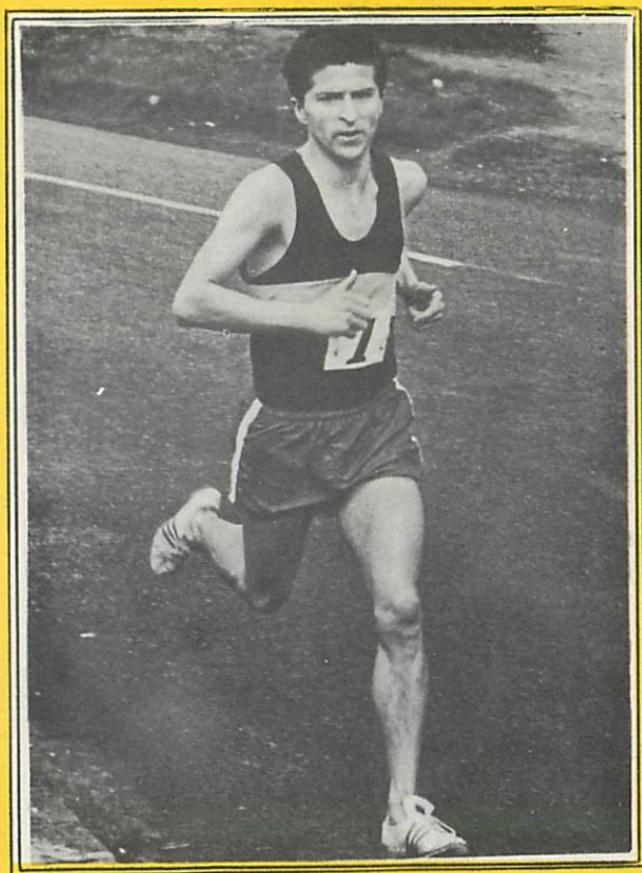


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FRONTISPIECE: (Photo: E. D. Lacey). John Thresher leads Alan Simpson and Derek Ibbottson in his heat of the AAA mile. Thresher and Simpson qualified for the final.

FRONT COVER : Geoff North sets a Club '5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' record before embarking on a season which gave him an Inter-Counties 3 miles record and an international vest against the U.S.S.R.



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EDITORIAL

Congratulations! Ray Middleton. Our leading walker continued the tradition of Belgravians being amongst Games walking medals by winning a well-earned "silver" in the 20 miles walk at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Jamaica. His usual steady start left him in 5th place at the 9 miles mark. "I then knew I was in with a good chance for a medal" he said, "I made my effort, moved through and I knew I'd got one". It all sounded so simple. What he didn't say was how he felt about getting within 30 seconds of the winner, team mate Ron Wallwork! As a medal winner, Ray now joins that illustrious pair of Belgravians Tommy Green (Olympic Gold) and Stan Vickers (Olympic Bronze and European Gold). He must also be hottest favourite for this year's "Tommy Green" Cup award.

Whilst appreciating Middleton's grand performance, a thought should be spared for another Belgravian who narrowly missed going to Jamaica and whose performances this season have put him in World class. We speak of Geoff North. Geoff scored a fine win in the Inter-counties 3 miles in a Championship Best Performance time of 13 minutes 18.8 seconds and deservedly represented Britain against U.S.S.R. Two disappointing performances afterwards were just sufficient to squeeze him out by the narrowest of margins. With next season to consolidate his new form, he stands every chance of renewing his acquaintance with the Mexican senoritas in 1968! We are sure he can do it.

Meanwhile our thoughts remain with Ray Middleton, who will shortly carry our flag again in the European Championships at Budapest, where the competition will be much tougher.

WELCOME

We have pleasure in welcoming to BELGRAVE HARRIERS the following members who have joined us in the last 9 months. If any of you require help or advice don't hesitate to contact any of the Club's officers or coaches who will be only too pleased to be of assistance.

M.A.AGUNBLADE	(Surrey)	Andrew D.MILLS	(Scotland)
Dennis BAKER	(Surrey)	Lyle J.MOAR	(Scotland)
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Alistair A.GRAY	(Middlesex)	Gy D.RAMNERSAUD	(Middlesex)
Angelos HAJIPAVLI	(Cambridge)	Robert J.READ	(Surrey)
Panos HAJIPAVLI	(Cambridge)	Ossian M.ROBERTSON	(Scotland)
Mohammed W.HASAN	(India)	Juan A.SAUCHER	(Spain)
Anthony F.HEATH	(Somerset)	Malcolm H.SIMMS	(Lancashire)
Richard HOFSTEDT	(Norway)	Stephen J.STEER	(Surrey)
Christopher L.HOWCROFT	(Glamorgan)	Terry J.TALKINGTON	(Middlesex)
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Simon N.LAUDER	(Durham)	Barry TOWNSEND	(Warwickshire)
Eric W.LOWE	(Surrey)	Jack C.TURNER	(Surrey)
David J.MARGERISON	(Yorkshire)	Robert H.WILLIAMS	(Surrey)
Patrick A.MEEHAN	(Middlesex)	Timothy M.YOUNG	(Northumberland)

Re-elected member:- James COOPER-CLARK of Twickenham

Honorary member:- Alan F.MARTIN of Epsom

Second claim member:- John R.McSWEENEY of Lancashire

HON SEC'S NOTES

We were indeed sorry to learn of Jack Crump's death in April and Athletics has lost one of its greatest workers. In his very early days Jack, with his brother Bob, was a member of Belgrave until they decided to throw in their lot with a club nearer their home, London Vidarians W.C.

Some months ago Jack confided to the writer that he had been inspired and encouraged throughout his long career in athletics by the thought of some of our earlier Belgrave enthusiasts - men like Parker, Belchamber and Horwood - who had impressed him in those early 1920 days with their love of the sport and their Club.

Belgrave owed much to Jack Crump's efforts in so many ways. He was always very welcome at our Meetings and functions, and always helpful to us. We mourn his passing.

We have recently been advised that one of our oldest Life-Members died earlier this year on the eve of his 91st birthday. F.A. Bool was Hon. Secretary of the Club from 1898 to 1903 and was made a Life-Member in 1905. He lived in Chelsea all his life and his daughter tells us that he followed the fortunes of Belgrave until the end.

A copy of a Club News Sheet issued in May 1901 has recently been sent to us - and this was written and issued by the above mentioned F.A. Bool. It tells of the fine entry of 30 for the Club race of the month, a half-mile handicap, held, of course, on the road along the Embankment. 27 runners started and the winner proved to be W. Berridge, off 35 yards. Scratch man was an old friend of many of us, the late George Still.

One item reads "members will be pleased to hear that Sgt. J. Cox is on his way home from the front!"

We are indebted to the son of W. Berridge for this News Letter, found among his fathers papers.

All members should note the formal Notice of Annual General Meeting, given on another page, as required by ruling of our constitution. No other notice of this Meeting will be circulated. We hope for the usual good attendance of members to demonstrate the vitality of the Club and the interest of its members in all its activities.

As a Club with freehold Headquarters to maintain and improve, and a record of competition in Championships and other events wider than that of any other club, we must give thought to MONEY.

We do ask for (a) the prompt payment of Subscriptions, which become due at the Annual General Meeting, (b) generous donations from our Life-Members, Vice-Presidents and others, (c) support of our excellent and rewarding Football Scheme details of which may be had from our Hon. Treasurer and (d) full blooded co-operation with Frank Webb in his efforts on behalf of the Club when he circulates details of our Derby and Christmas Draws.

Greetings to all members come from Bernard Eglinton now serving in Malta where between duties he is acting as "talent-spotter" for Belgrave.

George Piddington's imminent move into Hampshire will rob us (partially at any rate) of one who has made great efforts for our Boys and for coaching within the Club. We do thank him most sincerely for all his hard work and honest endeavour, and we hope to see him quite regularly in the future.

Our revered Harry Evans, now in his 86th year, has had a patch of ill-health, but is now happily recovering. He was able to be with us at the Club Track and Field Championships and again at our Inter-Club Walking Competition at Battersea Park. Harry's regularity of attendance at our races, both Summer and Winter, is proverbial; and an example to younger generations of officials and athletes.

A Club Champion of former days (1927 and 1928 to be explicit) Jim Cooper Clark showed up recently and promptly requested re-election. We hope to see him frequently at our events although he no longer moves with the speed that astounded us at one time!

Incidentally we do like to keep in touch with former members; and welcome them as Honorary or full members, so if you know of any, sign them on the dotted line!

Notice of A. G. M.

7, Brickwall Lane,
Ruislip,
Middlesex.
Sept. 1st 1966.

Dear Belgravian,

In accordance with Rule 9, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st September 1966 at 6:30pm at BELGRAVE HALL, DENMARK ROAD, S.W.19 when your attendance is requested. No other notice of this meeting will be circulated.

There will be no training from Headquarters that day. Tea will be available from 5:30pm to 6:20pm.

Yours faithfully,
A.A.HARLEY
General Hon. Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting.
2. To read and confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sept. 22nd 1965.
3. To note apologies for non-attendance.
4. To receive the Hon. Secretary's report.
5. To receive the Hon. Treasurer's report.
6. To amend Rule 6 - Officers and Management - by substituting in line five the word "four" in place of "five", proposed by the Committee.
7. To present Honours Badges.
8. To elect Officers and Committee for 1966/67.
9. Any other matters.

When this copy of the "Belgravian" reaches you, we shall be about to begin a new winter season. Can our cross-country runners reach a peak next March to win the English Championship? It could be. We certainly have the men, and if all could and would give of their best at the same time, the title could once again be Belgrave's.

Our walkers haven't the same strength in depth as obtained in recent years but with the return of Eric Hall to the South, and with the help of our two other Internationals in Ray Middleton and Ray Hall, we hope to remedy affairs and build up as powerful a team as ever we have known in the past. What about it Stan Vickers? We understand there's no surplus weight!

A corner to acknowledge George Beecham's solid worth to our walking teams over many years. Again this year he scored in our winning team for the NIJMEGEN Shield (teams of eight), the ninth occasion he has done so.

A.A.H.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 mile - 1.N.Barton (Oxford C) 4:16.1, 2.G.Goodman (TVH) 4:19.8,
3.R.Bhatia (BELGRAVE/OUAC) 4:27.5.

ROAD RELAY ROUND-UP

3 FIRSTS — 2 SECONDS — 1 FIFTH

What an anti-climax the 1966 Spring road relay season proved to be! The loss of the revered National London - Brighton road relay knocked the bottom out of the usual "spring spirit" and most leading club men were unable to conjure up the enthusiasm for events that were once used as valuable pointers to Brighton form. The excitement of seeing two dozen athletes fighting to prove their worthiness for inclusion in the select twelve was, alone, an occasion worth waiting for. But this year there was nothing at the end of it and the short season seemed to fizzle out like a damp squib. Perhaps next year a new form of National road relay will help to remedy the situation.

As usual, the Ilford and Southampton/Bournemouth relays clashed the week following the National cross country championships. Last year we stretched our resources in an endeavour to win both, but although taking the Southampton event by a 2½ minutes margin could only finish a close 4th at Ilford. Re-arranged teams could certainly have won both. Because of this we attempted to do the same this year but finished one place further down in each event; both teams being affected by injuries and Thresher, Hart and Reilly all being unavailable. At Ilford, Clive Shippen and Gordon Biscoe were called up into the 'A' team and this alone meant the difference between 1st and 5th places. It was good to see Ranjit Bhatia showing some of his old form again and with Jack Brown and Pat Newell also putting in useful appearances the team was not unlike those of 7 or 8 years ago.

At Southampton Chris Steer produced some of his best running to date, being within 3 seconds of fastest time on stage 2 and taking us from 7th to 3rd. Gerry North was also in great form, taking nearly a minute off Hyman, and Belgrave to within 20 seconds of the lead. Despite the acquisition of Dai Davies the Welsh Champion, and fastest stage times by Wiggs and Ellis, our old rivals TVH could still only get within 47 seconds of us at the finish.

At the Cambridge Harriers relay at Bexley, a great effort by Geoff North (who for the second successive year shared the fastest time of the day) helped Belgrave to a good win over the two teams who pipped us on the final stage last year - Blackheath and SLH.

The following week we beat both Portsmouth and TVH at Cranford in the "Valley's" annual promotion but a full strength Bristolian quintet rose above their Bournemouth form to beat all three of their former conquerors. Geoff North was second fastest of the day, ahead of Strong, Tulloh and Wiggs, and Adrian Major proved himself capable of holding his own in any of our first teams by turning in a notable sub-17 minute run.

Our best outing was undoubtedly at Blackpool where we won against tough opposition for the 3rd consecutive year. In 1964 and 1965 the race was for teams of six runners but this year the number was reduced to four and it was felt that this would tend to favour our rivals. However, which ever runners we pair with the North brothers it seems to make little difference and this time Steer and Fairclough paved the way for Geoff and Gerry to clinch another win. Of the remaining runners Bill Dance was the fastest. The rate of this man's improvement since joining us is most gratifying and he has surely now run himself into our 'A' teams.

The road relay season closed on April 30th with the Boro' of Enfield relay, which resulted in another victory for the BELS in record time. Our 'B' team were 5th, and with Bill Kerr doing a great 17:46 "come back" and Bill Dance anchoring in 17:55 we had two men faster than Major and Steer in the 'A' team

So with three wins in six races our runners showed they were in their usual tip-top Spring form. Had there been a "Brighton" this year the selectors would have had their usual difficult task, but the ironical thing is that this year the collective form of our best twelve runners was so much better than our leading rivals. If the abandonment of the race had been postponed for a year we would have had an excellent chance of being the first and last holders of the National Relay Title (1951 and 1966).

SUMMARY:SOUTHAMPTON - BOURNEMOUTH

1. Portsmouth	2:24:25	A. Black	26:41 (7th)	C. Dabbs	22:12 (3rd)
2. BELGRAVE H	2:25:43	C. Steer	17:38 (3rd)	Gerry North	24:42 (2nd)
3. T.V.H.	2:26:30	Geoff North	27:59 (2nd)	A. Fairclough	26:31 (2nd)
4. Bristol	2:28:37				

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

3miles - 1. Geoff North (BELG) 13:40.4, 2. R. Taylor (Gov.G) 13:44.0,
3. J. Hammond (Gov.G) 13:48.6, 8. M. Thorpe (BELG)

ILFORD (Ilford A.C.)

1. Blackheath H	2:28:01	J. Dear	18:56 (10th)	C. Shippen	19:58 (6th)
2. Polytechnic H	2:28:49	J. Brown	18:36 (7th)	G. Biscoe	20:27 (7th)
3. Cambridge H	2:29:52	R. Bhatia	18:59 (4th)	L.O'Hara	18:05 (5th)
4. Essex Beagles	2:32:17	W. Dance	18:33 (4th)	'B' Team	
5. BELGRAVE H	2:32:18	P. Newell	18:43 (3rd)	D. Brew	20:45

Fastest times:- J. Hogan (Poly) 17:04, J. Batchelor (Ilford) 17:39

BEXLEY (Cambridge H)

1. BELGRAVE H	96:20	A. Black	16:15 (4th)	J. Brown	16:37 (11th)
2. Blackheath H	96:39	J. Thresher	15:58 (1st)	A. Major	16:13 (8th)
3. SLH	96:57	C. Dabbs	16:20 (4th)	W. Dance	16:48 (9th)
4. Ealing H	97:35	Geoff North	15:27 (2nd)	J. Dear	16:53 (10th)
5. Hercules AC	97:37	C. Steer	16:13 (2nd)	J. Bicourt	16:29 (9th)
6. TVH	97:59	L.O'Hara	16:07 (1st)	M. Thorpe	16:48 (9th)
9. BELGRAVE 'B'	99:48				

Fastest Times:- Geoff North and R. Holt (Hercules) 15:27

CRANFORD (Thames Valley H)

1. Bristol AC	82:56	C. Dabbs	16:59 (6th)	J. Brown	17:12 (8th)
2. BELGRAVE H	83:39	C. Steer	16:53 (4th)	W. Dance	17:03 (7th)
3. TVH	83:50	Geoff North	16:06 (2nd)	M. Thorpe	17:12 (8th)
4. Portsmouth	84:56	A. Major	16:57 (2nd)	J. Bicourt	16:59 (6th)
5. HHH	85:10	L.O'Hara	16:44 (2nd)	A. Black	17:22 (8th)
8. BELGRAVE 'B'	85:48				

Fastest times:- I. Wheeler (HHH) 16:00, Geoff North (BEL) 16:06, E. Strong (Bristol) 16:15, B. Tulloh (Ports) 16:21, M. Wiggs (TVH) 16:29

BLACKPOOL (Blackpool & Fylde AC)

1. BELGRAVE H	89:59	C. Steer	23:12 (4th)	J. Dear	24:04 (14th)
2. Coventry God.	90:27	A. Fairclough	22:50 (4th)	J. Thresher	24:37 (15th)
3. Bolton	90:41	Geoff North	22:00 (1st)	'C' Team	
4. Longwood H	90:48	Gerry North	21:57 (1st)	H. Satchell	27:38 (43rd)
5. North Staffs.	91:05	'B' Team		D. Brew	25:42 (40th)
6. Man. & Dist. L.	92:13	A. Major	23:55 (13th)	W. Dance	23:49 (30th)
15. BELGRAVE 'B'	96:37	M. Thorpe	24:01 (13th)	P. Hilliar	27:39 (31st)

Fastest times:- M. Freary (Bolton) 21:27 (rec), J. Jackson (Nth. Staffs.) 21:51, R. Hill (Bolton) 21:53, J. Taylor (Cov. God) 21:54, Gerry North (BELS) 21:57.

PONDERS END (Boro' of Enfield H)

1. BELGRAVE H	88:25 (rec)	L.O'Hara	17:24 (1st)	A. Black	18:20 (8th)
2. Thurrock	88:54	A. Major	18:08 (1st)	J. Dear	18:23 (5th)
3. Ealing	89:31	Gerry North	16:58 (1st)	W. Kerr	17:46 (5th)
4. Luton	90:44	C. Steer	18:10 (1st)	M. Thorpe	18:34 (5th)
5. BELGRAVE 'B'	90:58	A. Fairclough	17:45 (1st)	W. Dance	17:55 (5th)

Fastest times:- M. Batty (Thurrock) 16:49 (rec), Gerry North (BELS) 16:58, T. Bivens (Ealing) 17:15, L.O'Hara (BELS) 17:24.

SOCIAL

The Social season is just around the corner and all Belgravians are asked to make a note in their diaries of the following functions:-

- October 22nd - It's a mad, mad, mad, trad world. Lose your inhibitions and stomp to Colin Bowden for a mere 5/- per head
- November 19th - The Club DINNER & DANCE will be held at the sign of the Dog and Fox (Wimbledon Hill Hotel). Tickets are 30/- and may be paid for by instalments. Contact Reg Hopkins or Ted Stimpson, 64, Beverley Way, S.W.20. for further details.
- December 4th - Now is the time to wear your most outrageous 'mod' creations at this non-stop pop ball. Admission before 8:00pm - 2/6, after 8:00pm 5/-.
- December 31st - Celebrate the New Year's Eve at our Fancy Dress Dance. You can always go jump in the fountains at Trafalgar Square afterwards. Prizes will be given to those with the best costumes. Colin Bowden will supply the music - Admission 7/6.

GEOFF WINS WIMBLEDON CUP

'5%' victory in record time

At one minute to 3 o'clock on April 2nd 1966 the Club Record for the 5% miles road race championship stood at 27 mins 15 secs. - credited to Gerry North. During those tense moments before the 50 starters poured down Lauriston Road, one athlete appeared to be extraordinarily on edge - even wanting to know the exact position of the start line; it was plain to see he really meant business this day, for when it was suggested he might like someone to knock in some starting blocks for him, it failed to raise even the merest smile. When Geoff North reacts this way he is either about to cane all and sundry or, less frequently, has just been caned; as he had not yet run, it became apparent to everyone that he was gunning for brother Gerry's record - an excellent time, set a few weeks after the elder North had won the National Cross-Country title in 1962.

No sooner had Bob Taylor's starting arm dropped than Geoff was clear of the field and 10 yards to the good at the end of the road. After the two small laps had been completed and the Copse Hill stretch approached, North was 100 yards clear and still going away. He was in great form, and providing he could overcome the hills on the return journey, stood a fair chance of clipping the record. At this point a group of five (Hart, Dabbs, Major, O'Hara and Fairclough) were being led along by Chris Steer. Chris and young Adrian Major looked in fine fettle but Laurie O'Hara was showing the effects of recent 'flu'.

Geoff kept his form well on the homeward run and a "break it or bust" sprint down the finishing straight sent up an "ooh!" from the watchers that, momentarily, did not indicate which side of the record his time was. Relief all round (Gerry of course wasn't there!) as it was announced that Geoff had beaten the record by just ONE SECOND!

His fast pace had really kept the others at it and the battle reached its climax up Cambridge Road and the steep "kiss of death" where Adrian Major romped past Fairclough, Steer and O'Hara like a 2yrs old only to find the experienced Dabbs and Hart just out of reach. After a hard fight over the last mile Trevor got the advantage over Chas. and Adrian clung to his well earned 4th place.

The field had certainly stretched out, but never before have we had as many as eight men under 28:30. With Gerry North, Thresher and Barrow not running (besides other possibles like Newell, Reilly, Dance and Kerr) this surely would have produced our fastest "Brighton" team.

Once again veteran Jack Brown put in another of his stirring performances, shaking up many first team aspirants with his 29:27; and Ranjit Bhatia made the most of his years' stay in England by re-appearing in the race for which he once held the record (27:56 in 1960). Another distinguished record-holder to re-appear was Ron Linstead whose 28:25, set 12 years ago when he was 17, stood for 5 years.

Geoff North's fast run also earned him 3rd place in the handicap - Chris Fairfield having risen above his usual form to take first prize and Adrian Major a well earned second.

RESULT:

1. Geoff North	(0:10)	27:14	24. R. James	(4:15)	32:48
2. T. Hart	(1:00)	28:06	25. D. Hurd	(3:20)	33:17
3. C. Dabbs	(1:10)	28:08	26. J. Kelly	(6:00)	33:42
4. A. Major	(1:30)	28:13	27. G. Piddington	(5:30)	33:53
5. C. Steer	(1:20)	28:15	28. C. Henn	(7:00)	34:07
6. L. O'Hara	(0:50)	28:21	29. C. Fairfield	(8:00)	34:14
7. A. Fairclough	(0:45)	28:26	30. B. Merry	(4:15)	34:15
8. F. Gilson	(1:15)	28:27	31. A. Bousefield	(7:00)	34:29
9. J. Bicourt	(1:30)	28:42	32. D. Davies	(7:00)	34:36
10. A. Black	(1:15)	28:59	33. J. Martin	(6:00)	34:40
11. J. Dear	(2:15)	29:19	34. J. Macdonald	(6:15)	34:44
12. J. Brown	(2:00)	29:27	35. J. Walker	(7:15)	35:05
13. M. Thorpe	(1:45)	29:27	36. A. Mead	(6:45)	35:06
14. R. Bhatia	(2:30)	30:38	37. P. Sutton	(7:30)	35:10
15. A. Bruce	(3:00)	31:01	38. P. Wrench	(6:30)	35:22
16. D. Brew	(3:45)	31:21	39. D. Newell	(7:00)	35:39
17. C. Keavey	(4:00)	31:38	40. D. Gordon	(8:00)	35:46
18. G. Biscoe	(4:00)	32:00	41. J. Plummer	(8:15)	36:01
19. R. Linstead	(3:00)	32:12	42. P. Cooper	(7:00)	36:17
20. A. Morrison	(3:00)	32:15	43. R. Hopkins	(8:15)	36:39
21. D. W. Jones	(5:00)	32:18	44. J. Heathfield	(8:00)	36:47
22. J. Hilton	(5:15)	32:34	45. C. Manning	(8:30)	37:54
23. P. Hilliar	(3:45)	32:46	46. J. V. Baker	(9:00)	38:03

25 YEARS AGO

From the BELGRAVIAN June 1941:

Previous to the winter 1935/36 Frank Elson had run a small competition in which one forecast how many goals would be scored in the first and second divisions of the English Leagues. Each forecast cost one penny and the prizes began at 10/- and then increased to £1 as the scheme grew. This, though seemingly a small thing, proved to be a very valuable addition to our "Building Fund" a committee was formed; so it was that in season 1935/36 a very large competition was launched. our wildest dreams were surpassed and the future, as well as the present, Belgravians will owe much to those who so heartily supported us in those days.

As soon as this bad dream (the war) has ended and we get back to civilian life, we are going all out to put Belgrave in such a financial position that we will have the finest headquarters of any club, equipped with baths and showers, indoor exercise facilities, massage room, etc., etc. and all our very own, by our own efforts. That independence is very dear to all Belgravians and we shall insist on maintaining it.

. . . . and 40 YEARS AGO

From the BELGRAVIAN September 1926:

We have had one great disappointment owing to the General Strike. We did not have the opportunity to defend our title of "National Champions" of road walking. That race being eventually abandoned.

We always must have a champion of some kind in the Club and, as Len Smith disappointed, our energetic field event member G.H.Powell came along and obliged. He is now the holder of the "Southern" Javelin Championship. This he won at Chatham, in June, with a throw of 145'2". (Eds. note: George Powell had just one throw (98'7") in the 1966 Club Championships!)

. . . . even 65 YEARS AGO

From the monthly circular, May 1901:

The fixture for the month was a half mile handicap, first prize presented by Mr.W.Gurves, taking the form of a handsome brass column lamp. The record entry of 30 for an evening race was obtained and it was saying something for the popularity of Mr.Wilcox's handicap when 27 faced the starter. The race ended in a win for W.Berridge off the short mark, for him, of 35yds. G.Still won the 2 miles handicap at Hertford off virtual scratch (65yds) in the fast time of 9:40.6 seconds.

Please note evening meeting, July 17th. Events: 100 yards h'cap, 880 yards steeplechase, 1 mile h'cap, scratch Long Jump.

BERNARD MERRY rewarded for aiding Police

Supt.W.Gibson presented Bernard and his work-mate Mr Percy Gray with £10 each after they helped capture two youths, one of them armed, some months ago. P.c.Dawson of Morden was off duty at his home when he saw the two young criminals attempting to break into a house. While police reinforcements were on the way, Bernard and his friend helped P.c.Dawson collar the two and during the scuffle a gun was produced and threatened to be used.

Bernard and Mr Gray were also presented with letters of praise for their spirited action from the Assistant Commissioner for Crime, Sir Ralph Bacon.

We feel that we should point out that there is no connection between the current well known 'Pop' group, 'The Walker Brothers', and two Belgravians of the same name! — apart from the noise that is !!

Belgrave's ex-marathon champion Len Bishop is now living and working in Belgium. He expects to be there for 2 or 3 years. He sends best wishes to all Belgravians.

Overheard in the dressing room:- "The reason that Jack Brown remains so fit is that his son is now running so well over half a mile that Jack has to make sure he doesn't beat him!

TRACK & FIELD ROUNDUP

OPEN Field Events MEETING

March 26th - Tooting

This meeting was well supported and appreciated by 44 competitors from a variety of clubs; there being 7 Belgravians.

There were very good performances from John Mitchell, who won the Long Jump with 22'7", and Bob Jones who was 3rd with 21'0"; both first year seniors and still at the height of arduous winter training schedules. A hearty welcome to Bob Couillaut who was just pipped into 4th place in the Triple Jump with 41'2". He is also in his first year as a senior.

New member Ricky Raffan competed in the High Jump and Long Jump and also has interests in the Shot, Discus and Hammer. He is just getting back into training and will be a very useful club member. Hard luck for Brian King who slipped at his 2nd attempt in the Javelin, badly cutting his knee and spoiling his chance of the big throw he has been training all winter for. John Martin should be pleased with his 32'4" with the 16lb weight as he insists on using the junior size in training for sentimental reasons!

RESULTS:

High Jump	1.D.Newman(Epsom & E)	6'0"	Shot	1.J.Walters(Birchgrove)	48'0"
	2.D.Brock(HH)	5'8"		W.Couzens(BELGRAVE)	33'2"
	R.Raffan(BELGRAVE)	5'2"		J.Martin (BELGRAVE)	32'4"
Javelin	1.R.Bartlett (Poly)	201'2"	Discus	1.J.Stone(Grafton)	142'5"
	2.D.Mole (Surrey)	196'6"		2.N.Kitchen(W'don)	140'8"
	W.Couzens(BELGRAVE)	148'11"		B.King (BELGRAVE)	88'0"
	B.King(BELGRAVE)	134'11"		J.Martin (BELGRAVE)	84'11"
	J.Martin(BELGRAVE)	121'5"		W.Couzens(BELGRAVE)	82'5"
Long Jump	1.J.Mitchell(BELGRAVE)	22'7"	T.Jump	1.J.O'Driscoll(Walt)	44'8"
	2.W.Thorpe (Kent)	21'3"		2.R.Morris (Camb H)	43'1"
	3.R.Jones(BELGRAVE)	21'0"		4.R.Couillaut(BELGRAVE)	41'2"

Mal Robinson - 13:27.4 3miles

April 1st/2nd - Austin, Texas, USA

Mal Robinson, running his fastest 3 miles ever, in a meeting at Austin, Texas, knocked nearly 6 seconds off of the Belgrave Club Record set up just a year ago by Geoff North.

1.M.Robinson 13:27.4

2.O.Moore 13:39.8

April 17th - Battersea Park - BELGRAVE PENTATHLON

Out of the "runners" who couldn't throw and the "throwers" who couldn't run it seems that the "runners" had the advantage, as once the "throwers" had run they couldn't throw either!

Nevertheless the Pentathlon was won in grand style by Bob Jones whose best performance was in the Long Jump with 21'7". This being against the wind on a very cold day. Second was Tony Brooks with the fastest 200m and 1500m and 3rd was Barry Townsend.

RESULT: Long Jump, Javelin, 200m, Discus, 1500m

1.R.Jones	-	21'7"	/126'4"	/24.6/90'4"	/4:48.6	.....	2683 pts
2.T.Brooks	-	19'10"	/106'0"	/24.2/70'11"	/4:36.4	.....	2527 pts
3.B.Townsend	-	19'9"	/141'9"	/25.3/99'8"	/5:26.8	.....	2430 pts
4.J.Carlton	-	19'0"	/128'3"	/24.8/64'1"	/4:49.4	.....	2288 pts
5.J.Martin	-	16'10"	/121'2"	/26.2/91'0"	/4:56.0	.....	2161 pts
6.J.Kelly	-	16'7"	/116'6"	/26.6/83'0"	/4:37.0	.....	2140 pts

April 23rd - Battersea Park - v St.Lukes, Met. Police, Ealing/Southall, Hercules

In spite of being rather short of middle-distance men, due to our teams in the Blackpool Road Relay, we won our first track match of the season with a strong turnout in the sprints and field events. The very gusty weather spoil some of the times but Chris Martin's furlong looked very strong, although he later expressed disappointment at it being so slow. Barry Townsend was well up in the Long Jump and Javelin in which he was closely beaten by Brian King. An unusual sight was that of a Belgrave senior team winning the 4 x 110y but of course our quartet were all first year seniors, fresh out of the junior ranks where Belgrave sprinters are amongst the strongest in the country.

RESULTS:

100yA	4.D.Gleeson	10.9	220yA	1.C.Martin	23.3	440yA	3.R.Nelson	53.7
B	1.C.Martin	10.6	B	3.D.Gleeson	24.1	B	3.A.Mead	54.1

1mile 1.L.O'Hara 4:25.7 880y 7.D.Ferne 2:00.3

Jav.	3.A.Morrison	4:38.5	4 x 110y	1.BELS (Nelson, C.Oliver, Gleeson, Martin)
	2.B.King	158'8"	L.Jump	4.B.Townsend 20'5"
	4.B.Townsend	155'11"	Shot	2.W.Couzens 33'1"
				5.J.Martin 31'6"

1.BELGRAVE H 65pts 2.St.Lukes 60pts 3.Ealing/Southall 54pts
4.Hercules 53pts 5.Met.Police 47pts

CORONATION TROPHY

April 30th - Carshalton -
 Bob Nelson ran his best ever 440y in windy conditions which slowed down his opposition to well below their best. At the halfway mark he had all but caught Woodland (Hercules) who was in the lane outside him and his time of 52.2 promises good things to come in better conditions.

Yet another Belgrave Long Jumper, Lyle Moar, grabbed us a much needed 2nd place with a good leap of 21'1", whilst Bill Couzens improved his best shot mark this year by a foot.

RESULTS:

100y	4.C.Martin	10.7	1m	3.A.Morrison	4:38.0	1.London AC	50pts
220y	2.C.Martin	23.0	LJ	2.L.Moar	21'1"	2.Hercules AC	34pts
440y	4.R.Nelson	52.2	Jav	4.B.King	156'6"	3.Queens Park H	33pts
Shot	4.W.Couzens	34'2½"				5.BELGRAVE H	29pts

May 2nd - Battersea Park - HANDICAP MEETING

There was not too bad a turn-out for this handicap fixture but we could have done with a few more in the sprints, both of which were won by Philip Gee with some spirited running.

Coach Dave Ansell achieved a lifetime best in the shot and with his generous handicap mark of 15'3" took 1st prize from Tony Brooks and John Kelly. John then went on to the start of the 2 miles where after running like a maniac for the first lap, he caught and hung on to Adrian Major who, of course, had a lap further to go. His bold move paid off although he was being caught rapidly in the last half mile. Gerry North, off 30yds, stormed through the field but just failed to get a place.

2 miles			300 yards			100yards		
1.J.Kelly	(540y)	8:51	1.P.Gee	(12y)	32.7	1.P.Gee	(3y)	10.6
2.L.Mann	(500y)	8:54	2.P.Smith	(8y)	33.1	2.R.Laidler	(6y)	10.7
3.R.James	(420y)	9:08	3.A.Mead	(8y)	33.1	3.A.Mead	(4y)	10.8
4.Gerry North	(30y)	9:11	4.T.Brooks	(scr)		4.T.Brooks	(scr)	
5.G.Dance	(140y)	9:13	5.L.Moar	(15y)		5.L.Moar	(4y)	
6.C.Keavey	(400y)	9:20						
7.A.Major	(120y)	9:26	Shot					
8.A.Bousefield	(550y)	9:29	1.D.Ansell	27'6"	(15'3")	42'9"		
9.D.Gordon	(550y)	9:35	2.T.Brooks	26'5½"	(14'6")	40'11½"		
10.J.Rimmer	(400y)	10:00	3.J.Kelly	27'1½"	(13'6")	40'7½"		
11.C.Cross	(500y)	10:03						

May 4th - Eton Manor - LEYTON INVITATION FLOODLIT MEETING

GREAT CHASING BY BICOURT

John Bicourt made a magnificent start to the season by finishing 3rd in the 3000m Steeplechase with 9:15.4 - a personal best by 13 seconds and a new Club Record. After hovering in 3rd or 4th place for the first three laps he moved into the lead, shadowed by Moxsom (Woodford G) and Pymm (TVH), looking far more confident than he has done for some while. Moxsom moved away with two laps to go, never to be headed again, John dropping back to 4th, but a last effort carried him back to 3rd place and, what is more, a probable Surrey team place in the Inter-Counties match at Whitsun.

The 3 miles promised to be an interesting race with Batty (Thurrock), having recently regained his old form; the North brothers, fresh from the recent road-relay victories, and the London based Australian, Ian Wheeler (HHH) all taking part. Laurie O'Hara and Adrian Major completed the Belgrave team.

Batty made the early running, passing the mile in 4:27.0 - well on the way to a track record but the pace dropped somewhat during the following couple of laps. Two miles was reached in 9:05 and here Geoff North decisively strode out into the lead, quickly opening a large gap on Wheeler and Gerry, Batty having dropped back. Laurie O'Hara, still suffering from the after effects of 'flu', was our 3rd scorer in 11th place with Adrian Major not far behind. Two laps left and Gerry dropped Wheeler for good, really making up some ground on brother Geoff. He had left it too late though, finishing full of running but only 4 secs down on his best time. Laurie clinched the team race for us, making it our third win in succession.

The 100 yards was a disappointment for Jim Vivian who pulled up with leg trouble some 20y from the tape but still managed to record 10.4. Let's hope it is not too serious.

RESULTS:

3000mSC	1.C.Moxsom(Wdfrd)	9:8.4,	2.G.Pymm(TVH)	9:11.4,	3.J.Bicourt(BEL)	9:15.4
3miles	1.Geoff North(BEL)	13:38.6,	2.Gerry North(BEL)	13:41.6,	3.I.Wheeler	
	(HHH)	13:45.6,	...8.L.O'Hara(BEL),	...A.Major(BEL)	14:56.0.	
Team:-	1.BELGRAVE H	(1,2,8)	11pts,	2.Camb.H	(3,5,9)	17pts,
	3.Surrey	(4,6,16)	26pts			

May 7th - Woodford Bridge

VANCOUVER TROPHY

As usual the Surrey Relay Champs at Wimbledon clashed with this meeting but we were able to field at least one man in practically every event at Woodford for the first time in several years. Most of our points were scored by decathlon man Barry Townsend with a 2nd in the 110m Hurdles, 3rd in the Pole Vault and 6th in the High Jump. Lyle Moar and Bob Couillaud both scored in the Triple Jump, in which Fred Alsop (Hornchurch) was only 2nd, and Laurie O'Hara ran his best ever 1500m in finishing 3rd to Maxwell (Woodford) and Blakesley (LCAT); as did Adrian Major in 8th position. It was good to see Bill Kerr out of hibernation to run a sound 5000m. Our only win of the afternoon came when Ray Middleton thrashed the opposition in the 2 mile walk for a meeting record time of 14:47.2.

RESULTS:

<u>400m Hts.</u>	R.Nelson 52.5		<u>5000m</u>	1.R.Young (Hornchurch) 14:35.0
	A.Mead 53.3			2.C.Moxson (Wdfrd Gn) 14:35.8
<u>800m Hts.</u>	A.Morrison 2:01.5			3.K.Harland (Camb.H) 14:36.0
<u>1500m</u>	1.A.Maxwell (Wd.Gn) 3:54.2			7.W.Kerr (BELGRAVE) 14:50.0
	2.J.Blakesley (LCAT) 3:55.3		<u>110mH</u>	1.C.Swann (Birchfield) 16.2
	3.L.O'Hara (BELGRAVE) 3:56.4			2.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE) 16.5
	8.A.Major (BELGRAVE) 4:06.0			3.A.Mollett (Birchfield) 16.6
<u>3000m SCG.</u>	J.Dear (BELGRAVE) 10:16.6		<u>P.Vlt.</u>	1.C.Brand (LCAT) 11'0"
<u>T.Jump</u>	1.E.Robinson (Horn) 45'8"			2.J.Akadiri (Wdfrd Gn) 11'0"
	2.F.Alsop (Hornchurch) 45'4"			3.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE) 10'0"
	3.L.Moar (BELGRAVE) 42'11"		<u>H.Jump</u>	1.A.Bateman (Ealing) 6'0"
	6.R.Couillaud (BELG) 42'3"			2.R.McWhirter (Birchfield) 6'0"
<u>2m Wlk</u>	1.R.Middleton (BELG) 14:47.2			6.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE) 5'8"
	2.J.Smith 15:25.6			
	3.J.Moran (St Albans) 15:31.6			
<u>Teams:</u>	1.Birchfield 93pts, 2.Woodford Gn 79pts, 3.Hornchurch 37pts, 6.BELGRAVE H 26pts.			

May 7th/8th - Wimbledon Park

SURREY CHAMPS. (Part 1)

Confirming his recent good form, John Bicourt won the 3000 metres Steeplechase in 9:17.2 from Halliday (Hercules) 9:20.8. It was disappointing to see only three athletes lining up for the start of this race (the other being Alan Black who dropped out anyway) but this does not detract anything from John's performance for John Halliday is no mean athlete.

We did not expect too much of our sprint relay team but one thing that did stand out was the running of Chris Martin. On the last leg he brought the team up into 4th place and it looks as if we shall see great things from him this season.

The 6 miles was held on the Sunday afternoon in extremely trying conditions. Constant squalls of rain made the track very sticky and the wind made the leaders task even worse. At the start Barry Collins (Surrey) went to the front with Roberts (SLH), Robinson (Achilles) and Gerry North all content to sit in and let him do the early work. Catcallers in the stand were answered by Roberts and North, both showing great presence of mind; simultaneously making a rude gesture. Suddenly Collins was in trouble and dropped back, the others each trying bursts to break away but not succeeding. The halfway mark was reached in 14:21. With 2½ miles Gerry put in a 67 sec lap, streaking away and still improving on his lead right through to the finish. The time of 28:34.2 broke his own County Record by 14 seconds. John Roberts was a worthy 2nd just outside 29 minutes and Robinson 3rd.

RESULTS:

<u>3000m SC</u>	1.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE) 9:17.2	<u>6m.</u>	1.Gerry North (BELGRAVE) 28:34.2
	2.J.Halliday (Hercules) 9:20.8		2.J.Roberts (SLH) 29:01.8
			3.R.Robinson (Achilles) 29:24.4
			6.A.Black (BELGRAVE) 31:10.0

May 11th - Battersea Park v Queens Park H, Mitcham AC

Queens Park just beat us in a match held in continual rain, with Mitcham a distant 3rd. Chris Martin improved on his best furlong time this year with a 22.9 and Denis Gleeson, running his first 'quarter' of the season, returned a promising 53.1.

Kipchoge Steer, complete with a Keino type sun-cap, descended to sea level Battersea, from the Kensington heights to run in the 2 miles. But despite flinging aside his hat for the last lap, both he and Gerry North cantered in together for an easy 9:45.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	2.C.Martin 10.7	<u>220y</u>	1.C.Martin 22.9	<u>440y</u>	2.D.Gleeson 53.1
	4.D.Gleeson		6.J.Mitchell		3.P.Smith 54.0
<u>880y</u>	2:A.Mead 2:02.0	<u>1 mile</u>	3.J.Leaver 4:34	<u>2miles</u>	1.G.North 9:45
	3.A.Major 2:05.5		5.R.James 4:53		1.C.Steer 9:45
<u>Javelin</u>	2.B.King 148'8½"		5.J.Martin 105'5½"		
<u>Teams:</u>	1.QPH 63pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 59pts, 3.Mitcham AC 36pts.				

May 14th - Imber Court **MALKIN TROPNY**

The best event Belgravians in this good standard meeting at the Metropolitan Police ground was the Triple Jump in which Bob Couillaut and Lyle Moar finished 2nd and 4th with some terrific jumping. Both these athletes are only just seniors and before long could be giving Derek Boosey some long awaited competition from within the club.

Chris Martin and Philip Gee showed some good form in the sprints and Pete Pepe in his first race of the year clocked a good 16.4 for the high hurdles, finishing 3rd. Evan Stanghon arrived hoping for a Pole Vault competition but had to be content with a High Jump in which he finished 5th.

RESULTS:

<u>100y A</u> 4.C.Martin 10.4	<u>220y A</u> 4.C.Martin 23.8	<u>440y A</u> 3.R.Nelson 53.0
<u>100y B</u> 3.P.Gee 10.8	<u>220y B</u> 3.P.Gee 24.4	<u>440y B</u> 4.P.Smith 54.6
<u>T.Jump</u> 2.R.Couillaut 44'7½"	<u>H.Jmp</u> 5.E.Stanghon 5'4"	<u>Hammer</u> 6.W.Couzens 86'4½"
4.L.Moar 43'4"	<u>Jav.</u> 7.B.King 153'11½"	<u>120yH</u> 3.P.Pepe 16.4
<u>880y</u> 4.A.Morrison	<u>1 mile</u> 7.J.Leaver 4:36.9	<u>2 miles</u> 6.M.Thorpe 9:35
	10.J.Kelly 4:48.4	8.A.Major 9:38

Match: 1.TVH 88½pts, 2.Blackheath 88pts, 3.Met.Police 63pts, 5.BELGRAVE 34½pts

May 17th - Motspur Park - SURREY COUNTY CHAMP HEATS**Adrian Major runs best '3'**

Adrian Major, just 19, had a terrific run in the heats of the 3 miles to record 14:19.2, passing 2 miles in another best time of 9:33. With eight in each race to qualify for the final, Adrian and Chris Steer occupied 7th and 8th places for the first mile, but Chris found the pace too fast and was forced to drop back slightly whilst Adrian steadily moved through to finish a very good 5th, beating Dave Smallbone (Mitcham) who also ran his best time, on the run in.

Chris Martin clocked 22.7 in the furlong heats finishing 2nd to Mel Cheskin (Poly H) 21.9. These were the two fastest times of the day.

Qualifiers for finals:- 220y: C.Martin 22.7, 3miles: Gerry North 14:21.2

A.Major 14:19.2

Non-qualifiers:- 880y: D.Baines, 3miles: J.Bicourt, A.Black, C.Steer.

May 18th - Motspur Park - AAA v London University.

Four Belgravians competed in this match at Motspur Park, sandwiched between two days of County Champ.heats.

John Mitchell leaped to 22'10" in the Long Jump for 3rd place and Dave Rees, for the University team, cleared 10'4" in the Pole Vault; also 3rd. Jim Vivian ran a very strong 220y closing on the leaders fast in the straight and later took first leg for the winning AAA team in the 4 x 110y. Eddie Strong (Bristol) won the 2miles from Gerry North who was feeling a bit under the weather.

<u>L.Jump</u> 1.P.Reed (UL) 23'10½"	<u>2miles</u> 1.E.Strong (AAA) 8:55.4
2.T.Harry (AAA) 23'3½"	2.GERRY NORTH (AAA) 8:58.8
3.J.MITCHELL (AAA) 22'10"	3.N.Barton (UL) 9:06.6
<u>220y</u> A.Metcalf (n.s) 21.8	<u>P.Vlt.</u> =1.M.Higdon (AAA) 13'8"
1.N.Overhead (AAA) 22.2	=1.J.Hutton (AAA) 13'8"
2.D.Grant (UL) 22.2	3.D.REES (UL) 10'4"
3.J.VIVIAN (AAA) 22.3	<u>4x110y</u> 1.AAA(VIVIAN, Rice, Overhead, Pavitt) 42.4

May 19th - Motspur Park - SURREY COUNTY CHAMP.HEATS

John Thresher, now recovered from his recent injury, won his mile heat from Tony Harris (Mitcham), staying at the rear of the leading bunch for ¾ mile and then letting rip with a 58.2 last lap. John Bicourt was rather unlucky in his heat, finishing 4th (first 3 to the final) when his time was fractionally better than qualifiers of other races. First time under 4:30 for 2nd Lt.Leaver, J., home after a spell in Germany - well done!

Qualifiers for finals:- 1m: J.Thresher 4:19.1, D.Fernee 4:21.4

Non-qualifiers:- 1m: J.Leaver 4:27.1, J.Bicourt 4:20.6.

440y: P.Smith 54.0, D.Gleeson 53.8, A.Mead 53.4

May 20th/21st - BIRMINGHAM - BUSF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bob Jones leapt a windy 22'8½" in the University Champs to place 3rd behind M.Sharpe (Oxford) and Hamish Robertson (Glasgow) who is expected to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Games at Trinidad. This jump currently puts him only 1½ inches behind John Mitchell.

1.M.Sharpe (Oxford) 24'0½" 2.H.Robertson (Glasgow) 23'8" 3.R.Jones (Lough/BEL) 22'8½"

Chris Martin 2nd in SURREY CO. CHAMPS.

A great display of sprinting was put up by Chris Martin, our only Senior sprinter in the Championships, the climax coming when he chased the international Mel Cheskin (Poly) home in the final of the 220yds. Having already run in the heat and final of the 100yds (10.5/2nd - 10.4/5th) Chris was drawn in the outside lane of the furlong with Cheskin right on the inside. At the gun it was obvious that nobody would be able to touch the Polytechnic Harrier as he steamed through the field to win by 10yds in a new record but Chris fought off the rest to finish a brilliant 2nd in 22.2 - his best ever time.

John Thresher was 5th in the mile, having only been training in spikes for little more than a week. With a bit of luck he should be in top line for the major championship meetings later in the season. Seventh was our 2nd claim Poly member Derek Fernee with 4:15.1.

The 3 miles was a very tactical affair with no one wishing to take the lead and the field bunching up to three or four deep. After 3½ laps of this Gerry North shot to the front and within 220yds the field was strung right out - the first mile being reached in 4:36. Once again the leading pack slowed up and Roberts (SLH) took the initiative with Bob Holt (Hercules) and Robinson (Achilles) close behind. With all this chopping and changing the inevitable happened and unhappily, Mick Gowan (HHH) was badly spiked and had to drop out. At 2 miles (9:13.8) Gerry took the lead again and this time only Robinson followed. Adrian Major, running steadily near the rear of the field improved his best 2 mile time yet again with 9:32. One and a half laps left and Robinson made his effort and although Gerry closed in the final straight, he had to let his title go to the athlete who so nearly won it last year. Adrian tired over the last couple of laps but ran in a good 9th with another fine effort.

RESULTS:

100yds	1.M.Cheskin (Poly H) 10.0	3 miles	1.R.Robinson (Achilles) 13:41.6
	2.A.Tymms (Surrey AC) 10.0		2.Gerry North (BELGRAVE) 13:43.8
	3.D.Fitch (Twickenham) 10.1		3.I.Wheeler (HHH) 13:50.4
	5.C.Martin (BELGRAVE) 10.4		9.A.Major (BELGRAVE) 14:32.0
220yds	1.M.Cheskin (Poly H) 21.3(rec)	1mile	1.A.Harris (Mitcham) 4:04.8
	2.C.Martin (BELGRAVE) 22.2		2.I.Wheeler (HHH) 4:05.7
	3.B.Wickham (Dept.Pk) 22.2		3.D.Prior (Met.Pol) 4:06.2
			5.J.Thresher (BELGRAVE) 4:11.1
			7.D.Fernee (Poly H) 4:15.1



Chris Martin on his way to second place in the 220.

(Photo: P. Hilliar)

May 25th - Chiswick v Polytechnic H., London AC

Once again this meeting at the Poly H home ground was held in dreary, rainy conditions with a blustery wind to boot.

The line-up for the 100yds (specially run with the wind) was incredible. Poly had three internationals in Campbell, Frith and Cheskin - LAC had Winbolt-Lewis and Marsh - and running in "claret and gold" were John Mitchell and Chris Martin. Frith won in 9.8 but John was 3rd in the official time of 9.9 with Chris breathing down his neck! Unfortunately the timekeepers had the times all mixed up (not unusual at Chiswick where Frith and Ronay were both once given 10.2 for 100m) and the Bels times as taken by Dave Ansell were a more realistic but unofficial 10.2.

Adrian Major improved on his best half mile clocking as did Philip Smith in the 'quarter', but the hardest worked athlete of the meeting was John Thresher who took the 2 miles in 9:03.1 and no more than 10 minutes later lined up for the mile, this time finishing 2nd.

100yds	3.J.Mitchell	440yds	2.P.Smith 53.7	L.J	1.J.Mitchell 21'5"*
	4.C.Martin	880yds	2.A.Major 2:03.7	Dis.	3.B.King 97'3"*
			3.J.Kelly 2:04.7		4.J.Martin 96'1"
1mile	2.J.Thresher 4:31.0	4x220yds	2.BELG (Mitchell, Martin, Mead, Smith)		
2miles	1.J.Thresher 9:03.1		3.L.O'Hara 9:20.5		4.W.Kerr 9:26.0
Match:-	1.BELGRAVE H 57pts,		2.Poly H 47pts,		3.LAC 46pts.

May 28th/30th - White City - INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPS.

Fabulous 3 miles by North

Derek Boosey 2nd in Triple Jump

All the usual barracking in the "three-bobs" between Middlesex and Surrey supporters was completely forgotten as Geoff North, running in the blue and gold vest of Warwickshire, sailed past Bill Wilkinson to win the Inter-Counties 3 miles title in a championship best, personal best by a phenomenal 13.6 secs. and Belgrave Club Record. What a reply to Mal Robinson's 13:27.4! Geoff always looked in command of the situation, leading through the mile in 4:25.6 and thereafter hovering just behind the leader. Wilkinson was in front as 2 miles came up in 8:55.6 with Freary(Lancs), Geoff, McGrow(Yorks) and Briault(Mdx) all close up behind. With half a mile to go 'Wilkie' put in a fast lap and dropped all but Freary and 'our kid'. Then with a furlong left Freary slipped back. Forty yards from the tape and Geoff strode away to win - his final lap approximately 59.5.

Derek Boosey took the lead in the Triple Jump during the 2nd round with 49'5". But the next round saw Fred Alsop clearing 50'11" and try as he could, Derek could not close the gap on the Hornchurch Harrier; still holding 2nd place by 9".

In the '6' Gerry North stayed with the leaders gamely for nearly 5 miles but didn't look at his best in the heat, eventually finishing 7th in his fastest time this year.

All hoped that our top Steeplechaser, John Bicourt, would improve again in his speciality but he was unfortunately spiked and fell on the very first lap at the second barrier. He was quickly up but instead of being well positioned he found himself trailing at the back of the field. Pluckily working his way through, John was still improving on his position at the finish and despite his injury he still beat, amongst others, his victor at Leyton - Colin Moxsom.

RESULTS:

T.Jump.	1.F.Alsop(Essex)	50'11"	3miles	1.Geoff North(Warks/BEL)	13:18.8
	2.D.Boosey(Yorks/BEL)	49'5"		2.W.Wilkinson(Nth & Dur)	13:19.6
	3.G.Webb (Mon)	48'9"		3.M.Freary (Lancs)	13:23.6
6miles	1.B.Tulloh(Devon)	28:04.8	3000mSc	1.M.Herriott(Warks)	8:43.2
	2.R.Hill (Lancs)	28:10.2		2.E.Pomfret(Nth & Dur)	8:46.4
	3.A.Rushmer(Worcs)	28:10.2		3.B.Lee (Notts)	8:49.8
	7.Gerry North(Surrey)	28:27.6		13.J.Bicourt(Surrey/BEL)	9:23.0

June 1st - Tooting v SLH, LAC, Croydon H, Sutton & Cheam H.

Quite a number of Bels turned up for this meeting and the result was a fairly good 3rd place in the match to strong LAC and SLH teams.

One of the best races was the 220yds in which Martin Winbolt-Lewis of LAC just got the better of our Jim Vivian with Nigel Rice, also LAC, close behind. Chris Martin in the "B" race had no trouble in disposing of John Marsh (LAC). Adrian Major, now enjoying track running even more than cross-country, gave a great display of uninhibited running, leading past the bell in the 880yds in 57.0 but unfortunately slipping back during the 2nd lap. In the Long Jump, John Mitchell was forced to take 2nd place behind Kelly (HHH) with Bob Couillaut 4th and Barry Townsend 6th, only 1'7" covering the first six competitors. It is just as well that we have Derek Fernee running occasionally for us otherwise our points in one of our strong events - the 2 miles - would have totalled nil.

RESULTS:

100yds	A 3.J.Mitchell	10.6	220yds	A 2.J.Vivian	22.6
	B 2.C.Martin	10.7		B 1.C.Martin	22.8
440yds	A 3.P.Smith	54.0	880yds	4.A.Major	2:03.8
	B 2.R.Calderwood	53.9		5.R.James	2:07.7
1 mile	4.J.Dear	4:29.0	2 miles	1.D.Fernee	9:25.4
	8.H.Satchell	4:35.8		8.J.Tappy(J)	10:33.2
	9.L.Mann			11.D.Maclean	10:56.0
Discus	10.J.Martin	95'3"		14.A.Bousfield	11:31.0
	11.B.King	92'1"		15.C.Fairfield	12:07.0
	12.B.Townsend	91'10"	4x220yds	3.BELGRAVE H	1:34.6
	13. Gray	88'8"	Shot	8.J.Martin	52'10"
L.Jump	2.J.Mitchell	21'3"		10.B.Townsend	31'5"
	4.R.Couillaut	20'3"		11.B.King	30'10"
	6.B.Townsend	20'0"			
Match:-	1.LAC 41pts,	2.SLH 34pts,	3.BELGRAVE H	31pts,	4.S & C 30pts

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, 4th June at the Hurlingham Park Track saw the Belgrave Club Championships Meeting. There was a welcome return of the children's races and this together with the customary efficiency of our "top brass" officials created the ideal setting for our best Championships in years. Blessed with fine weather, although the wind was quite gusty, blowing up clouds of dust from the track, there was a good turn-out of spectators and athletes.

It was obvious we were in for an exciting afternoon when with his very first jump in the first event, Bob Jones upped the Champ. Best with a Long Jump of 23'2½". No sooner had the commotion died down when we were informed by the announcer that Bob, on his second leap, had improved again - this time to the winning mark of 23'5½". Derek Wade held 2nd place for most of the competition until John Mitchell, unable to produce his best form, displaced him with a 22 footer.

Chris Martin started a busy couple of hours by chasing home John in the 100yds, later reversing the result in the furlong. Both were very close races. The next event on his schedule was the quarter-mile for which there were heats. By the time the final came around he was practically dead on his feet but his turn of speed around the final bend was still too much for Bob Nelson and Alan Mead, so he gained himself a second 'pot'.

In the Javelin, Brian King threw over 9'0" further than before to beat Colin Clair by only 1" with Barry Townsend 3rd. Brian's magnificent effort just halted Colin's bid for a treble as he took the discus and shot, both with best distances by Belgravians so far this year.

Geoff North, after one false and one very doubtful start, made all the running in the 880yds, finishing well ahead of Dick Calderwood and Lionel Mann, both of whom had excellent runs. John Bicourt, who ran in 4th, had decided in view of his injury sustained in the Inter-Counties, not to compete in the Steeplechase leaving Alan Black to go it alone for a Meeting Record of 9:30.4. Bill Dance was 2nd in exactly 10 minutes with John Dear close behind.

Another solo effort for a record was John Thresher's very even paced mile of 4:13.2. The battle for the positions was much closer, however, Adrian Major fading towards the end with Pat Newell and John Bicourt both getting away from him.

Bob Jones made it a double by winning the Triple Jump from Bob Couillaut and Barry Townsend was an inch too good for Derek Wade in the high jump.

RESULTS:

<u>100yds</u>	1. J. Mitchell..... 10.4	<u>220yds</u>	1. C. Martin..... 23.0
	2. C. Martin..... 10.5		2. J. Mitchell..... 23.2
	3. T. Derham..... 10.8		3. P. Cornelius..... 26.2
	4. P. Smith..... 10.9	<u>880yds</u>	1. Geoff North..... 1:58.4
	5. Loveridge..... -		2. R. Calderwood..... 1:59.6
<u>440yds</u>	1. C. Martin..... 52.2		3. L. Mann..... 2:00.6
	2. R. Nelson..... 53.0		4. J. Bicourt..... 2:01.6
	3. A. Mead..... 53.1		5. P. Walsh..... 2:03.0
	4. P. Smith..... 55.0		6. D. Cocks..... 2:03.0
	5. D. Wade..... 55.4		7. H. Satchell..... 2:04.7
	6. J. Carton..... 55.8	<u>1 mile</u>	1. J. Thresher. (Ch. Bst) 4:13.2
<u>3000m</u>	1. A. Black.. (Ch. Bst) 9:30.4		2. P. Newell..... 4:25.2
<u>S. Ch</u>	2. G. Dance..... 10:00.0		3. J. Bicourt..... 4:27.8
	3. J. Dear..... 10:03.6		4. A. Major..... 4:29.2
	4. D. Maclean..... 11:01.4		5. G. Dance..... 4:32.6
<u>Discus</u>	1. C. Clair..... 118' 1½"		6. C. Steer..... 4:37.0
	2. R. Jones..... 97' 8"	<u>H. Jump</u>	1. B. Townsend..... 5' 9"
	3. J. Martin..... 96' 11"		2. D. Wade..... 5' 8"
	4. B. Townsend..... 92' 7½"		3. J. Martin..... 4' 8"
	5. B. King..... 91' 3½"	<u>T. Jump</u>	1. R. Jones..... 43' 0½"
	6. W. Couzens..... 88' 7"		2. R. Couillaut..... 42' 8"
	7. J. Kelly..... 77' 3½"		3. R. Bennett..... 41' 6½"
	8. G. Powell..... 71' 4"	<u>L. Jump</u>	1. R. Jones (Ch. Bst) .. 23' 5½"
<u>Javelin</u>	1. B. King..... 176' 10"		2. J. Mitchell..... 22' 2½"
	2. C. Clair..... 176' 9"		3. D. Wade..... 21' 2½"
	3. B. Townsend..... 154' 6½"		4. R. Couillaut..... 20' 10"
	4. W. Couzens..... 146' 1½"		5. R. Bennett..... 20' 4"
	5. R. Jones..... 138' 6"		6. D. Ansell..... 19' 6½"
	6. J. Rimmer..... 113' 6"	<u>2 mile</u>	1. R. Hall..... 15:30.8
<u>Shot</u>	1. C. Clair..... 36' 4½"	<u>Walk</u>	2. R. Barnes..... 15:51.8
	2. J. Martin..... 34' 9"		3. D. King..... 16:10.6
	3. B. Townsend..... 33' 5"		4. F. Duncan..... 16:19.2
	4. W. Couzens..... 33' 2½"		5. D. Fotheringham.. 16:28.6
	5. B. King..... 31' 3"		6. S. Laker Jones... 16:52.8
	6. R. Jones..... 30' 4"		

June 6th - Hendon - Southern Counties AAA v UAU

2 miles: 1.Geoff North (SCAAA/BELG) 8:52.2, 2.Gerry North (SCAAA/BELG) 9:08.4
3.R.Young (SCAAA/Horn) 9:11.2, 4.J.Richardson (UAU) 9:17.0.

June 8th - Battersea Park v Polytechnic H, Wimbledon AC

We won this match quite easily with 75 points to Wimbledon's 52 and Poly's 23. The 'half' was a great race, John Phelan (Wimbledon) making the pace until John Kelly (n.s Junior) shot past, attempting a long run for home with over 500yds left. He just failed to make it, Phelan repassing him in the straight but he hung on to record his best time of 2:00.2. Behind him were two more "p.bs" - L.Mann (2:00.4), Tony Fairclough (2:03.5).

Laurie O'Hara won the 2 miles as he liked from a large field whilst Philip Smith improved to 53.0 in the 440yds.

RESULTS:

<u>100yds</u>	1.C.Martin 10.3	<u>220yds</u>	1.J.Vivian 22.6	<u>440yds</u>	2.A.Mead 52.7
	4.A.Mills		2.C.Martin 23.2		4.P.Smith 53.0
<u>880yds</u>	2.L.Mann 2:00.4	<u>1m</u>	1.A.Major 4:26.3	<u>2m</u>	1.L.O'Hara 9:12.2
	3.A.Fairclough 2:03.5		2.J.Dear 4:33.6		3.P.Newell 9:16
<u>Javelin</u>	2.B.King 167'11"	<u>L.J</u>	2.R.Coullant 19'5"		6.H.Satchell 9:50
	3.B.Townsend 154'0"		3.B.Townsend 19'5"		8.D.Crookes 10:05
<u>Match:</u>	BELGRAVE H 75pts, Wimb.AC 52pts, Poly H 23pts				9.B.Nott 10:31
					12.E.Penny 10:55

June 8th - Palmers Park, Reading.Record 2 miles for JOHN THRESHER

How the Belgrave Records are crumbling these days. The 2 miles time fell to John Thresher with a sparkling 8:42.2 to beat Geoff North's year old time of 8:43. This underlines the great form John is hitting now.

Geoff improved to a seasonal best of 4:06.7 in the mile.

<u>1mile</u>	1.W.Wilkinson 4:05.1	<u>2 miles</u>	1.B.Tulloh (Ports) 8:42.0
	2.Geoff North 4:06.7		2.J.Thresher (BEL) 8:42.2
			3.R.Holt (Herc) 8:42.2

June 11th - CroydonJACK LEWIS TROPHY MEETING

There were some good performances from the Johns Mitchell (100/10.3) and Dear (3000mSC/9:49.4), with some useful points also being picked up by Bill Dance in the 'A' mile and Adrian Major in the 'B' event. We tied with Wimbledon AC for 3rd place in the match.

RESULTS:

<u>100yds</u>	A 2.J.Mitchell 10.3	<u>220yds</u>	3.C.Martin 22.7	<u>440yds</u>	A 5.P.Smith 53.7
	B 3.T.Derham 10.7				B 2.J.Carton 53.5
<u>880yds</u>	A 5.L.Mann 2:02.8	<u>1m</u>	A 2.G.Dance 4:20.6	<u>3000m</u>	A 1.J.Dear 9:49.4
	B 5.D.Baines 2:05.1		B 1.A.Major 4:22.2		- SC B 2.D.Maclean
<u>4x110yds</u>	4.BELS 45.3	<u>4x440yds</u>	3.BELS 3:43.4		10:26.8

Team:- 1.Croydon 207pts, 2.Brighton 198pts = 3.BELGRAVE H Wimbledon AC 178½pts.

June 14th - Stompond Lane v Walton AC, Hayes & Harlington

It was great to see Snowy Brooks back in action for us, winning the Long Jump and placing 4th in the High Jump and 220 yds, not to mention taking final leg in the relay. John Martin reached his best Shot mark of 36'11" to beat Bill Couzens for 3rd spot, with Bill occupying a similar position in the Javelin behind Brian King. Several mouths dropped open at the sight of Howard Satchell recording a very promising 4:29.2 in the mile for 5th place. Andrew Mills clocked a snappy 10.4 for the 'dash' and Junior Tony Brooks ran a spirited 52.2 for the 440 yds but despite these and other good performances we were well and truly beaten by Walton to the tune of 59½ points.

RESULTS:

<u>100yds</u>	4.A.Mills 10.4	<u>220yds</u>	4.C.Brooks 23.8	<u>440yds</u>	2.A.Brooks 52.2
<u>880yds</u>	4.A.Major 2:02.4	<u>1mile</u>	2.L.O'Hara 4:15.8		4.P.Gee 53.8
<u>Shot</u>	3.J.Martin 36'11"		3.A.Black 4:21.7	<u>2miles</u>	3.G.Dance 9:20.7
	4.W.Couzens 33'6"		5.H.Satchell 4:29.2		J.Dear 9:47.0
<u>Discus</u>	3.B.King 104'4"	<u>Jav.</u>	3.B.King 151'8"	<u>L.Jump</u>	1.C.Brooks 20'6"
			4.W.Couzens 148'7"		4.L.Moar 18'11"

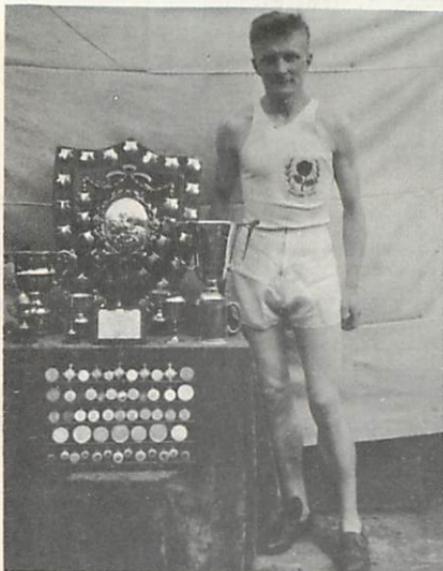
4 x 110 yds 2.BELGRAVE H 45.8 (Mills, Gee, T. Brooks, C. Brooks)

MATCH: 1.Walton 89pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 29½pts, 3.Hayes & Harlington 20½pts.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ●●●●●

C. T. CARTER



The scene: Battersea Park Track. The year: 1930. A young blond runner has just finished lapping the track several times and pauses for a walk. His stylish running has not gone un-noticed and a small man with a walking stick hobbles up and enquires "Do you belong to a Club?" The rosy cheeked youth stops, wondering whether the fellow means football club, youth club or Christmas club. "Er, not a running club, why?" he replies. The enquirer screws his eyes up yet again, leans heavily on his stick and says "Well you ought to take up running properly, and join one now". This conversation heralded the association of two men whose names were synonymous with Belgrave in the 30's and 40's. The man with the stick was Bert Footer, Belgrave's greatest ever Captain (then injured) and the fair headed novice Tom Carter - the subject of this article.

Tom Carter was born on 18th May 1908 in Putney and was raised, under the care of his grandparents, in Chelsea. Although his grandfather's brother had been a member of Ranelagh Harriers and a contemporary of the well known Sid Thomas,

Tom had no aspirations towards athletics. In fact the only competitive event he took part in at school was a walking race, which he duly won!

At the end of 1922 he left school and was apprenticed to a joiner. Keen on football, he belonged to a youth club where he played a game every Saturday and Sunday, soon becoming an established team player.

During these early years Tom also became a proficient ballroom dancer and five times a week danced his way into the night. His urge for competition gained him many successes, but these events were few and far between then and Tom was obliged to engineer his way into closed events. On one occasion he reached the final of the London British Legion Championships, but was disqualified when it was discovered that none of his relatives were members!

Dancing, Football and walking were his main preoccupations and it was not until 1928 that his athletic ability became apparent. The occasion was the Sports Day for Chelsea Youth Clubs, and on the strength of Tom's lasting ability on the soccer pitch his rector suggested he represented the Club in the mile. Not one for half measures, Tom borrowed a pair of spikes, ("a little too big") from a work-mate and dutifully appeared at the meeting. After two laps he lost a shoe, but he continued to "just follow the leaders" until the final straight, when he came thro' to win feeling highly elated and none too concerned about his blistered foot. He had won his first mile in fraction under 5 minutes. This display of natural ability led his club friends to persuade him to "gather an odd point" in the 440 yards. Strapping his shoes on more securely this time, he sprinted to the first bend, got the inside berth (no lanes then) and held off the opposition all the way round to score a second win. Carter's canniness had already made it's mark. But, most important, these results encouraged Tom to do a little training.

During this year he joined the "Young Imperials", soon becoming their Social Secretary, a position for which his extrovert sense of humour was well suited.

It was at the London Sports Day of the Young Imperials that Tom first rubbed shoulders with a Belgravian - our own Norman Dewberry, who a few days earlier had been placed in the Belgrave 1 mile Championship. Once again Tom produced a final flourish, passing Norman in the straight to finish second and go forward with the winner to the All England Championship at the Crystal Palace. Tom was not over-awed by this premier event and, rising to the occasion, finished 4th, beating the London first string and clocking 4:46 -

an excellent time for a novice, particularly in 1929.

Further encouraged, Tom began to visit Battersea Park track and it was here that he met the "little man with the stick", as previously related.

He was not sure which club to join, if one at all; but under some pressure from Tommy Scrimshaw and Ernie Duffett he decided on Belgrave, "mainly because I liked their vest".

On 29th August 1930 Tom Carter was formally elected a member of Belgrave Harriers - a date of great significance for the Club. Only a few weeks after joining he made his mark. Off only 40 seconds in the Yacht 3 miles handicap he finished second! From then on he went from strength to strength, and in 1934 ran his first "National"; Belgrave finishing 3rd and Tom 95th. The following year he was walking on air; a "National" team-winners medal was his, thanks to his 19th position; but there was still the little matter of the four Belgravians that finished in front! In 1936 he put it right by being first Belgrave man home (12th) and gaining a place in the International team.

The successes of his long career are too numerous to mention in full. Suffice it to say that wherever Belgrave went Carter went also, and the Club was all-conquering in the 1933-48 era. He obtained his Surrey County Colours at the first attempt and represented the County over the country on 19 occasions. During one of these trips to the "Inter-Counties" an argument developed between the late Jack Crump (team manager) and George Pallett (then Herne Hill) over which of two runners to drop from the team. Tom who was Captain on this occasion, heard all the arguments for and against, and with typical unselfishness stepped in and insisted on dropping himself as he was not yet back to his best after injury.

Footer and Penny were his close rivals for most of the time, but Tom is the proud owner of the rare AAA vest of early design, which neither of the others managed to obtain - and he still raises a chuckle over this..Many of our present active members will be surprised to learn that Carter actually turned down his first ever invite from the AAA because it clashed with an important Club event. He is sorry to see the present clamour for "over-rated" races outside Club fixtures and firmly believes that many "stars" are losing their sense of values. It is fascinating to hear him reminisce and to relate anecdotes concerning innumerable Belgravians, but the one for whom he had



Photo: The start of the London-Brighton Relay 1932. Carter (B1) finished 4th on the first stage with 21-22, breaking the previous course record. One place ahead was Birchfield's R.R. Sutherland (C1).

most admiration was Bert Footer, "his great determination and personal example put our Club on the map".

In 1938 Tom married Ethel the girl who had keenly supported him and the Club for many years. It is an indication of their keenness that, because of a mix-up in dates and the clash of their wedding day with the well known Plymouth track meeting, they (?) put their wedding back a day!

It was not long after this that Europe became embroiled in war, and the organisation of athletics took a severe knock. Tom had now become a proficient mill-wright and being in a totally reserved occupation was able to help hold together those few members that were left behind. Despite difficulties with the "blitz" and "black-out" he still kept training, and in season 1940/41 had a remarkable sequence of nine wins in nine weeks, generally against the best opposition in the South. His coverage in the newspapers increased week by week. The run of wins was broken on the 10th outing thro' going off course and failing to get back to the front by a mere 2 seconds.

Eventually the war ended and the 1945/46 season found Tom running as well as ever. The "National" was staged once more, with Belgrave defending champions after their win in 1939. Carter had won the Southern title and was expected to make the International team quite easily but, as in 1937 when he was also tipped for a place, he contracted 'flu', ill-advisedly ran, and finished 16th. Nevertheless he had helped Belgrave to retain their title and it was this that mattered most to him.

What were his most satisfying moments? Well, there were many, but one was undoubtedly being a scoring member of our last winning National team (1948) at the age of 40 years. He continued to make our National teams for two further years, but it was perhaps symbolic that as Tom faded so did our team (6th in 1949, 8th in 1950). The second experience he most likes to recount was his win in the "Southern" of 1946. He was invincible at this time, particularly over our own course where the race was held, but he had heard that Doug Wilson (Poly) was planning to run one lap only and use his well known miling speed to break Tom and let in Bingham (Finchley) - Carter was always a very fast starter and would not ease up until he had got clear of the field. Doug Wilson remembers to this day how Tom went out and ran him off his feet after 2 miles - going on to win the title by 32 seconds.

The retirement of Carter from competition coincided with the start of a ten-year lean spell for our runners. It was particularly galling for Tom to

witness this, having been a key figure for so long during Belgrave's superiority. He resolved to do something about it personally and embarked on a scheme to nurture a group of boys and youths and to coach them through to Senior status. He was elected Junior Captain and in 1956 became our President. The first of his pupils included Fairclough, Steer and Cocks, who have since proved their worth in the Senior ranks.

Tom's coaching school is still going strong at Battersea Park, where he appears each Tuesday to give them their week's programme. He enjoys being amongst our young members and its quite apparent that they like him to be there too - not just so they can be one of the dozen bodies that are frequently transported home in his car, but because he is young at heart, has a sense of humour, and most of all, understands them.

Tom is now in his 59th year (though he looks 10 years younger) and has a business of his own. His bubbling enthusiasm and Carterian humour are as active now as they ever were, whether it be at track or committee room. He still does a little running, but that irrepresible competitive urge now has to be satiated by the frustrations of golf!

It is 36 years since that fair headed youngster met Bert Footer at Battersea track - Belgrave Harriers have been richer for every one of them.



Sydney Wooderson congratulates Carter after the latter's inter-club win at Wimbledon, 1940.

JUNIOR SECTION

Our Junior Section has performed exceptionally well this season, notching up five match wins out of a possible six (the one they lost was by just 1 point). Main points scorers have been John Kelly, Tony Brooks and Philip Gee - all first year Juniors, and Stevie White who is only a first year Youth and one of the most promising young athletes we have. Many times this summer these athletes together with Jim Vivian have scored a goodly amount of points in our Senior matches.

Jim, so far, has picked up a double championship win in the Surrey County (100y/220y), successfully defended his 'Southern' 100y and is now set to improve on last years 2nd and 4th places in the AAA Junior event at Hurlingham on 13th August. Tony Brooks is another to compete at Hurlingham, hoping to cut down on his 51.2 'quarter' set up in an S.C.A.A.A. race at Battersea on 12th June. John Kelly failed by the narrowest of margins to break 2 minutes for the 880y, his closest mark being 2:00.0 on a running watch - heartbreaking!

Both John and Tony also perform well on the field, backing up Derek Thorogate whose Discus throw of 139'7" in the County Champs was worth a new Club Record (Yths) and a bronze medal. He also placed 3rd in the shot, this time just missing the record mark by 3". Youth jumper Arnold Bent has been bugged by injury lately but still regularly notches up wins for us, his best clearances being a 5'8" High Jump (Junior and Youth Records) and a Long Jump of 20'6½".

So, with the AAA Junior and one or two other matches to come, we can look back on one of the best ever seasons we have had from our younger members.

***** April 23rd - Battersea Park v Ealing & Southall. Hercules AC

Belgrave won the Junior match and were third in the Youth match on this windy afternoon at Battersea. Tony Brooks took the 'quarter' comfortably in 54.2 having already competed in three field events plus the LAC Schools 440y (53.0) the evening before. John Kelly, another versatile athlete, was 2nd in the Javelin and 880y, having led for 660y, dropped to a 10y deficit and then all but winning with a final desperate effort. Our leading points scorer in the Youths section was Steve White who won the two sprints and the Long Jump. He was another who had competed in the LAC meeting.. John Hamilton ran a good 440y, being well up for half a lap. He had taken too much out of himself, however, and was just pipped in the straight by a very strong Hercules boy who had taken his first furlong somewhat easier.

RESULTS:			JUNIORS					
100y	3.P.Gee	11.2	220y	2.P.Gee	25.1	880y	2.J.Kelly	2:04.6
	5.G.Hale	-	440y	1.A.Brooks	54.2		3.R.Moody	2:09.4
L.J	2.A.Brooks	20'3"	Jav.	2.J.Kelly	119'0"			
Shot	3.A.Brooks	27'2½"		3.A.Brooks	106'2½"	4 x 110y	1.BELGRAVE H	
							(Hale, Moody, Gee, Brooks)	
RESULTS:			YOUTHS					
100y	1.S.White	11.5	440y	2.J.Hamilton	59.0	1m	4.R.Hamilton	5:13.6
220y	1.S.White	25.1					5.A.Chandler	5:21.8
L.J	1.S.White	19'0"	4 x 110y	1.BELGRAVE H	(White, Chandler, J.Hamilton, R.Hamilton)			
Jun.Match:	1.BELGRAVE H	54pts,	2.Ealing/S	47pts,	3.Herc	39pts.		
Yth.Match:	1.Hercules	64pts,	2.Ealing/S	45pts,	3.BELGRAVE H	41pts.		

April 30th - Carshalton -

BELS win ST. HELIER TROPHY

The scoring of only one athlete per club in each event suited us fine as we are short of middle-distance men and our boys trounced the opposition to win the St.Helier Trophy. Jim Vivian was our only winner on the track but Derek Thorogate took both of the field events with good distances from classy opponents who were several years older than himself.

RESULTS:								
100y	3.P.Gee	11.2	Shot	1.D.Thorogate	42'11"	880y	2.J.Kelly	2:06.2
220y	1.J.Vivian	23.0	Jav.	1.D.Thorogate	130'3"	1m	4.R.Moody	5:05.5
440y	2.A.Brooks	53.8	4 x 110y	1.BELGRAVE H	(Moody, Gee, Brooks, Vivian)			
Match:	1.BELGRAVE H	41pts,	2.Mitcham AC	33pts,	3.Sutton & Cheam	30pts,		
	4.Queens Park H	23pts,	5.Croydon H	16pts,	6.Hercules AC	11pts.		

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Long Jump - 1.T.Birchmore(Enfield) 21'4½", 2.J.Mitchell (BELG) 21'2½",
3.A.Huber (Highgate) 20'11¼"

May 11th - Battersea Park v Queens Park H, Mitcham

John Kelly ran an excellent 2:02.9 for the 880y, finishing 2nd to Pinfield of Mitcham. As usual he made all the early pace, leading past the bell in 60.0secs. but falling back slightly with 220y to go. With someone else taking the initiative he should go very close to, if not under, 2 mins. He finished off the evening with a 54.6 'quarter' behind Philip Gee's 53.5. The High Jump was a push over for Arnold Bent who won easily with 5'1", still having a further 7 or 8 inches in hand.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u> 1.P.Gee 11.2	<u>880y</u> 2.J.Kelly 2:02.9	<u>H.J</u> 1.A.Bent 5'1"
<u>440y</u> 1.P.Gee 53.5	<u>220y</u> 3.B.Freeman 27.4	
3.J.Kelly 54.6	<u>Match:</u> 1.BELS 34pts, 2.Mitcham 26pts, 3.QPH 24pts.	

May 7th/8th - Wimbledon Park - SURREY RELAY CHAMPS.

Junior 4 x 110yds - In this race we had felt quite confident of victory. However, our star performer, Jim Vivian, pulled a muscle two days before the race and Geoff Hale missed his train. So we fielded a team with that well known half-miler - Schhhh.... you know who.. running first leg. Starting in the wrong lane, he craftily switched to an inside lane after the start and gained a five yard advantage. Being a middle-distance runner though, even with a five yard advantage he could not be expected to be leading, so Philip Gee took over second leg in 4th position. A very good leg by Philip brought us to within reach of the leaders and on the next leg Tony Brooks caught up even more. Kevin Finn did well on the last stretch to pursue the leaders right to the finish but we could only manage 3rd place.

1.KCS Wimbledon 46.1, 2.Bishop Grant School 46.6, 3.BELGRAVE H 46.8.

Youths 4 x 110yds - Composed of three Tulse Hill school mates and John Hamilton, the Youth team looked promising. It is obvious that with a little extra training, John, Eric Wickens, Geoff Shaw and Steve White will end up with performances equalling those of last years Junior team. The changeovers were perfect and the team managed a very creditable 3rd. It must be remembered that they all have another year in this section.

Junior 4 x 220yds - With the arrival of Geoff Hale, we felt more confident. After a good first leg by Geoff we were well positioned and our place was held on to by Kevin Finn. A brilliant third leg by Philip Gee brought us up into 2nd place. Tony Brooks proved to be too eager to take the lead and this led to some bumping on the bend. As he and the Mitcham runner Ian Hill hit the straight they gave the crowd a good exhibition of boxing and whilst engaged in this, failed to notice Kings College on the outside. The final result was extremely close.

1.KCS Wimbledon 1:37.0, 2.BELGRAVE H 1:37.0, 3.Mitcham AC 1:37.1

May 17th - Motpur Park - SURREY COUNTY CHAMP.HEATS**THOROGATE GAINS TWO COUNTY MEDALS**

Derek Thorogate gained us our first medals of the meeting by placing 3rd in both the Youth shot and Discus. His Shot Putt mark was 47'9½" whilst his discus reached 139'7" . A new Youth Club Record.

After treatment from Ted Chappell it was hoped that Jim Vivian's leg injury was fully recovered and sure enough it was. Cruising around the turn in the furlong in 4th place, he didn't open up until 50yds from the tape but still finished 5yds ahead of the second man. Philip Gee ran his best ever time to qualify in the other heat in 3rd position.

John Kelly found himself run out of the final in the half-mile during a tactical race. The first lap was taken at 61.4 and the result was a fast second lap of 59.0 odd - too fast for John, but better luck next year.

Qualifiers for finals: 220y P.Gee 23.7, J.Vivian 22.9 .

Non Qualifiers: 880yds J.Kelly 2:03.5 .

June 12th - Battersea Park - Southern Counties AAA Junior Invitation 440y

1.J.Greatrex (SLH) 50.7, 2.D.Wilkinson (Twick) 50.9, 3.A.Brooks (BELS) 51.2

July 29th - Carshalton - Carshalton Trophy

<u>100y</u> 3.A.Brooks 10.7	<u>440y</u> 3.P.Gee 55.6	<u>H.J.</u> 1.A.Bent 5'0"
<u>220y</u> 2.A.Brooks 24.3		<u>L.J.</u> 1.A.Bent 19'4"

May 21st - Motpapur Park - SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**GOOD SPRINTING BY VIVIAN AND GEE**

Our two championship wins both came from Jim Vivian in the 100yds and 220yds. He won his heat in the short sprint easily in 10.3; Philip Gee just missing the final in his race finishing 4th in 10.9. The final produced the first false start of the afternoon but they were all away at the second attempt, Jim storming through to win by 2yds from Matthews of Sutton & Cheam Harriers.

The 220yds final, one hour later, looked Jim's from the start but Taylor of Guildford & Godalming was pushing him all the way. Philip Gee in the outside lane improved on his fastest furlong for the second time during the week with 23.4 in 5th place.

<u>100 yds</u>	1.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H)	10.2	<u>220 yds</u>	1.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H)	22.4
	2.I.Matthews (Sttn & C)	10.4		2.L.Taylor (Guildford)	22.5
	3.J.Owens (Sy.Bgls)	10.4		3.I.Matthews (Sttn & C)	22.7
				5.P.Gee (BELGRAVE H)	23.4

May 25th - Chiswick v Polytechnic H.

Our Junior team completely outclassed the opposition with Tony Brooks winning three events (all with good performances) and Philip Gee placing 2nd twice. Prior to running 54.8 in the 440yds, John Kelly had finished 3rd in the Senior 880yds with 2:04.7.

<u>100y</u>	1.A.Brooks	10.7	<u>440y</u>	1.A.Brooks	52.6	L.J	1.A.Brooks	19'10"
	2.P.Gee	10.8		2.P.Gee	54.0			
				J.Kelly	54.8			

Match: 1.BELGRAVE H 28pts, 2.Polytechnic H 8pts.

June 1st - Tooting v SLH, LAC, Croydon H, Sutton & Cheam H.

Our first defeat of the season was handed out by Sutton & Cheam H. by just 1 point. Arnold Bent took the Long Jump with 19'10" and a good 2nd place was gained by Gray in the Shot. Consistently in the 52.0 sec. range, Tony Brooks looks set to do well in the more important championships lined up in the next few weeks. Yet again John Kelly had a duel with Hylands (Hercules) who was this time running as a guest, and once again he was just piped, the rest of the field way back.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	4.R.Laidler	11.5	<u>440y</u>	1.A.Brooks	52.7	<u>Shot</u>	2. Gray	37'3"
<u>880y</u>	2.J.Kelly	2:03.7		2.P.Gee	54.5	<u>L.J.</u>	1.A.Bent	19'10"
<u>4 x 220y</u>	1.BELS	1:36.0	<u>n/s Yth 880y</u>	1.R.Hamilton	2:14.0			
				4.R.Laidler	2:18.5			

Match: 1.Sutton & Chm 32pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 31pts, 3.Croydon H 17pts, 4.SLH 16pts, 5.LAC 7pts.

June 8th - Battersea Park v Wimbledon AC, Poly H

Another Belgrave team win with two individual firsts from John Kelly with the unlikely combination of Javelin and 880y (report elsewhere) and another double from Tony Brooks in the two longer sprints with further places in the Javelin and Long Jump.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	2.P.Gee	11.1	<u>220y</u>	1.A.Brooks	24.4	<u>440y</u>	1.A.Brooks	52.2
	4.B.Freeman		<u>880y</u>	1.J.Kelly	2:00.2		3.P.Gee	53.2
<u>Jav.</u>	1.J.Kelly	111'3"	<u>L.Jmp</u>	2.A.Bent	19'6"	<u>Match:</u>	1.BELGRAVE H	54pts
	2.A.Brooks	104'10"		3.A.Brooks	18'6X"		2.Wimbledon	28pts

June 22nd - Battersea Park v SLH, Surrey AC

Jim Tappy showed some good speed by running home 3rd in the 880yds, in which John Kelly was beaten into 2nd place. Philip Gee romped both sprints with Tony Brooks giving us another 52.0 clocking in the 440yds. John Kelly added another string to his bow - this time the shot which he won together with the Javelin.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	1.P.Gee	11.1	<u>440y</u>	1.A.Brooks	52.0	<u>Javelin</u>	1.J.Kelly	120'4"
<u>220y</u>	1.P.Gee	24.5	<u>880y</u>	2.J.Kelly	2:02.0		2.A.Brooks	97'10"
	2.S.White	24.6		3.J.Tappy	2:03.8	<u>Shot</u>	1.J.Kelly	26'10"
						<u>L.Jmp</u>	1.A.Brooks	19'9"

Match: 1.BELGRAVE H 61pts, 2.Surrey AC 46pts, 3.SLH 8pts.

June 4th - Hurlingham**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Jim Vivian took both sprints as expected from Philip Gee in the 100yds and Tony Brooks in the 220yds. Tony also won the 'quarter' and 'half' in good times with Philip 2nd again and John Hamilton, only a first year Youth, putting up a great performance for 3rd place in the shorter event. The 880y promised to be an interesting race and, as in the Senior event, there was a false start as John Kelly prepared to tear away from his faster finishing rival Tony. The second time away though, he was much slower and had to fight through the field in the back straight. Tony led at his own pace all the way and John never really got on terms with him. John Lewis was a worthy 3rd. and Robert Hamilton 4th. Arnold Bent was the only competitor in the High Jump. Perhaps it is his reputation that scares all the opposition away.

RESULTS:

<u>RESULTS:</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>			
700y	1.J.Vivian 10.4	220y	1.J.Vivian 23.2	440y	1.A.Brooks 52.8
	2.P.Gee 11.2		2.A.Brooks 24.2		2.P.Gee 54.7
	3.A.Bent 11.3		3.S.White 25.1		3.J.Hamilton 55.8
	4.S.White 11.4		4.A.Sampson 26.3		4.J.Kelly 56.0
			5.B.Freeman 27.5		5.A.Sampson 59.7
1mile	1.J.Kelly 4:54.6	880y	1.A.Brooks 2:02.7		
	2.R.Hamilton 5:13.2		2.J.Kelly 2:05.7		5.R.Moody 2:33.4
	3.A.Chandler 5:23.9		3.J.Lewis 2:07.7		6.R.Keys 2:34.5
H.Jmp	1.A.Bent 5'7"		4.R.Hamilton 2:15.0		7.A.Chandler 2:34.5

BOYS

100y	1.P.Priest 11.7	880y	1.P.Dunn 2:22.2
	2.P.Dunn 12.1		2.P.Priest 2:26.4
	3.R.Williams		3.R.Williams 2:32.5
	4.R.Ward		4.P.Iqbal 2:52.0
	5.S.Beadon		5.S.Beadon 3:03.6
	6.R.Hopkins		6.R.Hopkins 3:05.0
			7.A.Hare 3:10.2

June 25th/July 2nd - Hurlingham**VIVIAN retains 'Southern' 100 yards**Part 1.

Jim Vivian was beaten into 3rd place in the Junior furlong by the fast improving Alan Pascoe (Portsmouth AC) and L.Taylor (Guildford) who Jim beat in the 'Surrey'. The quarter-mile saw Tony Brooks putting up two very good times in qualifying for the final the following week.

220y	1.A.Pascoe (Portsmouth) 22.3	440y	Heat A.Brooks(BEL) 51.8
	2.L.Taylor (Guildford) 22.5		S.f. A.Brooks(BEL) 51.6
	3.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H) 22.7(22.6sf)		

Part 2.

In an extremely close finish, after a terrible start, Jim retained his Junior title with his fastest time so far this season of 10.1. Hurdler Andy Todd of Brighton was 2nd. Earlier, Tony Brooks had failed to get through his heat although clocking 10.6 and Steve White ran his best of 10.8 in the Youth semi-final. Tony equalled last years 51.5 in the 440yds to finish 5th, the winner being the mighty John Wilson (QPH) with 48.9.

100y	1.J.Vivian(BELGRAVE H) 10.1	440y	1.J.Wilson (QPH) 48.9
	2.A.Todd (Brighton) 10.1		2.N.Clarke(KAC) 50.2
	3.J.Wilson (QPH) 10.2		3.M.Watson (TVH) 51.2
Heat	A.Brooks (BELGRAVE H) 10.6		5.A.Brooks(BELGRAVE H) 51.5
100y Yth Semi-final		Jun 4x110y	1.E.Beagles 43.6
	S.White (BELGRAVE H) 10.8		2.Kings College 44.1
Yth 4x110y			3.BELGRAVE(K.Finn,P.Gee, A.Brooks,J.Vivian) 44.3
	6.BELGRAVE H 47.0		

July 11th - Tootingv Herne Hill HJuniors

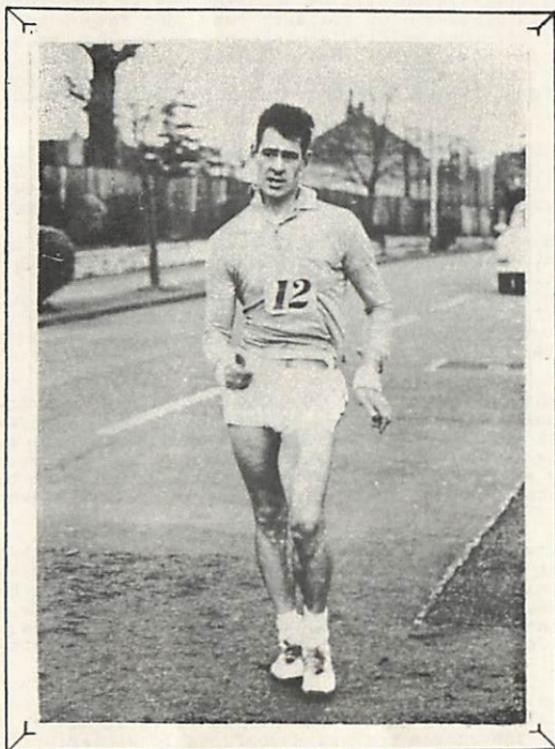
100y	1.A.Brooks 10.8
220y	1.P.Gee 24.3
880y	1.A.Brooks 2:02.6
E.J.	1.A.Brooks 20'3½"
<u>N.Scoring Yth 220y</u>	
	1.M.Franks 24.8
	2.J.Hamilton 25.3

Youths

100y	1.S.White 11.0
	2.M.Franks 11.1
	3.R.Laidler -
220y	1.S.White 24.5
	2.R.Laidler 25.3
880y	2.R.Hamilton 2:13.4

WALKING

What a great effort by Ray Middleton (see Editorial). His Empire Games silver medal was a just reward for his performances this season and, dare we say it, symbolic of his runner-up record this year. Every time Ray beats the race favourites, someone else seems to pop up and steal the limelight. In the R.W.A. 20 miles he beat Wallwork and Thompson, only for Norman Read of New Zealand to beat him by just half a minute; in the R.W.A. 50 kilos he cracked Nihill, only for Thompson to come through and win; and to crown it all in Jamaica he beat both his former victors, only for Wallwork to take his turn at winning. Altogether this happened on eight occasions between April 20th and August 6th, the victors being Nihill (twice), Read (twice), Thompson, McCullagh, Brooks and Wallwork. Everyone, except Wallwork so far, has been soundly beaten by Ray since their wins. Ray will not have Ronnie along side him in Budapest so will have to wait for an opportunity to continue the trend; perhaps he could try willing himself to believe that every competitor in Budapest is Wallwork - you never know!



Ray Middleton had his usual steady start to the season and, in the four "National" races, improved with each performance - clinching his Empire and European Games places. After the 10 miles, 20 kilos and 20 miles races it looked as if Belgrave were in danger of a complete shut-out for medals in 1966. Team positions of 5th, 4th and 4th did not auger well for the 50 kilos on July 23rd, but rising to the occasion on an oppressively hot day our boys romped home to an excellent win, placing 7 in 23. Middleton was still working up to peak form when the 10 miles and 20 kilos were held, but he began to come into his own on June 11th when the R.W.A. 20 miles was held in the Midlands. Holding the leaders to within a minute for three-quarters of the race, he made his effort over the final 5 miles, permitting only Norman Read the Olympic Gold Medallist to head him home. Some felt that if he'd made his effort earlier he would have clinched a win - who can tell? There were "ifs and buts" also at Chigwell Row after the 50 kilos, but no-one begrudged the diminutive Don Thompson his win. Jack Goswell is as shrewd a

tactician as any and he advised Ray to go out gunning for Nihill right from the start, as he knew that the S.W.C. man was not himself when under pressure. It worked. Nihill stretched his lead to 43 seconds at 10 kilos, lost it over the next 10 kilos, and was 75 seconds down at the 30 kilos mark; Thompson being over a minute further behind. It was here that Ray began to blister badly, and his blood soaked sock at the finish was adequate evidence of the courage he had shown during the final stages when he had to fight against pain, the effects of his fast start and his old rival Thompson. Compensation was provided to the full though by our team's great win. On a day when half the field couldn't take it we had Ray Middleton (2nd), Ray Hall (5th), Dave King (9th), Bob Farley (11th), Pat Duncan (19th), George Beecham (20th) and John Keown (23rd) - heroes all!

It is good to see George Beecham getting back to his old form. Now living at Canvey Island, George has established a routine of walking home from work (11 miles) and he is already feeling the benefit. By the time these notes are read he will have completed the Hastings - Brighton — a race Jack Goswell regards as a reliable yardstick for form in the London - Brighton on September 3rd. Belgravians will be watching George's performance in the latter race with interest as our stalwart over that famous course, Ray Hall, is a non-starter. Our road walking captain has had a long season of distance work - The Stock Exchange events starting early in March - and felt obliged to ease off after the 50 kilos. The demands of the "Exchange" and family life make his efforts to lead the team in support of Middleton all the more creditable.

The walkers are in luck! That bespectacled Surrey man, with Leicestershire sympathies, a Cheshire vest and a Belgravian-bred wife is back down South. Yes, who else! Eric Hall. Our team could certainly do with him again, just as the Editors could do with some more of his "journalism"!

Turn-outs have been disappointing this summer and some faces rarely seen Steve Laker-Jones, David Mayo and Mick Hamlin for instance. We understand the latter is shortly going abroad. David is now teaching at a U.S. station in East Anglia and Bob Barnes, who is in Cambridge, is hoping David will be able to join him for some training sessions. Bob has managed to find some training companions and is now training more regularly; the effects may well show up this winter.

Dave King, who did well in the 50 kilos, has moved from Bournemouth to Uppingham, near Hull, which means he will not be able to compete for us very often. He is still getting in the mileage and we hope he will keep in touch with us. Bob Farley, who has been a P.E. instructor at Loughborough College for some time now will be moving from there shortly. His work has kept him very fit and we shall be delighted if his move brings him nearer to Belgrave Hall.

Jack Goswell would like to see our walkers stepping up their mileage, particularly those who are just not doing enough to tackle races of over 10 miles. Time is the enemy of us all, but you will only chop it down in the races if you add it on to the training. Obtain the strength to compete at the longer distances and the short ones will look after themselves. By the way, don't forget that the secret of our past great teams was pack training from Belgrave Hall.

Ray Middleton won the Ipswich Open '10' in a new course record of 77:54. Fogg (Enfield) was the early leader but Ray moved up in his usual way over the second half of the course and was a comfortable winner.

After leading Wales to the basketball championship of the Home Countries in April, Vaughan Thomas was back in training again for walking competition hoping to get into the Welsh Empire Games team. If he did take part in the trial he was not placed in the first 6, so was unsuccessful.

The Belgrave 1966 20 miles Club Champion is Ray Middleton (2:41:43) who won from Ray Hall (2:55:29) and Gerry Cameron (2:56:43).

Ray Hall was a good winner of the Stock Exchange 25 miles championship at Hayes on April 2nd, winning by over 8 minutes (3:41:21) from his old rival Dicky Green (SWC).

The R.W.A. Annual General Meeting will be held at the Polytechnic, 309 Regent Street, W.1. on Saturday 17th September.

The Barking to Southend Police walk could not be held owing to the seamen's strike which necessitated the police being available for duty.

Ray Middleton won the Open race at the Wiltshire County 20 miles on May 21st at Swindon. He won by nearly 4 minutes in a time of 2:35:55.

Gerry Cameron produced a good performance in the Leicester "Mercury" Open '20', finishing 9th in a hot field with 2:59:59 - easily under 3 hours!

The Bradford Open 50 Kilos was absolutely dominated by Ray Middleton. He won by a QUARTER OF AN HOUR! Runner up was A. Johnson (Sheffield). Ray's time? - 4:38:59.

We regret that, owing to late arrival of material, we are unable to print full results of the walking programme. These will be published, in condensed form, in our December issue.

HOW I TRAINED

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

Here is a summary of a debate on the merits of strolling vis-a-vis stripped training.

The main arguments appeared to be whether strolling should take precedence over stripped training and how fast the strolling should be. Our Brighton cup-holder confesses to a preference for speeds of well over five miles per hour. The ex-holder favoured Alf Pope's preference for a steady 4½ mph (15 minute miles) in which he is supported by Harold Whitlock.

Other and equally important considerations which might have been discussed had time permitted are:- (a) That strolling training can be done from home and is much less likely to attract small children, dogs and offers of a lift, and (b) that it is not always easy for a family man to find time for all day strolling.

Those out to reach Brighton in the first three must of course study seriously the strolling school plan, but those whose aim is as yet less ambitious may take comfort from the fact that most of the men who walked in our team last September, which was certainly the finest eight we have ever fielded, did most of their preparation in stripped training and racing over shorter distances, with very little high speed or long distance strolling.

For those who like to collect statistics and those wise enough to rely not too much on schedules, the following times of the first dozen at the principal check-points in the 1950 Brighton race will prove interesting. For purposes of comparison we have given calculated times for speeds varying from 5½ to 6½ mph together with the actual times of the Green - Ludlow - H. Whitlock record holders of pre-war days.

London to Brighton Walk.

	Purley 12½	Redhill 20½	Crawley 29½	Bolney 38½	Brighton 52
6½ m.p.h.	1:51:08	3:00:07	4:23:07	5:39:35	7:42:13
6¼ m.p.h.	1:55:27	3:07:13	4:33:32	5:52:35	8:00:00
6¼ m.p.h.	2:02:02	3:14:40	4:44:24	6:07:02	8:19:12
6 m.p.h.	2:05:02	3:22:47	4:56:16	6:22:20	8:40:00
5¾ m.p.h.	2:10:28	3:31:34	5:09:05	6:38:53	9:02:26
5½ m.p.h.	2:16:24	3:41:01	5:23:08	6:57:01	9:27:16
1950					
1. G. Whitlock	(1) 1:51:39	(1) 2:59:40	4:31:32	(1) 6:01:21	(1) 8:19:13
2. Megnin	(2) 1:55:55	(2) 3:04:00	4:36:29	(2) 6:04:31	(2) 8:29:17
3. Reading	(6) 1:57:10	(6) 3:12:40	4:49:59	(4) 6:20:25	(3) 8:36:55
4. Henderson	(10) 2:02:15	(11) 3:15:40	4:49:58	(5) 6:20:26	(4) 8:41:31
5. H. Whitlock	(4) 1:57:00	(3) 3:08:35	4:44:41	(3) 6:15:43	(5) 8:43:47
6. St. Wakeley	(13) 2:04:45	(13) 3:21:33	4:59:57	(12) 6:31:24	(6) 8:49:20
7. Hubert	(7) 1:59:08	(10) 3:14:38	4:53:31	(9) 6:25:52	(7) 8:50:08
8. Leveridge	(8) 1:59:08	(9) 3:14:08	4:53:32	(10) 6:25:53	(8) 8:50:38
9. Tunbridge	(3) 1:56:35	(4) 3:09:20	4:51:32	(7) 6:24:35	(9) 8:51:16
10. McSweeney	(14) 2:10:40	(14) 3:30:30	5:05:25	(13) 6:33:22	(10) 8:52:39
11. Bldgood	(9) 2:00:10	(8) 3:13:45	4:52:28	(8) 6:25:50	(11) 8:54:04
12. Johnson	(5) 1:57:00	(5) 3:09:23	4:48:10	(6) 6:22:44	(12) 8:57:45
13. Kent	(12) 2:03:50	(12) 3:19:50	4:59:57	(14) 6:31:25	(13) 8:57:49
14. P. Price	(11) 2:02:16	(7) 3:13:25	4:56:44	(11) 6:28:50	(14) 8:58:27
1930 Green		3:03:11	4:29:17	5:50:00	8:02:55
1932 Ludlow		3:05:09	4:29:17	5:54:00	8:01:06
1933 Green		3:01:17	4:26:40	5:50:12	8:01:19
1935 H. Whitlock		3:01:13	4:24:55	5:44:02	7:53:50

Road Running

Easter Monday - FELTHAM '5'

In spite of trying to get a little more unity this year our runners decided to run in three different races on Easter Monday instead of forming a more useful team in just one. The Feltham race was suggested as the official one and I am grateful to those who co-operated. Trevor Hart led the field out of the stadium and ran a good race to finish 8th. Unfortunately, Trevor was the only "top man" present and we had to wait till 56th place for our 2nd scorer, Arthur Bruce. Chris Keavey and Peter Hilliar completed the 'A' team.

RESULT:

1.R.Holt(Hercules)	23:40
2.D.Gibson (Surrey AC)	23:49
3.D.Holt(Hercules)	23:53
8.T.Hart (BELGRAVE H)	24:23
56.A.Bruce (BELS)	26:53
64.C.Keavey (BELS)	27:38
71.P.Hilliar(BELS)	27:57
99 finished	

89.J.McDonald (BELS)	29:57
93.P.Sutton (BELS)	30:34
95.D.Newell (BELS)	31:06
97.R.Langheim (BELS)	31:26

Teams: 1.Hercules 14pts, 2.Mitcham 34pts,
3.TVH 69pts, 10.BEL'A' 101pts,
20.BEL'B' 211pts.

20 teams closed in.

SURREY '20'

May 9th

Although Charlie Dabbs and Chris Steer ran well we had to be content with 4th place in the team race as we are extremely short of distance men this year. Chas. finished 2nd in his best time and was selected once again for the Inter-Counties race. Chris was 8th in his best time and George Piddington, who closed in our team, also put up his fastest. So from this point of view our runners could be well pleased.

RESULT:

1.J.Derham (HHH)	1:42.03
2.C.Dabbs (BELGRAVE H)	1:44:09
3.J.Page (CroydonH)	1:45:40
8.C.Steer (BELS)	1:48:41
25.G.Piddington (BELS)	2:18:30

Teams: 1.Croydon (3,4,11) 18pts
2.Mitcham (5,6,12) 23pts
3.HHH (1,10,13) 24pts
4.BELGRAVE H(2,7,17) 26pts

BELGRAVE '20'

TAYLOR SMASHES RECORD.

Those that showed surprise last year when Bob Roath chopped our course record down to 1:45:53 were simply astounded on July 16th this year when 21 years old Graham Taylor of Cambridge Harriers re-wrote the record book with a truly outstanding 1:39:47. This sub 1:40 effort (equivalent to sub 5 minute miles throughout) came just 10 years after the first sub 1:50 performance round this course. What then in 1976?!

Taylor was in a class of his own and his performance will have done our promotion a lot of good. He had a 1:10 lead after one lap, 2:59 after two and a winning margin of 3:42 at the end of the three lap course. His lap times were 32:49, 32:49 and 34:09 - with 2 miles of "stitch" on the final circuit!

Conditions were cool and windy when our President, Bob Taylor, sent the 108 starters on their way and for 2½ miles a sizeable group held the lead; including our Charlie Dabbs. It was at this point that Graham Taylor set off on his lonely way, stretching out the field behind him. Dabbs passed through the first lap in 8th position with 35:06 and was still holding his place a lap later after a second circuit in 36:23. Chris Steer was still well placed after two laps in 35:30 and 37:13 but did not look happy when embarking on his final lap. Our potential third scorer was Doug Brew, running in his first ever '20' and with laps of 37:38 and 38:28 he was sufficiently well up for us to be leading a close fight for second team place.

A lot happened on the final lap. Cambridge Harriers edged up to take second team place and Ranelagh 'B' simply raced through the field to snatch third. For Belgrave, Charlie Dabbs held his form well to finish 6th in Club Record time, but Chris and Doug dropped nearly 20 places each to put us out of the team reckoning.

Charlie Dabbs took the "Lady Fell" shield for the first time but he must have had quite a fright; for Bill Dance joined the race just after the start and made his way through the field to finish an unofficial 6th in 1:47:36. But for missing out that first 50 yards he would have undoubtedly been Club Champion at his first attempt.

Once again Gordon Biscoe handled the race arrangements, and once again everything went off very well.

RESULT:

1.G.Taylor (Camb.H)	1:39:47	32.C.Steer	1:56:29
2.B.Collins (Surrey)	1:43:29	51.D.Brew	2:01:12
3.B.Watson (Bournemouth)	1:43:58	59.K.Stimpson	2:05:46
4.I.MacIntosh (Ranelagh 'A')	1:46:01	65.L.Mann	2:08:47
5.R.Cressy (Ruislip)	1:47:00	<u>Teams:</u>	
6.C.Dabbs (BELGRAVE H)	1:48:36	1.Ranelagh 'A'	19 pts
7.C.Hunn (SLH)	1:48:54	2.Cambridge H	35 pts
8.W.Bird (Ranelagh 'A')	1:49:04	3.Ranelagh 'B'	39 pts
9.M.Goerke (Ranelagh 'B')	1:49:15	4.T.V.H.	49 pts
10.G.Harrison (Highgate)	1:49:23	5.BELGRAVE H	53 pts

The 'POLY' Marathon

By the time June 11th arrived the large number of runners who earlier in the year had proclaimed that "they were going to do the 'Poly' " had for various reasons been reduced to our usual small band of stalwarts plus Gerry North; who although lacking the distance training had his eyes on the forthcoming European and Empire Games and was not passing up any chances of selection.

The weather turned out to be hot and humid and more than ever 'proceed with caution' was to be the order of the day. In the early stages it was Charlie Dabbs who led the Bels contingent but, after going through 10 miles in 45th position it was Gerry complete with hat, dark glasses and handkerchief, looking every bit like Belgrave's Don Thompson; who proceeded to pass Charlie and run steadily through the field to lead the Bels home and comment "I wish I'd trained for this earlier". Unfortunately Charlie was forced to retire at 20 miles and join the other victims, Norman Stairs and John Hilton thus leaving Geoff Pearson and Ken Stimpson to close in the team. Ken, who ran extremely well in these conditions considering it was his first marathon, commented before the race, "I shouldn't be here you know, I've been talked into it by Geoff". If it brings this type of result let's hope Geoff Pearson talks to a few more!

RESULT:

1.G.Taylor (Cambridge H)	2:19:04	104.K.Stimpson	2:56:35
2.J.Hogan (Poly)	2:19:27	116.G.Pearson	2:58:57
3.R.Hill (Bolton U)	2:20:55	151.A.Bishop	3:13:16
17.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	2:33:43	165 finished	



(Photos:P.Hilliari)LEFT:Taylor leads Hogan at 22 miles.
RIGHT:Dabbs leads Bagshaw (Hercules) at 6 miles.

OTHER ROAD RACE RESULTS

Feb 26th - West Ham '8'

1.P.Lonnen (Bristol)	36:59
2.M.Barratt (Ealing H)	37:02
3.B.Watson (Avery Hill)	37:04
5.C.Steer (BELGRAVE H)	38:15
30.B.Nott (West Bank)	40:40

June 25th - Thurrock '10'

1.M.Batty (Thurrock)	49:38
2.C.Dabbs (BELGRAVE H)	49:50
3.I.MacIntosh (Ranelagh)	50:02
18.C.Steer (BELGRAVE H)	51:53

May 14th - Chichester - Portsmouth

1.M.Batty (Thurrock)	1:24:45
2.R.Ingleton (Ports)	1:25:33
3.R.Franklin (TVH)	1:25:41
30.N.Stairs (BELGRAVE H)	1:36:52

May 28th - Inter-County '20'

1.G.Taylor (Kent)	1:39:08
2.D.Shelley (Staffs)	1:39:25
3.W.Adcocks (Warks)	1:40:26
23.C.Dabbs (Surrey)	1:45:28

July 9th - Dagenham '5'

1.B.Heaver(B'ghth) 22:51,	2.R.Gevers(SLH) 22:53,	3.M.Batty(Thurrock) 23:03
15.J.Brown (BELGRAVE H) 24:03	(1st Veteran)	

June 25th - Pressed Steel '10'

1.M.Price (Bristol)	48:11
2.W.Adcocks (Coventry God)	48:39
3.P.Yates (Windsor & Eton)	48:57
14.M.Thorpe (BELGRAVE H)	51:37

July 2nd - Ealing '6'

1.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	28:30
2.R.Ingleton (Portsmouth)	29:33
3.D.Cooke (Portsmouth)	29:51

Cheltenham '7'

On July 9th the road runners went slightly further afield than usual when a small team travelled to Cheltenham for the annual 7 mile race. This race held in conjunction with the Cheltenham Festival takes place in the early evening, thus on arrival in the afternoon Gerry North and family soon led the search for a T.V. shop to see what was happening in the AAA Champs. at the White City.

A strong field assembled for the start and having been introduced as one of the 'stars' present, Gerry found himself in the company of such names as Adcocks, Price, Ingleton and Yates as they sped off on the first of three laps. With his entry in the AAA '6' the previous evening obviously having some effect Gerry ran well to finish 4th being just unable to hold on to a very much on form Bill Adcocks. Charlie Dabbs turned in another of his fine performances to take 18th place while, with Mel Thorpe kept out of the race because of 'flu', a private battle ensued further down the field between Chris Keavey and Gordon Biscoe to decide who should complete the scoring three. Don Maclean who completed the team had one of his off days and was not amused on entering the straight to hear himself announced as - "Another runner wearing those well known colours of that famous club - Coventry Godiva".

However, with Don compensated by the award of a can of beer; Gerry winning the prize his wife, Phil had ordered; and Gordon restraining Chris from jumping into the town's fountains to ease his feet, it was fish and chip suppers all round before heading back to home.

RESULT:

1.W.Adcocks (Coventry God)	35:22	89.G.Biscoe	41:55
2.M.Price (Bristol)	35:38	94.C.Keavey	42:31
3.R.Ingleton (Ports)	35:51	128.D.Maclean	48:20
4.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	35:56	134 finished	
18.C.Dabbs (BELGRAVE H)	37:36		

Teams:- 1.Bristol AC 28pts, 2.Windsor & Eton 37pts, 3.Birchfield H 42pts,
7.BELGRAVE H 91pts, 24 teams closed in.

Bracknell '5'

As if pouring rain was not enough to contend with, and although split into four different cars for various reasons, the whole of the Bels team arrived within ten minutes of the start of this race, consequently no one was able to get any warm up. In spite of this Laurie O'Hara and Mel Thorpe ran extremely well to take 5th and 20th places respectively in a very strong field. It was good to see Eric Penny back in action again and we hope to see more of him on the road. 'Glimpy' Jones is also enjoying a new lease of life at present and "out to get" the elusive Charlie Smart.

Team-wise it was the old story, another good 'A' team member backing up Laurie and Mel would have put Belgrave amongst the pots as well as making Mel's 2½ hour dash from Coventry in rotten weather a little more worth while.

RESULT:

1.T.Johnstone (Ports)	23:5.8	90.E.Penny	28:30
2.R.Ingleton (Ports)	23:19.4	94.D.Maclean	28:51
3.J.Roberts (SLH)	23:25.7	99.J.C.Smart	29:27
5.L.O'Hara (BELGRAVE H)	23:35.1	105.M.F.Jones	29:56
20.M.Thorpe (")	24:33	118.R.Langheim	37:30
76.G.Biscoe (")	27:23	120 finished	

June 18th - White City

GREAT BRITAIN v RUSSIA

GEOFF NORTH'S International Debut

Geoff North partnered "Big D" Derek Graham in the 5000m returning his best time over the distance of 13:49.4. Both the Britons followed in the wake of the mighty Soviet steeplechaser Viktor Kudinskiy until 300yds to go when Geoff attempted to outspurt the field, leading through 3 miles in 13:23.8. However, he could not hold off the Russians finishing spurt and Graham also got past before the tape was reached.

In the Junior Invitation 100m Jim Vivian was 3yds down on Ralph Banthorpe at the finish but easily had the measure of the rest of the field.

5000metres		Junior 100 metres	
1.V.Kudinskiy (USSR)	13:47.0	1.R.Banthorpe	10.9
2.D.Graham (GB)	13:47.6	2.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H)	11.1
3.G.North (GB)	13:49.4	3.D.Jones	11.2
4.A.Makarov (USSR)	13:52.6		

June 29th - Battersea Park

v London AC, Irish Guards

In this match we beat LAC by 15 points with the Irish Guards a further 16 points behind. Colin Clair put the shot 38'6" for 2nd place behind Gerry Davies(LAC) and John Martin was close to his best again with 36'10 1/2". Colin also took 3rd place in the discus. Another three-tenths of a second came off for Philip Smith in the 440yds with 52.4. Steadily removing chunks off his best time, Philip could go faster still this season from the way he finished this race. John Kelly was given 2:00.0 exactly in the 880yds with Adrian Major setting up his best of 2:01.0 in 4th place. Jim Johnson(LAC) won the event with an easy 1:53.3 after John Thresher had taken the first lap in 56 seconds.

RESULTS:

100y	2.C.Martin	10.6	1m	1.D.Ferne	4:15.4	Shot	2.C.Clair	38'6"
220y	1.C.Martin	22.9		3.A.Black	4:19.0		4.J.Martin	36'10 1/2"
	4.R.Nelson	24.0		5.P.Newell	4:24.0	Disc.	3.C.Clair	124'0"
440y	2.P.Smith	52.4		6.J.Dear	4:28.0		6.J.Martin	100'4 1/2"
	4.P.Cornelius	-	2m	1.J.Reilly	9:26.8	L.J.	1.D.Wade	20'7 1/2"
880y	2.J.Thresher	1:55.7		2.A.Major	9:27.6		3.R.Couillaut	20'6 1/2"
n/s	J.Kelly	2:00.0		3.A.Fairclough	9:34.2			
	4.A.Major	2:01.0		7.D.Crookes	10:18.0			

1.BELGRAVE H 80pts, 2.London AC 65pts, 3.Irish Guards 49pts.

July 2nd - Southampton Sports Centre

185 foot Javelin throw by KING • RYDER TOWNSEND - 11'4" Pole Vault • TROPHY

Our field events were performed exceptionally well in the 'Ryder' Trophy meeting but unfortunately we lost many valuable points due to a shortage of sprinters.

Barry Townsend was in top form and set up personal bests in the Pole Vault(2nd with 11'4") and High Jump(3rd with 5'11"). His potential decathlon score is now quite impressive as he has already reached a 16.5/110mH, 20'10"/LJ, 155'11"/Jav, 33'5"/Shot and 99'8"/Discus - all this year.

Another to break new ground was Brian King, who rose to the occasion in the Club Championships with a Javelin throw of 9'0" farther than ever before, now topping that mark by a further 9'0" for 185'2" to gain 4th place.

Performances in the Triple Jump show how we are gaining depth in events which only recently have we had anyone competing. Bob Couillaut, in the 'A' event, cleared 43'0" for 2nd place whilst R.Bennett broke the sand at a promising 42'7" for 3rd place amongst the 'B' competitors. The run-up was in a terrible state and was very nearly as soft as the pit itself. Kelly of Herne Hill H., who won, was a couple of feet short of his normal distance so our boys, jumping close to their best should be well pleased.

On the track John Thresher put up our best performance in sharpening up for next weeks AAA Champs., clocking a useful 1:54.7 half-mile in 4th place. In the 3 miles Gerry North was soundly beaten by Tulloch (Portsmouth) who looked as if he was running very easily for 13:32.0.

RESULTS:

880y	4.J.Thresher	1:54.7	Jav.(A)	4.B.King	185'2"
1m(A)	4.J.Bicourt	4:19.1	(B)	4.W.Couzens	141'7"
(B)	3.A.Major	4:25.7	T.J.(A)	2.R.Couillaut	43'0"
3m	3.Gerry North	14:05.4	(B)	4.R.Bennett	42'7"
	6.W.Dance	14:35.0	L.J.(B)	4.R.Bennett	20'6 1/2"
3000m	2.A.Black	9:29.8	H.J.(A)	3.B.Townsend	5'11"
400y	4.J.Dear	9:53.4	P.V.	2.B.Townsend	11'4"
	6.J.Carton	53.8	120yH(B)	3.P.Pepe	16.3

Match: 1.Blackheath 161pts, 2.Portsmouth 153pts, 6.BELGRAVE H, Southampton 91

TRACK AND FIELD(Cont'd from p.17)June 18th - Acton - London Transport(District Line)Sports

2 miles team race 1.BELGRAVE H (2.L.O'Hara 9:09.0, 6.A.Major 9:19.0,
4.W.Kerr 9:17.0, 8.A.Fairclough 9:33.0)

June 22nd - Battersea Park v Surrey AC, SLH

Good marks in the sprints and field events resulted in a pleasing win against these two strong clubs.

Colin Clair and John Mitchell scored a one,two in the Shot with the former going on to grab 2nd place in the Javelin from Brian King, 3rd. Does Chris Martin ever have an off day? Once again he treated us to a win in his speciality the furlong, chased home by John Mitchell who had earlier taken the 100 yds. John Roberts (SLH) beat Adrian Major in the mile but only by 0.9secs. and Bob Couillaut leapt to 21'6" in the Long Jump, improving by over a foot.

RESULTS:

<u>100yds</u>	1.J.Mitchell 10.4	<u>220yds</u>	1.C.Martin 22.8	<u>440yds</u>	2.P.Smith 52.7
	5.A.Mills		2.J.Mitchell 23.0		4.P.Cornelius
<u>880yds</u>	3.L.Mann 2:04.1	<u>1mile</u>	2.A.Major 4:22.1	<u>2miles</u>	3.D.Maclean9:58.8
	4.H.Satchell12:05.5		4.J.Reilly 4:30.2		4.C.Keavey10:42.2
<u>Jav.</u>	2.C.Clair 177'2"	<u>L.J</u>	2.R.Couillaut 21'6"	<u>Shot</u>	1.C.Clair 37'1½"
	3.B.King 165'3"		5.B.Townsend 20'5¼"		2.J.Martin36'2½"

Match: 1.BELGRAVE H 67pts, 2.Surrey AC 59pts, 3.SLH 37pts.

June 25th - Welwyn Garden City**SOUTHERN AAA CHAMPS**

Once again it was a successful 'Southern' meeting for Belgrave with two 2nd places (Bicourt and Thresher) and two 5th places (L.O'Hara and Gerry North). The track was in terrible condition and the weather did nothing to help performances.

The best event without a doubt was the Steeplechase with John Bicourt recording a great 9:09.6 behind Stevens (Reading) 9:03.8. This reduces his recent Club Record by a further 5.8 secs. and makes his total improvement since last season 18.8 secs.

John Thresher continued his relentless march towards higher things this season with a 4:08 mile.Ray Roseman (SLH) won the event by spurning away at half distance for a 57.7 third lap.

RESULTS:

<u>220 Heats</u>	C.Martin 23.0	
<u>3miles</u>	1.D.Gibson (Army) 13:37.0	
	2.R.Gomez (Southgate) 13:37.4	
	3.T.Johnston (Ports) 13:38.4	
	5.Gerry North(BELGRAVE) 13:41.8	
	A.Major (BELGRAVE)	
<u>1 mile</u>	1.R.Roseman (SLH) 4:06.0	
	2.J.Thresher(BELGRAVE) 4:08.0	
	3.A.Maxwell (Wood.Gn) 4:08.1	
<u>2miles</u>	1.T.Briault(Enfield) 8:53.6	
	2.J.Hogan (Poly) 8:57.0	
	3.T.Smith (Ips) 9:04.3	
	5.L.O'Hara (BELGRAVE) 9:08.2	
<u>3000m</u>	1.G.Stevens(Reading) 9:03.8	
<u>SC</u>	2.J.Bicourt(BELGRAVE) 9:09.6	
	3.H.Neeson(Thurrock) 9:14.8	



John Bicourt takes the water-jump for the last time.

Photo: R.Linstead

John Thresher clocked his fastest mile of the season in the BMC Invitation Mile at Paddington on August 6th. After leading for 1,720 yds, John was passed in the straight by Browne (Essex Beagles). John's time was 4:33.

July 8th/9th - White City

Thresher down to 4:04.6 in A.A.A.

There were no fewer than nine Belgrevians taking part in this year's AAA Championships but, on the whole, performances were disappointing. On the Friday night we saw Jim Vivian running well below his best in the 100y, looking as if his leg injury was playing him up again. Derek Boosey, who must be in line for a trip to Trinidad or Budapest (or both) had three no-jumps in the Triple Jump, so he didn't make the final six and lost a chance to really show his mettle. Gerry North never looked comfortable in the '6' and was forced to drop out.

The one bright spot of the evening was put up by John Thresher in qualifying for the mile final. With only the first two in each heat plus the fastest two losers to qualify, John was drawn in the first race with Simpson(Rotherham), McKim(Kettering), Tagg(Norfolk G) and that grand old man Derek Ibbotson(Longwood); so things looked pretty tough. After being last away, John got up to 5th at 440y in about 61 secs. and at 660y he moved into the lead, deliberately keeping the pace warm. Simpson took over after the half-mile mark (2:03.8) going on to win in 4:04.2 with John 4th in 4:05.6 - his fastest of the season. As the other heats came and went it was realised that with only one race left, John's time was still 4th fastest. With fingers crossed we watched Booth(Longwood) and Duggan(Sparkhill) qualify easily with 4:06 and John was through by the skin of his teeth.

In the Long Jump, held on Saturday, John Mitchell (best of 23'2½") and Bob Jones (23'5½") were competing and we hoped that the presence of Lynn Davies, R.Stenius, etc. might inspire our duo to something really spectacular. It was not to be. John, who recently injured his ankle, didn't seem to have a really full out effort and only reached 20'8" whilst Bob hit 22'1" at his second attempt. Their best jumps would have placed them 7th and 4th respectively.

The field in the mile final included five sub-four minute milers and all John Thresher had to do was to hang on for a fast time but we were out of luck. The race was slowly run, all watching one another until the bell was reached and then a 54.1 last lap. All the same, in spite of the odds being stacked against him, John ran very creditably for 8th place and 4:04.6 beating Tagg and McKim.

A sound Steeplechase was run by John Bicourt but the standard was very high and he only managed to keep with the bunch during the early laps; nevertheless recording his third fastest time.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	J.Vivian - did not qualify		<u>L.Jump</u>	1.L.Davies(Roath)	26'5½"
<u>1mile</u>	1.J.Camien (USA)	4:01.1		2.R.Stenius(Finland)	25'11½"
	2.W.Wilkinson(Longwood)	4:01.5		3.H.Robertson(Glas.U)	23'8½"
	3.A.Simpson (Rotherham)	4:01.6		10.R.Jones (BELGRAVE H)	22'1"
	8.J.Thresher (BELGRAVE H)	4:04.6		14.J.Mitchell (BELGRAVE)	20'8"
<u>3000m</u>	1.M.Herriott(Sparkhill)	8:37.0	<u>T.Jump</u>	1.J.Schmidt(Poland)	52'5½"
<u>SC</u>	2.E.Pomfret(Houghton)	8:39.0		2.F.Alsop(Hornchurch)	50'2½"
	3.L.Stewart(V.Leven)	8:44.8		3.P.Pousi(Finland)	49'11½"
	15.J.Bicourt (BELGRAVE H)	9:16.6		D.Boosey (BELGRAVE H)	3 fails
<u>3miles</u>	1.R.Clarke(Australia)	12:58.2	<u>6miles</u>	1.M.Gamoudi(Tunisia)	27:23.4
	2.H.Altmann(S.Africa)	13:15.8		2.B.Tulloh(Portsmouth)	27:23.8
	3.R.Taylor(Cov.God)	13:17.6		3.L.Mecsar(Hungary)	27:23.8
	Geoff North(BELGRAVE)	dnf		Gerry North(BELGRAVE)	dnf
<u>2 miles Walk</u>	1.R.Wallwork(Lancs WC)	13:35.0,		2.M.Tolley (Sheffield)	13:46.4,
	3.J.Webb (Basildon)	13:54.6,		9.E.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	14:26.4

July 11th - Tooting v Herne Hill H, Lloyds Bank.

First 6 footer since 1958

In winning the High Jump with a personal best of 6'0", Barry Townsend became the first Belgrevian to clear this height since Mal Ash in 1958. John Bicourt narrowly missed breaking 2 minutes for the half-mile and Adrian Major who finished close behind him in 2:01.1 went on to take 3rd place in the '2' with 9:31.4. These two events are becoming a regular double for him in club meetings. Our Javelin throwers were far too good for the other clubs and we filled first three places.

<u>100yds</u>	3.C.Martin	-	<u>Javelin</u>	1.C.Clair	177'2"
<u>220yds</u>	2.C.Martin	22.7		2.B.King	161'4"
<u>440yds</u>	4.P.Smith	53.0		3.W.Couzens	149'2"
<u>880yds</u>	3.J.Bicourt	2:00.2	<u>Shot</u>	4.C.Clair	37'9"
	5.A.Major	2:01.1	<u>L.Jump</u>	3.B.Townsend	20'6"
<u>1 mile</u>	4.A.Morrison	4:30.2		6.R.Couillaut	20'1"
<u>2 miles</u>	3.A.Major	9:31.5		7.D.Ansell	19'5"
<u>2000mSC</u>	3.J.Dear	6:10.0	<u>H.Jump</u>	1.B.Townsend	6'0"

BROCKMAN TROPHY

July 16th - Wimbledon Park

COLIN CLAIR EQUALS JAVELIN RECORD

The 18th Annual H.G. Brockman Trophy meeting was held in cold, showery conditions at the Wimbledon Park track. Our field events section continued the trend started a fortnight ago at the 'Ryder' by scoring 27 points to our track mens 15 points. Hurdles events (11 points) not being included in either score. Our overall position was an improvement on the 1965 result by three places and 31 points.

Prior to the Javelin competition Colin Clair had joked about the possibility of his gaining a AAA Grade I Standard. No one was more surprised than he when on his 5th effort the spear reached well over the 200' line and was later measured at 210'2" - a standard and Club Honours Badge by 2". The most amazing thing was that his other throws were all around his normal distance of 170'-180'. This one was completely out of the blue. He was placed 3rd behind Travis (Surrey) and Fitzsimmons (Poly) and ahead of R.Lane (Croydon) 204'2" and Colin Smith (TVH) 199'1".

In the sprints Chris Martin ran only one-tenth slower than his best in the final of the furlong, won by Steane (TVH) with 21.5, and also finished 4th in the heats of the 100yds in 10.4. Tony Brooks clocked 51.7 and finished 2nd in his heat of the 440yds but could only manage 52.6 and 5th in the final, 45 minutes later.

Our high hurdler Pete Pepe was 4th behind G.Tymms (Surrey) 14.8, Howell (HHH) 15.7 and Wilmshurst (Walton) 15.9 and was unlucky to be given 16.0 when he was inseparable with the 3rd man.

Four men cleared 5'9" in the High Jump but Barry Townsend was placed 6th on the count-back of failures. The Long Jump also produced a close finish with Howell (HHH) winning with 22'8" and Bob Jones and Hudson (TVH) both reaching 22'3½". This time the Belgrave man got the best of the verdict with a superior second best distance. In actual fact Bob only fractionally fouled a 22'11" jump.

The middle-distance record was not so good. After originally having a strong team, the 'phone calls started to come in towards the end of the week with one runner after another crying off. Gerry North tried hard to break away in the '6' but after 2 miles Ellis (TVH) and Gevers (SLH) caught him. He tried desperately to hold on but they got away from him towards the end, Ellis winning in 28:44.8.

RESULTS:

<u>220yds</u>	1.R.Steane (TVH) 21.5	<u>L.Jump</u>	1.J.Howell (HHH) 22'8"
	2.A.Ronay (Poly) 21.9		2.R.Jones (BELGRAVE) 22'3½"
	3.M.Bonner (Camb) 22.2		3.P.Hudson (TVH) 22'3½"
	4.C.Martin (BELGRAVE) 22.3	<u>Hammer</u>	1.W.Treharne (Surrey) 157'10"
<u>440yds</u>	1.T.Graham (Poly) 49.5		2.L.Hall (TVH) 135'7"
	2.M.Walters (TVH) 49.8		3.D.Birch (Croydon) 126'1"
	3.P.Sparkes (Walton) 50.4		5.W.Couzens (BELGRAVE) 97'7"
	5.A.Brooks (BELGRAVE) 52.6 (51.7ht)	<u>Javelin</u>	1.D.Travis (Surrey) 225'10"
<u>6 miles</u>	1.B.Ellis (TVH) 28:44.8		2.R.Fitzsimmons (Poly) 225'4"
	2.R.Gevers (SLH) 29:07.6		3.C.Clair (BELGRAVE) 210'2"
	3.Gerry North (BELG) 29:17.6	<u>T.Jump</u>	1.K.Wilmshurst (Walt) 45'4½"
<u>H.Jump</u>	1.R.Morris (Walton) 6'4"		2.D.Smith (TVH) 45'2½"
	2.J.Whetton (Blackth) 5'11"		3.J.Howell (HHH) 43'4½"
	3.A.Tymms (Surrey) 5'9"		5.R.Couillaut (BELG) 42'4½"
	6.B.Townsend (BELG) 5'9"	<u>120yH</u>	1.G.Tymms (Surrey) 14.8
<u>P.Vault</u>	1.P.Lyons (Herc) 13'0"		2.J.Howell (HHH) 15.7
	2.A.Hopkins (Walt) 11'9"		3.K.Wilmshurst (Walt) 15.9
	3.A.Tymms (Surrey) 11'6"		4.P.Pepe (BELGRAVE) 16.0
	4.B.Townsend (BELG) 10'9"	<u>3000m</u>	1.G.Pymm (TVH) 9:14.6
<u>100y ht</u>	4.C.Martin (BELGRAVE) 10.4	<u>SC</u>	2.J.Bicourt (BELG) 9:26.4
<u>880y</u>	7.R.Calderwood (BELG) -		3.B.Goodfellow (Camb) 9:28.8
<u>1500m</u>	7.L.O'Hara (BELG) -	<u>Disc.</u>	9.C.Clair (BELG) -
<u>3miles</u>	8.M.Thorpe (BELG) -	<u>Shot</u>	J.Martin (BELG) 34'0½"
<u>Trophy Result:</u>	1.T.V.H. 97pts, 2.Poly H 76pts, 3.Surrey AC 71½pts		
	4.Walton AC 60pts, 5.BELGRAVE H 53pts, 6.Blackheath H 52pts, 7.HHH 46 pts,		
	8.Croydon H 36½pts, 9.Hercules AC 32pts, 10.SLH 24pts, 11.Camb.H 20pts,		
	12.Wimbledon AC 19pts.		

June 13th - RNAC (South) v London University v Civil Service

1 mile 1.K.Bromley (Walton) 4:15.6 2.L.O'Hara (BELGRAVE H) 4:15.8

Long Jump 1.C.Brooks (BELGRAVE H) 21'7"

June 25th - Ford v Vauxhall Invitation 3 miles

1.M.Turner (Liverpool) 13:35.0, 2.J.Hogan (Foly) 13:41.8, 3.Gerry North 13:47.4

July 20th - Battersea Park - CLUB 3 MILES and 120 YDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club '3' win for Alan Black

The rain started just in time for the 3 miles and before long, the already soaked track was covered in ever widening stretches of water. At the gun Bill Dance roared off into the lead at a pace that strung the field right out after one lap. Only three runners were with him at half a mile (2:15/15:30 pace!) - Joe Reilly, Adrian Major and Alan Black. It was obvious that he could not maintain this sort of speed for long and as he tired Joe strode out in front. Farther back John Dear was sticking on John Biccourt's tail as they strove to regain contact with the leading quartet. With two laps to go Joe had dropped and only Alan and Adrian were left in the championship battle, and at 660 yds the former struck out for home, opening up his winning margin of 15 yds within half a lap. John Biccourt and Bill Dance (recovering from his early pace) were fighting it out for third place and in the process made up some ground on Adrian during the last circuit although the younger man still had a good 30 yds in hand at the finish. The versatile Lionel Mann added 3 miling to his repertoire (having already notched up a run in the Belgrave '20' and a 2:00.2 'half' this season) and it was pleasing to see Bob Glover, a little overweight maybe, out on the track again.

The High Hurdles were won for the fourth consecutive year by Pete Pepe but it was a much closer thing this time. Barry Townsend was with him over the first five flights but lost ground towards the finish. Another who was well up, until a near fall almost put him out of the race, was Bob Jones.

Later, in the four event handicap, Bob produced a massive leap of 22' 11 1/2" (from 5" back) and underlined his ability to pull out great Long Jumps no matter what the conditions. John Mitchell showed his superiority in the sprint, giving away 12 yds to the front markers and still winning his heat. The handicap was won with good all-round performances by John Martin, half a point ahead of Barry Townsend.

RESULTS:

120 yds Hurdles

1.P.Pepe	17.0
2.B.Townsend	17.5
3.R.Jones	19.3
4.R.Couillaut	20.1

3 Miles

1.A.Black	14:27.0
2.A.Major	14:30.0
3.J.Biccourt	14:36.2
4.G.Dance	14:36.4
5.J.Reilly	14:54
6.J.Dear	14:55
7.C.Steer	14:57
8.T.Hart	15:10
9.M.Simms	15:29
10.L.Mann	15:29
11.C.Walker	15:38

4 Event Handicap

1.J.Martin	3 1/2 pts
2.B.Townsend	31 pts
3.R.Couillaut	29 pts
4.J.Mitchell	28 pts
5.R.Jones	24 pts
=6.P.Smith	17 1/2 pts
=6.P.Cornelius	17 1/2 pts
12.D.Crookes	15:41
13.A.Bruce	15:46
14.C.Keavey	15:57
15.G.Biscoe	16:30
16.J.Carton	16:40
17.R.Glover	17:09
18.P.Sutton	17:37
19.W.Matthews	17:41

July 27th - Wimbledon Park v Wimbledon AC

The best performances in this light hearted match against our local rivals came from Chris Martin in the 'quarter' and Anthony Heath in the mile. Tony, who is only recently joined and is a member of Achilles, took the lead with a lap to go from Laurie O'Hara and Alan Black, striding away to win fairly comfortably in 4:17.7. Chris Martin was beating Tony Harris (Wimbledon) all the way round in the 440 yds but just failed to hold him off 20 yds from the tape. The Belgrave man's time of 51.1 was his best and the fastest in the Club this year.

The Triple Jump saw a rare defeat for Bob Couillaut by fellow club man Barry Townsend who cleared his previous best by over a foot. There were no fewer than six Bels. competing in this event.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	2.J.Mitchell	10.4	<u>220yds</u>	2.J.Mitchell	23.1	<u>440yds</u>	2.C.Martin	51.1
	3.A.Brooks	-		3.A.Brooks	23.9		3.D.Wade	54.1
	4.R.Nelson	-		5.S.White	24.1			
	6.A.Mead	-		6.A.Mead	-			

<u>880y</u>	1.A.Major	2:05.5	<u>1mile</u>	1.A.Heath	4:17.7
	2.J.Rimmer	2:07.0		2.L.O'Hara	4:19.9
	3.J.Kelly	2:07.2		3.A.Black	4:21.1

<u>T.J.</u>	1.B.Townsend	42' 4 1/2"		6.T.Hart	4:37
	2.R.Couillaut	42' 1"		7.M.Simms	4:41
	4.D.Ansell	38' 6 1/2"		8.R.James	4:42
				9.C.Keavey	4:49

<u>3miles</u>	1.Gerry North	14:11.0
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<u>4 x 110y</u>	1.BELGRAVE H
	(White, Brooks, Martin, Mitchell) 45.0

<u>Shot</u>	2.J.Martin	36' 1"
	3.W.Cousins	33' 2 1/2"
	4.D.Ansell	26' 10 1/2"

Match: 1.BELGRAVE H 49pts 2.Wimbledon AC 33pts.

July 23rd - Crystal Palace - AAA RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS4 x 220 Final

1. Poly. H	1:26.2
2. Woodford Gn	1:26.9
3. Brighton	1:27.5
6. BELGRAVE H	1:31.9

(Mitchell, C. Martin,
Nelson, Vivian)

4 x 1 mile Final

1. Longwood H	16:54.2
2. Leicester CAT	16:55.2
3. Sheffield U	16:55.8
6. BELGRAVE H	17:44.6

(O'Hara, Major,
Black, Blicourt)

2 miles Invitation

1. A. Rushmer (Tipton)	8:42.6	2. J. Thresher (BELGRAVE)	8:47.6
3. Geoff North (BELGRAVE)	8:50.0		



(Photo: E.D. Lacey) Belgrave Harriers 4X220 Relay Team.

1. to r. J. Vivian, C. Martin, R. Nelson, J. Mitchell.

July 29th - Carshalton - Carshalton Trophy

With several members competing in the 'Sward' and many others watching the World Cup Final, we did well to finish 3rd out of the four clubs that contested the Carshalton Trophy. John Mitchell scored a double in the two short sprints and also placed 4th in the 440yds. Martin Hyman was Portsmouth's sole representative in the '2' and he was beaten by A. Smith for the Bels., another of the Kerr-Reilly-Barrow clan from Victoria Pk. in Scotland.

RESULTS:

100y	1. J. Mitchell	10.5	1mile	3. M. Simms	4:43.8	2m	1. A. Smith	9:22.4
220y	1. J. Mitchell	24.0	L.J.	1. R. Bennett	19'9"		3. C. Keavey	10:23.8
440y	4. J. Mitchell	54.7		n/s D. Ansell	19'9½"		4. D. Maclean	10:58.6

Match: 1. Mitcham AC 142pts 2. Portsmouth AC 113pts 3. BELGRAVE H 93pts

August 6th - Imber Court v WALTON, MET. POL., DEPTFORD.

<u>100yds</u> A	2. J. Vivian	10.5	<u>220yds</u> A	1. C. Martin	23.4		
	B	1. J. Mitchell	10.6		B	3. S. White	24.5
<u>440yds</u>	1. A. Mead	54.5	<u>880yds</u>	6. A. Black			
<u>1 mile</u>	3. A. Black	4.40.9	<u>2 miles</u>	2. A. Fairclough	9.34.9		
<u>Discus</u>	2. B. King	93'0"	<u>Shot</u>	3. A. Major	9.35.7		
	4. W. Couzens	82'6"		3. W. Couzens	33'2"		
<u>Javelin</u>	1. B. King	153'8"	<u>L. Jump.</u>	5. A. Mead	26'1"		
				3. L. Moar	20'9"		
<u>T. Jump.</u>	1. R. Couillaut	42'6½"	<u>4x110yds</u>	4. R. Couillaut	20'8½"		
	2. L. Moar	42'4½"		1. Walton	47.6		
				2. BELGRAVE	48.4		

RESULT 1. WALTON 108pts, 2. BELGRAVE 82pts 3. MET. POL. 51pts 4. DEPT'D 17.

August 3rd - Crystal Palace v LAC, Blackheath Harriers.

This was one of our best results of the season for we defeated London AC again plus Blackheath, who are rated as one of the best all round clubs in the South, after an extremely close match. The final result was not certain until the last event, the Javelin, was finished and here Brian King did his duty by beating the nearest Blackheath rival by 4 feet.

The sprints were run into a stiff wind and the times suffered considerably but Jim Vivian romped home in both, looking most impressive in the furlong where he beat a good man in Shurmer of the 'Heath. Bob Couillaud and Lyle Moar filled first two places in the Hop, Step and Jump, held yet again into the wind. These two should both be heading for 45 feet with a little more help from the weather. In the mile race, Chris Wade(LAC) led all the way with Alan Black lying 2nd and a member of Blackheath 3rd. The LAC runner piled on the pressure over the last lap and beat Alan by 10yds but the 3rd man faded and it looked really impressive as Belgrave men streamed past him in the final 100yds to fill 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places.

RESULTS:

<u>120yH</u> 3.B.Townsend 16.9	<u>880y</u> 3.J.Thresher 1:56.2	<u>H.J.</u> 2.B.Townsend 5'9"
<u>100y</u> 1.J.Vivian 10.7	5.A.Heath 2:01.0	<u>Dis.</u> 5.J.Martin 94'1"
2.J.Mitchell 10.7	<u>1m</u> 2.A.Black 4:21.0	6.B.King 91'9"
<u>220y</u> 1.J.Vivian 23.1	3.A.Major 4:24.9	<u>T.J.</u> 1.R.Couillaud
3.J.Mitchell 23.7	4.Gerry North 4:26.2	42'8"
<u>440y</u> 3.A.Mead 53.5	5.A.Heath 4:27.0	2.L.Moar 42'5"
<u>4 x 110y</u> 1.BEL 45.4	<u>Jav.</u> 2.B.King 169'9"	<u>Shot</u> 5.J.Martin 34'3"
	4.W.Couzens 154'9"	6.W.Couzens 32'2"

(White, Brooks, Moar,

Mitchell) Match: 1.BEL 80pts, 2.B'heath 74pts, 3.LAC 73pts

 HERE AND THERE (Cont'd from p.38)

Thresher had a second B.A.A.B. trip to the Continent on July 30th. This time to La Baulle, a popular sea-side resort in France. Accompanying him was Geoff North. It was intended that John would run in the 1500 metres and Geoff in the 3,000, but on arrival it was found there was no 1500 only a 1000. John plumped for the 3,000, where our boys clashed with the redoubtable Michel Jazy. Geoff led the field for 2½ laps and then John took over, dropping all except Jazy. With 800 metres to go the Frenchman sprinted away to an easy win with Thresher 2nd in 8:14.0 and North 4th in 8:27.0.

Below, we reproduce a cutting from the Sunday Times colour supplement which featured an article on "Love and Marriage". Who was the cover boy?—none other than our own Dave Cocks. We offer Dave and Christine our congratulations.



... moments as a tree. He's already taking things seriously. The bride's father and one of her brothers are there. "He needs a haircut," says the brother. "Too bad," says a friend, "he ought to have had one before the wedding, because he won't be able to afford it afterwards." The best man, Alan Morrison, decides to help him with the speech he will have to make at the reception. They rehearse a few well-worn phrases about charming bridesmaids, splendid dinner, and kind parents. Everyone gets merry. David remains slightly anxious. Far right, David sets out for the church from his parents' home in East Molesey, Surrey, and takes a last look at the wedding ring to make sure he's still got it with

... been ordered late and he only took delivery from Hector Powe's the day before. "I'm a worrier," he says. Below, worrying again, he adjusts the buttonhole flower for his best man when they meet at a pub a few yards from the church in Herne Hill. David, who is 22, is a design draughtsman with a firm of thermal



will take his National Certificate. he'll study for the examination of the Institution of Heating Engineers. He met Christine Croft who is 21 at an athletics session in Battersea Park. They were both keen runners. She was training with the Celsionia Woman's Athletics Club and he was with the Belgrave Harriers. That was five years ago. They were engaged for three years and all the time saved money with a building society. They still cannot raise the deposit for a house. "I've stopped saving with the building society and I've taken out an insurance policy instead," he says. "I'll use it to buy a house in about three years from now. It's a lot easier on my salary to raise money with a policy than the house."

Another Belgrave/Selsonia union involved your co-Editor Alan Mead, who also managed to get into a London "glossy". The other half of the Editorship takes this opportunity of wishing Pat and Alan a happy future.

38 HERE & THERE

With so much competition available outside Club fixtures it has been a rare sight to see more than 2 or 3 of our middle and long-distance men at one time. The better runners get these days the quicker they are to plan their season around the multitude of so-called "Invitation" races that are fired, as from a shot gun, right through the Club's fixture lists each year. These races are now so frequent that one wonders whether it will soon go full cycle and be "the trend" to appear at Club fixtures!

It is presumed that our road relay performers do occasionally meet each other during the summer, so it is hoped that many of them will get together during the latter part of the season to prepare for an intense Autumn Road Season (you can always ease off during November!). The fixtures are as follows.

September 10th -	Surrey Road Relay (Woking)
September 17th -	[Blackheath Road Relay (Hayes) Club 5 1/2 miles road race (non-championship), "Johnstone" Open Road Relay, 12 stages (Hornchurch)]
September 25th (Sun) -	
October 1st -	[Walton Road Relay Club 3 miles Yacht Handicap]
October 8th -	BELGRAVE H & S.C.A.A.A. ROAD RELAY, 12 stages
October 22nd -	Bristol—Weston Road Relay

Excluded from the March issue of the "Belgravian" was the result of the International Cross-Country Championship. Although he did not quite repeat his "National" form Gerry North once again scored for the winning England team being 6th scorer in 19th position.

On the following Saturday Gerry was the third Englishman to finish in the Martini cross-country classic in Brussels, his 11th place being 46 secs. behind Khlisov (USSR).

Another late cross-country result was the Junior Inter-County race, in which John Bicourt (15th) and Adrian Major (22nd) were the first two Surrey men to finish.

Ranjit Bhatia is endeavouring to collect material, in connection with a book he is hoping to have published next year, on the life of Dr. Otto Peltzer, the controversial German distance runner of the 1920's, as a tribute to his 10 years work in India as an outstanding coach.

If any of our members have any published information or personal recollections of Otto Peltzer the Editors will gladly pass on to Ranjit the details, however minor they may seem.

It was the day after Geoff North's excellent win in the Inter-Counties '3'. The Sunday morning pack were dressing after their showers and were very full of their activities of the previous night. Geoff listened. His happy face slowly saddened, as he said with a sigh "With all this dedication I can't even remember when I last stayed up to see the dawn break"—— Tough!

John Thresher produced his best ever 5,000 metres performance when he raced in a special invitation event in Vienna on July 14th. Conditions were atrocious and the track waterlogged. Ron Clark was the winner in the slow time (for him) of 13:41.4; Meccsar and Kiss of Hungary were 2nd and 3rd in 13:55 and 13:59 respectively. John was still with Kiss with 600 metres to go but was unable to hold his own in the final rush for the line. Vasic (Yugoslavia), Gerlach (W.Germany), Coyle (Australia) and Dick Taylor (Coventry) all passed him and John finished in 14:05.8; 4.8 seconds behind Taylor and only fractionally outside the European Games qualifying standard.

Latest news of Mike Shingles now happily married in New Zealand is that he is enjoying the life out there and is now back in full training. He certainly won't be able to get the 'Bels' out of his system as he is now employed as a fireman in Wanganui. Mike adds that he and Beverley are expecting their first little 'Kiwi' at the end of this year - shows you what speed training can do!!

Following the photograph in the last 'Belgravian' of Arthur Bruce doing some 'shady' training with Charlie Smart, it has now been reported that Arthur has bought himself a new club vest - "My first since 1945", as well as new road shoes. Those who are used to Arthur's normal immaculate appearance are not sure whether this is a sign of a determined 'come back' or just to help keep Gerry North in business.

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LEFT (Photo: C. Smith). Steer to O'Hara and Belgrave win Bexley Relay.

RIGHT (Photo: R. Linstead). Gerry North leads Robinson, the winner in Surrey '3'



I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU!

(Photo: R. Linstead). Ron Clarke and Geoff North exchange looks just after the start of the 5000m invitation at Crystal Palace on June 22nd. Winner was Sawake (7) from Gamoudi (12) and Clarke (1). Geoff finished 9th in 13:54.6 (!) only 18.4 seconds behind the winner.

Youth Club Records

100 yards	J.Vivian	1964	10.1 secs.
220 yards	J.Vivian	1964	22.7 secs.
440 yards	A.Brooks	1965	51.5 secs.
880 yards	D.Cocks	1960	1:59.0 secs.
1 mile	J.Bicourt	1962	4:29.6 secs.
2 miles	J.Bicourt	1962	9:47.0 secs.
3 miles	A.Major	1963	15:17.0 secs.
110y Hurdles	K.Finn	1965	14.8 secs.
1,500m S'chase	J.Bicourt	1962	4:44.0 secs.
4 x 110 yards		1964	46.8 secs.
1 mile Walk	J.E.Knifton	1956	8:13.0 secs.
High Jump	A.Bent	1966	5 ft.8 ins.
Long Jump	J.P.Key	1954	21 ft. 9½ ins.
Triple Jump	J.Williams	1960	38 ft. 6 ins.
Weight	J.P.Jones	1952	48 ft. 0½ ins.
Discus	D.Thorogate	1966	139 ft. 7 ins.
Javelin	M.D.Draper	1957	175 ft. 3 ins.

Amendments and Additions to Senior and Junior Club Records

JUNIOR:	2 miles	J.Bicourt	July 1964	9:18.0 secs.
	3 miles	J.Bicourt		15:09.0 secs.
	6 miles	A.Major	Aug 1965	32:09.0 secs.
	2000m SC	J.Bicourt	Feb 1964	6:33.0 secs.
	High Jump	A.Bent (Y)	1966	5 ft.8 ins.
SENIOR:	100 yards	P.Eldridge	June 1961	9.9 secs.
	2 miles	J.Thresher	June 1966	8:42.2 secs.
	3 miles	Geoff North	May 1966	13:18.8 secs.
	3000m SC	J.Bicourt	June 1966	9:09.6 secs.

CLUB 6

Not out for a fast time, Gerry North was content to tuck in behind the leading pack for 4½ miles and then do a solo for home. Joe Reilly did the donkey work for the first 3 miles, with Alan Black then taking over. When North broke away Reilly, Fairclough and O'Hara chased hard, dropping Alan in the process, but Black recovered well and showing great determination ran through again only to fail by a mere inch to add a "silver" to his 3 miles "gold". Jack Brown went through the field like a dose of salts with 3 mile splits of 15:40 and 15:31 to beat Ranjit Bhatia who was competing in his last track race before leaving again for India in October.

RESULTS

1. Gerry North.....29:37.4	9. A. Major...31:40	17. J. Kelly.....36:
2. J. Reilly.....30:02	10. A. Morrison.31:41	18. J. McSweeney.....36:12
3. A. Black.....30:02	11. M. Simms...32:55	19. P. Sutton.....36:21
4. A. Fairclough...30:11	12. L. Mann...33:44	20. - Blairish.....36:47
5. L. O'Hara.....30:15	13. C. Keavey...33:48	21. G. Piddington...37:03
6. J. Brown.....31:11	14. G. Biscoe...33:54	22. J. Martin.....38:13
7. R. Bhatia.....31:23	15. E. Penny...34:31	23. R. Langheim.....38:52
8. W. Dance.....31:24	16. R. Glover...35:02	24. J. Plummer.....39:03
		25. A. Mead.....39:19