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## EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

We humbly present to you the Belgravian issue for November, 1949. In doing so we first of all give thanks to your past Editor, Harry Parker. Many onerous duties have come Harry's way during his career with Belgrave, extending over many years and all he has tackled with great enthusiasm and with remarkable achievements. He is not the kind of person to relinquish his commitments without very good reason, but now he finds his official duties in the service of athletics at least one too many, and he has been obliged with very great regret to hand the editorship over to new co-editors. As we all know Harry has certainly plenty on his plate and always has had and now that he is President of the E.C.C.U., he finds it hard to carry on as Editor. In congratulating him on his great honour, we also thank him for his great work to the club.

As for ourselves, your new co-editors, we follow in the wake of Harry Hare, Ben Knifton, Alf Harley, Gordon Doubleday, Freddie Bradnum and Harry Parker.

We are fully conscious of the great work and standards built up and maintained by our predecessors and we assure you of our best endeavours to keep up this standard.

We have several ideas for the possible improvement of our magazine which we hope you will all approve but, as with this issue we are endeavouring to bring all reports up-to-date, pressure of space prevents us introducing new ideas on this occasion. We do intend, however, to issue another Belgravian at a very early date and to include these ideas, chief among which will be a "Suggestion page," and we ask those of you who have any suggestions, to let us have them in as brief a letter as possible, but let us get this issue among you first and we hope you will find the next one and subsequent issues interesting, entertaining and topical.

Best wishes, Your EDITORS.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—OCTOBER 8th, 1949

The attendance at this meeting was not as large as was hoped nor as large as we have the right to expect. However, a very representative gathering of somewhere about 80-90 members assembled to elect your new officials and committee and to define the club policy for the year 1949-50. Once again our popular President, Bill Webb, was elected to the premier office of the club and this was received with unanimous acclamation. Secretary Alf Harley's report struck a very optimistic note in spite of one or two reverses during the past season. In reading his report we had a moment or two of thought for the passing of three of our club members: dear old Charlie Cook, Tom Sullivan and Rowland Rowbottom, which we all regret. The Hon. Treasurer's report showed us that although we were spending much more money than we received in ordinary receipts and subscriptions, we were able to balance our club budget through the efforts of the Supporters' Club. The Building Fund is in an extremely healthy state and a word of appreciation was given to Les Cohen and his supporters. Our Treasurer, Syd King, has done a wonderful job in carrying on after that great treasurer, Bill Webb. We all thank him for his work and congratulate him on his achievements. We were sorry and considerably concerned, however, when he warned us that this would be his last year of office. Under the capable chairmanship of Bill Webb the meeting progressed. Your officers and committee were duly elected and during the ensuing phase under the heading of "Other Business," the future policy of the club was discussed in a most rational and democratic manner. One left the meeting convinced that the management of the club was again in most capable hands and with a feeling of confidence for the season 1949-50.

### RUNNING NOTES

#### The "Brighton" Relay held April 2nd, 1949

Starting from Mitcham, our runner on the first stage to Purley was Derrick Burfitt. He did well to finish 5th in 30 mins. 6 secs. On the next stage to Merstham, Ted Stimpson held his place and his time was 27.25. Then Frank Abberton tackled the up-hill stage through Redhill and ran a fine race to take us up into 2nd place with a time of 23.9. On the next stage, Jack Brown took us in front and running well clocked 28.7. Len Herbert went off on the 5th stage which had been slightly altered. Jimmy Wood, our Poly. member, caught and passed him but Len managed to hang on to second place with a time of 25.29 and handed over to Albert Frost who did well in putting up the fastest time for that leg which is now only just over 2 miles and his time of 10.51 kept us in second place. Vern Blowfield went off on the long stage to Handcross and soon passed his man to put us in the lead once again. His time was 31.25. Len Marchant was our next but he lost the lead to Green of Reading and clocked 21.40 for his stage. Eddie Short went off on the up-hill climb to Patcham. He passed the leader and in clocking 21.34 did the second fastest time and gave us a lead of 11 secs. over our nearest rivals. Bull Lucas, running the last stage, as usual, did not give his opponents any chance of getting on his shoulder and although Green of Birchfield took his team into second place, Bill finished an easy winner and moreover did second fastest time of 17.49 for his leg.

The order for finishing was 1, Belgrave, 3 hrs. 57 mins. 35 secs; 2, Birchfield, 3.57.52; 3, Tipton H., 3.58.35.

This makes our 6th win in this classic road race, a feat which no other club has performed and moreover, is our second series of three wins in a row as we won in 1934-5-6 and then again in 1947-8-9.

### Cambridge Harriers' 20 miles Road Relay—April 9th

We sent along a mixed team for this race and were surprised to hear that they had not only won, but had set up a course record in so doing. Our time was 1 hr. 43 mins. 20 secs. against the old time of 1.44.44 set up by Blackheath Harriers in 1948. We had two teams competing and the "B" team were unlucky to miss the special prizes by one place. Placings and times of each stage are as follows:

Lap	1.—4. S. Charlton ...	17.41	10.—E. Bishop ...	18.23
"	2.—2. J. Brown ...	16.56	8.—L. Adams ...	17.38
"	3.—3. G. Lucas ...	17.24	8.—A. Bishop ...	18.22
"	4.—1. A. Frost ...	17. 9	7.—N. Walker ...	18.43
"	5.—1 E. Short ...	17.11	7.—A. Taylor ...	18.46
"	6.—1. W. Lucas ...	16.59	7.—K. Stimpson ...	18.11

Team placings: 1, Bel. H. "A," 1.43.20; 2, Herne Hill H., 1.43.34; 3, Aylesford P.M., 1.44.19; 7, Bel. "B," 1.50.3.

### Ilford Youths' Road Relay—9th April

Our lads enjoyed their experience of this class of running and were unlucky not to get placed. G. A. Simpson went first and handed over 14th in 10.21 to R. Wolton who did 10.19 and took us up to 9th. He handed over to Mike Stearman who clocked 9.41 and took us into 3rd place. R. Mitchell with 10.33 held our 3rd position and then Ken Hill did 11.3 which took us to our final position of 9th.

### Surrey County 20 miles Championship Road Run—May 7th

This was held at Godalming and our team was placed second. Placings and times were as follows: 7, S. T. Ring, 2 hrs. 15 mins. 15 secs; 15, G. S. Doubleday, 2.18.41; 18, A. F. Mitchell, 2.21.21. Thirty runners, comprising seven teams finished the course and although our numbers were small, our lads all ran very well and we are sorry to hear that Bert Mitchell has been advised to give up distance running owing to leg trouble.

### Match v. South London H.—May 7th

Held at Tooting, this was our opening fixture of the summer season and we had senior and junior events with a few club handicaps on the programme. The senior match was a very close affair and our visitors won by the very narrow margin of 2 points. They also won the junior match by 5 points.

Mike Broadbent finished second to Grieve in the 100 yards. John Cope was second to Pugh in the 440 and we had first two home in the 880 in Len Marchant and Jack Brown. Bill Lucas won the mile and Eddie Short won the two miles, beating Ted Stimpson.

George Powell's win in the javelin, was our only success in the field events side and we also won the medley relay.

In the junior match our only winner on the track was Alan Sexton in the 220 yards, but a new member in H. R. Delger, won the javelin and we also won the 4 x 110 yards' relay.

Final scores were: Senior.—S.L.H., 63 points; Bels., 61 points. Junior.—S.L.H., 25 points; Bels., 20 points.

Handicap events:— 100 yards: 1, A. Law (11); 2, D. Clements (11); 3, P. Morrison (7½).

In the mile handicap a good crowd turned out and after Jack Brown looked like running through the field, he was held off on the final lap by Alf Orton who used his head as well as his legs. Placings: 1, A. H. Orton (135); 2, J. Brown (50); 3, L. Adams (110). Time: 4 mins. 17.8 secs.

The two miles' walk was a scratch race with a handicap in conjunction and the eventual winner was our old friend Charlie Speechley with S. James second and P. Wilson third.

#### Match v. Ealing Harriers and Walton A.C.—May 14th

Once again we visited the Drayton Green Track for the inter club contest for the "Gordon Stewart" Trophy, promoted by the local club. We congratulate Walton on their win, but as they had two Olympic men in their team we were not disgraced. Once again the two short sprints proved our undoing and we had to run Alan Sexton in the 100 yards in order to put up a show. Bill Lucas won the mile with A. Bedford second and Derek Burfitt gave Nankeville a good run in the half mile. In the two miles team race we had the first three home, with Jack Brown, Vern Blowfield and Len Marchant finishing in line. We lost the Medley Relay where John Cope tried hard to hold Nankeville over the first 880 but the Walton man gave his team the lead which they maintained to the end.

Final scores were: 1st, Walton A.C., 34 points; 2nd, Belgrave H., 29 points; Ealing H., 11 points.

Also on the programme were a few junior events and Walton again proved successful in these by scoring 27 points to our 18 and Ealing's 10. George Stace ran well in the mile, and Brian Rice ran second in the half mile. Dave Marshall won the 220 yards in fine style in 23.8.

#### Match v. Whitgift Middle School—May 18th

The School, assisted by Alan Sexton and Dave Marshall, proved too strong for our juniors and won by 34 points to 25. Some under 16 events were included and F. Vallender scored a good double in winning the 100 and 220 for the club.

In the 100 yards junior Alan Sexton and Dave Marshall were first and second and they repeated these placings in the 220 yards. R. Wolton ran second to Alan Hine of the school in the 880 and W. Large was second in the mile. The 440 yards saw Morrison win for the club with E. L. Cunnell, now in the forces, and running against his old school, second. Alan Sexton also won the discus event and is proving to be quite an all-round athlete.

Results were as follows— 220 yards: 1, Barker; 2, J. Cope; 3, I. Law, 23.4 secs. 880 yards: 1, A. Bedford (35); 2, E. Bishop (65); 3, J. Cope (5). 2 miles run: 1, C. Collins (390); 2, K. Cuff (360); 3, L. Adams (180), 9.26.4. 2 miles walk: 1, S. James (425); 2, H. Churcher (scr.); 3, G. Oliver (425), 14.2. Shot putt: 1, D. Childs (10 ft. 9 ins.); 2, I. Law (10 ft. 6 ins.); 3, G. Freestone (11ft.), 41 ft. 7½ ins. Discus: 1, L. Higgins (38 ft.); 2, G. Freestone (38 ft.); 3, G. Powell (42 ft.), 123 ft. 9½ ins.

#### Match v. Walton A.C. and Thames Valley H.—May 21st

On May 21st we visited Stompond Lane for a triangular match. Here again a few junior events were included in the programme, also a 120 yards hurdles event and the home club scored in these events. They also did well in the short sprints with Lewis scoring a double and our only placed man in these events was Les Christmas, third in the 220.

R. C. Sharp, running in the 440 yards, gained third place. Len Marchant put up a new ground record in the 880 yards when he beat Alec Olney in 1 min. 58 secs. Olney, however, won the mile with A. Bedford fourth and in the 2 miles Reg. Ruddick beat off the challenge of L. Field of T.V.H. to win in 9 mins. 56 secs.

Our Latvian member, A. Bergvalds, was second in the shot and then won the discus throw and should prove a great help to this branch of the club. N. Gibson was second in the high jump and evergreen George Powell was second in the javelin event.

We gained third place in the 4 x 110 yards relay and the final scores were: Belgrave and Walton A.C. 56 points each, T.V.H. 49, a very closely contested match and much enjoyed by all, including our supporters who turned up in good numbers.

#### Junior Match at Croydon

The return match against the Whitgift Middle School was held on May 30th and a good crowd of our youngsters made the trip. Our only winner of the evening was John Morrison in the 440 yards. Wolton was second in the 880 and Hazel second in the mile. Sexton and Marshall running for their school, again completed a double for the first two places in the 100 and 220 yards and the school also won both the relay races. Cooper and Stinton who were first and second for the school in the high jump are also members of our club and so it can be seen that although we lost the match, our club members were well to the fore.

Result: Whitgift Middle School, 52 points; Bels. 20 points.

#### Surrey County Championships

The Senior and Junior Championships, with one or two exceptions were held at Motspur Park on June 4th when the club did quite well and the result of the club's coaching methods was clearly seen.

Alan Sexton performed a double in winning the 100 and 220 yards and in the latter event he set up a new county record of 22.7 secs. Another club member set up a new county record when John Grey, in the Junior Discus, recorded a throw of 137 ft. 3 ins.

The 3 miles championship was held at Tooting on July 6th and Len Herbert set up a new county record in the fast time of 14 mins. 38.6 secs. Bill Lucas unfortunately had to retire with leg trouble, otherwise we may have had the first two home. We are glad to see Len Herbert getting back to form as he had a disappointing season over the country and we hope that he will keep it up and lead our lads in their effort to regain our lost title of National Champions.

Placings of our members were as follows:

SENIORS.—100 yards: 2nd, M. Broadbent. 880 yards: 2nd, L. Marchant. 1 mile: 1st., W. Lucas, 4 min. 27.6 secs.; 3rd., J. Wood. 2 miles walk: 1st., H. Churcher, 14 min. 27.8 secs.; 2nd., D. McMullen. 2 miles steeplechase: 3rd., R. Howell. 6 miles run: 2nd., R. Ruddick. Standard: L. Stokell.

JUNIORS.—100 yards: 1st., A. Sexton, 10.5 secs. Equals record. 220 yards: 1st., A. Sexton, 22.7 secs. New County record; 2nd., D. Marshall. Standard. Picton. 1 mile walk: 1st., B. Shepherd, 7 min. 28 secs. 4 x 110 yards relay: 2nd., Bels. (Rae, Picton, Tebbutt, Marshall).

#### Match v. Mitcham A.C.—June 8th

This meeting held at the News of the World Sports ground, comprising both senior and junior matches, resulted in a win for the seniors by 49 points to 34, but the juniors lost their match by 1 point—12 to 11.

Mike Broadbent and Gordon Lowers were first two home in the 100 yards, while Jim Beaumont and Heathfield were second and third in the 440. John Cope won the 880 yards with Archie Bedford third and Len Marchant won the mile with Len Adams third. We won the senior 4 x 100 yards relay and in the field events, Charlie Jones won the long jump and John MacKenzie the discus throw. In the junior match of three events we won the 4 x 100 yards relay, but Mitcham won the 100 and 880 yards.

#### Match v. Ace and Tab A.C.

Held at Croydon on June 13th when our "B" team won a very enjoyable match by 40½ points to 35½. Archie Bedford won the 880 yards and also did this same distance in the medley relay to give us a winning lead in this event. Len Adams won the mile, beating Eddie Short and Steve Charlton. Jim Heathfield was second in the 440 and Terry Bateman won the high jump.

Tea and sandwiches were provided afterwards by our hosts, prominent among whom were our old friends Syd Jarlett and Bill Speaight.

#### Match v. Victoria Park H. and Herne Hill H.—June 15th

In this triangular contest, Herne Hill H. proved the winners in a very closely contested match. Archie Bedford ran a good mile to lose by inches to Barry of Herne Hill in 4 mins. 29 secs. but we managed to win the medley relay. A few junior events were also on the programme and Wolton was third in the 880 yards.

Final scores were: H.H.H., 52 points; V.P.H., 48 points; Bels., 34 points.

#### Kinnaird Trophy Meeting—June 18th

This was held at the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, and we finished seventh of the 12 competing teams.

Derrick Burfitt did best for the club by gaining third place in the mile and as this race was won in the fast time of 4 mins. 15 secs., he can be said to have done very well.

The placings of our members were as follows:—100 yards: 4th, M. Broadbent, after qualifying as fastest loser. 1 mile Junior: 5th, M. Stearman. 880 yards: 2nd, Cope, in 1.59. 100 yards Junior: 6th J. Rae. 1 mile: 3rd, R. Burfitt. 880 yards Junior: 6th, K. Hill. 220 yards Junior: 5th, P. Morrison. Junior Javelin: 3rd, E. Gowland, 154 feet. 2 miles walk: 1st, H. Churcher, 14 mins. 31 secs. Second team with 18 points.

Our Club Marathon Championship was held in conjunction with the open race from Windsor and the new holder of the "A. F. Mitchell" Shield is none other than our old friend Bert Footer. Frank Abberton, last year's winner, retired after 10 miles and Bert Mitchell also dropped out owing to leg trouble. Actual times and positions of our men were as follows: 13, Footer, 2 hrs. 55 mins. 46 secs.; 17, Ring, 2.58.48; 22, Smith, 3.3.4; 28, Chantler, 3.5.11; 39, Pearson, 3.10.40; 40, Porter, 3.10.50; 56, Whitehead, 3.17.28; 76, Doubleday, 3.23.9; 80, McDonald, 3.25.7.

Of a field of 212 starters, 130 finished.

#### Club 3 miles Track and Hop, Step and Jump Championships

These were held at Tooting on June 22nd in conjunction with a meeting staged by our friends the London Olympiades A.C. and attracted quite a large crowd.

In the 3 miles championship, the holder, Len Herbert, was a non-starter and Vern Blowfield ran an excellent race to win in the new record time of 14 mins. 49.6 secs. Reg Ruddick was second and Len Marchant third with Eddie Short fourth. The following gained standard awards: 1st class, E. Short, E. Stimpson, C. Stokell, L. Adams, S. Charlton, C. Carter, K. Stimpson, S. Davies, M. Williamson. 2nd class: G. Durrant, K. England.

The Hop, Step and Jump championship resulted in a win for P. Lowe (41 ft. 5 ins.), with G. Barker second (39 ft. 6 ins), and L. Christmas third (39 ft. 2½ ins.)

We also held a few club handicaps with the following results.—100 yards: 1. J. Purdham (12); 2. D. Marshall (6); 3. F. Tebbutt (7½). 880 yards under 19: 1. H. Greene (70); 2. J. Tranter (40); 3. R. Mitchell (65), 2 mins. 1 sec.

#### A.A.A. Southern Senior Championships at Hove on June 25th

In the 100 yards, Broadbent won his heat in 10.7; qualified in the second round and was third in a 10.4 final. Cope was third in his 880 yards' heat.

In the mile Marchant qualified in 4.31 and Burfitt in 4 mins 33 secs. In the final Burfitt was fourth and Marchant sixth. Len Herbert gained second place in the 3 miles after a great effort in the last lap. Bill Lucas was third and Jimmy Wood gained a "standard" in seventh place. Harry Churcher easily retained his 2 miles' walk title in 14 mins. 35 secs. In the Junior 4 x 110 yards relay our team comprising: Marshall, Tebbutt, Rae and Sexton, in that order, won their heat in 45.5 secs. In the final they drew lane 4, on the outside, and thanks to an almost super human effort by Alan Sexton, after bad baton handling earlier, won in 45.3 secs. Congratulations Juniors! 2 miles Steeplechase: 1st, Rene Howell, 10 mins. 50 secs.

#### Match v. Dorking St. Paul's, London A.C. and Horsham B.S.

At Dorking on July 2nd in a four-cornered match, Mike Broadbent completed a double by winning the 100 and 220 yards. Derrick Burfitt only just lost a fast half in 1 min. 59 secs., Len Marchant won the mile in 4 mins. 29 secs., and Len Herbert the 2 miles in 9 mins. 47 secs.

In the field events, Bergvalds won the Discus; Bill Sutton was second in the Shot, and George Powell second in the Javelin Throw. The final scores were: L.A.C. and Dorking, 56 points each; Belgrave, 48.

#### Match v. L.A.C., White City—July 6th

SENIORS.—120 yards Hurdles: 5th, Bailey; 6th, J. Robertson. 100 yards: 1st, Broadbent; 4th, Grimshaw, 10.1. 220 yards: 2nd, Broadbent. 440 yards: 5th, Heathfield; 6th, A. Beaumont. 880 yards: 2nd, Burfitt; 4th, A. Bishop (winner's time, 1 min. 57.8 secs.) 1 mile: 1st, Marchant; 2nd, Bromley, 4 min. 26 secs. 2 miles: 1st, Blowfield, 9 min. 41 secs.; 2nd, Stimpson. Weight: 4th, Sutton, 35 ft. 10 ins.; 5th, Bergvalds, 34 ft. 11 ins. Discus: 1st, Bergvalds, 119 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd, McKenzie, 113 ft. 8 ins. High Jump: 4th, Sinton, 5 ft. 2 ins. Long Jump: 3rd, Barker, 19 ft. 8 ins.

JUNIOR EVENTS.—100 yards: 3rd, J. Rae; 5th, Tebbutt. 220 yards: 1st, A. Sexton, 22.8 secs.; 3rd, B. Rice. 440 yards: 1st, Picton, 53.7 secs.; 3rd, Tranter. 880 yards: 1st, B. Rice, 2 min. 8.3 secs.; 3rd, Hazell. High Jump: 1st, Cooper, 5 ft. 2 ins.; 3rd, Sinton, 5 ft. 2 ins. Long Jump. 2nd, Sinton, 18 ft. 1½ ins.; 3rd, P. Sexton, 17 ft. 9 ins. Discus: 1st, Abbott, 125 ft. 10½ ins.; 2nd, A. Sexton, 102 ft. 2½ ins.; 4th, Marshall, 87 ft. 1¼ ins. Weight: 3rd, Law, 33 ft. 5½ ins.; 4th, Morrison, 28 ft. 3½ ins.

Result: L.A.C., 34 points; Belgrave, 40 points.

### A.A.A. Junior Championships at Cambridge—July 9th

220 YARDS: 1st, A. Sexton, 23.0 sec. Sexton won his first heat in 24.1; Tebbutt won his first heat in 24.6; Picton, Marshall and Rae were each second in their heats. Sexton beat Marshall in the second round in 23.6; Picton won his second round in 23.9. In the 100 yards Tebbutt was second in his 10.8 secs. heat but failed in a 10.5 second round. Wolton failed to survive his 880 yards heat. In the 440 yards Morrison was second in a 54.3 heat but failed to get placed in a 51.8 final. Hazell our only representative in the mile failed to survive. In the mile walk Roast was second to Whitlock, Jr., in 7 mins. 25.4 secs; 4 x 110 Yards' Relay: 1st (Sexton, Marshall, Tebbutt and Rae), 43.5.

### Match v. Wallington County School at Tooting—July 11th

100 yards (under 16): 1st, Vallender (B); 2nd, Law (B), 11.4. 220 yards (under 16): 1st, Kemp (B); 2nd, Quinton (B), 24.7. 880 yards (under 16): 1, Boyd (W), 2 min. 14 secs.; 3rd, Green. Match Events: 100 yards: 1, Marshall, 10.9 secs.; 3rd, Rae. 220 yards: Picton (W. and B.), 25 secs.; 2nd, Law (B); 3rd, Marsh (B). 440 yards: Morrison (B), 54.7 secs.; 3rd, Tranter (B). 880 yards: 1st, Tranter (B); Chitty (B). 1 mile: 2nd, Hazel.

Match Result: Wallington, C.S., 28 points; Belgrave, 38 points.

Members' 300 yards handicap, final: 1st, Tantrum (18); 2nd, Heathfield (12); 3rd, J. Beaumont (16). 1 mile handicap: 1st, Cuff (160); 2nd, England (160); 3rd, K. Stimpson (125). Javelin: 1st, Bergvalds; 2nd, Sutton; 3rd, Bateman. Long Jump: 1st, Bateman; 2nd, Bergvalds; 3rd, Barker.

### Match v. Hercules A.C. and Herne Hill H.

This was a "B" team fixture held at Tooting on July 13th. Stan Davies surprised most people, including himself, by winning the 440 yards, while Lionel Grimshaw was second in the 220 yards and we also had first and third in the 100. Alan Bishop won the 880 yards with Jim Kennedy second, and Len Adams was third in the mile. Scores were: Herne Hill, 86 points; Bels., 77; Hercules, 66.

### A.A.A. Championships at White City—July 16th

On Friday evening Michael Broadbent competed in Heat 1 of the 100 yards and was beaten by Mac Bailey in the fast time of 9.9 secs. He qualified to run in the second round on Saturday afternoon but was 5th in a 10.2 secs. heat! Geoff Jarvis won his heat in the 440 yards hurdles in 56.9 secs, and was third in the final won in 56.7 secs. In the 880 yards John Cope was fifth in his heat. In the mile, Derrick Burfitt won his heat in 4.20, but in the final was seventh in 4 min. 19 secs. Marchant and John Brown also competed. Charlie Smart made a gallant effort in the 6 miles on Friday evening and eventually finished fifth in 30 min. 42 secs., thus gaining a standard medal. Ruddock and Towndrow also ran. Harry Churcher won the 7 miles walk in 52 min.41 secs. on the Saturday morning after a deluge of rain which left the track waterlogged. Len Herbert was sixth in the 3 miles in 14 min. 37 secs. Both Smart and Ruddock had another "bash" but after their gruelling 6 miles on Friday only Smart gained a standard. The 2 miles walk was held at Birmingham on July 29th and Harry Churcher was beaten 10 yards by the Swede, Borgesson.

### Match v. Shaftesbury Harriers at Parliament Hill Fields on July 18th

100 yards: 1, Lowers; 3, Barker, 10.7 secs. 220 yards: 4th, Hill. 440 yards: 3rd, Heathfield; 4th, E. Bishop. 880 yards: 2nd, Adams; 4th,

Kennedy. Mile: W. Bedford; 2nd, Smart, 4.35.8. High Jump: 3rd, Purdy, 4 ft. 9 ins. Weight: 1st, Sutton, 37 ft. 1½ ins.; 4th, Bateman, 28 ft. 9 ins. Long Jump: 1st, Mendes, 20 ft. 9 ins.; 2nd, Barker, 19 ft. 6 ins. Medley Relay: 1st, Bels. (Mendes, Barker, Tantrum and Lowers).

Result: 1st, Belgrave 33 points.

#### Tadworth Festival—July 20th

100 yards: 1st, Broadbent; 2nd, Walden, 10.4 secs. 220 yards: 1st, Walden; 2nd, Grimshaw, 24.0 secs. 440 yards: 3rd, Grimshaw. 880 yards: 1st, A. Bishop, 2 min. 10 secs. 1 mile: Herbert, 4 min. 52 secs., 3rd, Short Relay (4 x half a lap), 1st, Epsom; 2nd, Bels. (Grimshaw, Simmons, Walden and Broadbent); 3rd, Bel, Juniors (Marshall, Baker, Mullen, Sexton). Javelin: Bateman, 134 ft. 11 ins. Junior Events: 100 yards: 1st, Mullen, 11.0 secs. 220 yards: 1st, A. Sexton; 2nd, Marshall, 25.0 secs. 880 yards: 4th, Haxell.

Len Grimshaw writes: Our very best thanks are due to Alec Robertshaw for the grand time he and his folk gave us. The track was dangerous enough to be exciting and the eats and drinks afterwards added to a very delightful Wednesday evening.

#### Ponders End Meeting—July 23rd

Three miles team race: 2nd, Belgrave H. (Herbert 3, Smart 4, Rud-dick 7). Medley relay: 2nd, Belgrave H. (Heathfield, Marchant, Broadbent, Sexton). One mile handicap: 1st, L. Adams (145) 4 mins. 9.8 secs.; 2nd, C. Walker (130).

#### Match v. Cambridge H. and Dartford H.—July 27th

This was held at Charlton Park and after a very close tussle with the home club, they won by the narrow margin of 2 points. Basil Walden was second in the 100 yards and Lionel Grimshaw won the 220. Jim Heathfield was third in the 440, John Cope won the 880 in 2 mins. 1.6 secs., while Bill Lucas won the mile in 4 mins. 30.2 secs. Charlie Smart, home on leave from Germany, turned out in the 2 miles and clocked 9 mins. 45 secs. to win a good race with Ted Stimpson second. We won the medley relay, but Cambridge gained first places in all three field events and this finally decided the match in their favour. Final scores were: Cambridge H., 47 points; Belgrave H., 45 points; Dartford H., 7 points.

In the junior match we gained second place in the 100 yards, also in the 220 and were third in the 880. Ken Hill was second in the mile. Ian Law second in the discus and E. Gowland second in the javelin. Scores were Cambridge H., 26 points; Belgrave H., 24 points; Dartford H., 15 points.

#### A.A.A. Junior Championships at Birmingham—July 29th

In the 220 yards Alan Sexton won his heat in 22.8 secs. and the final in 22.1 secs., a new junior record. Marshall and Mullen also competed and were each placed fourth in their heats both clocking 23.7 secs. Morrison was fourth in his 440 yards heat in 55 secs. In the mile walk Roast was third and Shepherd fourth. John Grey gained a standard in the Discus event.

### Club Championships, Tooting—August 6th

100 yards (under 16).—Chandler Cup: 1st, F. Kemp; 2nd, P. Craske, 10.9 secs. 100 yards (under 19).—Remembrance Cup: 1st, J. Eaton; 2nd, D. Mullen; 3rd, D. Marshall, 10.8 secs. 100 yards (Seniors).—Grosvenor Cup: 1st, Broadbent; 2nd, Sexton; 3rd, Lowers (holder), 10.3 secs. 220 yards (under 19).—Ricketts Cup: 1st Marshall; 2nd, Mullen; 3rd, Picton, 23.7 secs. 220 yards.—Elsie Gordon Cup: 1st, Sexton; 2nd, Broadbent; 3rd, Walden, 22.8 secs. 880 yards (under 19).—W. A. Rice Memorial Cup: 1st, M. Stearman; 2nd, Tranter; 3rd, Wolton, 2 mins. 4.4 secs. Tapley and Briggs, standards. 880 yards.—R. W. Best Cup: 1st, Cope (holder); 2nd, Brown; 3rd, A. Bishop, 2 mins. 2.8 secs. Standard, Davies. 440 yards.—J. G. Sawyer Memorial Cup: 1st, Cope; 2nd, Heathfield; 3rd, Kurton, 52 secs. Standards, Gowers, Beaumont, Underwood, Botwright, E. Bishop, A. Bishop. 1 mile (under 19).—Musselbrook Cup: 1st, M. Stearman, 2nd, Hazell; 3rd, Maclean, 4 mins. 48 secs. 1 mile.—Garnett Cup: 1st, Burfitt; 2nd, Brown; 3rd, W. Lucas, 4 mins. 23.2 secs. (a new club record). Standards: Adams, Davies, E. Stimpson, Kennedy, Popplewell, Bruce, Cuff, England, Bolam and Charlton. 2 miles walk.—A. J. Sawyer Memorial Cup: 1st, McMullen, 15 mins. 6.6 secs; 2nd Readman, 15.25; 3rd, East, 15.42. Discus.—Powell Trophy: 1st, Bergvalds, 123 ft. 8½ ins.; 2nd, J. Mackenzie, 110 ft. 7 ins.; 3rd, Higgins, 90 ft. 1 in. (Club record.) Shot Putt.—Pyramid Cup: 1st, Bergvalds, 35 ft. 7 ins.; 2nd, Melchoir, 34 ft. 4¼ ins.; 3rd, Higgins, 31 ft. 5½ ins. High Jump.—Harry Wright Shield: 1st, Mackenzie, 5 ft. 5 ins.; 2nd, Sinton, 5 ft.; 3, R. Negus and Christmas, 5 ft. 1 in. Long Jump.—Daily Cup: 1st, Christmas, 19 ft. 8¼ ins.; 2nd, Botwright, 19 ft. 6½ ins.; 3rd, T. Jones, 18 ft. 4 ins. Javelin.—Dailey Cup: 1st, Melchoir (holder), 156 ft. 4 ins.; 2nd, Higgins, 146 ft. 2 ins.; 3rd, Bergvalds, 144 ft. 8 ins. Standards: Powell, Whitehead, Hadley, Bateman, T. Jones and S. Jones.

### Junior Match v. Herne Hill Harriers and Mitcham A.C. at Tooting— August 8th

600 yards Relay: 1st (Frank Kemp, Brian Tebbutt, Des Mullen and Dave Marshall), 1 min. 11 secs. 440 yards: 1st, Allan Picton, 54.3 secs. 880 yards: 3rd, Jim Hill. 1 mile: 3rd, McLean, 4 min. 46 secs; 4th, Hazell, 4 min. 49 secs. High Jump: 3rd, Sinton, 5 ft. 2 ins.; 4th, Cooper, 5 ft. Long Jump: 4th, Sinton, 17 ft. 4 ins.

Result: M.A.C., 23 points; H.H.H., 22 points; Belgrave, 19 points.

### Senior and Junior Match v. South London H. and Cambridge H.— August 17th

This was held at Tooting and in the senior match Gordon Lowers won the 100 yards in 10.6 secs. and John Cope won the 440 in 52.7 secs. Cope also turned out in the 220 and gained a point by filling fourth place. Len Marchant completed a double by winning the 880 yards in 2 min. 3 secs. and the mile in 4.31 secs. Jack Brown was runner-up in the mile. Eddie Short won the 2 miles with Reg Ruddick third and we won the team race. E. McKenzie made one of his few appearances this season and gained second place in the high jump. Final scores were: Belgrave H., 37 points; S.L.H., 36 points; Cambridge H., 33 points.

In the junior match Paddy Mullen was second in the 100 yards and Dave Marshall second in the 220. Tapley and Morrison were second and third in the quarter and Tranter second in the 880. The mile saw D. MacLean win in the good time of 4 mins. 47.8 secs. Cooper and Sinton

gained useful points in the high jump and Stinton was also third in the long jump. We were beaten by S.L.H. in the medley relay and the final scores were: S.L.H., 36 points; Belgrave, 33 points; Cambridge, 28 points.

#### Match v. Metropolitan Police and Surrey A.C.—August 20th

For our visit to Imber Court, in the 100 yards, G. Lowers beat Basil Walden for the first place and in the 220 yards Paddy Mullen beat Les Christmas in 23.5 secs. Len Marchant won the 880 yards in 1 min. 59.4 secs. and then turned out in the 2 miles to record another win in 9 mins. 58 secs. John Cope won the 440 in 51.3 secs. Derek Burfitt had a hard tussle with Martin of Surrey in the mile to win in 4 mins. 27 secs. with Jack Brown third. In the field events, Charlie Melchoir was second in the Javelin and third in the Shot Putt. Young Stinton did 5 ft. 6 ins. in the High Jump. Final match scores were: Belgrave H., 57 points; Met. Police, 47 points; S.A.C., 28 points.

#### Match v. Polytechnic Harriers, Tooting—August 24th

100 yards: 1st, Lowers, 10.5 secs. 220 yards: 1st, Sexton, 23.4 secs. 440 yards: 1st, Cope, 53.6 secs.; 3rd, Underwood. 880 yards: 1st, Marchant 1 min. 59.5 secs.; 3rd, A. Bishop. 1 mile: 2nd, Brown; 3rd, Locke. Weight Putt: 1st, Bergvalds, 38 ft. 8½ ins.; 3rd, Powell. Javelin: 2nd, Bergvalds; 3rd, Powell.

Result: Belgrave, 39 points; Poly., 28 points.

100 yards (under 19), handicap: 1st, Mullen; 2nd, Sinton; 3rd, Godfrey, 10.5 secs. 100 yards (under 16) handicap: 1st, Kemp; 2nd, Clements, 10.9 secs. 220 yards handicap: 1st, Kemp (16); 2nd, Mullens (10); 3rd, Lowers (2), 22.7 secs. 880 yards handicap: 1st, Isaac (95); 2nd, R. Mitchell (110); 3rd, D. Briggs (90), 1 min. 54.3 secs. 2 miles walk Handicap: 1st, Waddingham (400); 2nd, Shepherd (410); 3rd, James (370), 13 mins. 28.8 secs. Discus Handicap: 1st, C. Jones, 71 ft. 3 ins.; 2nd, Powell; 3rd, Crawley.

#### Final Club Track Meeting—September 17th

The final handicap meeting of the season was held at Tooting Bec on Saturday, September 17th, and although the entry for the 3 miles run was up to standard, the other events on the programme were not too well supported. The final of the 100 yards was a good race and Clements just beat Kemp with Mitchell third.

The 880 yards saw Ken Cuff beat A. Tapley by about one foot with J. S. Tranter third. The mile race for unattached novices only attracted four entries and P. W. Adams, a younger brother of our own runner, displayed promising form in winning this event.

In the 2 miles walk, Harry Churcher walked in fine style and eventually finished second to Joe Scamell, with George Oliver third.

In the 300 yards, Alan Sexton was on scratch mark and duly qualified for the final by winning his heat. The final saw the field well away but Alan went after them and on coming into the straight came through strongly to win a great race in 32.3 secs. R. Holtum, a new member was second with Johnny Morrison third.

The 3 miles run was the main event on the programme with Jack Brown, the back marker off 60 yards and the limit man on 500. C. Walker who won our novice road race last winter, was off 120 yards and running strongly he eventually took the lead followed by Len Marchant and they

finished in that order with Rene Howell, our Poly. member, third off 160 yards. Eddie Short lost a shoe but pluckily kept going and Archie Bedford came through to finish a good fourth. Jack Shields and Ken England were also well up and a new member in J. H. Braggington also did well in his first club race.

W. Hadley scored a good handicap double by winning the javelin and long jump events and in the former George Powell was second with A. Machell third. Alan Law was second in the long jump with Frank Simmons third.

### FIELD EVENTS REVIEW, by TERRY BATEMAN

Although the year has brought a slight improvement in the standard of field events it has been due to outstanding individual efforts rather than to improved general performances. However, our juniors show great promise and we must see they are given every encouragement.

One of the outstanding and commendable performances of the season was the 440 yards hurdles run by Geoff Jarvis in 56.7 secs. which gave him third place in the A.A.A. Championships. This was followed by another good performance in his winning the R.A.F. Championship and in being chosen as reserve for England v. France match for the same event. Previously Geoff had concentrated on the high hurdles and the change to 440 yards has obviously been most successful.

Another outstanding performance was that of John Grey's discus throw of 137 ft. 3 ins. which won him the Surrey County Junior Championship and broke the existing record by about 18 ft. He also gained a standard medal in the A.A.A. Junior Championships. Our weakest events have been the high and long jumps. Conditions were not improved when mid-way through the season we lost the services of Steve Gibson, one of our most promising high jumpers who went into hospital for an operation on an old war wound. We take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery and hope to see him out at the winter training sessions

John Sinton a junior who has given good support to our senior matches is to be congratulated on his 5 ft. 6 ins. jump in the Police match at Imber Court. Both the juniors, Bob Cooper and Jim Purdy, have been jumping well and show promise. We were not too successful in either the Svard or Kinnaird meetings. One of the best performances was that of Harry Delger at the Kinnaird meeting when he threw the junior javelin about 154 feet to gain third place. Bergvalds was the outstanding performer in the club championships. He won the discus and shot, and was third in the javelin. His discus throw of 123 ft. 8½ ins. set up a new club record. Peter Lowe established a new club record in the hop, step and jump, with an effort of 41 ft. 5 ins. Charlie Melchoir retained his javelin title with Les Higgins as runner-up. Our old stalwart, George Powell, has been consistently throwing the javelin over 140 ft. in matches and has been a source of inspiration to younger aspirants. It is intended to resume the field events training periods through the winter months at Tooting on alternate Saturday afternoons.

## JUNIOR NOTES

Dear Juniors,

The summer season is now finished and it is with pleasure that I say thank you for your support in both matches and in championships.

We had a successful season ending in successes in County and Southern County Championships.

Our successes in the County Championship were: A. Sexton, 100 yards in 10.5 secs.; Equals County record. 220 yards in 22.7; New County record. D. Marshall, 100 yards, third; 220 yards, second. Picton, 220 yards. County standard. J. Grey, Discus, 1st. New County record; 137 ft. 8 ins.

Southern Counties: A. Sexton, 220 yards, 1st, 23 secs.

We had three in the final of the 220 yards and John Morrison gained his Southern standard in the 440 yards.

In addition we won the Southern Counties 4 x 110 yards relay. Our congratulations to Desmond Mullen on winning the Irish Junior 100 yards and his second in the 220.

Some of you did not do as well as you hoped, but keep trying and success will come and when it does it will be all the sweeter.

Some of our junior pals will be leaving our section to go forward to the seniors and our best wishes for continued success goes with them. To all new recruits to our section we give a "Belgrave" welcome and assure you all of a healthy and happy time. To our cross-country juniors, we wish you every success in the coming months. It is hoped, all juniors who can possibly attend, will come along to our winter P.T. class at Belgrave Hall. Details will be available later, also Charlie Jones and I are arranging all day strolls from November until April every Sunday, which we hope you will all make an effort to come along to. They are very good for you, in fact, the senior successes were built up on their strolling and I see no reason why you cannot do the same. The strolls will be worked out so that the cost will suit everybody's pocket. I thoroughly understand that some of you have home studies, but when you can make it, come along, you can be sure of a welcome and a good time too.

In conclusion, on behalf of the juniors, I convey their congratulations to Harry Churcher on his winning the A.A.A. 7 miles' walk again and also on his new world's record.

F. SIMMONS.

## WALKING NOTES

Looking back over the season which has just finished, we certainly have not disgraced ourselves. Our wins in Open Races in the South have been up to our usual standard and we have been placed in two of the Senior National Championships. That we can do better there is no doubt, especially do we need some more young members and it is hoped that the coming season will see an improvement in this direction.

Continuing our activities, following the National 10, three teams were entered for the Met. W.C. 15 miles at Regent's Park, but alas, before any great distance had been covered, Charlie Churcher was ruled out and our chances of success thereby greatly reduced. This race seems to be very unfortunate for us, as like last year, we suffered more than the usual disqualifications. These included Pat Sapcote and Jack Baker. The unusual distance of the race got the team selectors guessing with the result that two of our "B" team men finished before the second "A" team man.

Outstanding was Bob Readman who held the lead throughout the greater part of the race, but on the last lap he tired rather badly and dropped back to third place. With a team score of 64 points we were very surprised to find that we gained third place.

In the Chichester to Portsmouth race on Easter Saturday, Charlie Churcher repeated his brilliant performance of last year by winning the individual honour. As we did not send a very strong team, it was not surprising that we were unable to get better than third place, 9 points behind the winners, Woodford Green.

The following Saturday we held our own Club 20 Miles' Championship. As usual, being the first 20 of the season, a number of the starters failed to finish the course, but the 14 who completed the distance walked exceptionally well. Veteran Jack Bidgood, after 20 years with the club, succeeded in winning his first Championship after a well-judged race, followed by Pat Sapcote and Charlie Churcher.

And so we came to the National 20 and from the performances of our walkers in the Club 20 it seemed that we had a reasonable chance of success. Unfortunately Bert Webb was unable to make the journey to Manchester and we were without any knowledge of the capabilities of the Sheffield boys over the longer distance. The weather, for Manchester, was extremely good, in fact, no rain fell throughout the day. At the start the two Sheffield lads, Allen and Proctor, made a quick getaway and joined by Lloyd Johnson, set up a good pace. Lloyd however, did not last with them for long and soon began to drop back. Most of our lads walked extremely well and were ably assisted by Harry Churcher, Syd Roberts and Percy Wilson, but despite all their efforts, they were unable to do better than second place, with Charlie Churcher taking third individual honour. Competition for the Nijmegen Shield was very keen. Sheffield being successful, with Woodford Green second and ourselves third.

In a new promotion this year, the Watford 25, we entered a small team and succeeded in gaining third place in both the scratch and handicap sections.

The last National Championship of the season, the 50 Kilos. was held from the Police Sports Club at Chigwell over a very stiff course. The weather, which was very warm, added to the trials of the walkers and of 73 starters, no less than 31 retired without completing the full distance. These included Charlie Churcher, who developed leg trouble, Pat Sapcote, Fred Herring, Jack Wakeley and Don Heath, so that by the end of the race we had just a bare four left, who finished in fourth position, 2 points behind Woodford.

For the Eastleigh A.C. 50 Kilos. on July 16th, Pat Sapcote was unable to make the journey at the last minute, thus depriving us of one of our best men. However, Bert Clayton sprung a great surprise by leading all the way through and eventually winning the individual race, and although the rest of the team walked exceedingly well, they had to be content with second place to Surrey W.C. Jack Bidgood also won a style prize, and Bert Clayton was second in the handicap.

On August 23rd we were invited to field a team in Surrey W.C.'s 6 miles road race at Tooting Bec Common. Despite the fact that the fixture did not appear on our summer programme, 12 of our walkers turned out and after a very interesting race, Surrey just managed to win by 103 points to 107.

So much for the road walks. On the track Harry Churcher, as is now well known, succeeded in lowering his world's record time of last year for the 5 miles. Walking in excellent style, Harry lapped the track time after time in almost identical times, eventually clipping 10.4 secs. off his time at Motspur Park. In addition to this he succeeded in taking the Surrey County 2 miles' title, the Southern Counties 2 miles title, and on a water-logged track at the White City, the 7 miles A.A.A. title. A fortnight later Harry took second place to Borgesson in the A.A.A. 2 miles but avenged his defeat in the London-Gothenburg Match a week later by winning the 7 miles at the White City in 51.2.2, his fastest time for the distance. This race prevented him from defending his Club 2 miles title and in his absence Bob McMullen, walking in very fine style, became this year's club champion.

On June 22nd we had our annual mob match with Surrey W.C. on the track at Tooting, beating them by 89 points to 121, with Joe Scamell (jr.), Brian Shepherd and Mac taking the handicap awards in that order.

A "B" team match against the Veterans A.C. at Tooting Bec on July 9th also resulted in a win for us.

Our Annual Inter Club Walks of 1, 2, 3 and 4 miles proved a great success this year, no fewer than 66 walkers competing. The competition proved to be very keen, eventually resulting in a win for Woodford Green with Highgate Harriers second and us third.

A number of our walkers have figured well in Open Handicaps and Veterans' Events, successes being scored by Bert East, Syd James, Charlie Speechley and young Joe Scamell.

As usual our Police members figured well in the Barking to Southend Walk. Jack Bidgood was once again second with Bob Readman, Pat Sapcote and Bert Webb following him home in that order. The winning team, "B" Division, was completely Belgrave.

On August 27th we had a 25 miles match with London Vidarians and Surrey Walking Club. This race next year is to be an Open Event and should prove a good training walk for the Brighton. The race resulted in a win for Surrey W.C. with us second.

In the London to Brighton Walk on September 10th, eleven of our walkers started off on the stroke of Big Ben at seven o'clock, to be joined later by a number of supporters. In the early stages, Jack Bidgood, Bert Clayton, Jack Baker, Jack Wakeley and George Oliver, walked in a group with Don Heath and Joe Wilson not far away. Gordon Doubleday, F. Herring, Sid Spencer and Bill Urry, followed at an easier pace.

Jack Bidgood eventually went away from the others and at the Chequers Horley was in ninth position. A check at Crawley (29 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles) showed that our men had held their positions with the exception of Jack Wakeley who had stopped for a massage. By the time Bolney was reached, Jack Bidgood had improved his position to seventh, Clayton was 16th, Baker 21st and Wilson 27th. With the retirement of Bert Martineau from the Surrey team there seemed a chance that our team would be placed and although Jack Bidgood dropped a couple of places to go back to ninth Joe Wilson moved up to 23rd and at the finish our positions were: Jack Bidgood, ninth; Bert Clayton, 16th; Joe Wilson, 21st; Jack Baker, 23rd, making a score of 62 points and just losing us the third position. So Jack

Bidgood became our long-distance champion as well as holder of the 20 Miles Championship. He's a champion to be proud of. His judgment of pace and unflagging stamina throughout the race set a fine example. Bert Clayton was a worthy second and showed his grit in overcoming tiredness in the last few miles. Joe Wilson walked his best Brighton to date and came along in fine style in the latter half to finish remarkably fresh. Jack Baker pluckily stuck it out over the last half to complete the team.

**Met. W.C. "15" miles, Regent's Park—April 2nd**

		H. M. S.				H. M. S.	
1.	F. Barrett			58.	G. Atkinson	...	2 22 15
	(Cambridge H. ...	2 06 47		71.	J. Wilson	...	2 24 51
3.	A. Readman	...	2 08 01	93.	P. Wilson	...	2 29 35
23.	G. Oliver	...	2 16 35	95.	W. True	...	2 30 05
25.	J. Bidgood	...	2 17 04	116.	C. Speechley	...	2 37 31
31.	D. Heath	...	2 17 58	119.	B. Waghorn	...	2 41 53
32.	F. Tasker	...	2 18 04	120.	G. Pink	...	2 41 54

Team: 1st, Surrey W.C., 21 points; 3rd, Belgrave, 64 points.

**Chichester to Portsmouth, 16½ miles—April 16th**

		H. M. S.				H. M. S.	
1.	C. Churcher	...	2 21 46	20.	P. Wright	...	2 37 44
6.	H. Clayton	...	2 28 42	28.	J. Wilson	...	2 39 54
14.	G. Oliver	...	2 34 55	43.	F. Herring	...	2 50 22
16.	J. Baker	...	2 35 47	58.	A. Pink	...	3 08 14

Team: 1st, Woodford Green, 25 points; 3rd, Belgrave, 34 points.

**20 miles Club Championship for "Ricketts" Shield—April 23rd**

		H. M. S.				H. M. S.	
1.	J. Bidgood	...	3 3 27	8.	A. Readman	...	3 13 24
2.	P. Sapcote	...	3 5 14	9.	G. Oliver	...	3 15 32
3.	C. Churcher	...	3 5 15	10.	J. Wilson	...	3 16 21
4.	H. Clayton	...	3 6 17	11.	G. Atkinson	...	3 22 28
5.	P. Wright	...	3 7 59	12.	F. Herring	...	3 25 6
6.	J. Rutland	...	3 9 4	13.	W. True	...	3 27 59
7.	A. Webb	...	3 12 14	14.	P. Wilson	...	3 29 30

Handicap: 1st, F. Herring, 34 mins.; 2nd, P. Sapcote, 13.30; 3, P. Wright, 15.

**R.W.A. National 20 miles Championship, Manchester—May 14th**

		H. M. S.				H. M. S.	
1.	L. Allen (Sheffield)	...	2 51 18	27.	J. Rutland	...	3 05 24
3.	C. Churcher	...	2 54 14	32.	A. Readman	...	3 06 34
12.	H. Clayton	...	2 59 30	69.	P. Wright	...	3 16 55
20.	J. Bidgood	...	3 03 09	71.	J. Wilson	...	3 17 35
22.	P. Sapcote	...	3 03 29				

Team: 1st, Sheffield, 28 points; 2nd, Belgrave, 55 points.

**Watford 25 miles Open—June 4th**

		H. M. S.				H. M. S.	
1.	A. Cotton			12.	H. Clayton	...	4 08 33
	(Woodford Green)	3 47 21		18.	J. Wilson	...	4 13 56
4.	C. Churcher	...	3 55 06	21.	G. Oliver	...	4 19 45
7.	J. Bidgood	...	4 00 50				

Scr. Team: 1st, Woodford Green, 17 points; Bels. 23 points.  
Hcp. Team: 3rd, Bels. (Bidgood, Wilson, Churcher), 11.17.32.

**Hants County 2 Miles Championship—June 4th**  
P. Wright, 1st.

### R.W.A. 50 kilos. Championship, Chigwell—June 18th

	H. M. S.		H. M. S.
1. T. Johnson ...	4 51 50	19. J. Wilson ...	5 16 48
9. H. Clayton ...	5 6 8	25. J. Baker ...	5 24 34
18. J. Bidgood ...	5 16 11	33. G. Oliver ...	5 32 11

Team: 1st, S.W.C., 35 points; 4th, Bels. 72 points.

### 2 miles Match v. Surrey W.C., Tooting Bee—June 22nd

	H. M. S.		H. M. S.
1. R. McMullen ...	14.47	12. G. Atkinson ...	17.11
4. A. East ...	15.53	13. J. Scamell ...	17.13
5. S. James ...	15.55	16. W. True ...	17.29
6. B. Shepherd ...	16.10	17. L. Gresswell ...	17.39
7. J. Scamell ...	16.15	19. P. Wilson ...	17.46
10. G. Waddingham ...	16.35		

Bels., 89 points; S.W.C., 121 points.

### 2 miles Open Handicap and Team Race, Bexley—July 2nd

1st, J. H. Scamell, 14.9.; 5th, A. East; 12th, A. Robins; 20th J. G. Scamell.  
Team: 2nd, Belgrave, 18 points.

### Eastleigh A.C. 50 kilos "Victory" Cup Race—July 16th

	H. M. S.		H. M. S.
1. H. Clayton ...	4 57 46	10. J. Wilson ...	5 28 53
4. J. Bidgood ...	5 10 48	20. G. Doubleday ...	5 56 23

Team: 1st, Surrey W.C., 10 points; 2nd, Belgrave, 14 points.  
Handicap: 2nd, H. Clayton, 17.30.

### Match v. Surrey W.C., 6 miles, Tooting Bee—August 23rd

	M. S.		M. S.
1. H. Churcher ...	44.47	13. E. Evans ...	53.12
2. A. Martineau ...	47.36	14. G. Atkinson ...	53.19
3. A. East ...	48.49	17. P. Wilson ...	55. 8
4. G. Waddingham ...	49. 1	18. R. Jeffery ...	55.29
8. G. Oliver ...	51. 8	25. R. Sheldon ...	63.52
9. J. Bellchamber ...	51. 9		

Surrey W.C., 103 points; Bel., 107 points.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE—SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Social Hon. Secretary, Dave Martin Shepherd, has asked for more space for social activities. We shall certainly give him all we can for the social side is just as important as any other part of the club. In promoting these social events we are really showing our appreciation to the wives and sweethearts of Belgravians who without support and encouragement from their dear ones would never achieve the great performances they do. Do you stop to think what you owe to them. *Who washes your running clothes each week? Who looks after the diet prescribed either by yourselves or well-meaning advisers? Who sits and listens over and over again to stories of walking, running and field events until they could scream? Who sits alone night after night waiting for committee men to return, having resignedly relinquished many hours of their domestic life to officialdom of Belgrave?*

Aye, give them a little in return, and we can assure you that nothing pleases them more than to join in our social activities at the club to whom they undeniably give so much. So make a note of the following dates and *come along*. Saturday, November 19th. Saturday, December 10th.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Annual Dinner and Dance which was held at the Express Hall, Clapham Junction, on Saturday, October 15th, was again a huge success and the hall was filled to capacity. Despite the extensive enquiries of the Social Hon. Secretary, it was not possible to find a suitable hall which would hold a larger number of club members and it was with much regret that we were obliged to turn down applications for tickets.

Bill Webb once again presided over the gathering and received a great ovation. The theme of Bill's few words in proposing "The Club," was the "Belgrave Spirit," and in replying to the toast, Secretary Alf Harley gave us some interesting data on the very early days of the club when handicap meetings were held on mid-week nights on the Embankment, lasting as late as eleven o'clock.

During the course of the evening it was announced that Len Herbert had been awarded the Sir Harry Barclay Cup by the Surrey County A.A. for the best performance of 1949.

The dance which followed dinner was very ably conducted by Bert Ellsey and our thanks are due to "Dave" for a very splendid evening.

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Tony Whincup writes to say that having got over his exam, he is getting down to training.

Tony Davis is soldiering at Horsham but says there's not much doing in the way of athletics.

Jimmy Coates, one of our young walkers, who has recently emigrated to Canada, writes to say he is very impressed by the Canadian juniors but says there's a shortage of cinder tracks.

Frank Thompson was a very welcome visitor at the A.G.M. He tells us that our old friend, Fred Rickards, who married again last year, has started another family and has a daughter. Good luck Fred, when are we going to see you again.

Tommy Green is reported to be "retiring" from business and getting down to walking again. What about next year's National, Tommy?

B. Lulham has passed his Coach's exam, for sprints and relays, and is now a A.A.A. Hon. Coach.

Colin Sutton, settling down in Australia, is already winning races and is the district champion for 4½ miles.

Stan Manning, who was ill last year, is now recovering and hopes to get to Wimbledon during the winter.

Jack Rutland informs us that he will soon be out training again with an eye to long distance. Jack already holds an important executive post and he is now studying for further promotion. We all wish him luck.

Syd Roberts and Frank Elson have been appointed R.W.A. judges.

We have just learnt with regret of the serious accident which befel R. Dick, the popular and leading Highgate Harrier walker. We wish to express the club's sympathy with Mr. R. Dick and wish him a speedy and successful recovery.