.4	(55.4)
3.M.Hyman	14:46.5	(58.5)
4.Gerry North	14:52.7	(72.7)
5.M.Turner	14:54.4	(70.4)
6.Geoff North	15:06.0	(76.0)

Race 2.

1.D.Keily	14:22.0	(42.0)
2.J.Cooke	14:22.0	(47.0)
3.Gerry North	14:43.2	(63.2)
4.M.Turner	14:47.9	(63.9)
5.M.Hyman	14:48.5	(60.5)
6.Geoff North	14:53.5	(63.5)

Race 3.

1.J.Cooke	14:26.0	(51.0)
2.M.Turner	14:35.2	(51.2)
3.Gerry North	14:39.0	(59.1)
4.Geoff North	14:44.6	(54.6)
5.M.Hyman	No time	-
D.Keily	Injured	-

Race 4.

1.J.Cooke	14:26.2	(51.2)
2.Gerry North	14:28.2	(48.2)
3.M.Turner	14:30.2	(46.2)
4.Geoff North	14:32.2	(42.2)
5.M.Hyman	14:57.6	(69.6)
D.Keily	Injured	-

Throughout our stay we continued the laboratory tests that were held during our final few weeks in England. Doctors Pugh and Owen collected data on heart rate, respiration rate, blood pressure, oxygen consumption rate, oxygen debt and other functions.

It was proved conclusively on this trip that no harm would come to the fit distance athlete training or racing at this altitude, and that an acclimatisation period of four weeks (minimum) is essential - we were both continuing to feel fitter and faster right up to the moment of our departure.

We are agreed on one vital point. No thought could have been given to the middle and long distance athletes by those delegates who voted Mexico for the 1968 'Games'. It is evident from all tests so far carried out that the highland athlete will always retain an advantage over his sea-level counterpart when competing at high altitude. With the latter also having to spend a month or so beforehand to only partly close the gap, it seems distinctly unfair. Another factor of course is professionalism. With many countries setting up training camps at high altitudes and most sportsmen requiring even more time off from work when 1968 arrives, the Mexican venue will mean yet another step in the direction of non-amateur sport.

WALKING:(Cont'd from page 17)

In the Middlesex County Championship, Gerry Cameron did very well in a good class field. His 5th position earned him his Middlesex colours for the first time. The course times were very similar to those in the "Surrey" so Gerry's time of 81:00 was exceptionally good and could well have gained him a medal in the Wimbledon event.

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This summer the Club is incorporating a points competition into the usual programme of 2 miles track handicaps. Prizes (value dependent upon support) will be awarded at the end of the season instead of after each event. A point will also be awarded to each starter.

The seven miles track championship will be held on Wednesday August 10th instead of the expected May 2nd. Jack Goswell asks all walkers to make an effort to support our inter-club walks promotion on JULY 6TH--- please note the date in your diaries now!

The National 20 Kilos will be held at Hillsborough, Sheffield over a one-lap course---out to the reservoir and back. This will be the same course as used three years ago. The National 20 miles championship will be held over a two lap course at Hinckley College, Leicester.

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Our only entries in the Southern Counties AAA track '7' at Battersea Park on March 5th were Ray Middleton and John Morris.

The race was won by J. Webb (Basildon), the season's "find", from Don Thompson with times of 53:26 and 53:42.8 respectively. In a very close race, and a particularly tight finish for second place, Ray finished a worthy third---only 2.2 seconds behind Thompson.

Once again Belgrave Harriers will be supporting the AASA Derby Draw this year. The Christmas Draw was very successful and members are reminded that our very existence depends on the success of these draws and our football competition.

# WALKING

Ray Hall is still persevering with the pack outings from Belgrave Hall on Tuesday evenings, and appeals to the non-regulars to support these training sessions. It is far more enjoyable training in company and is almost certain to produce better results. More important it stimulates team spirit and gives the individual the enthusiasm to go away and follow up the work done.

New blood is continuing to flow into our membership and there is a good chance that McGrath and Saunders (both Juniors) and Morrison (just a Senior) will blend with our more established walkers and play a leading part in Belgrave's resurgence.

Ray Middleton is working up to full training again now his annual period of light training has ended, and will undoubtedly reach peak for the 50 Kilos championship which will be held this year at the Essex Beagles HQ, Chigwell R.W. Incidentally, last time the race was held at this venue Belgrave won the team title! Ray has recently been giving encouragement to Charlie Capener, who is also in the postal service, by joining him twice a week for training. Chas. has the ability to put this help to very good use and his progress will be watched with interest.

Gerry Cameron is riding high these days and is sufficiently self-confident to take the Editors to task for suggesting that Eric Hall had helped him along at Leicester. "Why, I had that old man hanging on in our training sessions!" was his reply---a comment that should draw an appropriate retort from Eric.

For those who do not know it, Gerry is a Scotsman and is one of three whose names have been put forward to the Scottish selectors by the RWA as possibles for the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica later this year. The two others named are Sutherland (Highgate) and Munroe (Southampton). Gerry does not underate this opposition, but has high hopes of a Jamaica trip all the same.

Mike Hamlin has moved from North-East London to Battersea and is ideally placed for full participation in race-walking, but we have not yet had the benefit of his support. Another whom we have counted on in the past is Steve Laker-Jones who is only just getting out again after two severe bouts of tonsillitis. With Mike and Steve at their best our teams would receive a boost.

## Cambridge '7'

### Poor Showing at Eltham - December 11th

Our shortage of home-based talent was worsened on this occasion by the absence of Ray Middleton. Ray Hall walked well in an effort to make amends but our lowly 8th position in the team event must have been our worst ever. This was the last of the 1965 'sevens' - let us hope that our performance and turnout was the low point that marks the start of a climb back to the honours that came to us so frequently a few years back.

#### RESULT:

1.P.McCullagh (Met WC)	52:42	52.G.Beecham (BELGRAVE H)	64:12
2.D.Thompson "	53:43	56.D.Potheringham "	64:55
3.M.Fullager (Surrey WC)	53:44	95.P.Wilson "	71:10
12.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	57:32	104.B.Stevenson "	73:21
51.D.Mayo "	63:59	105.J.Wilson "	74:30
		118 started,	

Teams:- 1.Met WC 30pts 2.Highgate H 63pts 3.Surrey WC 77pts  
8.BELGRAVE HARRIERS 162pts.

## Gameron wins 'Horwood' Cup

### In Conjunction with MPAA match - December 18th

Gerry Cameron was in brilliant form over our own 7 mile course the week before Christmas. His four minutes margin over Ray Hall enabled him to win both the match and the Junior Championship.

Gerry started very fast and Bob Barnes (temporarily re-vitalised by an all night party) attempted to go with him. He soon paid the penalty though and dropped back steadily, leaving Cameron to disappear into the distance on his own.

David Mayo, taking part in his first Club Championship, was another to walk well. Improving each time out, on this occasion he was second in the 'Horwood', third in the match and winner of the handicap.

New member, R.Morrison, had a promising debut at the Belgrave Hall. Although walking for the Police on this occasion he will be wearing claret and gold regularly soon and could shake up several of our regular members.

RESULT:

1.G.Cameron	57:56
2.R.Hall	61:46
3.D.Mayo	63:43
4.D.Fotheringham	63:48
5.R.Barnes	64:04
7.R.Morrison	66:09
9.R.Picton	67:16
13.A.East	70:52
14.P.Wilson	72:13
16.C.Gittens	74:02
17.H.Shield	75:00
18.J.Wilson	75:04

Match Result (Seven a side)

1.BELGRAVE H	44 points
2.Met. Police AA	61 points

Handicap Result

1.D.Mayo	63:43	(6:50)	56:53
2.J.Wilson	75:04	(18:00)	57:04

Horwood Cup - Junior Championship

1.G.Cameron	2.D.Mayo	3.D.Fotheringham
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BOXING DAY 3 MILE HANDICAP

1.T.Cook (6:30)	28:57	4.C.Yescombe(3:45)	30:13	7.S.L/Jones (1:20)	31:06
2.R.Hall (1:45)	29:22	5.E.Stanghon(6:30)	30:22	8.G.Gittens (6:15)	31:50
3.E.Smith (2:00)	29:47	6.P.Wilson (6:15)	30:26	9.C.Speechley(7:00)	32:50

MATCH v SURREY WC v LONDON VIDS v MPAABattersea Park - January 1st.

Because the Surrey County cross-country championships were being held from Belgrave Hall, we were obliged to change our venue for this popular event to Battersea Park - not a good place this time of year, with no refreshments and early closing of the park.

The two Rays, Middleton and Hall, made it a double pronged spearhead for Belgrave, finishing together in the same time but the team event went to the fast improving London Vidarians' side.

RESULT:

1.R.Middleton (BELS)	56:13	17.C.Yescombe (BELS)	64:32
2.R.Hall "	56:13	25.T.Cook "	66:46
3.D.Vale (SWC)	57:15	28.A.Past "	69:00
12.D.Fotheringham (BELS)	61:38	29.P.Wilson "	69:47
14.J.Keown "	62:58	32.F.Denny "	74:12

Teams:- 1.London V. 40pts 2.SWC 41pts 3.BELS 55pts 4.MPAA 74pts  
 HANDICAP 1.D.Fotheringham 2.P.Wilson 3.R.Hall

*BELS. 2nd in Police '7'*Imber Court - January 8th

Gerry Cameron came down from Leicester to boost our team in the first 'open' of 1966 and enabled us to gain an encouraging second place.

Several of the 188 starters came under the judges' ban and Met WC lost McCullagh and Watts, a set-back from which they did well to recover. Others to be 'pulled' were Paddick (RSC) and Hart, the Welsh champion.

Bob Farley, who is showing good form once again, rose to the occasion and scored in our team in 34th place.

RESULT:

1.M.Tolley (Sheffield UH)	50:34	74.J.Keown (BELGRAVE H 'B')	61:19
2.J.Webb (Basildon AC)	52:05	79.C.Yescombe " 'A'	61:54
3.D.Thompson (Met WC)	52:32	140.A.East " 'B'	67:22
13.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE 'A')	54:29	153.P.Wilson "	69:05
18.R.Hall "	55:38	159.B.Stevenson "	70:45
20.G.Cameron "	56:10	170.F.Denny "	72:42
34.G.Farley "	57:50	173.J.Wilson "	72:51
67.D.Mayo "	60:56		

Teams:- 1.Met WC 32pts 2.BELGRAVE H 'A' 73pts 3.Surrey WC 'A' 95pts  
 22.BELGRAVE H 'B' 464pts.

*Middleton wins CLUB '10'*Takes "MURPHY SHIELD" Award - January 22nd

Gerry Cameron made a gallant attempt to get away from his main rivals, Middleton and Hall, by going away with Police walker David Watts. At 5 miles he was still ahead going through in 39:13 to Ray Hall's 39:19 and Middletons 39:34 but the distance experts came into their own in the second half and Gerry was obliged to concede first two places in the Championship.

RESULT:

2.R.Middleton	80:32	9.J.Morris	95:17
3.k.Hall	81:37	10.G.Beecham	95:17
4.G.Cameron	82:29	11.D.Fotheringham	95:23
5.G.Farley	85:38	12.T.Cook	97:02
6.J.Keown	91:58	14.P.Wilson	101:32
7.C.Yescombe	92:03	15.C.Capener	103:06
8.J.Baker	94:59	17.B.Stevenson	110:07

Handicap:- 1.C.Yescombe 2.J.Keown 3.R.Hall

## Cameron 3rd in 'GARNET'

### S.R.W.A. 10 miles - Southend - February 5th

Barring clauses in the rules of this championship prevent the leading clubs from putting in their strongest teams. Our depth is not what it was and it was no surprise therefore to finish only 5th of the ten teams that started.

Gerry Cameron did well once again to get amongst the medals but an eight minutes wait for our next man ruled out any hopes of a similar team success.

RESULT:

1.J.Webb (Basildon)	79:06	40.J.Baker (BELGRAVE H)	96:09
2.A.Banyard (Southend)	80:41	45.C.Capener "	97:53
3.G.Cameron (BELGRAVE H)	82:03	47.T.Cook "	98:34
24.C.Yescombe "	90:03	63.F.Denny "	106:26
35.D.Fotheringham "	92:43	77 started.	

Teams:- 1.Trowbridge 28pts 2.London Vids.38pts 3.Southend-on-Sea 40pts  
5.BELGRAVE H 87pts

## G.L.C. '10'

### POOR TURN OUT BY BELS--Battersea Park, February 12th

This was the first London 10 mile Road Walking Championship to be promoted by the new Greater London Council, and the new conditions enabled the large number of 190 entries to be made.

Held over five laps of the familiar Battersea Park circuit, it was obvious right from the start that Belgrave could hope for very little. With two teams entered we could barely field one, and our six starters represented our poorest turn-out yet in this annual event.

Ray Middleton and Ray Hall were, once again, the stalwarts that continued to keep our colours to the fore and although the supporting cast of Keown and Cook did their utmost to make our score respectable, they could not make amends for the non-appearance of six established walkers.

RESULT

1. J. Webb (Basildon).....	76:19	8. R. Hall (BELS).....	80:30
2. D. Thompson (Met.).....	76:43	43. J. Keown.....	89:39
3. W. Sutherland (High)....	76:59	59. T. Cook.....	94:47
4. M. Fullager (SWC).....	77:46	67. C. Capener.....	98:16
7. R. Middleton (BELS)....	79:07	77. P. Wilson.....	104:35

Teams:-

1. Met. WC 32 pts, 2. S.W.C. 43 pts, 3. Highgate 53 pts, 7. BELS 97 pts.

### CROYDON TO BANSTEAD AND BACK--February 19th

Once again there was a poor turn out for our annual fixture against Surrey Walking Club. Our captain, Ray Hall, was there as usual to give the lead, and but for a badly blistered heel which he picked up about 2 or 3 miles from the finish he would have been placed higher than his eventual 12th. This heel trouble was a disappointment to Ray, who, with the Stock Exchange '25' coming up, cannot afford to be encumbered with hindrances of this sort.

Doug Fotheringham produced a good solid performance and it was pleasing to see new member Morrison close behind---an effort that also won him the handicap.

RESULT

1. M. Fullager (SWC).....	92:35	21. D. Fotheringham	110:02
2. J. Turner (SWC).....	92:48	23. R. Morrison.....	111:11
3. P. Nichill (SWC).....	94:46	26. J. Baker.....	111:43
4. D. Vale (SWC).....	97:37	35. T. Cook.....	115:53
12. R. Hall (BELS).....	103:44	47. F. Denny.....	128:05

Teams:-

1. S.W.C. 32 pts, 2. Camb. H 51pts 3.BELGRAVE H 98 pts.

# HOW I TRAINED

We continue our extracts from Belgrave Newsletters of the early 1950's

Here is the schedule of Schwab jnr. the 1950 European 10,000 metres Champion and silver medallist in the 1948 Olympic Games.

## TRAINING FOR THE 1948 OLYMPIC 10,000 METRES.

Commencing with the winter season 47/48 a training stroll of 1½ to 2 hours was taken every Sunday. During the stroll special care and attention was taken to exercise and strengthen the inner organs, and deep breathing was always practised with a view to improving the lymph and blood circulation and to fully exercise the lungs, the digestive organs and the heart.

This strolling was done in all weathers thus getting the body used to any climatic changes, or inclement weather. Practise long swinging strides from the hips, to improve the length of pace and exaggerate the arm action far forward and well back, so that the body is carried alternately straight, up, a little back and a little bent forward. This is practised in rhythm with the breathing. Four paces in and four paces out, and the whole can be practised at varying speeds, but must be as easily and as smoothly as possible and without strain. Following this take a hot and cold shower, massage and relax in the gymnasium. On Wednesday, the same training on a smooth road, but only for about ¾ of an hour duration.

From the middle of March to the middle of May continue with style work and increased speed. By the middle of May the following programme and times should be worked:— Tuesday ½ hour style work: Thursday three times 1,000 metres. These 1,000 metres should be done separately thus:— starting on the hour do the first, then the second, 15 minutes from the start of the first, then the third, 15 minutes from the start of the second, in each case trying to come down to a time of 4 minutes 10 secs. and then to 4 minutes 15 secs. per 1,000 metres. This should be watched by an experienced walker or a judge. Sunday One hour on the track with the second and fourth quarters of an hour used for lapping at 1 minute 53 secs to 1 minute 47 secs. lap speed for 400 metre laps.

Preparation schedule from May 24th to August event 1948.

100% = 45:20secs for 10,000 metres. 1,000 metres = 1,094 yards (2½ x 440y less 6y)

Monday	24 May	12 kilos.	Introductory	Saturday	29 May	12 Kilos	80% speed
"	7 June	"	80% speed	"	12 June	"	90% speed
"	21 June	"	80% speed	"	26 June	"	95% speed
"	5 July	"	95% speed	"	10 July	"	100% speed
"	19 July	"	80% speed	"	24 July	"	90% speed
"	2 Aug.	"	Heat 46 mins.	"	7 Aug	"	Final.

## THE SURREY '10'

SWC RETAIN COUNTY TITLE---Wimbledon, February 26th

Held from our own Headquarters this year's Championship produced a field of 30 starters, 10 of them from Belgrave.

Ray Middleton and Surrey's Olympic medallist Paul Nihill made a fight of it for a large part of the way with Nihill only 22 secs ahead at half-way and the threat of a strong Middleton finish, but Nihill drew away half way up Copse Hill near the end and increased his lead to a minute. Ray Hall took third place, holding that position throughout, but Bob Farley who had not long recovered from flu dropped from 5th to 8th in the latter stages.

John Morris caught George Beecham during the second half of the race and these two had a battle right up to the line when they were both given the same time.

Middleton, Hall and Farley have been selected for the County team which will defend it's Inter-County title at Cophall Stadium, Hendon on March 19th.

### RESULT

1. P. Nihill (SWC).....	77:20	16. G. Beecham.....	94:11
2. R. Middleton (BELS)....	78:19	17. J. Morris.....	94:11
3. R. Hall (BELS).....	82:32	19. J. Baker.....	95:51
4. D. Vale (SWC).....	84:33	20. T. Cook.....	97:42
8. G. Farley (BELS).....	85:17	27. P. Wilson.....	103:19
14. J. Keown (BELS).....	93:24	30. F. Denny.....	107:48

### Teams:-

1. Surrey WC. (1,4,6,9,)	20 points
2. BELGRAVE H. (2,3,8,14,)	27 points
3. London V.ds. (5,7,10,11,)	33 points

## HAS HE RETURNED.....?



Of course, if you are reading this sitting in a deck-chair whilst the wife is mowing the lawn, or sun-bathing on a beach to the delightful squeals of children dancing through the waves, or just being jerked along in a bus that allows 54 sitting, 5 standing but has, in fact, 618 on board, then this article will lose its point. You see, in the warmth of human contact (that includes the wife), little fears can be laughed at, but for just a few minutes try to discard your modern cynicism, cast off the mantle of sophistication and look again through the eyes of youth.

Turn the leaves with frantic haste, with excitement and finally gaze with awe at the two pages in the middle of "The Wizard". "The Truth About Wilson". Who'd ever have thought that in our sphere we would seriously concern ourselves with such fictitious nonsense...with so much data recorded.. performances observed....sagacious timekeepers..impossible.. and yet.. he HAS been observed.

A few whispers to close friends have spread gentle ripples across the black bottomless minds of the Titans that run around Richmond Park. "Is it him...?". "Can it really be...?". "I wonder...". This phantom, if that is what it is, does not materialise when there is a large pack or the green-sward is littered with picnickers, or more restricted parties are agitating the ferns. No. It manifests itself, except in one rather singular case reported below, to lone runners. It is most likely to occur when the "Park" has one of her moods; she can make the conditions right, fatigue prepares the susceptible athlete's mind and inclement weather catalyses the whole action.

"The world is a stage and we but actors..." etc., so wrote the bast.., sorry bard from Stratford, but, upon what apron in this global theatre are there charged such forces that would a Hercules quake as now forgather within the gates of Richmond Park. (If you read from the word "but" in a sort of iambic pentameter it sounds rather good, don't you think). However, we digress - let us return to our backcloth loaded with atmosphere. One of our actors is a well known Belgravian - accountant - holder of the Blackstaff Shield - we are with-holding his name in case he is charged with heresy. A noble, astute and uncompromising reason lies in this voter's head - which is why we believe his story more than the others.

The fleet footed figure has been observed definitely on three occasions. The first reports were early spring in 1965; secondly, in December of that year and again in January of this year.

The facts are simply that the man is lean and drawn with lank hair. He appears to be naked from the waist up and his trousers are tight, black and stop just below the knees. Sifting through all the information is an arduous task. There are those who make ridiculously extravagant claims, some who just don't want to be left out and others who are pure romancers. Now we have irrevocable proof ... that there is a mysterious athlete.. but, is it HIM. The evidence will be exhibited at our next social in April. At the moment it is being covetously guarded in the vaults of the Westminster Bank, Hampstead.

It happened this way.-

The sky was a dull monotone grey, torn into great jagged pieces and moving rapidly across the heavens. The trees cracked their leafless icy fingers in the biting wind. Two figures struggled up the north face of Spankers. One was the intrepid Belgravian already mentioned, the other was the equally talented winner of the Inter-Counties last year. Their speed and strength confirmed their rankings until quite suddenly they looked relative scrubbers to the runner that flashed past...it was him...it must be...no ordinary man could dwarf such giants ..His athletic prowess was immediately evident...as quickly as had been his devastating appearance, so was he out of sight amongst the forbidding tangle of black bushes. This story would have remained untold but for what followed... About thirty cold minutes later, having circumscribed the park without meeting a soul abroad, they

once again approached the forbidding copse. Having traversed the ridge with the "White House" behind them, they began the descent when they saw him again, swinging through the trees with surprising agility. He was naked; it all happened so fast. They shouted a friendly "Hallo". he dropped to the frozen ground, glared malevolently, grunted and disappeared into the wood.

For every fact there are a dozen rumours, perhaps you can decide. Myself, I must now have my wild honey, selected herbs and spring water, to sleep for 10 hours under a roof of stars for tomorrow's exploration to the limit of my endeavours.

*Charlie Manning*  
 Stop Press:- In an interview with the Author of our article - "Has he returned..." he said, "if they don't like it, they should make their own contribution. You should tell them that sometimes you are so short of copy you will be commissioning Enid Blyton next." - Eds.

**PETER WILSON**



● This has been a sporting boob of the greatest magnitude ●

Daily Mail

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

Standard

**HAS WILSON COME BACK?**

  
 News Chronicle

TOM FOLLOK'S MISSED ANOTHER 'SCOOP'.....



JAMES COOTE

**DESMOND HACKETT**

Evening

The Last Word



I.L. MANNING

Morning Post

We are proud to announce that those highly esteemed Belgravians, A.A. HARLEY and L.J. COHEN have both been elected as Vice-Presidents of the Southern Counties AAA.

# Road Running

## DISTANCE RACES 1966

A letter giving full details will be circulated to all known distance runners. However, please all try to support the same races :- Finchley '20', Chichester - Portsmouth '16', Poly Marathon and Belgrave '20'.

If anybody is interested in trying any distance for the first time would they please contact me as they will be a welcome addition to the falling numbers of the road running section. **Derek Crookes**

## BELS win Hog's Back race

December 18th 1965

When the first Hog's Back race was held in 1958 Belgrave just scraped up a team of the bare scoring three:- Derek Crookes, Jim Radford and Alan Bishop. We were placed 15th of the 22 teams. This year we did only a little better in quantity (5 runners) but a lot better in quality - 1st of the 62 teams.

Although winning the team race was clearly a great achievement in a field of 390 starters, the fact that a club of this size only had five runners was a perfect disgrace; especially as we turned out 14 last year! There were at least two or three 'A' team runners watching and the usually everfaithful "supporting cast" was completely missing except for Philip King. One possible reason may be that individual entry as well as team entry had to be made and the majority have got too lazy to write out an entry form.

Anyhow, as stated above, thanks to the North brothers and the latest find from over the border, Joe Reilly, we won the team race for the first time. Geoff North led the team home with a very good 6th place, only 40 secs behind the winner, Mel Batty. Gerry North, perhaps feeling some after effects of Mexico City, was a little off colour but still finished 13th. Joe Reilly was a very creditable 30th (just in front of last years runner up, Mike Gowan). Mel Thorpe suffered a little and fell to 72nd compared to his 40th position last year. That stalwart of the long distance section, Philip King, completed our team in 267th place.

390 started, 334 finished and 62 teams (3 to score) closed in:

### RESULT

1.M.Batty (Thurrock) 44:19	30.J.Reilly (BELGRAVE H) 47:04
2.J.Baldwin (Blackheath) 44:20	72.M.Thorpe (BELGRAVE H) 48:49
6.Geoff North (BELGRAVE H) 44:59	267.P.King (BELGRAVE H) 55:49
13.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H) 45:55	

Teams:- 1.BELGRAVE H (5,11,26) 42pts	4.Cambridge H (6,9,67) 82pts
2.Mitcham AC (15,16,19) 50pts	5.Portsmouth AC (3,39,34) 86pts
3.Blackheath H (2,35,38) 75pts	6.Oxford Univ.(25,29,36) 90pts

## Mitcham '15'

January 8th 1966

This performance by Belgrave was in some ways better than the win in the Hog's Back '91'. Instead of having the stars and nobody else, we managed to find eight runners with most of the stars away (resting for the coming Inter-Counties Cross Country).

It was good to see Pat Newell back in the distance ranks, running an excellent race to gain 12th place. Chris Steer ran quite well in 35th place but perhaps could have been a little higher. Our 3rd scorer was Charlie Walker in 50th place.

These three together with Charlie Dabbs should form the basis of a good team for the summer races. Of the others Doug Brew ran very well in his first attempt at the distance to finish in 67th place.

Mike Bullivant broke Jack Brown's course record by over a minute but it should be remembered that conditions were ideal.

### RESULT

1.M.Bullivant (Derby & Cnty) 77:20(Rec)	67.D.Brew (BELGRAVE H) 90:09
2.B.Collins (Surrey AC) 77:25	84.C.Keavey " 92:10
3.D.Hoodless (TVH) 78:47	98.P.King " 95:40
12.P.Newell (BELGRAVE H) 81:23	126.G.Piddington " 105:03
35.C.Steer " 85:27	139.C.Fairfield " 117:35
50.C.Walker " 87:57	141 finished.

Teams:- (3 to score)

1.Derby & C (1,11,25) 37 pts
2.Blackheath (13,14,15) 42 pts
3.Bristol AC (8,16,18) 42 pts
8.BELGRAVE H (12,29,41) 82 pts
25 teams closed in

(6 to score)

1.Derby & C (1,11,30,33,37,52) 164pts
2.TVH (3,32,34,36,38,48) 191pts
3.Blackheath (13,14,15,25,68,71) 206pts
4.BELGRAVE H (12,35,50,67,84,98) 346pts
6 teams closed in

# ALL TIME TOP 100 PERFORMANCES OVER BELGRAVE'S 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> MILES ROAD COURSE

1.	27:15	GERRY NORTH*	3.62	1	52.	29:01	D.Baulch	(4)	3.55
2.	27:27	Gerry North	(2)	9.65			C.Dabbs	(4)	9.56
3.	27:55	W.KERR	3.64	2	54.	29:02	E.Gebbett	(2)	9.62
4.	27:56	R.BHATIA	3.60	3	55.	29:03	G.DAVIDSON		9.56 26
5.	28:01	A.FAIRCLOUGH	3.64	4			E.Gebbett	(3)	9.57
6.	28:08	C.DABBS	3.60	5	57.	29:04	C.W.Walker	(7)	3.53
7.	28:19	GEOFF NORTH	3.64	6			D.Baulch	(5)	3.54
8.	28:21	P.NEWELL	3.59	7			J.C.Smart	(2)	3.55
9.	28:22	L.O'HARA	3.65	8			C.Dabbs	(5)	3.63
10.	28:24	W.Kerr	(2)	3.63	61.	29:05	J.Brown	(2)	9.62
11.	28:25	R.LINSTEAD	3.54	9			A.Black	(2)	3.65
12.	28:26	T.HART	3.64	10	63.	29:06	C.W.Walker	(8)	9.63
13.	28:28	C.Dabbs	(2)	9.63	64.	29:07	L.W.HERBERT		3.54 27
		J.MOORE	3.64	11			P.Bagnall	(4)	3.56
15.	28:29	C.W.WALKER	3.60	12	66.	29:08	P.Newell	(5)	9.55
16.	28:30	W.Kerr	(3)	9.64	67.	29:09	V.S.BLOWFIELD		3.50 28
		A.Fairclough	(2)	9.65			R.C.Tooby	(2)	9.56
18.	28:31	C.W.Walker	(2)	3.55			C.W.Walker	(9)	9.57
		A.BLACK	3.64	13			C.SHIPPEN		9.58 29
20.	28:33	L.O'Hara	(2)	3.64			P.Newell	(6)	3.61
21.	28:34	C.W.Walker	(3)	3.63			D.MACLEAN		3.63 29
		C.STEER	3.64	14	73.	29:10	R.T.TAYLOR		3.53 31
		M.THORPE	9.65	14			W.E.LUCAS		3.54 31
24.	28:35	L.O'Hara	(3)	9.63			C.Steer	(2)	9.65
25.	28:36	J.BROWN	3.61	16	76.	29:11	C.W.Walker	(10)	3.58
26.	28:39	D.BAULCH	3.58	17	77.	29:12	L.W.Herbert	(2)	3.53
27.	28:41	J.C.SMART	3.54	18			J.Brown	(3)	9.64
		A.Fairclough	(3)	9.64	79.	29:13	W.Kerr	(4)	3.65
29.	28:43	B.SAWYER	9.62	19	80.	29:14	J.BURR		3.55 33
		P.Newell	(2)	3.65			C.W.Walker	(11)	9.58
31.	28:44	C.W.Walker	(4)	3.56			W.Kerr	(5)	9.61
		C.Dabbs	(3)	9.64	83.	29:15	W.E.Lucas	(2)	3.53
33.	28:45	M.ROBINSON	3.61	20			D.Maclean	(2)	9.57
		B.Sawyer	(2)	9.63			C.W.Walker	(12)	3.61
35.	28:46	P.BAGNALL	3.55	21	86.	29:16	P.BRADLEY		3.63 34
		M.Thorpe	(2)	3.65	87.	29:18	D.BRICKWOOD		3.54 35
37.	28:47	P.Newell	(3)	9.58			M.Robinson	(2)	3.59
		L.O'Hara	(4)	9.65			L.O'Hara	(5)	9.64
39.	28:48	J.BROMLEY	3.54	22	90.	29:19	C.Shippen	(2)	3.59
		P.Newell	(4)	9.63	91.	29:20	M.STEARMAN		3.53 36
41.	28:50	R.C.TOOBY	3.53	23			J.Brown	(4)	10.60
		A.BEDFORD	3.55	23			J.Brown	(5)	9.61
		C.W.Walker	(5)	3.57			J.Moore	(2)	9.63
		D.Baulch	(2)	3.59	95.	29:21	L.C.BISHOP		3.55 37
45.	28:52	T.Hart	(2)	9.64			P.Bagnall	(5)	9.55
46.	28:53	E.GEBBETT	3.58	25			R.Linstead	(2)	9.57
47.	28:55	P.Bagnall	(2)	3.57			E.Gebbett	(4)	9.58
		A.Bedford	(2)	3.54			E.Gebbett	(5)	9.51
		C.W.Walker	(6)	3.64	100.	29:22	L.W.Herbert	(3)	4.40
50.	29:00	D.Baulch	(3)	3.56			C.FOREY		3.61 38
		P.Bagnall	(3)	3.57			L.O'Hara	(6)	3.63

\* competing as a second-claim member.

## RESULT OF WEST HAM 'A' WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

1.	P. Lonnen..(Bristol).....	36:59	47.	C. Keavey.....BELS.....	42:27
2.	M. Barratt. (Ealing).....	37:02	54.	E. Penny..... "	42:47
3.	B. Watson..(Avery Hill)....	37:04	61.	D. Brew..... "	44:06
5.	C. Steer ... (BELS).....	38:15	72.	G. Piddington.. "	45:19

Teams:-

1.	EALING.....	14 points	(20 teams closed in)
2.	WIMBLEDON.....	36 points	(93 finished)
3.	BARCLAYS BANK.....	40 points	
10.	BELGRAVE H.....	80 points	

The Finchley "20", which this year incorporates the Southern "20", will be held from Ruislip on April 23rd.

# CROSS - COUNTRY

## Thresher wins Club '7'

December 4th - Wimbledon

John Thresher made the most of the North brothers' absence by winning the Club Championship race for the "Blackstaffe Shield" by a 7 sec. margin over Laurie O'Hara.

Run over three laps of our 2½ mile circuit, the race produced many interesting contests and the spectators had the pleasure of watching several races in one as the field split up into isolated groups. The first four were soon clear of the field and after one lap were followed by a trio of Fairclough, Hart and Reilly - the latter only a first year senior. A quartet of Steer, Dear, Walker and Brown then passed by and, after a further gap, another pack of five.

As the race progressed the groups moved further apart. John Thresher was in fine form, pulling away from his rivals over the last lap and showing style that augured well for the County Championship just four weeks away. O'Hara and Thorpe also ran well to chase John home but the star of the race was undoubtedly John Bicourt, our leading Junior, who split these two and by running something like a minute faster than the handicapper expected also took the handicap award.

Winner of the second 'race', for 5th place, was Tony Fairclough who just held off Trevor Hart and Joe Reilly. Finishing behind 20 years old Reilly was a runner exactly twice Joe's age - that elder statesman of the running fraternity, Jack Brown. Jack moved well away from his immediate rivals on the final lap and clocked a time that placed him 5th in the handicap - form that suggests he will be running yet again for Belgrave in the Southern Championships in February.

Mel Thorpe, recent runner-up in the South of Thames Junior, took 2nd handicap prize and John Dear 3rd.

### RESULT:

1. J. Thresher	(0:45)	42:30	16. E. Penney	(6:45)	49:07
2. L. O'Hara	(1:00)	42:37	17. P. King	(8:00)	50:14
3. J. Bicourt	(2:00)	42:41	18. R. James	(6:30)	50:28
4. M. Thorpe	(1:15)	42:43	19. L. Bishop	(6:30)	50:48
5. A. Fairclough	(1:15)	43:51	20. G. Pearson	(7:30)	50:54
6. T. Hart	(1:30)	43:52	21. D. Newall	(8:30)	51:55
7. J. Reilly	(1:45)	43:54	22. J. Macdonald	(8:30)	51:55
8. J. Brown	(3:00)	44:45	23. K. Stimpson	(7:00)	53:08
9. J. Dear	(3:30)	45:06	24. C. Manning	(11:30)	53:45
10. C. Steer	(2:00)	45:19	25. J. Davies	(11:30)	54:10
11. C. Walker	(3:45)	45:47	26. R. Clarke	(11:00)	54:36
12. C. Shippen	(6:00)	48:21	27. P. Sutton	(12:00)	55:38
13. R. Glover	(5:00)	48:22	28. A. Bousefield	(12:00)	56:59
14. C. Keavey	(6:00)	48:25	29. J. Plummer	(13:00)	58:55
15. D. Brew	(6:00)	48:52	30. R. Hopkins	(12:00)	60:35

## O'Hara beats Barratt

December 18th - Wimbledon

Match v Ealing v Polytechnic H

Laurie O'Hara showed great form in our last home fixture of 1965. Untroubled throughout, he moved away from the field just as he pleased and beat the redoubtable Mike Barratt into 4th place. With Trevor Hart also beating Barratt, the hopes of our two runners were high for the Middlesex Champs. just two weeks hence.

Ken Stimpson closed in our scoring 10 in 29th place but we still had to give best to Ealing who packed 9 in 21 for a deserved win.

### RESULT:

1. L. O'Hara	28:16	18. C. Shippen	31:49	1. Ealing	124pts
3. T. Hart	28:34	20. J. Bromley	32:40	2. BELGRAVE	147pts
5. A. Fairclough	28:58	22. D. Brew	32:59	3. Poly.	202pts
9. C. Steer	30:02	27. R. Sinclair	34:12		
13. C. Walker	30:43	29. K. Stimpson	35:07		

Sorry, but we can't think of anything to write about Geoff North on this page---it's all been said before.

## BELGRAVE WIN SURREY C. C.

### January 1st 1966 - Wimbledon Common

Held this year over three laps of our own course at Wimbledon, the Surrey County Cross Country Champ. had been eagerly awaited for many weeks. How would our team (the strongest for many years) fare against the holders, South London Harriers? Would John Roberts (SLH) beat Gerry North for the individual title?

As the 138 runners were sent on their way, Roberts went straight into the lead and after 2 miles he was still there, followed closely by Gerry, who was in turn pursued by a small pack including Gowan (HHH), Robinson (Guildford) and Thresher (Belgrave). At the halfway mark the two leaders were running shoulder to shoulder, neither runner giving an inch. Tony Fairclough was working his way through in the teens and with Alan Black and Chris Steer also fairly well positioned, we were confident of a team place, although Mitcham AC were packing well.

With a couple of miles left Roberts could hang on no longer (he had in all fairness been suffering with a severe cold earlier in the week). It was just a matter of whether he could hold off Thresher and Collins (Surrey AC) who was tearing through the field after taking it easy for the first two laps. Chris Steer, not at his best, had dropped back somewhat but Chas. Dabbs, entering our scoring six for the first time in the race, soon took both him and Charlie Walker - things were looking very rosy.



(Photo: P. Hillier)

LEFT: Gerry North and John Roberts in the lead after one lap.  
RIGHT: Charlie Dabbs negotiates one of the "lakes" on lap 2.

Gerry ran out a clear winner, 62 seconds ahead of the second man home Collins (Roberts having dived into the bushes not far from the finish). John Thresher was pleased with his 3rd place as was Tony Fairclough with his 8th, thus making it three Bels. out of the ten athletes selected to run for Surrey in the Inter-Counties event at Blackpool.

The race was no sooner over when Charlie Walker, collecting his 'umpteenth' county medal in being our 6th man home, was heard to be talking about the 'Brighton' - What do you think!

#### RESULT:

1. Gy. North (Belgrave H)	41:47	30. C. Dabbs (Belgrave H)	45:55
2. B. Collins (Surrey AC)	42:49	33. C. Walker "	46:24
3. J. Thresher (Belgrave H)	42:56	65. C. Shippen "	48:21
4. M. Gowan (Herne Hill H)	43:18	70. C. Steer "	48:33
5. R. Robinson (Guildford)	43:35	100. J. Hampshire "	50:34
6. J. Roberts (South London H)	43:41	102. H. Satchell "	50:42
8. A. Fairclough (Belgrave H)	43:57	104. J. Bromley "	51:04
22. A. Black (Belgrave H)	45:04	111. E. Penny "	-

Teams: - 1. BELGRAVE H 89pts      2. Mitcham AC 110pts      3. South London H 131pts

Have you got a Club tie (9/6)? or a Vest badge (3/-)? or perhaps you need a new club vest at 10/- sleeveless or 22/6 with sleeves? Whether it be these things, or any running gear imaginable, just drop a card to Gerry North, 47, Clarendon Drive, S.W.15 and he will send you details of his stock or the articles direct.





# SOCIAL

Please make a note of the following dates:-

- March 26th - Jumble Sale at the Hall starting 10:00am. PLEASE BRING ALL YOUR JUMBLE UP TO THE HALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
April 2nd - Tramp's Ball - Come dressed in your tattiest gear  
June 4th - Dance after the Club Championships  
Nov. 19th - Club Dinner and Dance - Wimbledon Hill Hotel (Dog & Fox)

## ★ ★ CARNIVAL ★ ★ NIGHT ★ ★

For many years the activities of the Belgrave Harriers in the athletic world have been front-page news. It is possible that this development was not envisaged by those far-seeing Belgravians when they founded the Club in 1887. For a certainty the Belgrave New Year Social would not have been imagined.

A long time ago, someone said "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world", this would seem to indicate that females play an important part in the affairs of men. It is a fact, no doubt, that the female supporters of the Belgrave Harriers play an important part in the well-being of the Club. Mothers, wives and girl friends have become a feature of any Belgrave meeting; encouraging the athlete and committee-man to greater endeavours.

For some years the Belgrave Harriers have recognised the value of Social gatherings and some splendid functions have been organised for the enjoyment of the members such as 'Jazz Festival', Jumble Sales (rather hectic) Week-End at Butlins (Indoor Sports), with the Saturday Socials and the Belgrave Annual Dinner.

One of the finest of these functions was held on 1st January, 1966, when the members of the Bels. in the company of athletes from a large number of other clubs met in Belgrave Hall to celebrate the commencement of the New Year and literally competed in a Carnival Social.

The Fancy dress and period costumes seen on the ballroom floor as the wearers swirled and twirled was a most colourful sight. It appeared that the history of the nations was being paraded for the purpose of comparison; the togas of the Romans, the wisdom of the Greeks, the gaiety of the French, the piracy of the seas, the joys of Pantomime, the misery of doom (or was it departed Pussyfoot), Grimms fairy tales, the grossness of the Middle Ages, the hope of a newly born baby. To so much colour, to the carefree laughter of this 'Get With It' congregation should be added the music that seemed to capture the mood of the moment; Jazz, Old-Time, The Blues and of course the Twist. Truly an evening of relaxation and enjoyment with the thoughts of training and performances on the road forgotten.

During the interval some clever miming to records was performed by various groups and the effort of B. Merry & Co. is worthy of repetition. The costume parade by the ladies provided the selection committee (or Judges) with a most difficult task, it was only after five circuits of the Hall that the judges agreed to give the award to the 1966 Baby (Pat Balaam) for being so apposite. The Principal Boy (Jean Manning) and Aladdin (Mrs Lucas) were noted. The costume award for the gentleman was a little easier, but it is said that the winner did not know that he was King Henry VIII, he thought he was a pirate. Mention was made of 'David Crockett' (Hacking Col.), the Victorian Barman (Ted Stimpson). The award for the best lady and gentleman pair was gained by an Indian and his squaw, their costumes were perfect (two of the judges thought they were 'Sioux'), it was later established that these 'Indians' were John Biccourt and Val Harper.

Ted Stimpson and his assistants on the Social Committee should be well satisfied with their efforts in providing a wonderful social gathering for the enjoyment of the Belgrave Harriers and their Ladies.

### C H I L D R E N ' S   P A R T Y

**Amanuensis**

This year Belgrave Harriers' Children's Party took on a salty flavour and under the captaincy of "Long John Reg Hopkins" and a motley crew, the S.S. "Belgrave Hall" set sail on 9th January. During the voyage the passengers were served a delicious tea by Aunty Win Shepherd and her "Galley Slaves". Various deck games were organised by the captain with the help of his ferocious looking pirates and a red indian brave and his squaw. At the crossing of the equator, King Neptune came aboard and conducted the usual initiation ceremony. As to be expected on a pirate's ship several of the crew mutineered and after a fierce sword fight the culprits were forced to "walk the plank" and came to a wet end.

The passengers were very lucky in having on board a celebrity from T.V., 'Saveen' with his very lovable friends including Daisy May. There was also John Wenk who sang folk songs and accompanied himself on the guitar.

At the last port of call our old friend Father Christmas was piped aboard and as usual gave every child a present.

We would like to thank Admiral Ted Stimpson for organising such a wonderful trip which I am sure all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

**Jean Manning**



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E.D. LACEY

## Major prominent in South of Thames Senior

January 29th - Windsor

Running his best race to date, Adrian Major, who is only a first year Junior, finished 31st in the South of the Thames Senior cross-country race at Windsor. This was the first time he had raced over more than 5 miles on the country, in fact only this season, since leaving the Youth ranks, did he step up from 3 mile races.

The event was held over three 2½ mile laps of muddy grassland in Windsor Great Park and although we had many of our team barred, due to a win in 1964, we hoped to take home a set of medals. Baldwin (Blackheath) went straight into the lead and after one lap was well clear of Yates (Windsor & Eton) and Gowan (HHH) who were fighting off a small pack. Mel Thorpe and John Bicourt were fairly well placed but with the exception of Adrian in the early 50's, we were having to wait too long for our other scoring men.



(Photo: A. Mead)

Mel Thorpe leads John Bicourt in the South of Thames

At 5 miles John Bicourt had dropped back but Adrian, running steadily through the field, soon took him and was chasing hard behind Mel. Joe Reilly was starting to make some impression after a slowish start and Howard Satchell, who was originally only reserve, had dispatched Chris Keavey etc. and for a few glorious miles had his sights trained on Ranjit Bhatia and John Dear. Apart from Mel Thorpe and Joe Reilly (who must have been the fastest in the field over the last lap) our boys all felt the heavy conditions towards the end and we had to be content with a team position of 5th.

### RESULT:

1. J. Baldwin (Blackheath)	42:46	55. J. Bicourt (BELGRAVE H)	46:11
2. P. Yates (Windsor & Eton)	42:55	99. W. Dance	47:38
3. M. Gowan (Herne Hill)	43:02	112. C. Shippen	48:00
4. G. Taylor (Cambridge H)	43:04	138. J. Dear	48:52
5. R. Collins (Windsor & Eton)	43:11	140. R. Bhatia	48:57
6. F. Maillardet (Cambridge H)	43:13	180. H. Satchell	50:27
22. M. Thorpe (BELGRAVE H)	44:45	188. C. Keavey	51:16
31. A. Major	45:04	214. R. Calderwood	52:06
40. J. Reilly	45:26	216. D. Brew	52:13

Teams:- 1. Windsor & Eton (2,5,10,20,38,44)	119pts	4. Westbury H	232pts
2. Blackheath H (1,9,12,13,49,106)	190pts	5. BELGRAVE H	359pts
3. Cambridge H (4,6,11,45,62,63)	191pts	6. Ranelagh H	361pts

Len Orton who, several years ago, spent some considerable time in London running second claim for Belgrave, is now Honorary Secretary of Birchfield Harriers - our great rivals of the distant past. Len has invited Belgrave to compete in the 1966 Waddilove Trophy Meeting but unfortunately the date clashes with the Brockman Trophy event and we have regretfully declined.

# THE NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

## FINAL TABLE

1. BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	868 points
2. Hercules Athletic Club.....	1248 points
3. Mitcham Athletic Club.....	1282 points
4. Herne Hill Harriers.....	1360 points
5. Walton Athletic Club.....	1579 points
6. Croydon Harriers.....	1682 points
7. Surrey Athletic Club.....	2041 points

So, after the fourth attempt, we have at last won the League title. In 1963 and 1964 Walton pushed us into the runners-up position and last year Hercules did likewise. Our ever-increasing depth in numbers of good class runners and the consequent better turn-outs were instrumental in gaining us this win. The competition is really a test of reserve strength as the top runners are rarely able to compete in all four fixtures. Belgrave had 23 different runners filling the ten scoring positions in the four fixtures---a reassuring thought when one considers that each combination was good enough to give us a win in 3 races out of 4, and a second place in the other.

The individual title (only those who compete in all four races are eligible) went to Dave Bagshaw (Hercules) with 46 points and the runner-up our own promising Junior Adrian Major with 68 points---an exceptionally good start in his first year of the competition.

The first race was covered in the November issue of the Belgravian. This is how the remaining three went:-

### RACE NO.2 (Walton AC---Esher)---December 11th

The Esher Common course was at it's worst. Muddy at the best of times on the outgoing and homeward stretch, the continuous rain of the preceding weeks had left it a veritable quagmire.

A brown healthy looking Gerry North---freshly returned from Mexico---was out to see whether he could do a "Keino"; having descended over 17,000 feet a few days earlier. Although not as 'tanned' as the famous Kenyan when he started, he must have matched him for both performance and appearance by the time he had finished! His mud-covered figure crossed the line over a minute ahead of the next man, John Thresher; despite going off course during the first lap and losing his initial lead.

Bicourt and Fairclough ran very well to give us 4 in 6, and with such a good start we had little difficulty in winning the match and moving into an overall lead of 111 points, at the expense of Hercules the holders who had won the first race at Wimbledon.

New member Bill Dance did well in his first league run, and it was good to see our old friend Ranjit Bhatia out again in Belgrave colours.

#### RESULT

1. Gerry North (BELS)....29:20	15. Reilly...31:41	66. Hampshire...35:29
2. J. Thresher (BELS)....30:25	20. Thorpe...31:56	71. Penny.....35:54
3. I. Wheeler(HHH).....30:29	22. Dear....32:05	73. Brown (R)...36:22
4. M. Gowan (HHH).....30:30	25. Major....32:21	76. Brew.....36:53
5. J. Bicourt (BELS)....30:33	29. Steer...32:48	77. Merry.....37:08
6. A. Fairclough (BELS)..30:42	54. Shippen.34:25	87. Smith (P)...39:02
7. G. Biscoe (Mit).....30:43	57. Dance...34:40	89. Fairfield...39:36
8. M. Gillett (Mit).....30:47	60. Bhatia...34:53	94. Bousefield..41:19
9. S. Badgery (Mit).....30:50		
10. E. Snowden (Sy).....31:06		

#### Teams:-

1. BELGRAVE H. ( 1,2,5,6,15,20,22,25,29,53).....	178 points
2. Mitcham AC (7,8,9,11,18,26,32,34,39,42).....	226 points
3. Walton AC (16,17,23,30,33,47,48,49,55,62).....	380 points
4. Hercules AC. 383 pts, 5. H.H.H. 390 pts, 6. Croydon H. 418 pts	
7. Surrey AC 515 pts.	

### RACE NO. 3. (Surrey AC---Richmond Park)---January 15th

Held on the same day as the Inter-Counties Championship at Blackpool, this third league match found us with our points lead in jeopardy, as Gerry and Geoff North, John Thresher, Tony Fairclough and Trevor Hart were on call by their Counties and Mel Thorpe, Alan Black, and John Dear were also away.

Maybe it was because many of our leading runners were away that the remainder supported the race so well, but it was certainly a magnificent effort for 26 to turn out and support this away fixture as they did. Despite his disappointing exclusion from the Middlesex team, Laurie O'Hara was there to lead our team into the fray, nobly abetted by John B'court and Ferdie Gilson (in his first outing as a second-claim member).

Ferdie went straight to the front, with B'court, O'Hara and Steer well placed. Laurie soon worked his way up to third and entered into a lengthy battle with Presland of Surrey AC. Gilson faded a little and soon had Major and Reilly closing on him. At halfway there was nothing to choose between ourselves, Mitcham and Herne Hill but the latter appeared to have a slender lead. We were doing far better than expected; particularly as John B'court had been forced to retire at this point. The lads held their own admirably on the final circuit, and with the Mitcham late-scorers making ground at the expense of their Herne Hill counterparts we ended up tying for first place in the closest team result yet.

#### RACE NO.4.---(Croydon H---Shirley)---February 26th

We went into the final race at Lloyd Park with a lead of 111 points in the Competition, and although only four of our intended "National" nine decided to run the week preceding the E.C.C.U. Championships we were still able to turn out a useful ten.

The North brothers forced the pace right from the start and at halfway Gerry was half a minute clear of Geoff, who was about 15 seconds ahead of Gowan (HHH). Alan Black was showing excellent form, leading the remainder of the field a short distance behind. With Adrian Major making Dabbs and Hart work hard, and Bill Dance chasing Chris Steer we had no less than eight in the first thirteen!

Gerry showed he was hitting form just right for the National the following week by going right away to the time of 1:35. Geoff had little difficulty in holding his second place, and Alan was only 9 seconds short of catching Gowan. Dabbs's superior strength had the edge on young Major and both dropped Trevor Hart.

Bill Dance (11th) and Junior Michael Baker (39th) both ran particularly well and we should be seeing a lot more of these two.

#### RESULT

1. Gerry North (BELS)....26:54	10. Hart....29:34	58. Smith (P).....35:13
2. Geoff North (BELS)....28:29	11. Dance...29:47	59. Wrench.....35:17
3. M. Gowan (HHH).....28:49	19. Steer...30:26	60. Piddington...35:19
4. A. Black (BELS).....28:58	29. Dear...31:09	63. Bousefield...35:34
5. D. Bagshaw (Herne)....29:04	39. Baker...32:08	68. Fairfield.....36:23
6. C. Dabbs (BELS).....29:13	49. Keavey...33:18	70. Mead.....37:35
7. A. Major (BELS).....29:18	54. Hilliar.34:35	71. Manning.....37:35
	56. Merry...34:52	

#### Teams:-

1. BELGRAVE H. (1,2,4,6,7,10,11,19,29,39).....128 pts
2. Hercules AC (5,12,14,22,24,30,32,37,41,70).....282 pts
3. Croydon H (8,20,21,27,28,33,35,40,45,46).....303 pts
4. H.H.H. 324 pts, 5. Mitcham AC 431 pts, 6. Walton AC 555 pts
7. Surrey AC 580 pts.

#### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

- MARCH 19th---R.W.A. (and Inter-Counties) 10 miles championship;Bexley Road Relay.  
 26th---BELGRAVE INVITATION FIELD EVENTS MEETING (Tooting) A.A.A.  
 7 miles walk Championship---Hurlingham.  
 T.V.H. Road Relay---Cranford.  
 APRIL 2nd---Met. W.C. Open 20 Kilos walk.  
 BELGRAVE '52' ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP (Wimbledon Cup)  
 Tramps' Ball---Belgrave Hall  
 16th--- BELGRAVE '20' WALK CHAMPIONSHIP (R.W. Ricketts Shield).

Photos

#### THE FINAL LEAGUE MATCH---SHIRLEY

- TOP LEFT: Trevor Hart and Charlie Dabbs commence lap 2.  
 TOP RIGHT: Junior Michael Baker in his first league race.  
 CENTRE: A confident team await the start. (L to R): Black, Merry, Geoff North  
 Gerry North, Dear, Steer, Major and Dabbs.  
 BOTTOM LEFT: John Dear fights off two Croydon Harriers.  
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Chris Steer, who was our 8th scorer.

(Photos: C. Shippen)



# FAIRCLOUGH BY A YARD!

## 'MACHER' Shield win over O'Hara - January 22nd - Wimbledon

What a finish to this year's Club 10 miles Championship! Just when Fairclough appeared to have got a safe lead over O'Hara in the closing stages Laurie turned on a final sprint that took him to within a stride of victory and to dreams of "what might have been". Nevertheless, Tony went at the right psychological moment and justified his decision by taking the title - a fine win by a fine runner.

Charlie Dabbs was another to re-run the race many times in his thoughts. First up the final climb to the Windmill he could do little to stop his speedier opponents draw away over the last flat  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, and must also have thought "If only I'd gone earlier".

In what must have been the closest finish for years in this race, 40secs covered the first five runners. These five were so superior to the remainder that they also occupied the first five positions in the handicap - an occurrence that must be unprecedented in the annals of Belgrave handicapping.

John Bicourts 4th place was particularly good for a Junior and he did well to finish just ahead of Alan Black, who is getting back to top form once again.

Only 15 of the 20 odd starters finished - so much for a 4 lap course and willpower!

### RESULT:

1.A.Fairclough(1:45)	58:15	9.C.Walker	(5:30)	62:55
2.L.O'Hara	(1:45)	10.J.Thresher	(1:30)	63:18
3.C.Dabbs	(2:15)	11.C.Shippen	(8:00)	65:00
4.J.Bicourt	(2:00)	12.G.Piddington	(11:00)	70:46
5.A.Black	(2:30)	13.P.King	(11:30)	73:00
6.C.Steer	(3:00)	14.J.Hilton	(14:00)	73:46
7.J.Reilly	(2:30)	15.C.Henn	(13:00)	74:13
8.J.Brown	(4:30)			

## BELS. 2nd again in 'SOUTHERN'

Although the weather was not unduly cold and we were spared the promised snow the conditions under foot were worse than had ever been experienced, even at Parliament Hill. The whole area was sodden with water and it needed very little to turn the ground into a sea of mud.

On paper our team looked very strong indeed and we had every hope of reversing the 1965 result when Portsmouth beat us by 42 points. However, the Hampshire club were at the top of their form and the result turned out to be almost identical to that at Brighton the preceding year, with the same margin of points.

It was not our team captain's day for he was up-ended before even getting out of the starting pens and deposited ignominiously on his bottom. This gave him the extra task of catching up with the leaders, a difficult job in normal conditions but infinitely worse in the sloppy mud of today's race. Nevertheless after 2½ miles Gerry was our first man in 7th place followed by Thresher 19th Geoff North (fully confident that he was to beat his brother at last in a cross-country race) 31st, Fairclough 35th, Thorpe 46th and Black 54th well backed up by O'Hara 55th and Dabbs 56th. The score at this stage was 192 and Portsmouth, despite having four men in the first eleven places, were approximately 180.

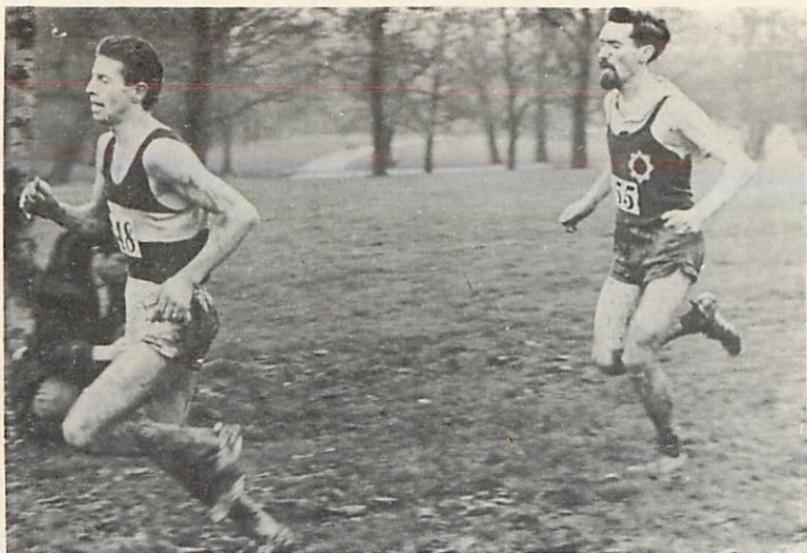
One mile further on all our lads had improved considerably except Black who had fallen back to 87, his 6th scoring place having been taken by Dabbs who had come up to 47. Score now 169 as against Portsmouth's 155, for whom Martin Hyman was moving through the field from 80th place at a great speed.

Towards the end of the 2nd lap Gerry had moved up to 3rd with Thresher 17th, Geoff North 22nd, Fairclough 26th, Thorpe 39th and Dabbs 45th, totalling 152. Hyman for Portsmouth was now up to 33rd and their score was down to 130.

As the field went up the hill at the beginning of the third lap we had made up a few more places to score 147 but Portsmouth had drawn away a little and were now totalling only 115.

Over the last lap our fortunes wavered for Mel Thorpe, who had been running very well, dropped back twelve places, but Laurie O'Hara who had been late arriving and started without a warm-up, was coming through fast and gained fourteen positions to pass both Thorpe and Dabbs. Gerry was finding the going tough and had to give way to John Roberts (SLH) and Peter Yates (Windsor & Eton) and brother Geoff also lost some ground.

The final reckoning gave us a total score of 148 as against Portsmouth's 106 so we must wait another year before we displace them from the leading position in Southern cross-country circles which they have held for six years. Perhaps we could do it in this year's National at Sheffield.



(Photo: R. Linstead)

Gerry North leads Baldwin (Blackheath)

**RESULT:**

1. T. Johnston (Portsmouth)	47:56	39. C. Dabbs (BELGRAVE H)	51:19
2. T. Briault (Borough of Enfield)	48:18	50. M. Thorpe "	51:39
3. J. Roberts (South London H)	48:40	62. A. Black "	52:01
5. Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	49:03	76. C. Steer "	52:58
17. J. Thresher "	50:12	94. J. Reilly "	52:58
27. A. Fairclough "	50:54	110. T. Hart "	
29. Geoff North "	50:57	247. C. Walker "	
35. L. O'Hara "	51:12		

Teams:- 1. Portsmouth AC (1,8,10,15,20,51) 105pts.

2. BELGRAVE H (5,17,26,28,34,38) 148pts 3. SLH (3,33,35,39,44,46) 199pts

**Note:-** South London Harriers took the Odling Smees Cup for finishing their first twelve ahead of any other club. Their last man was few places in front of Charlie Walker - perhaps Jack Brown may have a twinge of conscience for withdrawing just to let Charlie run!

**Olympian****THE 1966 NATIONAL**

National Championships, Graves Park, Sheffield---March 5th

What a race! What a finish! After Hill (Bolton) and Turner (Liverpool) had been locked in combat for the whole race, alternately pushing the pace and out on their own, Hill made a frantic effort to shake off his rival  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the finish but 2 yards was all he could get. With just 600 yds left Turner made his 'final' effort and when a gap of 4 yards appeared it seemed all over, but the Bolton man showed a new lease of life 100 yards from the line and produced a second sprint that momentarily carried him sailing past Turner; but with the finish drawing nearer at increasing speed the Liverpool Harrier responded yet again and as they crossed the line in a blanket sprint finish it seemed there could be no justice in a result other than a tie. However, inches do count in the end and on this score the verdict went to Ron Hill who, surprisingly, is National Champion for the first time.

Our own Gerry North had an excellent run, proving the forecasters wrong again---none of them considering Gerry for the International team yet alone the first four. After the usual fast start, up a steep hill, the field had to negotiate 2 laps of a miniature  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile circuit---hardly fair to the outside positions in a field sometimes 15 abreast. Gerry and Geoff got a good start though and were both in the first six after 600 yards. With only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles gone the steep climb from the start had been covered three times and the field well and truly sorted out. Geoff began to drop back the second time up and Gerry was dangerously near losing contact on the third ascent. Briault was pushing the pace at this stage, but the pace

slackened for the only time in the race on the flat, zig-zagged portion of the course farthest away from the finish. For a short distance the runners were 5 abreast and the leading group had consolidated itself to 10 strong. It was at this point that Turner decided to break up the 'pally' gathering and with Hill the only one to hang on the leaders were soon strung out in Indian file. Gerry's effort in regaining contact with the leaders left him little with which to respond but he still managed to carve himself a niche in 5th position, a place he slowly but surely improved upon--reaching 3rd at 6 miles and for a spell pulling back the leading pair. Unfortunately the steep slope down to the start caused him serious discomfort each of the four times it was covered, due to a lingering stitch, and on each occasion he lost ground. Hogan, who was running in his first English "National" and who had been trailing Gerry throughout, probably noticed this for on the last descent just prior to commencing the final large lap he made his effort disposing of a 10 yards deficit and opening up a 20 yards lead. For a further mile Hogan kept the pace going and it seemed for a spell that he might well catch the leaders but after getting 50 yards clear of Gerry he could make no further impression Gerry held his form well and finished strongly, though his pursuers were making ground over the final circuit.

Geoff also suffered on those first 3 steep climbs. he was not quite strong enough to maintain his excellent start but he deserves full credit for the way he battled over the whole distance to hold a slipping position. From 9th place at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to 17th at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles, he was 28th at the half distance. His tenacity over the final  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles enabled him to finish 38th and be our second scorer.

Of the remainder, none was inside the first 150 after a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and, except for Fairclough, none inside the first 120 after 3 miles. Tony worked very hard to make ground over the first large lap and at 3 miles had reached 68th position, but the final stages of the race were a bit too much for him, most of his slip to 81st occurring in the final mile or so. Charlie Dabbs showed his strength after being outpaced at the start. He worked his way through to 145th at 3 miles and then forged through the field at the rate of 10 places a mile; just failing to catch Tony at the finish. Laurie O'Hara also progressed steadily and gained more valuable places with his usual final burst. Our sixth scorer was 20 years old Joe Reilly, who had only come in as reserve but rose to the occasion in great style--taking 30 places in the final lap and finishing a creditable 134th.

Mel Thorpe had great difficulty in getting to the start on time. A fast car drive from Blackburn and a sprint from the dressing-room enabled him to just make it, but this, together with the effects of his present move to Coventry must have left him with precious little nervous energy for an event of this stature. As it was Mel felt unable to continue when well down the field and retired from the race. Whether or not it would have made any difference no one will ever know but Trevor Hart, who had been told to stand by, didn't even report to the team manager who, when teams were declared entered Mel's name more in hope than design. In the normal course of events Hart would have been declared as a runner. So much for our growing band of runners who consider reserve status beneath their dignity.

The team race was very interesting. With five men home Portsmouth led Coventry and North Staffs, but the position was reversed on the close-in with N. Staffs' 6th man 90th, Coventry's 132nd and Pompey's 173rd.

Our 4th place was our best effort since 1948 and with Thresher and Barrow still to come our chances of further improvement next year are very good.

Have you seen who were 5th? Is it likely that a renewal of the great Birchfield/Belgrave battles of the past is imminent?

#### RESULT

1. R. Hill (Bolton).....	46:21	38. Geoff North
2. M. Turner (Liverpool).....	46:21	81. A. Fairclough
3. J. Hogan (Poly).....	46:48	85. C. Dabbs
4. GERRY NORTH (BELGRAVE).....	47:01	105. L. O'Hara
5. L. Stewart (V. of Leven).....	47:06	134. J. Reilly
6. J. Hammond (Coventry).....	47:09	159. A. Black
7. T. Briault (B. of Enfield).....	47:14	193. C. Steer
8. R. Fowler (N. Staffs).....	47:25	- R. Thorpe
9. T. Johnston (Portsmouth).....	47:27	

#### Teams:

1. N. Staffs & Stone AC (8,18,19,31,59,90).....	225 pts
2. Coventry God. H. (6,14,16,28,44,132).....	240 pts
3. Portsmouth AC (9,21,25,29,37,173).....	294 pts
4. BELGRAVE H. (4,38,81,85,105,134).....	447 pts
5. Birchfield H 507 pts, 6. Leicester C.A.T. 560pts, 7. Tipton H. 607 pts	
8. Bristol AC-614 pts, 9. Derby & Cty 681 pts. 10. T.V.H. 704 pts	
(76 teams closed in)	



PHOTO

A fine study by two fine photographers (Ed Lacey and Ron Ininstead) of a fine athlete. Chris Steer in action during the Mitcham '15'.

# Senior Club Records

100 yards	I.Mayers J.Vivian	May 1955 Aug.1965	9.9 secs.
220 yards	B.Morris	June 1961	21.6 secs.
440 yards	B.Morris	Sept.1961	48.0 secs.
880 yards	D.Cocks	May 1964	1:49.6 secs
1 mile	J.Thresher	July 1964	4:02.1 secs.
2 miles	Geoff.North	May 1965	8:43.0 secs.
3 miles	Geoff.North	May 1965	13:33.0 secs.
6 miles	Gerry North	July 1963	28:11.4 secs.
10 miles	Gerry North		50:09.8 secs.
25 miles	B.Sawyer	Oct.1963	2:17:10 secs.
Marathon	B.Sawyer	June 1963	2:28:08 secs.
3,000m S'cnase	A.Black	June 1962	9:20.0 secs.
4 x 110 yards	D.Merrett, I.Mayers, B.Walden, R.Holtum	July 1954	42.6 secs.
4 x 440 yards	P.Eldridge, B.Morris, G.Worrall, G.Leroy	Aug.1961	3:15.3 secs.
2 mile walk	S.F.Vickers	July 1960	13:02.4 secs.(wb)
7 mile walk	S.F.Vickers	Sept.1958	50:09.0 secs.
120 yds.hurdles	R.T.Tolson	July 1960	15.3 secs.
220 yds.hurdles	D.J.Merrett	June 1955	24.3 secs.
440 yds.hurdles	P.Pepe	Aug.1962	55.5 secs.
High Jump	J.Dodds	July 1936	6 ft. 3/4 ins.
Long Jump	P.C.Luxon	Aug.1954	23 ft. 6/8 ins.
Hop Step & Jump	D.C.Boosey	June 1964	51 ft. 11 ins.
Pole Vault	M.Ash	June 1956	12 ft. 9 ins.
Weight	D.McCorquindale	June 1959	51 ft. 4 ins.
Javelin	N.Head	May 1965	210 ft. 2 ins.
Discus	T.J.Gaworski	May 1956	154 ft. 10 ins.
Hammer	P.L.Porter	July 1957	171 ft. 8 ins.
Decathlon	M.Ash	Sept.1956	5,178 points

These records are unofficial. They are based on the recorded performances of first claim members and are not subject to any qualifications or conditions regarding ratification.

(wb) denotes World's Best.

Have you affixed the Treasurer's receipt to the membership card at the back of your handbook yet? If not, perhaps it is because you have overlooked that subscriptions for everyone became due last September.