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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

We, your Editors, are inclined to give ourselves a little praise. It would appear that our Editorials are not only read, but digested.

We quote briefly from our Editorial of the April, 1950, issue—"And now for a subject that is causing some people concern—our defeats over the country . . . Let us not worry unduly . . . and now that we have been vanquished, shall we say temporarily, let us turn about and endeavour with all the enthusiasm we can muster to regain once again our former premiership . . . No, we are not dead yet, let us say a little unwell. Let us not try to find the cause, *but certainly let us find the cure* . . . Let us look upon our recent defeats in the nature of a tonic. *The cure will be completed by 100 per cent. Club Spirit.*"

Will you look up the April, 1950, issue and re-read our Editorial? We are sure, by recent results, that it did some good and that the re-reading will do even more good. This season we have won every club match, the Surrey County Championship and South of the Thames Championship—and—in spite of the doubts of many, our lads rose magnificently to the occasion and confounded the wiseacres by being narrowly beaten to second place in the "Southern."

We, your Editors, who are, or rather were, walkers, but yet true Belgravians, will be forgiven if in our ignorance of cross-country running are still enthusiastic about our chances, but we do contend that any club who can win the Surrey County Championship, the South of the Thames and gain second place in the Southern, MUST stand a reasonable chance in the National Championship.

It may be that by the time this is in print the National Championship will have been decided, but we are sure that whether or not our forecast has been proved correct, our lads will have once again shown that they are endeavouring to take us once more to the front in the field of Cross Country Running.

Even so, re-read our quoted Editorial and *carry on with a successful cure.*

YOUR EDITORS.

*P.S.—Had it not been for the unfortunate injury to Steve Charlton during the early part of the race, our forecast as above would have been almost realised. Nevertheless, we commend Steve for his courage and team spirit in finishing the course which enabled us to win the Ottway Cup.*

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Norman Walker

It is with deepest sorrow that we have to report the death of Norman Walker, who passed away on Saturday, November 25th, at the early age of 24 years. Norman joined us in 1943 and was one of our most promising runners and certainly one of our most popular and likeable members. We found him a quiet and unassuming lad, who enjoyed his running, and he will be sadly missed by his many Belgrave friends. He represented the Club both on the track and over the country. He was a profound student of athletics and could discourse on almost any subject appertaining to our sport. A wreath was sent from the Club, and on Saturday, December 9th, on the day of our Championship, the President, Alf Harley, acquainted all present with the sad news and a reverent silence to the memory of Norman was observed.

We are sorry to report that A. M. Bassett, one of our promising young junior members, has been killed in a flying accident while serving with the R.A.F.

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### PROGRESS REPORT—By Our President

In the last issue I referred to the past—now I would like to make comment on the present and the immediate future.

It is good to see the enthusiasm and high morale which has manifested itself this season among our cross country men and has given us excellent wins in so many championships and second place in the Southern Championship, ahead of the holders, Thames Valley Harriers, and a mere six points behind the winners. This, too, without some of our better known men, who were prevented from turning out! Hard luck was ours also in the Southern Youths Championship, in which our own Club Champion, owing to influenza, was unable to reproduce his normal form, which would undoubtedly have given us a team win instead of 6th place of the 34 finishing clubs. However, the results are not all that important—the spirit is good and in the old tradition, and with that excellent spirit all things are possible. It should follow from the Southern Senior Championship result that we should be among the placings in the "National" once again, as we were for a sequence of ten races until two years ago. We sincerely hope so: and on the London-Brighton Relay, although not a championship event, we may expect to be very near the front when Brighton is reached on April 7th.

Among our walkers, also, morale is high and if any club is to beat Sheffield United Harriers in the forthcoming 10 miles National Championship, we feel it is the Belgrave Harriers. We were within an ace of doing so last year, and with a stronger team this year may well bring back a title from Macclesfield on March 17th. Remembering the excellent walking of every Belgrave Walker in the R.W.A. 20 miles Championship last year, we can look forward confidently both to this event, the 50 kilometres in June and the London-Brighton in September. And whilst great deeds are being done at these distances, our track walkers will be showing us that at the shorter distances Belgrave still takes a lot of beating.

Our track runners and field events men will already be at their early training and we look for their loyal support and first-rate performances throughout the season from them. Our programme of Club track championships is one of the finest in the country and will demand the support of all members on the first Saturday in August: and from April until September we shall be looking for the standards which have given us so many Summer International athletes in the past. Loyal and enthusiastic co-operation with our Secretaries, Captains, Vice-Captains and Coaches in the spirit of Belgrave endeavour, which is such a real thing, should enable us to surprise even ourselves! Throughout the summer, too, our road runners will be carrying our colours in various parts of the country, and we hope they may excel themselves in the marathon events.

In general, let us remind ourselves that in the all-round-field of athletics, no club has, as yet, come anywhere near the performances that Belgrave can show. Let us be aware that in our numbers, in the quality of our membership, in our administration, our latent talent and proved abilities, our traditions, we have everything in good measure, that any club can desire. And let us resolve to apply to all these qualities with which we are so richly endowed, Enthusiasm, Determination, Perseverance and Intelligence—all in a spirit of good sportsmanship—and the name of Belgrave will stand even higher than it has done before! The youngest member has something to contribute, the oldest something of value to help us along, let everyone of us do his share.

A. A. HARLEY, *President.*

#### FROM THE HON. TREASURER

The matter of the Club's finances is, or should be, the concern of all members as well as of the Club's finance officials, and no Treasurer of any organisation would be satisfied until his subscriptions were paid up 100 per cent. I am giving away no secrets when I say that we are not yet in that happy state! Yes, if you've read this far, I'm leading up to that delicate question, "Have you paid?" A number of members have recently posted me remittances with notes of apology for their lateness in paying. I would thank them very much and assure them that the depths of their apologies are exceeded only by the depths of our thanks. So, if you are hesitant about sending anything I hope these few words will break down any shyness. If you think that you are in arrears, please drop me a line.

We have had some good-sized fields for our cross country and walking handicaps. Let us keep it up for the track and field events handicaps—they are put on for your benefit. Do you belong to the Supporters' Club? Les Cohen or any of the committee will be pleased to give you any information required. Do you support the Club Social functions? Our social sub-committee work hard organising social events; these involve time and money, and here again—they are for *your* benefit.

Finally, and this may also be for your benefit, the name and address is:—

G. S. Doubleday, 219, West Barnes Lane, New Malden, Surrey.  
Thank You!

#### SOCIALS—Or Fun And Games

Owing to occasional absences from town on business, Dave Martin Shepherd decided that it was not possible to carry on as Social Secretary at the last A.G.M. Dave carried out a very difficult job, a job which requires a cheerful spirit and smiling face to the customers, but one which has many worries, notably food and disappointments: these disappointments often occasioned by the apathy of those who the Social Secretary caters for and tries to please. Let us say most fervently, "Thank you, Dave," and we are pleased to learn that although not now Social Secretary you are still a pillar of strength to the social side of the Club.

In Tom Carter—our new Secretary *pro tem.*—we have one of dynamic character, one who gets his own way by his forceful personality, one full of ideas, one not afraid of asking for others' help and one who cares not a fig for the niceties of red tape, but just gets on with it. It may be that his methods are not always exactly *au fait*, but they certainly do provide the social side of the Club with a very definite social side.

As a result of the remarkable success of our last dinner, Tom arranged a little New Year's Eve function at the same venue for any Belgraves wishing to attend. It was unfortunate that only a few could take advantage of the facilities offered, but those that did certainly have reason to thank Tom for a really grand night, packed full of fun and with a real New Year spirit, and we can safely say that those who did attend impressed the rest

of the company that they were members of B-E-L-G-R-A-V-E—Belgrave! Yes, it was a grand night and we hope Tom will arrange a repeat this year and for a larger number.

On Sunday, January 7th, the Club held a Children's Party. I am not quite certain of the exact number, but I should say about 70 members' children had a grand tea from a table daintily arranged with the attractive little things that make children's eyes glow. Whoever were responsible for the tables and the fare thereon are to be thanked and congratulated. After tea many willing helpers cleared up and got the children sitting around for an entertainment by a really clever conjuror, who certainly had a way with the children (of all ages) and who also presented, in my opinion, the grandest Punch and Judy show I have ever witnessed. Many grown-ups were entranced by the expressions on the children's faces during this show. Of course, Smith (Champ) Junior, had to present the "pièce de résistance" by disclosing the procedure at his home when relatives visit on Sundays and caused perhaps the biggest laugh. After the Punch and Judy show every child was given a present by Father Christmas. I don't think I am at liberty to disclose the identity of the said Father Christmas, but he was a very popular one with the children, and he will undoubtedly be asked to grow his whiskers again in time for the next party. Again, whoever chose the children's presents are to be congratulated on the very sensible choice for so many of so many ages. It was also pleasing to see "little" Bertie Footer enjoying himself with his toy motor car on a string. We must, too, thank all those who contributed towards the party, they are assured that their donations were well used.

Finally, on January 27th Tom Carter arranged our last social of the season. This was a Carnival Social and a real carnival it was. A goodly number sat down to tea, but great numbers turned up in the evening. There were streamers and cotton wool balls, hats and balloons and very jolly people, both young and old. In fact, so much did we enjoy ourselves that we asked Tom to extend the dancing to 11.30 p.m., and Tom, knowing so well that the assembly were enjoying themselves, decided to do this. Yes, we seem to be having some good times socially, but let us not forget to thank the many helpers, not only among the members, but also some of their womenfolk, and lastly, and certainly not least, our caretaker, Mrs. Savage, and her family.

After all this, Tom Carter still insists on being known as Social Secretary—*pro tem.*—or should it be *sine die!*

### CINEMA SHOW—AND STRAIGHT TALKING Belgrave Hall, February 17th

As a means of attracting the people for whom this "Pep" talk was intended, the film show seemed deemed to failure, but as a means of entertaining some sixty members from different sections of the Club it was definitely a success, and we do thank Charlie Jones for the arrangements.

A film of the 1950 European Games and of the 1950 Poly Marathon was shown and a running commentary was given by Charlie Jones. As I have already said, the show was very entertaining to those present and after listening to the talk afterwards, it became obvious to everybody that the Field Events Section was primarily affected, but on looking round we saw very few of those members present.

In presenting his list of moans, for moans they certainly were, Charlie Jones did not pull his punches. Let us be honest. It is very definite that with the exception of the very few stalwarts the Field Events Section is letting us down. We hate to admit it, but if we face up to it and manage to jar these laggards into a sense of duty to the Club of their choice we shall get better results. Those present were asked for any ideas for the improvement of the Club, but few were forthcoming. Is it because the

members are so completely complacent or could it be that everything is perfect? I believe that many members have suggestions, but are a little timid in presenting them in person at a meeting. Let me say that if this is the case, as Editor, I would be very pleased to have them and either publish them or present them to the Committee. Mention was also made of non-replies to postcards sent by officials. Again I will be outright and say that this is not only unprincipled and rude, but also a waste, not only of Club officials' time, but also of Club money, which, in effect, is your property.

The coaches then had a little moan about late or non-appearance of their pupils. This again is a source of annoyance to those gentlemen who are prepared to give their knowledge and time to assist the young Club members and who should show their appreciation of the coach by turning up regularly and early. I was sorely tempted to intervene here, but decided to use my words as a winding-up of this report. As Walking Coach I think I am the only coach without a grouse. At the last coaching school I had a regular and very prompt attendance of nine walkers each evening. Again our Walking Captain and Secretary always receive answers to all postcards and letters. Our lads invariably turn up for all races, whether selected or not, and we are a very happy and chummy crowd. Perhaps it is because they have a very keen sense of duty to their Club and fellow Club members, and in closing I would recommend the Field Events Section to study our methods of clubship, and we shall soon be hearing praise once again for their section.

F. H. ELSON.

#### MATCH v. THAMES VALLEY H.

This was held at Wimbledon on October 21st and as there was a field of 90 runners it was decided to score 44 a side.

First man home over our usual five-mile course was Les Field, of T.V.H., and he was followed by a club-mate in K. Norris.

Bill Lucas came next and he was followed by Jack Brown, Vern Blowfield and Ches Walker, who came in together, with Bob Taylor and Ted Stimpson close behind, and this laid the foundation of our win in the team race over our old and friendly rivals.

P. G. Newell, who won our novices one mile back in the summer, finished well up and looks like being a decided asset to our ranks.

Alec Olney, of T.V.H., took things steady and was content to finish in 14th place, as did A. Miles in 22nd position.

G. J. Goode, who won our three-mile road race, also ran well, and with careful handling should be a champion of the future.

Placings and times of our runners are given hereunder:—

3, W. E. Lucas, 30.18; equal 4, V. S. Blowfield, J. W. Brown, C. W. Walker, 30.28; 7, R. Taylor, 30.29; 8, E. S. Stimpson, 30.34; 11, L. A. Adams, 30.42; 12, P. G. Newell, 30.45; 15, D. A. Brickwood, 30.49; 16, S. Charlton, 30.51; 19, G. J. Goode, 31.0; 23, E. H. Herbert, 31.10; 26, K. G. Stimpson, 31.22; 27, E. M. Bishop, 31.30; 29, J. H. Braggington, 31.32; 30, R. F. Towndrow, 31.33; 31, L. C. Bishop, 31.39; 32, A. H. Bishop, 31.47; 33, D. Briggs, 31.50; 35, R. W. Tobin, 31.58; 38, S. Davies, 32.7; 42, J. A. Charman, 32.20; 45, E. G. Popplewell, 32.26; 46, A. P. Whitehead, 32.30; 48, C. T. Carter, 32.40; 49, D. S. Boothman, 32.51; 51, E. J. Gebbett, 33.1; 52, A. Penstone, 33.20; 53, A. J. Heathfield, 33.22; 57, J. A. Lacey, 33.42; 58, R. J. Mitchell, 33.44; 60, H. Wild, 33.45; 61, M. J. Hazel, 33.47; 65, J. McDonald, 34.12; 68, A. Housego, 34.21; 70, M. H. Tween, 34.28; 72, G. S. Doubleday, 34.37; 73, T. C. Mitchell, 34.42; 74, R. S. Fairman, 34.47; 76, L. Bush, 35.32; 77, A. W. Taylor, 35.33; 78, M. F. Jones, 35.37; 80, S. Jefferson, 35.48; 82, A. T. Jordan, 35.59; 83, W. G. Isaac, 36.20; 90, E. T. Bateman, 38.15.

Team Result—Belgrave H. 1,847 pts.; Thames Valley H. 2,075 pts.

### CLUB 5 MILES C.C. HANDICAP

In this race, at Wimbledon on October 28th, we had the Royal Military Police from Woking and the Veterans' A.C. also competing.

First man home was John Bromley, of the Police, and he was closely followed by Bill Lucas, with Steve Charlton and Archie Bedford also well up. We were pleased to welcome Ray Tooby, on leave from the Army, also Denis Brickwood, the well-known Mitcham A.C. runner, who has now joined us first-claim.

The handicap was literally a "walk-over" for S. G. Brooks, who ran far above any previous form, and Tom Morrell gained second place, with J. E. Godfrey and E. S. Udall, both juniors, dead-heating for third place.

Scoring 12 a side in the match, the scores were:—Belgrave H. 99 pts.; Royal Military Police 270; Veterans' A.C. 297.

Full details and finishing places and times of our men are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
2.	W. E. Lucas	29.52	0.30	29.22	61
3.	S. Charlton	29.55	1.50	28. 5	34
4.	A. W. Bedford	29.57	1.30	28.27	45
5.	J. H. Bragginton	30. 5	2. 0	28. 5	34
6.	E. S. Stimpson	30.11	1.50	28.21	42
7.	R. C. Tooby	30.17	2.15	28. 2	30
8.	C. L. Stokell	30.25	1.40	28.45	54
9.	A. H. Bruce	30.28	2.30	27.58	25
10.	D. A. Brickwood	30.34	2.15	28.19	40
11.	E. H. Herbert	30.37	2.45	27.52	20
12.	G. Durrant	30.40	2.45	27.55	22
14.	M. J. Stearman	30.49	3.15	27.34	12
15.	B. L. Hudson	30.52	3.30	27.22	7
16.	K. G. Stimpson	30.53	3.20	27.33	11
17.	L. A. Adams	31. 1	2.15	28.46	55
18.	R. F. Bolam	31.21	3. 0	28.21	42
19.	C. T. Carter	31.27	3.15	28.12	39
20.	L. C. Bishop	31.32	3.10	28.22	44
21.	K. A. Cuff	31.40	3.45	27.55	22
22.	A. H. Bishop	31.43	3.40	28. 3	31
23.	R. W. Tobin	31.50	3.50	28. 0	26
24.	E. M. Bishop	31.51	3.20	28.31	46
25.	S. G. Brooks	31.55	5.30	26.25	1
26.	J. E. Godfrey	32. 1	4.45	27.16	3
27.	D. Briggs	32.11	4. 0	28.11	38
28.	A. P. Whitehead	32.23	4.20	28. 3	31
30.	A. J. Heathfield	32.38	5.20	27.18	5
31.	L. Bush	32.39	4. 0	28.39	50
32.	T. F. Morrell	32.40	5.30	27.10	2
34.	A. Smith	32.54	4.20	28.34	49
35.	P. W. Adams	32.56	5. 0	27.56	24
36.	M. J. Hazel	33. 4	5.40	27.24	8
37.	E. J. Gebbett	33. 6	5.15	27.51	18
38.	D. S. Boothman	33.13	5.10	28. 3	31
39.	R. J. Mitchell	33.15	5.15	28. 0	26
40.	J. McDonald	33.16	4.45	28.31	46
41.	A. Penstone	33.18	5.30	27.48	15
42.	H. Wild	33.30	5.40	27.50	17
44.	M. H. Tween	33.36	6.15	27.21	6
45.	P. M. Childs	33.37	5.45	27.52	20
46.	M. F. Jones	33.38	5.30	28. 8	37
48.	E. S. Udall	33.46	6.30	27.16	3
49.	A. Housego	33.50	5.50	28. 0	26
50.	R. J. Cooper	33.57	5.15	28.42	51
51.	E. G. Popplewell	33.58	4.15	29.43	63
52.	J. Masters	34. 2	6.30	27.32	10
53.	R. S. Fairman	34. 7	6.30	27.37	13
54.	E. Peters	34.11	6.40	27.31	9
57.	J. A. Lacey	34.22	5.15	29. 7	59
59.	T. C. Mitchell	34.25	6.20	28. 5	34
60.	A. W. Taylor	34.28	6.40	27.48	15
61.	F. R. Webb	34.30	6.30	28. 0	26
62.	G. S. Doubleday	34.55	5.50	29. 5	57
64.	A. W. Saville	35.17	4.50	30.27	68
65.	J. Keown	35.17	6.45	28.32	48
66.	D. G. Woodhead	35.32	5. 0	30.32	69
68.	E. D. Lacey	35.50	7. 0	28.50	56
69.	S. Jefferson	35.51	6.45	29. 6	58

70.	W. C. Jones	..	..	..	36. 4	7.45	28.19	40
71.	A. D. Pyer	..	..	..	36.13	7.30	28.43	53
72.	A. T. A. Jordan	..	..	..	36.18	6.50	29.28	62
74.	F. M. Mitchell	..	..	..	36.24	7.15	29. 9	60
79.	K. W. Millington	..	..	..	36.59	9.15	27.44	14
81.	W. G. Webb	..	..	..	37. 6	9.15	27.51	18
84.	W. G. Isaac	..	..	..	37.25	7. 0	30.25	67
85.	E. T. Bateman	..	..	..	37.26	7.30	29.56	65
86.	G. C. Hewett	..	..	..	37.59	7.45	30.14	66
88.	J. G. Flatt	..	..	..	38.12	9.30	28.42	51
92.	G. Still	..	..	..	44.48	15. 0	29.48	64

### HIGHGATE HARRIERS 7 MILES OPEN—OCTOBER 28th

Congratulations are offered to Highgate Harriers on their successful Open Walk, successful not only from the organisation point of view, but also in competition. First man home in record time, first scratch team, first handicap team, is quite a good day's sport. A record entry for opens of 270, a record number of starters, 230, and a record number of finishers, 217, was a magnificent start to the season's Opens. Coleman got away to a very fast start, followed by our Harry Churcher, who, at about 1¼ miles, was disqualified. We feel that Harry was definitely unlucky in being so ruled and with Bert East also suffering disqualification in the last half-mile of the race our team was too depleted to be a danger, and we feel that we did very well to finish third in the scratch team race. Gerald Gregory walked splendidly throughout to finish in the fifth position and will certainly be a power to our teams when he qualifies. Syd James was well up, with McMullen, Bob Readman and Bert Clayton constituted our team. Gerald Warr had a battle with Gordon Waddingham and George Oliver. J. Norton, one of our new members, did very well to finish in the centre of the field and should feel bucked at beating such old campaigners as Joe Wilson and Jack Baker.

#### Results:—

1.	G. Coleman (H.H.)	..	..	53.48	101.	E. Hall	..	..	64.01
5.	G. Gregory	..	..	56.07	103.	J. Wilson	..	..	64.12
9.	D. McMullen	..	..	56.36	104.	J. Baker	..	..	64.34
10.	S. James	..	..	56.57	108.	S. Spencer	..	..	64.42
21.	A. Readman	..	..	58.04	109.	W. True	..	..	64.45
31.	H. Clayton	..	..	58.59	127.	J. Scamell	..	..	65.15
48.	G. Warr	..	..	60.15	148.	E. Evans	..	..	66.38
49.	G. Waddingham	..	..	60.25	149.	M. Barratt	..	..	66.38
50.	G. Oliver	..	..	60.38	153.	F. Rolfe	..	..	66.52
52.	C. Churcher	..	..	60.40	157.	S. Goold	..	..	67.12
56.	P. Sapcote	..	..	61.03	158.	B. Mitackis	..	..	67.13
57.	A. St. Wakeley	..	..	61.12	162.	F. Herring	..	..	67.35
58.	J. Bidgood	..	..	61.12	165.	E. Beesley	..	..	67.53
60.	H. McGreechan	..	..	61.26	178.	C. Speechley	..	..	68.53
73.	K. ...	..	..	62.14	183.	M. Abrahams	..	..	69.13
76.	H. Shields	..	..	62.21	212.	A. Clarke	..	..	74.25
77.	H. Jeffery	..	..	62.21	213.	G. Beecham	..	..	75.29
100.	J. Norton	..	..	64.00					

Scratch team race:—1, H. Harriers, 35 points.

3, Belgrave Harriers, 67 points.

### CHELMSFORD ROAD RELAY

Held on November 4th this was the third annual race for the "Sidney Taylor Cup," and our second attempt to win same.

The course was similar to last year and fine weather prevailed throughout the race and conditions were almost perfect.

Twenty-one teams started and Belgrave put up a fine performance to win the trophy for the first time by a good margin from the holders, Aylesford Paper Mills S.C.

Archie Bedford ran well to hand over equal fourth on the first stage, especially as his opponents included E. Brown, the Mitcham lad, who won the recent South of Thames race, Bowen, of the local club, Nicholson, of Woodford Green, a most experienced runner, and Culver, of Essex Beagles, who last year was credited with the fastest lap time.

Jack Brown on the second leg turned our small deficit into a two-second lead, and from then on we were never headed.

Steve Charlton, who came into the team at the last moment owing to Len Herbert being indisposed, ran like a champion on the third stage and eventually handed over with a twenty-eight second lead.

Vern Blowfield was our next runner, and behind him were Woodford Green, Essex Beagles and Aylesford, battling together, and the latter two clubs were represented by J. H. Peters, an ex-A.A.A. champion, and J. E. Ellis, who is a very good performer on the road.

Vernon, therefore, did extremely well to maintain the same lead, and when Ches Walker took over for the fifth stage we were practically certain of victory. Despite being chased by Robins, of Essex Beagles, and Charlesworth, of Aylesford, Walker, in stylish manner, increased our lead to forty-three seconds and left Bill Lucas the comparatively easy task of staying out in front.

Taking no chances Bill chased off after the last team in the race, Hadleigh A.C., who for a club only recently formed are to be congratulated on their spirit in entering such competition, and he caught their representative about half-mile from the finish.

Bill was practically a minute in front of the second team and his time was the fastest of the afternoon and gave us a good victory, which, in view of the strong opposition, was a very good effort all-round.

If to-day's standard of road running is any criterion our chances of winning the National Brighton Relay race next April must be considered very good, especially when we note the names of the possibles, who could, with correct training, make that team.

Individual lap times of our runners were as under:—

Bedford, 15.54; Brown, 16.6; Charlton, 16.15; Blowfield, 16.6; Walker, 15.52; W. Lucas, 15.35.

Team result:—1, Belgrave H., 1 hr. 35 mins. 48 secs.; 2, Aylesford P.M., 1.36.45; 3, Essex Beagles, 1.37.31; 4, Woodford Green A.C., 1.38.18; 5, Southend A.C., 1.39.51; 6, Mitcham A.C., 1.40.29.

#### **WALKING MATCH v. R.A.F.—NOVEMBER 4th, at WIMBLEDON**

Over 5 miles a sporting little match was held, scoring eight a side. Syd James, showing a welcome return to form, showed a clean pair of heels to the opposition after the first two miles and walked faultlessly to finish in 39.45, with Bert East second. Towers and Johnson were third and fourth for the R.A.F. Ted Smith, one of our new members, showed he has promise in finishing in tenth place in 44.40. Our thanks are due to J. Armour Milne, Bob Jessop and Tom Pritchard for their assistance as officials at this race.

Result:—Belgrave 55 points; R.A.F. 81 points.

#### **JUNIOR MATCH v. MITCHAM A.C.**

At Roehampton Vale on November 4th our team was a mixture of both Youths and Juniors and they proved too strong for the Mitcham lads over a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mile course.

Ray Tooby was our first man home and he won the individual race beating Gardner of the home club.

G. J. Goode and Doug Maclean came in together in third place, and Davies and Hewson, the junior half-miler, of Mitcham, were next home. Johnny Godfrey and Pete Adams also ran well, as did H. Wild a new member, who promises to do well over the country.

Scoring six a side we beat Mitcham A.C. by 32 points to 46, and the placings and times of our youngsters are given below:—

1, R. C. Tooby, 18.28; equal 3, G. J. Goode and D. G. Maclean, 18.48; 7, J. E. Godfrey, 19.38; 8, P. W. Adams, 19.44; 9, H. Wild, 19.48; 11, H. Cornell, 19.52; 12, P. M. Childs, 20.15; 13, R. Linstead, 20.26; 16, F. Sammes, 22.4; 17, R. D. Baines, 22.10; 18, C. Tomlinson, 23.16.

## MATCH v. WANDSWORTH COUNTY SCHOOL

On November 11th at Wimbledon this match was over one lap of our usual 7 miles course. We have several members who are pupils at this school and the winner of the race was none other than Doug Maclean of our own Club, who this time was running for his school.

G. J. Goode continued his recent good performances by finishing second to "Mac," and he was followed by a string of six Belgrave lads, which ensured us an easy win in the team race.

B. C. Trower, a brother of our junior half-mile champion, made his first appearance in our colours, and Peter Courtney and H. Wild also ran well.

It would seem that we have some very promising material coming along under Micky Pyer's guidance, and we wish these lads the very best of luck in the more important races later in the season.

Placings and finishing times are given hereunder:—

1, D. G. Maclean, 21.53; 2, G. J. Goode, 21.59; 3, P. P. Courtney, 22.47; 4, H. Wild, 23.2; 5, B. C. Trower, 23.20; 6, H. Cornell, 23.21; 7, R. Linstead, 23.23; 8, G. Lines, 23.27; 9, R. D'Archambaud, 23.26; 10, P. M. Childs, 24.2; 13, J. D. Midgley, 24.44; 16, M. J. Plose, 25.16; 17, P. Blizard, 25.17; 18, R. D. Baines, 25.20; 21, C. Tomlinson, 25.54; 23, P. Jeffery, 26.55.

Team result:—Belgrave H (2-3-4-5-6-7)—27 points.

Wandsworth School (1-9-11-12-14-15)—52 points.

## ENFIELD A.C. OPEN 7 MILES—NOVEMBER 11th

Once again a splendid entry, which gives the impression that the popularity of walking is definitely on the up grade. Once again we have to report the disqualification of Harry Churcher, who up to five and a half miles had walked splendidly and fairly, and with Mac and Syd James well up, with Bert East and George Oliver lying handy, we had visions of a team win, which, in spite of Harry's misfortune, eventually materialised. Once again Gerald Gregory finished fifth, Percy Wright showed a bit of his old speed in finishing in 21st position. Syd Jarlett is improving steadily and will soon be among the leading walkers. This is no idle prophecy and we expect Syd to be quite an asset to our Junior teams later on. Alan Robins walked a comfortable and cheery race and convinced us that he, too, will be an asset to the Junior team, as he has been consistently for the last few years. Mention must also be made of Charlie Speechley, who still battles along merrily, and on this occasion beat several Belgrave men, whose faces must be a bright red when they read this. Somebody asked where "George" was.

Results:—

1. C. Morris, S.A.C.	..	52.03	83. E. Hall	..	..	62.11
4. D. McMullen	..	55.37	84. H. Shields	..	..	62.13
5. G. Gregory	..	55.42	90. J. Scamell	..	..	62.35
8. S. James	..	56.27	105. D. Skinner	..	..	65.19
16. A. East	..	57.22	106. J. Wilson	..	..	63.26
17. G. Oliver	..	57.23	112. F. Rolfe	..	..	64.00
21. P. Wright	..	57.35	122. S. Spencer	..	..	64.31
24. C. Churcher	..	57.42	132. M. Abrahams	..	..	65.13
25. J. Rutland	..	57.48	134. R. Garwood	..	..	65.22
31. G. Waddingham	..	58.24	139. J. Scamell	..	..	65.41
32. A. Readman	..	59.01	141. G. Beecham	..	..	65.45
36. P. Sapcote	..	59.45	149. S. Goold	..	..	65.58
49. S. Jarlett	..	60.28	150. C. Speechley	..	..	66.27
53. A. St. Wakeley	..	60.35	152. G. Bentley	..	..	66.36
56. J. Bidgood	..	60.44	160. E. Beesley	..	..	67.03
62. H. McGreechan	..	60.57	162. J. Cotton	..	..	67.22
63. R. Frazer	..	61.00	183. A. Clark	..	..	70.50
75. E. Smith	..	61.44	187. W. Brunning	..	..	72.59
81. J. Robins	..	62.09				

Scratch team race:—1, Belgrave "A"—42 points.

Handicap team race:—3, Belgrave "A"—206.52.

James, Oliver, McMullen, Wright.

## SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE

At Caterham on November 11th over a fairly hilly course 48 teams started with 47 closing in.

In the circumstances, our "A" team can be said to have done very well in winning the team race with the low score of 48 points for four runners.

Although Jack Bragginton was our first man home in seventh position, Archie Bedford inspired the team by his forward running in the early stages, and the others were always striving to overtake him, which eventually Bragginton and Bob Taylor managed to do.

Eric Herbert, now back in training again after a series of set-backs, ran as we have always expected him to and by finishing 16th he ensured our victory, which, incidentally, is the fifth time we have won this event, the other times being in 1925, 1928, 1946 and 1947.

One of the reasons for this is the many barring clauses which operate and which limits the runners to those of "junior" ability and not of age.

Once you have gained a team medal in a senior event you are not eligible for this race, and as we have had the former successes since 1930 onwards, we are constantly forced to find fresh names more or less each year for this event.

We have always made a practice of entering as many teams as we have men available, who are eligible, and this year we had four teams representing the Club.

As will be seen below they all did very well, but would like to mention the following men, who ran above their team selection form:—Eric Bishop, S. G. Brooks and Jack Lacey, and would also offer sympathy to Ken Stimpson, who had to retire with a damaged knee caused by jumping an obstacle, which points to a moral here, and to Arthur Bruce, who suffered badly from stomach cramp, but kept going to finish the course.

Placings and times of our men are given below:—

"A" team:—7, J. H. Bragginton, 29.47; 12, R. T. Taylor, 30.6; 13, A. W. Bedford, 30.16; 16, E. H. Herbert, 30.21; 38, L. A. Adams, 31.12; 56, R. F. Bolam, 31.49; 80, P. G. Newell, 32.14; 214, A. H. Bruce, 34.29.

"B" team:—62, E. M. Bishop, 31.55; 99, K. A. Cuff, 32.31; 108, L. Bush, 32.40; 127, D. Briggs, 33.4; 141, A. H. Bishop, 33.16; 184, E. G. Popplewell, 34.0; 205, A. Smith, 34.19; K. G. Stimpson (retired).

"C" team:—76, S. G. Brooks, 32.9; 125, A. J. Heathfield, 33.3; 136, E. J. Gebbett, 33.22; 173, R. J. Wolton, 33.47; 195, A. Penstone, 34.7; 228, M. J. Hazel, 34.51; 241, R. J. Mitchell, 35.6.

"D" team:—124, J. A. Lacey, 33.2; 199, M. H. Tween, 34.10; 226, R. S. Fairman, 34.49; 251, A. Housego, 35.25; 269, G. S. Doubleday, 36.6; 276, R. G. Savage, 36.23.

Team result:—1, Belgrave "A"—48; 2, Reading "A"—63; 3, Walton "A"—95; 18, Belgrave "B"—410; 26, Belgrave "C"—510; 38, Belgrave "D"—800. (325 starters, 316 finished.)

## EALING YOUTHS RACE

The Northolt Youth Club, which is comprised mainly of Belgrave lads, entered two teams for this race on November 18th at Sudbury.

M. J. Kearns, who is a second-claim member, was first home, followed by a Poly lad and then D. Cooper of our own Club.

Other of our members were A. Vince, sixth, and J. D. Midgley, seventh, and with three aside to score, the Northolt lads easily won the team race.

Frank Elson, Frank Simmons and Charlie Poulter were in attendance, and it is mainly due to the former's efforts that we have such a strong youths' section in this district.

## MATCH v. KENT A.C.

Held at Bromley on November 18th, this was styled a "B" team fixture, but several of our first-team men turned out in order to make the number up.

Over a flat course of about six miles, comprising two laps of cinder paths, cart tracks, grassland and a little plough, we were easy winners of the match, scoring nine a side.

The first lap was slow, with the field well bunched, as our lads did not know the course, but during the latter stages John Bromley, Jack Brown and Bill Lucas took command, although Wells, of the home club, did his best to hang on, closely followed by Jack Bragginton and Ray Tooby.

The attendance at this away fixture was not too good and when we consider that two of our runners came from Brighton and Woking to take part it reflects badly on those that live much nearer.

This type of course differs entirely from our own at Wimbledon Common, and if we are to again make our mark in the cross-country world, our runners must make every effort to obtain as much experience as possible of all sorts of terrain.

Those who did turn out enjoyed the run, despite heavy rain during the early stages, and the finishing positions of our men were as under:—

1, J. Bromley; 2, W. E. Lucas; 3, J. W. Brown; 5, J. H. Bragginton; 6, R. Tooby; 7, A. H. Bishop; 8, S. Davies; 10, M. J. Stearman; 11, E. M. Bishop; 14, M. H. Tween.

Team result:—Belgrave H. 53 points; Kent A.C. 118 points.

## BELGRAVE HARRIERS OPEN 7 MILES—NOVEMBER 25th

In keeping with the last two years, the weather did not favour our own Open, but despite this fact, 192 competitors lined up for the start. Eric Kennell, this year's President of the R.W.A., travelled all the way from Coventry for this race, and later sent us his impressions, which are appended.

Apart from the fact that for the first time since 1935 we lost possession of the "Berman" Cup to Highgate Harriers, who beat us by the small margin of two points, our lads took a very good share of the prizes and all walked extremely well. G. Coleman, of Highgate, showed that he is maintaining his fast times, beating Harry Churcher by 23 seconds. Gerald Gregory showed still further improvement by finishing third in the scratch race and taking first handicap prize.

We must once again record our thanks to those who so generously contributed to the prize fund and also to Arthur Whitehead for the use of his house as dressing accommodation for our own members, not forgetting the hot tea and cakes after the race.

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE BELGRAVE "OPEN"

By Eric Kennell, President, R.W.A.

If future entries for the "Belgrave 7" approach last Saturday's mammoth total, the local authority will have to seriously consider a road-widening scheme for Lauriston Road. The 192 starters, all eager to get free from the crowd, indulged in some hectic jockeying for position at the outset, and the race did not really settle down until the competitors were over the Common.

At this point, George Coleman had a few yards' advantage over the Belgrave trio, Gregory, Churcher and McMullen—well stimulated by the exhortations of numerous "Bels" supporters. Coleman was forty yards ahead of Churcher at the two miles point, with like distances separating Gregory and McMullen, and then a little further back Barrett (Cambridge), Tunbridge and Brazier (Highgate) leading a biggish group.

The stiff climb to Cottenham Park Road saw Coleman with much the same distance ahead of Harry Churcher, but Gregory was having a rough time and had dropped behind McMullen. Cotton had come up strongly with Barrett and they had passed Tunbridge and Brazier. Leaving

Wimbledon Common for the second time, the leading positions were unchanged, but McMullen and Gregory were having a private "ding-dong" of their own some 120 yards in arrear and had also pulled away from the next bunch. At this point, Highgate seemed to have the team race well in hand, with Shaw not far behind Tunbridge and Brazier. The "Bels" were ahead of Woodford, who had three men well up—Cotton, Goodall and Foster—but whose fourth man (then Alf. Pope) was some distance behind.

And so the race proceeded, with Coleman and Churcher walking at much the same pace (they both seemed content with this and neither were all out) and Gregory putting in an effort between 5 and 6½ miles, which actually took him nearer the leaders. The promoting club were putting in some hard work for the team race, and with Shaw "dying" at 5 miles, Highgate were not such clear favourites: the team race took on an exciting aspect, but Dumcan came strongly at the finish to snatch victory for Highgate by two points only.

The leading bunch of walkers did splendidly throughout, but some of the back division were ragged and appeared to be trying too hard before they were really fit. Full marks to the promoters for almost a punctual start, but time did seem to drag whilst we were waiting for the results.

Results:—

1. G. Coleman, H.H.	54.25	73. J. Tebbutt	63.27
2. H. Churcher	54.48	75. G. Bentley	63.28
3. G. Gregory	55.13	93. J. Wilson	64.41
4. D. McMullen	55.54	97. J. Baker	65.06
14. C. Churcher	58.14	101. W. True	65.14
15. S. James	58.15	105. G. Beecham	65.38
16. A. East	58.26	106. S. Spencer	65.41
19. A. Readman	58.31	108. J. Scamell	65.53
21. G. Oliver	58.59	109. G. Atkinson	65.58
24. G. Waddingham	59.09	111. E. Evans	66.08
30. R. Kemp	60.04	114. R. Garwood	66.27
33. P. Sapcote	60.23	121. B. Mitakis	67.01
35. J. Rutland	60.46	123. J. Norton	67.10
37. S. Jarlett	60.51	126. E. Beesley	67.35
40. A. St. Wakeley	60.56	132. F. Herring	67.49
43. H. Clayton	61.24	138. S. Goold	68.29
48. J. Robins	61.40	140. M. Barrett	68.36
50. H. McGreechan	61.53	144. C. Speechley	69.00
59. E. Smith	62.39	147. L. Bailey	69.16
60. J. Bidgood	62.39	148. J. Coton	69.22
66. G. Checkley	62.55	167. A. Clark	71.54
70. E. Hall	63.16	171. W. Brunning	73.51

Scratch team race:—1, Highgate H, 30 points; 2, Belgrave H. 32 points.

Handicap team race:—1, Belgrave "C" 212.42 (Jarlett, Waddingham, McGreechan, Smith); 3, Belgrave "A" 213.52 (James, McMullen, Oliver, C. Churcher).

Individual handicap:—1, G. Gregory (4.30).

### SENIOR AND JUNIOR MATCH v. EALING H.

The Club had a very good crowd of seniors, juniors and youths at this away fixture at Perivale on November 25th.

Owing to the vagaries of the weather, which decided to inflict thick fog upon us with a visibility of only 20 yards, the races for both seniors and juniors became somewhat of a farce.

It had been decided to run three laps of 2½ miles each for the seniors and two laps for the junior race, whilst the youths, in view of the County championship the following week, would have a training run only.

As soon as the fields began to string out, runners were going astray, and eventually only a few in each race completed the full course.

In both events Belgrave were well to the fore, as in the senior event Ted Stimpson, Bill Lucas, Archie Bedford, Vern Blowfield, Eric Herbert, Jack Bragginton and Steve Charlton were well up, and Ray Tooby and Bob Taylor were in the lead in the junior race.

In the latter event they did eventually get some sort of a result out, and the final points were said to be:—Polytechnic H. 44 points; Belgrave H. 59; Ealing H. 74.

It was a pity that so many runners were forced to retire, for the type of course was just right for the training we need, giving a mixture of mud and fast-running conditions.

Those that were lucky enough to find their way round thoroughly enjoyed the senior run, which, in its later stages, developed into a semi-social affair lasting about 48 minutes.

### L.C.C. OPEN 6 MILES RACE

Held at Parliament Hill Fields on November 25th and with a sealed handicap in conjunction, this race attracted an entry of 54 runners.

The first man home was C. W. Walker, of our own Club, in 31.36, followed by M. Whenman (Dartford H.) 31.42; and J. R. Johnstone (Pely H.) 32.8.

Other of our Club members who competed were:—J. W. Brown, 7th in 33.11; 20, S. Davies, 35.31; 31, A. W. Saville, 38.23.

It may be decided to make this an annual event, with a team championship in conjunction, although whether this will find favour with the London clubs remains to be seen.

### SURREY YOUTHS CHAMPIONSHIP

This race was held over our own course this year and our lads duly celebrated this fact by winning the individual and team honours in great style.

Doug Maclean in his last race as a youth, came home an easy winner by about 150 yards, and our young road race winner, G. J. Goode, put in a storming finish to take third place.

Harry Greene, although short of training, ran well to finish ninth, and with Peter Courtney scoring eleventh, we thus won the team race with a score of 24 points, with Herne Hill H. scoring 40 and the Wallington County School 41.

Our other runners were:—P. M. Childs, 30; G. Burg, 51; C. Tomlinson, 55; and R. D. Baines, 65.

We last won this race in 1932 and we are more than pleased at our lads' efforts, and it must be very satisfying to our Junior C.C. Coach, Micky Pyer, to find his instructions carried out so well.

### HORWOOD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP—DECEMBER 9th

What must have been a record field, 32 in number, turned out for this event. The main feature of the race was the large number of new members, nine in all, who competed, and showed that the walking section has a very rosy future.

Geoff Gregory, competing in his first club championship, soon showed that he meant business and, walking in very fine style, led throughout to win in the fast time of 56 mins. 5 secs., a new championship record. Among the new members of the section to distinguish themselves were Jim Tebbutt, Hugh McGreechan, Syd Jarlett and George Checkley, who all look set for successful walking careers. Syd James was unfortunately suffering from foot trouble and was unable to start.

Result:—

1. G. Gregory .. .. .	56.05	17. S. Spencer .. .. .	66.08
2. A. East .. .. .	57.48	18. M. Abrahams .. .. .	66.36
3. G. Waddingham .. .. .	58.25	19. W. Wesson .. .. .	66.43
4. J. Tebbutt .. .. .	60.12	20. E. Evans .. .. .	66.51
5. H. McGreechan .. .. .	60.27	21. B. Mitackis .. .. .	67.00
6. S. Jarlett .. .. .	60.28	22. M. Barratt .. .. .	67.05
7. A. St. Wakeley .. .. .	60.33	23. C. Speechley .. .. .	67.16
8. A. Robins .. .. .	61.38	24. F. Herring .. .. .	67.38
9. G. Checkley .. .. .	62.02	25. E. Beesley .. .. .	67.50
10. E. Hall .. .. .	62.12	26. A. Clarke .. .. .	68.34
11. H. Shields .. .. .	62.30	27. J. Cotton .. .. .	69.10
12. E. Smith .. .. .	62.39	28. J. Casey .. .. .	70.52
13. N. Skinner .. .. .	63.54	29. L. Bailey .. .. .	71.39
14. W. True .. .. .	64.12	30. A. Purcell .. .. .	72.30
15. J. Wilson .. .. .	64.30	31. W. Ives .. .. .	73.45
16. G. Beecham .. .. .	65.31	32. W. Brunning .. .. .	74.43

Handicap:—1, J. Tebbutt (6.40); 2, H. McGreechan (5.20); 3, E. Hall (6.35).

## CLUB 7 MILES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

This was held on the second Saturday in December as is usual, and was over a two-lap course across Wimbledon Common.

A field of 50 runners faced our President, Alf Harley, who acted as starter, and we had Joe Turner in charge of the time-keeping, assisted by Charlie Munro.

At the half-way mark a small bunch of runners were at the head of the field, but when they came into the finishing field Ches Walker and Len Herbert were battling it out neck-and-neck.

The former used his superior sprinting powers down the straight and so became one of the youngest holders of this title at 21 years of age. H. J. Sexton, an uncle of Alan Sexton, our young sprinter, was only 20 when he won this race in 1913, but Walker should still further improve over the country and looks likely to be the one to challenge Arthur Penny's fine run of six consecutive wins, from 1932 to 1937, in this race for the "Blackstaffe Shield."

Len Herbert has had two previous wins, in 1946 and 1948, and he was rather unlucky to miss having his name on the Shield for a third time by the narrow margin of one second.

Derrick Burfitt, the holder, Vernon Blowfield, who won in 1947, and Tom Carter, who scored wins in 1938, 1939 and then again when the race was resumed in 1945, were all absentees on this occasion, but even so, the field included two British Olympic representatives in Bill Lucas and Jack Braughton.

The latter, together with Jimmy Wood, who finished a good third this time, is a second-claim member and so not eligible for any championship award, but we are always pleased to welcome them to any of our club races.

Denis Brickwood, who is now first-claim to us having resigned from Mitcham A.C., also ran quite well and will be a most useful addition to our team strength when he is qualified.

John Bromley, who is now qualified to represent us, having resigned from his Northern club, Winton Harriers, was another to run well, and here again we have a most useful recruit to our ranks.

We were pleased to see Eddie Short, who is now an officer in the R.A.F. and stationed at Halton Camp, turning out once again, also P. G. Newell and B. L. Hudson, both of whom are comparative newcomers to the Club, and they show promise of better performances to come. Dick Tobin, a member of our winning "National" team in 1946, is also showing signs of his old-time form, and we wish that Frank Abberton and Dick Towndrow could also strike their form of a few seasons ago in order to make up for the loss of our track "stars," who have decided not to do any serious racing over the country this season.

The sealed handicap was won by Ken Stimpson, a rather in-and-out performer over the country, with Dick Tobin taking second award and J. McDonald in third place.

We had an eight a side team race with the Cadogan A.C., a club composed of our members who have Middlesex qualifications, and we scored an easy win with five men home in the first six scoring positions, and our c.c. captain, Ted Stimpson, was first man home for Cadogan A.C.

Complete placings and times are given hereunder:—

Postn.	Name.	Act. Time.	Start.	Hep. Time.	Postn. in Hep.
1.	C. W. G. Walker	37.50	1. 0	36.50	10
2.	L. W. Herbert	37.51	0.15	37.36	22
3.	J. H. Wood	38.23	1.10	37.13	12
4.	W. E. Lucas	38.35	0.30	38. 5	29
5.	J. Bromley	38.44	1.30	37.14	15
6.	J. Braughton	39.23	1.40	37.43	23
7.	A. W. Bedford	39.37	1.50	37.47	24
8.	E. S. Stimpson	39.41	1.45	37.56	27
9.	L. A. Adams	39.49	3.45	36. 4	5
10.	E. A. Short	40 8	2.40	37.28	19
11.	P. G. Newell	40.17	4.15	36. 2	4

12.	D. A. Brickwood	.. ..	40.24	3. 0	37.24	17
13.	R. W. Tobin	.. ..	40.34	4.50	35.44	2
14.	B. L. Hudson	.. ..	40.44	4.30	36.14	6
15.	K. G. Stimpson	.. ..	40.52	5.20	35.32	1
16.	E. M. Bishop	.. ..	40.56	4.30	36.26	8
17.	F. J. Abberton	.. ..	40.58	3.45	37.13	12
18.	A. H. Bishop	.. ..	41.16	4.45	36.31	9
19.	J. McDonald	.. ..	41.21	5.20	36. 1	3
20.	S. Davies	.. ..	41.27	4. 0	37.27	18
21.	R. F. Towndrow	.. ..	41.28	3. 0	38.28	32
22.	L. C. Bishop	.. ..	41.57	5. 0	36.57	14
23.	A. J. Heathfield	.. ..	42. 9	5.45	36.24	7
24.	K. A. Cuff	.. ..	42.26	5.30	36.56	11
25.	A. H. Bruce	.. ..	42.28	3.15	39.13	36
26.	S. Charlton	.. ..	43. 2	2.15	40.47	46
27.	J. A. Lacey	.. ..	43. 8	5.40	37.28	19
28.	A. Smith	.. ..	43.19	5.50	37.29	21
29.	M. E. Heard	.. ..	43.40	3.40	40. 0	40
30.	E. S. Udall	.. ..	44. 2	6.45	37.17	16
31.	T. F. Morrell	.. ..	44.16	6. 0	38.16	30
32.	A. Penstone	.. ..	44.25	6.30	37.55	26
33.	M. H. Tween	.. ..	44.39	6.45	37.54	25
34.	S. G. Brooks	.. ..	45.42	5. 0	40.42	45
35.	J. W. Kennedy	.. ..	45.47	5.15	40.32	43
36.	R. S. Fairman	.. ..	46.17	7.15	39. 2	34
37.	W. Paine	.. ..	46.24	7.15	39. 9	35
38.	A. W. Taylor	.. ..	46.32	8.30	38. 2	28
39.	J. R. Shotter	.. ..	46.32	8.15	38.17	31
40.	A. J. Beaumont	.. ..	46.44	7.45	38.59	33
41.	R. J. Cooper	.. ..	46.49	6.45	40. 4	41
42.	G. S. Doubleday	.. ..	46.49	6.50	39.59	39
43.	D. R. Laing	.. ..	46.53	7.15	39.38	38
44.	A. T. A. Jordan	.. ..	48.16	7.40	40.36	44
45.	W. G. Isaac	.. ..	48.45	9.15	39.30	37
46.	S. Jefferson	.. ..	49. 4	8.45	40.19	42

Team race (8 a side) Varsity Scoring:—Belgrave H. (1-2-3-4-5-7-8-10)—40 points; Cadogan A.C. (6-9-11-12-13-14-15-16)—96 points.

#### CLUB JUNIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

At Wimbledon on December 16th we had quite a good field out, although Doug Briggs and D. G. Maclean were non-starters.

The race was run over our usual five-mile course, except that owing to weather conditions it was decided to "cut out" the crossing of Beverley Brook.

In the circumstances the time recorded by the winner, Ray Tooby, was very good indeed, and D. J. Abbott, who does most of his running for London University, finished a good second, with our new member, P. G. Newell, in third place.

These three were also concerned in the handicap placings, only this time Abbott took first award, with Tooby second and Newell third.

Placings and times were as follows:—

1, R. C. Tooby, 26.50; 2, D. J. Abbott, 27.21; 3, P. G. Newell, 28.4; 4, R. T. Taylor, 28.37; 5, M. J. Stearman, 28.52; 6, G. Trower, 29.19; 7, J. E. Godfrey, 29.37; 8, G. J. Stace, 29.51; 9, R. J. Wolton, 30.21; 10, E. L. Cunnell, 30.48; 11, J. A. Lacey, 30.58; 12, H. Wild, 30.59; 13, R. J. Mitchell, 31.10; 14, M. J. Hazel, 31.36; 15, R. F. Budd, 32.9; 16, J. F. Keown, 32.13; 17, P. M. Blizard, 34.34.

#### MATCH v. WOODFORD GREEN A.C.

For this match, held at Woodford on December 23rd, only eight members turned up and we won by only a narrow margin.

The course, which was about 7½ miles, was mainly hard and frozen and made the wearing of rubber shoes essential. There were, however, slippery patches, which made running somewhat precarious, but, nevertheless, Belgrave secured a good victory with quite a weak team and so continued our run of successes.

Jack Brown was prominent on the first lap and eventually ran away from the field and finished an easy winner.

Denis Brickwood and Bill Lucas ran steadily throughout the race to finish third and fourth, and were well backed up by the Bishop brothers, who are most certainly our keenest supporters at all our fixtures.

The result was in doubt until our last scoring man, Arthur Saville, had finished, but he made up a few places on the last lap, and so we maintained our so far unbeaten record this season.

Finishing positions and times were as under:—

1, J. W. Brown, 44.21; 3, D. A. Brickwood, 45.5; 4, W. E. Lucas, 45.55; 7, L. C. Bishop, 46.47; 10, E. M. Bishop, 47.13; 11, A. H. Bishop, 48.1; 13, K. A. Cuff, 48.20; 16, A. W. Saville, 50.55.

Team scores:—Belgrave H. 65 points; Woodford Green A.C. 71 points.

### CLUB BOXING DAY MEETING

Our annual Boxing Day track meeting was held at Tooting and a good crowd gathered to watch the various events.

In the Club 120 yards there was a poor entry and we had two heats with four runners in each, and the following qualified for the final:—A. Law (9), I. Law (8), P. J. Briggs (8), F. W. Kemp (4).

This was won by Alan Law, who just beat John Briggs, with Frank Kemp a close third.

The 3 miles walk saw the field start off their time allowances and Joe Wilson, who went off the limit mark, set a good strong pace and was never headed.

E. Hall, who is quite a promising youngster, finished second, with Syd Jarlett holding off Harry Shields down the straight to take third place.

A. Bergvalds, our Latvian member, set up a new club record in the Shot Putt with 41 ft. 5 ins., and won the handicap from the scratch mark. Alan Law was second, with Charlie Jones third.

In the 2 miles run there were over 40 starters, and D. G. Maclean, our Surrey Youths' c.c. champion, won a good race in the fast time of 9 mins. 22 secs.

A. Snoad, a newcomer to our ranks, ran a plucky race to finish second, and looks a promising find, while another junior in Gerry Trower gained third place.

Two British Olympic runners in Bill Lucas and Jack Braughton were among the starters and although they both beat 9.50 they found they could not overtake the leaders.

Included in the programme was a "Grandfathers" 100 yards race, put on by the Veterans' A.C., and among the runners was our own Dicky Best and George Still, who are still going strong.

120 yards Final:—1, A. Law (9); 2, P. J. Briggs (8); 3, F. W. Kemp (4). Time: 12.7 seconds.

3 Miles Walk:—1, J. Wilson (4.35); 2, E. Hall (2.25); 3, S. Jarlett (1.50). Time: 22 mins. 14.8 secs.

2 Miles Run:—1, D. G. Maclean (220); 2, A. Snoad (330); 3, G. Trower (260). Time: 9 mins. 22 secs.

Shot Putt:—1, A. Bergvalds (scratch); 2, A. Law 3, T. C. Jones  
Distance: 41 ft. 5 ins.

### RETURN WITH KENT A.C.

Our return fixture with the Kent A.C. lads was held at Wimbledon on December 30th and, although they only turned up with seven men, it was decided to make the match six a side.

We finished the first seven men home and so scored a very easy win with the minimum number of points in the team race, but so long as our visitors enjoyed their run then the result does not matter so much.

Archie Bedford decided to have an outing in this race and, as expected, was an easy winner, with Reg Bolam second and Bob Taylor third, although the latter actually finished together with Ray Tooby and Doug Briggs.

Mick Porter and Jim Charman were next home and then came the first Kent A.C. runner.

The rest of the field were mainly juniors, although M. H. Tween showed an improvement on recent form, and we thank J. R. Shotton, S. Jefferson, D. R. Laing, Dick Savage, A. W. Taylor, A. Housego and Bill Merryman for making up the field.

## 7 MILES ROAD WALK v. SURREY W.C. AND WALTON A.C.

Wimbledon 30-12-50

1. H. Churcher .. .. .	58.30	14. E. Hall .. .. .	63.27
2. A. East .. .. .	58.56	17. J. Wilson .. .. .	64.37
3. B. Shepherd .. .. .	59.19	19. E. Smith .. .. .	66.00
6. G. Oliver .. .. .	60.53	20. W. True .. .. .	66.05
7. G. Waddingham .. .. .	61.4	21. R. Garwood .. .. .	66.07
9. J. St. Wakeley .. .. .	62.13	22. G. Doubleday .. .. .	66.15

1. Belgrave H. ...	56 points
2. Surrey W.C. ...	73 "
3. Walton A.C. ...	119 "

### SURREY COUNTY SENIOR RACE

Held at Coulsdon on January 6th from the S.L.H. quarters, the race was across Farthing Downs, with two laps of the country about a mile from the start.

At the half-distance J. W. Stone, the holder, was leading, but Ches Walker was close behind and, moreover, was running very easily, and it was obvious that unless Stone could get away from his opponent on the second lap of the country he had had it!

This proved to be the case, and on the mile run home over the Downs Walker ran away from his rivals to win easily by about 150 yards. As this is his first senior championship race he is to be congratulated upon winning, and looks likely to be yet one more Belgravian to earn his English vest over the country.

Len Herbert and Jack Braughton, both International runners, came in together for fourth place, and then came Les Stokell ninth, with John Bromley, running his first race for us since he became qualified, in tenth position, and we had the spectacle of four Belgraves fighting for the honour to be our sixth scoring member.

Jack Bragginton just managed to beat Bill Lucas by the proverbial "hairbreadth" on the finishing line, and they were closely followed by Archie Bedford and Jimmy Wood, and the latter must think it strange to finish 15th and not score in the winning team.

We would have won the team race with our second lot of six counters as they totalled 111 points against Surrey A.C. 156 and South London H. 162.

Our score of 41 points was the second lowest score by the Club in this race and brings back memories of our 1929 win, when we had:—A. W. Penny, 3; E. A. Duffett, 4; W. W. Mitchell, 5; H. S. H. Cook, 7; H. E. Footer, 9; W. A. Rice, 12; to score 40 points.

To regain our title and, moreover, finish our whole team in the first 28 places is a source of great satisfaction to our team selectors and also our captain and vice-captains, who have done a sound job of work this season.

Placings and times of our team are given below:—

1, C. W. Walker, 47.17; 4, L. W. Herbert, 48.58; 5, J. Braughton, 48.58; 9, C. L. Stokell, 49.53; 10, J. Bromley, 50.7; 12, J. H. Bragginton, 50.18; 13, W. E. Lucas, 50.18; 14, A. W. Bedford, 50.23; 15, J. H. Wood, 50.26; 18, E. H. Herbert, 50.49; 23, L. A. Adams, 51.6; 28, E. A. Short, 51.18.

Also running as individuals were:—B. L. Hudson, 29; D. A. Brickwood, 36; L. C. Bishop, 41; E. M. Bishop, 43; R. F. Bolam, 54; S. Davies, 67; and A. H. Bishop and K. A. Cuff.

Team result:—1, Belgrave H., 41 points; 2, Surrey A.C., 156; 3, South London H., 162; 4, Herne Hill H., 179; 5, Mitcham A.C., 207; 6, Walton A.C., 250; 7, Epsom and Ewell H., 367; 8, Ranelagh H., 594; 9, St. Lawrence's Hospital, 624; 10, Oxted and Limpsfield, 626.

### MIDDLESEX CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

JANUARY 6th, 1951

In the above event, held on January 6th, 1951, our members who possess a necessary qualification ran for their second claim club, Cadogan A.C. This was held at Trent Park, Cockfosters, over a three-lap course, one of two miles, three miles and two and a half miles of a rather hilly

and waterlogged ground. Unfortunately, we were very poorly represented owing to one or two members deciding not to run over the country but to concentrate on the track. However, we were able to start a team. After a very fast start the runners soon settled down to a more sociable pace and at the end of two miles Ferguson, of Highgate, Field, T.V.H., and Thompson, of Shaftesbury, were leading. Our first runner was Ted Stimpson in about 12th position, looking very determined. The others followed at short intervals, Charlton 20th, Tobin 38th, Heard and Ken Stimpson 50th, MacDonald 60th and Housego 130th. The next time we saw them, which was about 5 miles, Ferguson had opened up a gap between Field and Thompson; our runners were round about the same as before. We then made our way to the finish to see Ferguson win rather easily, with Thompson and Field second and third. Ted Stimpson gave a sound performance by finishing eighth and so gained for him a place in the County team. The other members finished as follows:—Charlton 16th, Tobin 33rd, Ken Stimpson 45th, MacDonald 59th, Heard 68th and Housego 127th. The team finished fifth, quite a good performance without such stars as Burfitt, Blowfield and Smart.

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### COUNTY JUNIOR C.C. RACES

The Surrey event was held at Petersham from the Ranelagh H. quarters, and our team was weakened by the absence of D. J. Abbot and M. J. Stearman.

They did quite well, therefore, in being placed fourth of the competing clubs, and D. G. Maclean is to be congratulated on finishing fourth in the individual race in his first junior championship.

"Mac" won the Surrey Youths' race in December last, and looks pretty certain to add the Junior title to his list in due course.

Gerfy Trower also ran well to finish 10th, with Doug Briggs 18th and George Stace 28th.

Finishing places and times of our team were as under:—

4, D. G. Maclean, 28.50; 10, G. Trower, 29.19; 18, D. Briggs, 30.41; 28, G. J. Stace, 31.37; 31, J. A. Lacey, 32.4; 35, R. J. Mitchell, 32.37; 46, J. E. Godfrey, 33.34; 49, E. J. Gebbett, 34.22.

Team result:—1, Herne Hill H., 21 points; 2, South London H., 46; 3, Walton A.C., 55; 4, Belgrave H., 60; 5, Mitcham A.C., 92; 6, Epsom and Ewell H., 139; 7, Surrey Beagles, 145; 8, Surrey A.C., 179.

The Middlesex race was held at Trent Park, Cockfosters, and here again our lads did quite well running for their second-claim club, Cadogan A.C.

Bob Taylor did not run up to expectations in finishing 21st, but P. G. Newell ran well in his first open championship to finish 14th, while another newcomer to our ranks ran excellently to be placed 11th.

With H. Wild 38th and Bob Wolton 48th this completed the team, which was placed third in the team race, which resulted as follows:—1, Thames Valley H., 29 points; 2, Highgate H., 46 points; 3, Cadogan A.C., 84 points.

### MET. POLICE OPEN 7 MILES,

Imber Court, January 13th

Belgrave's day out—and confusion to the rest would aptly describe this race. With a total bag of 18 prizes, we almost swept the board, but we acknowledge the sportsmanship of the other competitors, who although obviously aware of the ultimate result, stayed behind to hear the news of our successes and warmly applauded us.

We cannot really describe the race without praising every one of our men and as space is pressing we cannot do this. However, we do register our regret at Geoff. Gregory's misfortune in being disqualified about 500 yards from home when among the leaders. Bad luck, Geoff., but it may be a steadier for more important races later on. Well, need we say any more about the race—just read the results.

1. G. Coleman .. .. .	53.10	44. J. Robins .. .. .	59.46
2. H. Churcher .. .. .	53.17	48. G. Waddingham .. .. .	60.01
3. D. McMullen .. .. .	54.06	50. E. Smith .. .. .	60.14
8. B. Shepherd .. .. .	55.58	58. G. Warr .. .. .	60.44
10. A. Readman .. .. .	56.17	74. E. Hall .. .. .	62.05
13. S. James .. .. .	56.40	86. R. Frazer .. .. .	62.48
15. C. Churcher .. .. .	57.08	89. H. Shields .. .. .	62.56
19. J. Rutland .. .. .	57.20	110. J. Casey .. .. .	64.45
22. G. Checkley .. .. .	58.24	112. S. Spencer .. .. .	64.54
26. J. Tebbutt .. .. .	58.34	120. J. Coton .. .. .	65.46
27. S. Jarlett .. .. .	58.44	129. M. Barratt .. .. .	66.55
29. H. McGreechan .. .. .	58.46	130. R. Garwood .. .. .	67.10
43. J. Bidgood .. .. .	59.41	139. L. Bailey .. .. .	68.09

Scratch Team Race: 1, Belgrave H. "A," 28 points.

Handicap Team Race: 1, Belgrave H. "C," 203 mins. (Tebbutt, McGreechan, Jarlett, Warr); 3, Belgrave H. "A," 207.54 (McMullen, James, Readman, Bidgood).

Individual Handicap: 1, B. Shepherd (Walton), 7.10; 2, J. Tebbutt, 6.30; 3, H. McGreechan, 8.00.

1st Police member in Handicap: G. Checkley.

### CLUB YOUTHS C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

The first race for the "Overseas" Cup took place at Wimbledon on January 13th, and was run over our usual 3½ miles course.

Quite a good field turned out to race for this very fine new addition to our list of club trophies and the winner proved to be G. J. Goode, who was third in the recent Surrey Youths race.

Peter Courtney was runner-up, while a new member, not yet 16 years of age, F. J. Wright, came in third just in front of Brian Trower.

Wright easily won the sealed handicap held in conjunction with G. Burg gaining second award and B. Trower third.

Harry Greene, suffering from a cold, ran well below his usual form, and D. G. Maclean was just too old for this event, having now turned 18 years of age.

Linstead and Lines, another couple of youngsters who are both under 16, also ran well and it looks as if we are building up quite a useful youths team for the future.

Placings and times were as under:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap. Time	Posn. H'cap.
1.	G. J. Goode .. .. .	22. 7	Scr.	22. 7	7
2.	P. P. Courtney .. .. .	22.39	1. 0	21.39	4
3.	F. J. Wright .. .. .	22.55	2.30	20.25	1
4.	B. C. Trower .. .. .	23. 2	1.30	21.32	3
5.	H. E. Greene .. .. .	23.20	0.30	22.50	10
6.	R. Linstead .. .. .	23.48	1.45	22. 3	6
7.	G. Lines .. .. .	23.48	1.50	21.58	5
8.	D. Cooper .. .. .	24.15	1.35	22.40	8
9.	H. Cornell .. .. .	24.20	1.40	22.40	8
10.	G. Burg .. .. .	24.43	3.15	21.28	2
11.	P. M. Childs .. .. .	25.40	2.15	23.25	11
12.	J. D. Midgley .. .. .	26.30	2.25	24. 5	12
13.	C. Tomlinson .. .. .	27.35	3.30	24. 5	12
14.	P. F. Hayden .. .. .	27.47	3.40	24. 7	14

### MATCH v. WESTMINSTER BANK A.C.

This fixture was held over Epsom Downs on January 20th, and was much enjoyed by those members who turned up to run against the Bank and Walton A.C. in a triangular match.

The course was about 8 miles and the first man home was Archie Bedford, who beat a couple of Walton boys, with Len Adams and Denis Brickwood next home for us.

We managed to win the team race with eight a side counting and the scores were: Belgrave H., 62; Walton A.C., 77; Westminster Bank A.C., 183.

Ray Tooby went along for a training spin and another new member present was E. B. Brown, who has joined us from the Epsom and Ewell H.

Our positions were: 1, Bedford; 4, Adams, L.; 5, Brickwood; 8, Brown, E. B.; 9, Bishop, L.; 10, Tooby; 12, Bishop, E.; 13, Davies, S.; and Alan Bishop and A. W. Saville.

## INTER-COUNTIES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

In this race held at Aylesford we had quite a good representation with three members running for Surrey, one for Kent and one for Middlesex.

Our first member to finish was Ches Walker, who ran well to finish 7th in such a high-class field, while Jack Brown also did well in finishing 34th and missed by one place being the sixth scoring man for his county, who were placed third.

Len Herbert was 52nd, Jack Braughton 75th and Ted Stimpson 79th, and to finish in the first 100 in this event is quite good running.

There was a field of over 200 with 27 counties from all over England being represented and once again the Northern runners demonstrated their superiority with Lancashire being placed first and Yorkshire second in the team championship.

Les Stokell and John Bromley were also present as reserves for Surrey and it is a pity that this county has now dropped down the list and one thinks of the days of Bert Footer and Arthur Penny, who used to lead Surrey to victory in pre-war years.

### 10 MILES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR R. MURPHY SHIELD,

January 27th

A match v. Met. Police A.A. was held in conjunction with the Championship and 44 competitors started on what was intended to be a 10 miles walk. Unfortunately owing to misunderstanding with the pointsman, the field was wrongly directed towards the end of the race and the distance walked was only about 9½ miles. However, although this does upset club records, it had no effect on either the result of the scratch or handicap race. The first three scratch men had consolidated their respective positions and also the three placed men in the handicap were sufficiently in front of each other, and the rest of the field, to have made any alteration in the result, had they gone on for the extra half mile. It was unfortunate that Geoff. Gregory could not be there as he would have made the race more interesting for the first three places. A. Burns, one of our new men from Eastleigh, was most unfortunate to be disqualified in the first 50 yards. He removed his number and carried on walking and impressed us all with his speed and very fine style. Once again we must thank our Eastleigh section for producing another fine team man, for Burns is bound for championship class in the near future.

To report briefly upon the race, Harry had a fairly comfortable win, with Mac an easy second. Bob Readman, still showing good form, was a popular third, with Captain Charlie fourth. Our Juniors showed up quite satisfactorily and we have great hopes of a win in the coming "Garnet" Cup race. George Checkley, improving fast, deserved his handicap win and Jack Coton made use of a generous mark for second place. Third in the handicap was Ted Smith, who just stopped "Pot-hunter" Shields, who filled the fourth place. Mention must be made of J. Casey, one of our new police members. Although through a misunderstanding he was not entered in the handicap, he nevertheless walked so well that he must have stood a chance in the handicap with a reasonable mark. Perhaps next time he will be rewarded for waiting. In a match versus Met. Police, scoring 16 a side, Belgrave won by 201 points to 327.

1. H. Churcher .. .. .	72.45	16. S. Smith .. .. .	81.19
2. D. McMullen .. .. .	74.16	17. A. East .. .. .	81.29
3. A. Readman .. .. .	76.33	18. A. St. Wakeley .. .. .	81.35
4. C. Churcher .. .. .	78.50	19. P. Wright .. .. .	82.29
5. J. Rutland .. .. .	78.51	20. R. Frazer .. .. .	82.29
6. S. James .. .. .	78.57	21. P. Sapcote .. .. .	85.00
7. G. Oliver .. .. .	79.01	22. H. Clayton .. .. .	85.00
8. R. Kemp .. .. .	79.14	23. J. Wilson .. .. .	86.21
9. S. Jarlett .. .. .	79.25	24. J. Casey .. .. .	86.54
10. G. Checkley .. .. .	79.30	25. J. Coton .. .. .	87.58
11. H. McGreechan .. .. .	79.42	26. R. Garwood .. .. .	87.59
12. G. Warr .. .. .	80.08	27. S. Spencer .. .. .	89.09
13. G. Waddingham .. .. .	80.59	28. M. Abrahams .. .. .	90.36
14. J. Bidgood .. .. .	81.05	29. C. Speechley .. .. .	93.48
15. H. Shields .. .. .	81.10		

Handicap:—1, G. Checkley (9.30); 2, J. Coton (17.45); 3, E. Smith (10.15).

## "MACHER SHIELD" RACE

The Club 10 miles cross-country championship was held at Wimbledon on January 27th, and the starter was Albert Macher, the son of the donor of the shield.

There was a field of 37 runners but a few of them were just getting over the 'flu and had accordingly stated their intention of taking things steady.

Among these were Vern Blowfield and Les Stokell, while Archie Bedford also stated his intention to do only one lap but then evidently changed his mind and ran well to finish in 4th position.

Jack Brown retained his hold on the trophy although his time was slower than the previous year but conditions underfoot were on the heavy side, if you can apply this remark to our rather light course across Wimbledon Common.

Steve Charlton once again finished as runner-up and seems to do better in the longer distance events where he is given a chance to settle down to some even-pace running.

John Bromley gained his first club championship medal by beating Archie Bedford for third place and should prove a tower of strength to our team for future events.

Len Adams was another to run well and he deservedly won the first handicap award. Denis Brickwood also gained his first club prize by finishing second in the handicap and Steve Charlton gained third place.

A couple of newcomers in E. B. Brown and H. J. Pinchin were seen out and both showed promise of better performances to come.

Complete placings together with times are given below:—

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start Scr.	H'cap. Time	Posn. H'cap.
1.	J. W. Brown	60.21		60.21	8
2.	S. Charlton	61.12	1.40	59.32	3
3.	J. Bromley	61.30	1.30	60. 0	5
4.	A. W. Bedford	61.39	2. 0	59.39	4
5.	E. S. Stimpson	62.15	1. 0	61.15	17
6.	L. A. Adams	62.24	3.50	58.34	1
7.	D. A. Brickwood	62.40	3.15	59.25	2
8.	C. L. Stokell	63.21	1.15	62. 6	21
9.	R. W. Tobin	64.42	4.10	60.32	10
10.	B. L. Hudson	64.57	4. 0	60.57	13
11.	L. C. Bishop	65.19	5.15	60. 4	6
12.	C. T. Carter	65.27	4.15	61.12	16
13.	E. M. Bishop	65.39	5.30	60. 9	7
14.	S. Davies	65.47	4.50	60.57	13
15.	E. B. Brown	65.50	5. 0	60.50	12
16.	M. F. Porter	65.56	3.30	62.26	23
17.	A. H. Bishop	66.23	6. 0	60.23	9
18.	K. A. Cuff	68.35	6.45	61.50	20
19.	A. P. Whitehead	68.53	7.30	61.23	18
20.	J. McDonald	69.10	5.15	63.55	26
21.	V. S. Blowfield	69.31	0.45	68.46	32
22.	M. H. Tween	69.31	7.45	61.46	19
23.	A. Penstone	69.45	8.45	61. 0	15
24.	A. Smith	70.15	7.30	62.45	24
25.	H. J. Pinchin	71.20	8. 0	63.20	25
26.	D. R. Laing	71.35	11. 0	60.35	11
27.	T. C. Mitchell	73.35	11.15	62.20	22
28.	G. S. Doubleday	75.28	8.45	66.43	28
29.	E. D. Lacey	76.40	11.45	64.55	27
30.	F. M. Mitchell	79.20	11.30	67.50	30
31.	A. T. A. Jordan	79.30	12.30	67. 0	29
32.	W. G. Isaac	82.23	14.30	67.53	31

Team Result: Belgrave H. (1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12) 62 points.

(9 a side) Cadogan A.C. (2, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18) 149 pts.

## MATCH WITH JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

Our Youths journeyed to Purley on January 27th for a match against the John Fisher School.

It was decided to score six a side and although we had the first lad home in G. J. Goode with three others in the first five placings we had to go back to the tail-end for our last two scoring runners.

Thus the result was a tie with 42 points each and the School were very gratified at the result.

Peter Courtney finished in second place but was this time representing his School and our other placings were: 3, F. J. Wright; 4, G. Lines; 5, B. C. Trower; 13, R. D. Baines; 16, P. F. Hayden.

### R.W.A. "GARNET" CUP CHAMPIONSHIP Sudbury, February 3rd

In atrocious weather 152 walkers from all parts of the country faced the starter. Once again Sheffield United Harriers won the race and created a record that will possibly never be beaten. This was their fourth successive victory and also in these four races they have finished three individual winners and a second. As all the winning team and individuals are eliminated from further participation, the performance is almost uncanny and the Sheffield club are to be congratulated on their really remarkable performances.

We do not make excuses for our own failure but bad luck was our predominant opponent. A few days before the race Syd James was bereaved by the death of his father and was unable to compete. Another one of our best men, Jim Tebbutt, was on the sick list. This certainly depleted our team, but our lads although beaten by one point for fourth place, walked most gallantly and gave a fine display of team work. At three miles Geoffrey Gregory was leading in 22.20 and walking in fine style. Ron Kemp was 19th, George Checkley 32nd and Gordon Waddingham 34th. At 5 miles Gregory had a comfortable lead of 100 yards in 38.22 but was ruled out at about 5½ miles. At this point Belgrave were lying 6th but our whips got busy and got Syd Jarlett, George Checkley and Gordon Waddingham together in 19th, 20th and 21st positions, with Hugh McGreechan just behind in 25th place, at 8 miles, which brought our team to 3rd place. Unfortunately Syd Jarlett, who had done such yeoman work, was disqualified at 9 miles. Gordon was having a terrific struggle to hang on to his place and walked a plucky race. Hugh was still battling quite strongly three places behind but with the loss of Syd our team was right out of the picture. Dismayed, but not beaten, our whipper went back to the hero of the race, Jack Wakeley, walking in the 36th position. Learning of our bad luck and listening to the entreaties and bullyings of the said whip, Jack put in a superhuman effort and caught nine men in the last three-quarters of a mile. It was a magnificent example of team spirit and we thank Jack for his effort in bringing our team from 6th position to only one point behind 3rd team. Jack was not a bit pleased with himself, though, when he learned that we only wanted two more points and blamed himself for not catching just one more man. George Checkley is to be congratulated on leading home, in his first year, our gallant team. Ron Kemp is not quite fit and when he is eligible to score for us he will be just one more valuable team man. R. Garwood walked very well and is showing improvement. Abrahams seemed to be walking strongly but expressed distaste for the longer distance. Fred Rolfe also finished and will do better next year if he can keep clear of foot trouble and get in some regular training.

#### Results:—

1. G. Rushton .. .. .	80.06	63. J. Casey .. .. .	93.02
11. R. Kemp .. .. .	84.57	71. J. Wilson .. .. .	93.58
16. G. Checkley .. .. .	86.16	76. S. Spencer .. .. .	94.39
18. G. Waddingham .. .. .	86.44	81. E. Smith .. .. .	94.53
21. H. McGreechan .. .. .	87.26	91. R. Garwood .. .. .	95.57
27. A. St. Wakeley .. .. .	88.40	94. J. Coton .. .. .	96.22
32. A. East .. .. .	89.05	100. M. Abrahams .. .. .	97.16
34. G. Bentley .. .. .	89.21	108. J. Barrett .. .. .	99.24
37. H. Shields .. .. .	89.23	121. L. Bailey .. .. .	102.31
51. R. Frazer .. .. .	91.08	122. F. Rolfe .. .. .	102.33

1, Sheffield U.H., 21 points.

4, Belgrave H., 74 points.

## YOUTHS v. SOUTHGATE HARRIERS

At Wimbledon on February 3rd, in addition to the Southgate lads we also had a team from the Boys' Training Company at St. Omer Barracks, Aldershot.

In a six a side triangular match we came out on top with a score of 31 points, with Southgate H. 63, and the Boys' Training Company 96.

G. F. Goode was once again first man home and he was followed by Peter Courtney and then came a couple of Southgate boys.

Our placings and times were as under:—

- 1, G. J. Goode, 22.14; 2, P. Courtney, 22.24; 5, F. J. Wright, 22.34; 6, B. C. Trower, 23.3; 7, H. E. Greene, 23.7; 10, H. Cornell, 23.59; 12, D. A. Wise, 24.15; 15, P. M. Childs, 24.28; 17, G. Burg, 24.33; 21, M. Courtney, 25.10; 22, L. Harding, 25.15; 28, J. Montgomery, 26.43.

## JUNIOR MATCH v. SOUTHGATE H.

Held at Wimbledon on February 3rd over our usual 5 miles course, only they did not go through the Brook.

Bob Taylor was first home with Doug. Maclean, Gerry Trower and Doug. Briggs all close behind and with only four a side scoring, we thus had a hollow win in the team race.

With so many lads between the ages of 18 and 21 now in the Forces, many clubs are finding it difficult to field teams for these Junior matches unless they are stationed near enough to get home each week-end.

Our placings and times are given hereunder:—

- 1, R. T. Taylor, 27.35; 2, D. G. Maclean, 27.48; 3, G. Trower, 27.49; 4, D. Briggs, 28.31; 7, G. Stace, 29.4; 9, J. E. Godfrey, 30.0; 10, E. J. Gebbett, 30.42; 11, E. S. Udall, 30.46; 12, J. Keown, 31.4.

## SOUTH OF THAMES C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's race was held at Sonning, near Reading, on February 10th, and we scored our fourth victory since the war. Seeing that the winning team of six scorers is barred each time, it will be seen that we have done excellently to score wins in 1946, 1948, 1949 and 1951.

We also had the individual winner in Ches. Walker and he ran in very smooth style throughout and only one other runner got anywhere near him over the very heavy  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles course.

Our team all ran well with Archie Bedford surprising not a few by finishing in 4th place, while John Bromley proved his worth by being placed 8th out of a field of 226 starters.

Jack Bragginton ran his usual dogged race and Len Adams maintained his recent improvement by finishing on Jack's heels.

Eddie Short was our sixth scoring man in 29th position, and seeing that he is now serving in the R.A.F., Eddie can be said to have done very well.

It was a pity that Mick Porter had to retire with shoe trouble as with 11 men in the first 81 positions he could have walked round to finish last and we should still have won the "Colman" Cup, which is awarded to the team with the lowest score for its complete team of 12 men.

Reg Bolam, Eric Herbert, B. L. Hudson, a new member, all did well to finish in the first quarter of the field, while Len and Eric Bishop both ran their usual plucky races to help peg some of the other clubs back.

Our members' positions and times are given below:—

- 1, C. W. Walker, 45.30; 4, A. W. Bedford, 47.33; 3, J. Bromley, 48.2; 22, J. H. Bragginton, 49.2; 23, L. A. Adams, 49.11; 29, E. A. Short, 49.28; 38, R. F. Bolam, 49.46; 50, E. H. Herbert, 50.29; 52, B. L. Hudson, 50.37; 66, L. C. Bishop, 51.14; 81, E. M. Bishop, 51.40.

Team placings: 1, Belgrave H., 87; 2, Mitcham A.C., 197; 3, Reading A.C., 223; 4, Portsmouth A.C., 234; 5, Walton A.C., 246; South London H., 252. (23 teams started, 21 closed in.)

### MATCH v. SURREY BEAGLES

Held at Wimbledon on February 17th and this was styled a "B" team fixture but, as usual, some of the more well known runners turned out to lead the field round our 5 miles course.

Bill Lucas and Archie Bedford were the first two home and they were followed by two of our visitors.

Vern Blowfield also took this opportunity to have a run out with the lads and we hope that next season we shall see him once again doing his "stuff" over the country.

Scoring 8 a side, we had the lower total of 52 points as against Surrey Beagles 84, and so maintained our record of not losing an inter-club match this season.

### MATCH v. SURREY W.C., Croydon-Banstead, February 17th

1. C. Churcher .. ..	1.39.27	25. S. Spencer .. ..	1.54.29
5. H. McGreechan .. ..	1.43.43	26. J. Robins .. ..	1.55.44
7. G. Checkley .. ..	1.44.40	27. P. Sapcote .. ..	1.55.51
9. A. Readman .. ..	1.45.41	29. G. Doubleday .. ..	1.58.19
10. H. Shields .. ..	1.45.47	30. R. Garwood .. ..	1.58.20
11. A. East .. ..	1.46.14	31. M. Barrett .. ..	1.58.26
14. S. Jarlett .. ..	1.49.38	32. J. Casey .. ..	1.58.26
17. J. Wilson .. ..	1.50.44	34. B. Mitackis .. ..	2. 4. 6
18. G. Oliver .. ..	1.50.55		

16 a side: S.W.C., 236 points; Bel., 292 points.

### SOUTHERN C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Trent Park, Cockfosters, on 24th February, and large fields turned out for the Youths, Junior and Senior events.

The Youths' race was first away over a very sticky course, which was mostly grassland but owing to the rain was in a very heavy condition.

It was unfortunate for us that G. J. Goode, our Youths champion, had been in bed during the week with 'flu and he should not really have run but did not want to let the team down.

Harry Greene ran the race of his life to finish in 5th place with Brian Trower 31st, Peter Courtney 40th and H. Cornell 76th. Goode finished 140th and if only he had run in his usual style we should have won the team race.

The Senior event over 10 miles came next and with a field of 431 runners it was a case of every man for himself at the start.

When they came round at the end of the first lap of the country John Bromley was going well in the first dozen and he always kept his place and eventually finished 8th, which was a very fine performance.

Steve Charlton was another to do well and although at one time he had a bad attack of stitch, he kept going in his usual plucky fashion and did not yield any places.

Jack Brown and Eric Herbert also ran well and the latter put up what was easily his best ever performance over the country.

Ted Stimpson and Les Stockell completed our team and it was a pity that either of these two were not a little further up as we lost the team title by the narrow margin of 5 points.

Aylesford Paper Mills thus repeated their win over us of 1947 and here again the margin was 5 points in their favour.

The Junior race was the final event of a very full afternoon's sport which was witnessed by quite a large crowd, and although we have a very large membership except on occasions like the Brighton Relay only a handful of supporters turn up to give our lads a cheer.

I am sure that our senior team would be the first to say how much the help and encouragement of the few Belgrave supporters, who were able to give information on the progress of rival teams, nearly helped them to pull off a surprise win, and maybe with a few more members present at crucial points on the course, they could have closed that gap of 5 points by which the race was lost.

"Ginger" Newell was our first man home in the Junior race and he was closely followed by D. J. Abbott, and they both ran very well indeed.

Gerry Trower, although not liking the mud, also did well and our fourth scoring man was D. G. Maclean, who was farther back than we had hoped for.

Nevertheless, our team gained third place in the team race and we were well pleased with the results of our lads' efforts.

To finish second in one event and third in another was a good sign of our club strength and as explained above, but for illness we may quite well have had a first place to go with the other two placings.

Placings of our teams are given below:—

Youths (3 miles).—5, H. E. Greene; 31, B. C. Trower; 40, P. Courtney; 76, H. Cornell; 140, G. J. Goode.

Team Result.—1, Southgate H and Royal Grammar School (High Wycombe), 108; 3, Thames Valley H., 109; Belgrave H., 152.

Junior (5 miles).—10, P. G. Newell; 15, D. J. Abbott; 29, G. Trower; 40, D. G. Maclean; 93, M. J. Stearman.

Team Results.—1, Thames Valley H., 43; 2, South London H., 85; 3, Belgrave H., 94; 4, Reading A.C., 145; 5, Herne Hill H., 151; 6, Cambridge H., 197.

Senior (10 miles).—8, J. Bromley; 19, S. Charlton; 21, J. W. Brown; 24, E. H. Herbert; 42, E. S. Stimpson; 44, C. L. Stokell; 64, L. A. Adams; 96, L. C. Bishop; 97, R. W. Tobin; 134, C. T. Carter; 142, J. H. Bragginton; 205, E. M. Bishop.

Team results:—1, Aylesford P.M., 153; 2, Belgrave H., 158; 3, Thames Valley H., 194; 4, Blackheath H., 232; 5, Reading A.C., 301; 6, Polytechnic H., 314.

(Belgrave H. won the Odling-Smee Cup for the first Surrey club to finish its complete team of 12 men.)

### COUNTY WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our walkers gave a good account of themselves in the various County Championships on Saturday, March 3rd.

As expected, in the Surrey County Championship we scored an easy win with the low score of 12 points.

In the Middlesex race our Cadogan members turned out in full strength and apart from the loss of Bob Readman, who was unfortunately disqualified, all walked exceedingly well and finished 2nd to Highgate Harriers, the first time Cadogan had reached this position since before the war.

Our walkers were also very prominent in the Hampshire race, filling 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions.

The net result of the championships was as follows:—

Surrey: 1st individual and team. Five County colours.

Middlesex: 2nd Team. Three County colours.

Hampshire: 2nd and 3rd individual. Five County colours.

Kent: One County colour.

Placings and times as follows:—

#### Surrey—at Wimbledon

1st Team: 12 points

1. H. Churcher .. ..	79.03	5. S. James .. ..	81.14
2. D. McMullen .. ..	79.36	8. S. Jarlett .. ..	85.07
4. C. Churcher .. ..	80.45	13. A. East .. ..	87.42

#### Middlesex—at New Southgate

2nd Team: 41 points

1. D. Tunbridge .. ..	80.38	24. P. Sapcote .. ..	87.23
6. J. Rutland .. ..	83.48	26. J. Bidgood .. ..	88. 1
8. H. McGreechan .. ..	83.54	43. B. Mitackis .. ..	95.21
13. G. Checkley .. ..	85. 6	44. F. Rolfe .. ..	96.13
14. G. Oliver .. ..	85.22	48. S. Spencer .. ..	97.50
20. H. Shields .. ..	86.45		

#### Hampshire—at Southampton

1. A. Brown .. ..	84.01	5. A. St. Wakeley .. ..	90.31
2. R. Kemp .. ..	84.23	8. H. Clayton .. ..	93.49
3. R. Burns .. ..	85.54	13. R. Green .. ..	106.08
4. P. Wright .. ..	87.04		

## THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elson are most grateful to all members who sent good wishes on the occasion of their recent marriage. The very nice present which was presented by members was most unexpected, but nevertheless greatly appreciated and will always remind us of your great kindness and the gesture in extending to Mrs. Elson the warmth of Belgrave which Frank himself has enjoyed for so many years.

## CLOTHING SECTION

As the Club's junk man, universal provider and general factotum, may I offer you, from the bargain basement (and I mean basement), a few lines in gent.'s athletic apparel, things that no true Belgravian should be without, either on or off the track? First we have club vests, sleeveless, in the Club's colours, sizes 34/6/8 and 40, at 13s.; vest badges, suitable for vests, track suits, blazers, etc., at 2s. 6d.; sets of letters for track suits, 5s., sewn on, 1s. extra; metal coat badges at 2s. each; lastly, club ties at 10s. 6d. each. Postage is charged extra.

Tom Morrell, 3, Florian Road, Putney, S.W.15.

## "BELGRAVE HALL"

Since the last issue of the "Belgravian" much has been done towards the reconstitution of the Hall, but alas! only on paper, for while the House Sub-Committee cannot report any actual date of starting to rebuild, it can say that a rough plan has been drawn up, which we hope will be in accordance with your wishes, and has been approved by your general committee. This plan is now in the hands of an architect, who will give us guidance and obtain the various permissions and licences to build, meanwhile you have my assurance that everything is being done to get these sordid formalities over with all speed.

TOM MORRELL,

Hon. Sec., House Sub-Committee.

## THE 1951 TRACK SEASON

After a very successful cross country season, we are hoping that our track men will show the same amount of improvement and so make this season one of our best ever.

We make an early start by a match at Ladywell Track on April 28th, and follow this a week later by our first match at Tooting Bec.

On this day we have as visitors the Leicester Colleges of Art and Technology A.C. and their track secretary is none other than Fred Clay, our old member, and the son of George Clay.

South London Harriers are also coming to make this a triangular fixture and although the field event men will be weakened by the fact that the "Sward" Trophy is on the same day, we look forward to a very interesting match.

The following Saturday we have the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy contest at Ealing and we always look forward to meeting old friends at this annual fixture. On the same day there are the Surrey Youths track championship at Tooting Bec.

On May 19th we are at Stompond Lane track for a match with Walton A.C. and on the same day there are the Surrey County Relays, with the Pentathlon and 7 miles walk at Tooting.

On May 23rd we have our second home fixture at Tooting and have arranged a Junior match with the Wallington County School and Wimbledon College, who will have the assistance of some of the Rutlish boys in order to strengthen their team.

On May 26th we have the "Brockman" Trophy meeting at Tooting Bec, and hope we shall have a full turn-out for this fixture and so improve upon our 4th place of last season.

On June 2nd there are the Surrey County Senior and Junior championships at Motspur Park, and we look forward to our members doing as well, if not better, than last year.

June 16th is the "Kinnaird" Trophy meeting at Chiswick, and our club Marathon championship will be run in conjunction with the Polytechnic H. event as usual.

On Monday, June 18th, we have another home match at Tooting, this time with the Whitgift Middle School and also the John Ruskin School, Croydon. We have members attending both these schools and hope that some good will result to the Club from such a fixture.

Two days later the London Olympiads A.C. have the track at Tooting and once again they have very kindly invited our members to hold some club events on their programme, and what about having a "mixed" relay as was suggested recently in the press?

June 23rd is the day of the Southern A.A.A. Senior championships, which this year are to be held at Reading.

On June 30th we are again visiting Stompond Lane for an Inter-Club fixture, which is being promoted by the Heathfield Sports Association, Walton.

July 4th is the Inter-Club Walking competition at Tooting Bec and this fixture is now a permanent part of the track walkers' season.

On July 7th we are helping to promote a "Festival of Britain" meeting at the Wimbledon Stadium, and some of our members will remember having a meeting there in pre-war years.

This is also the day fixed for the Southern Junior Track championships at Broomfield Park, Southgate, and we hope our junior members will give this meeting their full support.

July 13th and 14th are the A.A.A. Championships at the White City and we are hoping that this season we shall see the Club colours well to the fore.

Having covered the first half of the season fairly fully we will leave members to check up on our remaining matches from the Summer Fixture Card, which will very shortly be sent out to all members.

Also please reply promptly to all cards that may be sent you, especially if you are unable to turn out, so that another member can be advised.

It is hoped this season to have a better method of selecting our teams for the various matches but it is up to the member himself to let the Club know what he is doing!

All entries to club handicaps should be sent to the section hon. secretaries at least 7 days in advance of the meeting, in order that your name can appear on the programme.

In conclusion may I wish all members a very successful season and any suggestions for improving our list of fixtures will be welcomed by yours truly.

E. A. DUFFETT.

### CALLING ALL TRACK MEN

Our season starts early in May and in the past we have been weak in all events simply because training has not started early enough. You, and you alone, can make amends by getting down to training now and being determined to support club fixtures and club handicaps early in the season and by continuing to do so up to the bitter end.

Some of our away matches may be a fair distance to travel to, but this is offset by opponents having to travel to us for home fixtures. It is only common courtesy for us to field a full team when we have an away match and it does our reputation good to turn out a full team when we are away as well as at home. I am not sure that we have enhanced our reputation even in some of our home fixtures in the past. Let's cure that, shall we?

We are a large club and there is ample opportunity for all to compete, for it is only by competing that you can attain high standards. Don't leave it to others; have a go yourself and you will be surprised at the enjoyment you will get in the keen rivalry with your clubmates.

If you cannot get to a fixture, LET YOUR CAPTAIN OR SECRETARY KNOW, he can then contact somebody else and thus ensure that Belgrave do turn out full teams.

Even if you are not competing for the Club, we still want your support and don't forget to bring your kit in case of an emergency.

Once again, get down to it now. Whether you train at Tooting, Mootspur Park or Alperton, or wherever you train, ensure that we have our best season ever on the track.

Also, don't forget your county and club championships, also the Southern and A.A.A. championships. I would personally like to see more Belgravians in these. Even if you don't win or get placed, you have at least had a try and shown off Belgrave colours.

The cross country lads have had a good go this year and it is up to all track men to carry on with the same determination to see our great Club back to the front in athletic endeavour and true sportsmanship.

I will end with this old Greek motto: "*Posit Feni*"—translated, it means "*It can be done.*"

F. SIMMONS.

## TRAINING COMMENTS

By "Olympian"

The summer season will soon be upon us and track men should already have begun their training, especially if they have had no background of cross-country running to build up their stamina.

Those that have been training regularly throughout the winter should concentrate mainly on speed work by training and racing below their best distance. There should be no fear that their stamina will desert them and care should be taken to build up speed in easy stages, but as fitness develops more frequent fast runs over varying distances can be undertaken.

Members who appear keen to reach the top seem to fall by the wayside through lack of determination when they are not progressing as rapidly as they had hoped for. Often a change of distance or new training methods will make all the difference.

Talk about your training with others, compare notes with those who have succeeded and do not be afraid to try something contrary to your usual practice. Read as much as you can about all sides of athletics—there are some very good books and publications now available. The A.A.A. have recently issued a booklet on Middle Distance Running and Steeplechasing, which is admirably written and costs only 1/6d.

Leading Continental runners use "Fartlek" training with great success and you, too, can adopt this method, for it is suitable to all athletes. Find out all you can about this form of preparation and you will enjoy your running far more than you do at present. Remember that above all else the secret of success is to enjoy every minute of your training.

I feel sure that too many of our members stick to the opinion that the only way to get fit for running is to run! It is most essential that the body is prepared for the work you expect to get out of it, and unless some form of strengthening is carried out, success will not be fully attained.

Ten minutes each day on well-selected exercises will more than repay you for the time so spent. Don't forget that walking is extremely beneficial and can be most enjoyable. An excellent method of improving physique is for track athletes to take up a field event. This will also relieve the monotony of training and you may find that you have hidden talents, which, with some expert coaching, can be developed both to benefit yourself and also your Club.

Everyone should make it their object to be included in a Belgrave team in such events as the "Kinnaird" and "Waddilove" Trophy meetings. Don't leave it for a few members only to represent the Club in these events. Belgrave can attain a position in summer athletics such as it has attained in the cross-country world, but only with the support of all its active members.

What happens to the majority of our members when they hang up their shoes? Why not volunteer to help as an official or coach and so make use of that invaluable knowledge and experience gained during your active days. The lack of officials at some of our matches has been most noticeable in the past and only makes us appreciate all the more those stalwarts who do turn up, rain or fine, but we are sure they would welcome some help.

Don't forget to advise the Club as soon as you are not available through injury, illness or some other reason, in order that a substitute may be found. Also keep them advised of your progress, so that you may be considered for team selection. Don't think that the Club has no need of your services, as we have matches to suit all branches of the Club and can find a place in one of our teams in order to give you a try-out.

Belgrave has this season regained some of its lost prestige over the country, by training a little harder and more frequently. Let this also apply to the track performers, who can, by a little effort this summer, put Belgrave on the map once again.

### FIELD EVENTS GOSSIP

A new season is approaching, which it is hoped will be a much better one than last year for the Field Events Section. Frankly, last season was most disappointing. The support for the Club matches and the big events such as the "Sward" Trophy and the "Kinnaird" Trophy was not anywhere near what is expected from a club of our size and reputation.

The handicaps put on for your benefit were also poorly supported and the Committee will have to think twice about putting so many on this season.

Ans Bergvalds was undoubtedly our best performer. His Club Championship record of 125 ft. 7 ins. in the Discus, added to which in the Boxing Day handicap he put the Shot 41 ft. 5 ins.—the best performance ever by a Club member—were most gratifying. Pete Lowe's new record in the Hop, Step and Jump and Bob Cooper's equalling of the High Jump record were the only other highlights, except for Paul Bower's fine throw in the Surrey Junior Javelin, which he won with a new record of 175 ft. 6½ ins.

All these will be available for the new season. We hope Bergvalds will get better support and look to Arthur Allen and Dennis Childs for this, as we cannot expect Bill Sutton to go on for ever. Murray and Cornell should show improvement in the Shot.

The Javelin was last year one of our weakest events. Charlie Melchior again won the championship, which shows the paucity of good performers. Terry Bateman will, we hope, show considerable improvement, and with Doug Whitehead, now back in "civvy street" after getting a R.A.F. Blue at this event, perhaps we shall see some better throwing. A number of others show promise, but must do more hard work to achieve a better standard. George Powell will, we suppose, turn out again and show real Belgrave team spirit. It is amazing how he goes on and on. In the Surrey Championship he threw over 140 ft., which is a worthy performance when one remembers he first competed over 25 years ago.

High Jumpers are few, but after Bob Cooper's 5 ft. 5 ins. we shall expect to see even more improvement. Jack Sinton has even better possibilities if he has recovered from his illness. Steve Gibson will be available again, together with Nick Nickini, who showed promise before going into the Forces.

In the Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump it looks as if we shall have some better performances than since 1939. Pete Lowe's jumping in the triple jump was good, but he should improve still more and, we hope, reach 43 ft. His long jumping could be improved, and he, with Luxon and Steadman, two newcomers, we look to for jumps of over 21 ft.

We seem to be at last finding a few hurdlers. The standard is not first-class yet, but we have hopes.

What we want is Pole Vaulters—any volunteers?

The Junior Section shows great promise. Alan Law's shot putting should still further improve. Paul Bowers and Harry Delger will be our Javelin throwers.

For the Long Jump we shall have Ian Forrester, Brian Tillot and Nigel Cleeve.

Bob Cooper, who won our first Junior High Jump championship, will be a Senior, but Jim Purdy and one or two others show great promise. Whilst mentioning this championship—support for it was very poor. It must surely be a thing wanted by Juniors, but how can we continue it if we do not get better entries.

We have quite a school of promising hurdlers in Tillot, Hunt, Purdy and Simpson, who should all do well this coming season.

I do want to remind you of all the handicaps we run for Field Events men. These are put on for your benefit and encouragement. The entries, however, received last year were most disappointing. The Committee will seriously have to consider cutting these down if better support is not forthcoming. These handicaps are not put on solely for the benefit of those interested in the particular event, they give opportunities to all to try out a new event, and we should like to see more and MORE entries.

The practise of the handicapper in the past has been to handicap everyone whom he thought would compete in the event. These names have all been printed on the programme and, to give an instance, in one of the Javelin handicaps last year there were over 20 names on the programme and only five turned up. This is a waste of the handicapper's time, and money to the Club for printing costs. The Committee have decided that in future entries must be made otherwise your names will not be printed in the programme. A member whose name is not on the programme will not be allowed to compete.

We expect you all to try to make this coming season a better one for the Club and yourself and so put Belgrave back on the Field Events map.

T. C. JONES, *Field Events Captain.*

#### HERE AND THERE

"Judge praises Tooting runner," these were the headlines in a local paper recently, and they referred to the fact that our track captain, Stan Davies, had assisted in apprehending a man who assaulted a young girl on Tooting Bec Common. Stan was warmly congratulated by the chairman of the London Sessions, and we, too, offer our congratulations on a public-spirited action.

C. W. Walker was first man home in the L.C.C. 6 miles cross-country race held at Parliament Hill Fields, and we confidently predict another Belgravian gaining his International vest over the country in the next season or so.

Ray Tooby won the Junior Inter-Banks cross-country title and, although he is in the Forces, he still seems to be running as well as ever.

John Bromley was first man home in the Southern Command c.c. championship, while Ray Tooby also finished close up, and both these members should find a place in the Army team this season.

D. G. Maclean was first man home in the Highgate Inter-Schools race, and so repeated his win of last season, and he has also won several other Inter-Schools races this season over the country.

Eddie Short is now the Officer-in-charge of Athletics at the R.A.F. Halton Camp and his C/O is none other than the old Olympic hurdler, Don Finlay.

D. B. Evison, another of our junior runners, is now living at Thetford, Norfolk, but hopes to be able to turn out for us in any races that we require him for, and he sends his best wishes to all Club members.

George Simpson, who was a member of our placed Youths' team in last year's Southern c.c. championship, is now stationed in Vienna with the British Army there. He has not been able to do much in the running

line, but has been on a ski course in the Austrian mountains, which should certainly help his stamina.

"Ginger" Newell, who was our first man home in the recent Southern Junior c.c. race, finished second in his Corps' cross-country championship, and Doug Briggs was tenth in the same race.

D. E. Marshall, our Surrey Junior sprint champion, is now serving in the R.A.F. and is stationed at Hereford, and at the moment is not getting much chance to do any training.

We do not seem to have had any news of A. J. Sinton, who was a very promising high-jumper, and we know he was advised by his doctor to rest from athletics for a while, and trust he is now fit and well again.

Basil Walden sustained a damaged shoulder while playing "rugger" for Streatham recently, and we trust that the injury will not affect his track prospects this summer.

We have quite a "school" of Club members now at London University and these include Reg Bolam, Colin Collis, D. J. Abbott and A. J. Snoad, and recently Bolam was first man home in a match against the Reading and Southampton Universities.

A. J. Snoad also finished 12th in the U.A.U. cross-country championship, which was quite a good performance, and we look forward to further successes by this young man.

Seen in the crowd at a football match at the Tooting and Mitcham ground was our old Club member, Alec Robertshaw, and we feel that any of our members, whether active or non-active, would be better occupied by an afternoon at Wimbledon, rather than by watching their local football team.

Received too late for our last issue, we now have pleasure in offering congratulations to Victor Meek on gaining third place in the Cornwall County 100 yards championship. It's a far cry from London, but it's an honour we are proud to record.

Donald Harvey is now serving with His Majesty's Forces and all Belgravians wish him well.

John Norton, one of our new walking members in the Regular Army, has recently been drafted to Malaya and sends his best wishes to all.

A letter received from Tony Whincup congratulates Gordon Doubleday on being elected as Treasurer in the august ranks of Belgrave officials. Tony has been unable, owing to stomach trouble, to do any running in the Army. He hopes to return to London and resume running with the Belgrave lads. Expects Belgrave to be at the front in the "National" this year. Sends best wishes to all.

Pte. Joe (Splinter) Tranter sends greetings from Malaya and curses the powers that he was unable to be with us during the 1950 track season owing to extension of period of service. He intends to be with us in 1951 and hopes his nick-name has not been attached to anyone else, as he feels it may be hard work making another name for himself.

On December 29th, to wind up his good year, Harry Churcher won the Business Houses 7 miles championship. In the same race our members, J. Coton and M. Abrahams, stepped out of the novice class by winning the first and second novice's medals.

Bob Readman continued his long run of Police successes by winning the 7 miles Inter-District championship on January 6th. He followed this up on February 22nd by winning the Police 10 miles championship in the second fastest time ever recorded, 80 mins. 11 secs., only 52 secs. outside Jim Morris's record.

At a recent film show on walking it was most satisfying that Harry Churcher emerged with flying colours. In every film he was most definitely walking fair.

*LATE NEWS—Our Coaching School re-commences on May 2nd. Contact your Coaches for further information.*

*Welcome Home to Colin Sutton and his Family. We hope to see you all soon.*