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JUNE 4TH

100 x 1 MILE

Many of you will be pleased to learn that the Blackheath Harriers 100 x 1 mile Club Relays are due to take place again this year. Make a note of the day - SUNDAY JUNE 4th - and start planning your training programme.

Bill Laws informs us that it would be very helpful if those planning to run, but who are not regulars at Belgrave Hall or Battersea Park track, were to ring him on 01-337-7215 to confirm that they wish to race. Why not make another note in your diary - Phone Bill Laws during week beginning May 14th.

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Front Cover: The harrier season is over but Lionel Mann shows signs of picking up some of his old form in good time for a season on the roads.

Back Cover: Jim Rimmer (keeping his shorts up on this occasion) leads Leo Coy and Alan Black in the Surrey Cross Country Champs.

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How heartening it is to see our youngsters pushing the name of our Club to the fore.

Only eighteen months after the first girls joined Belgrave Harriers the signs are that we have the fastest improving ladies walking team in the country. The great thing is that they become stronger with every week that passes and all have youth on their side. Whilst most of our lady walkers have already made their names well known to us through their deeds on road and track it must be mentioned that another lass, fourteen year old Joann Warnett, is also making a name for herself in the world of cross country running, winning the Wandsworth Schools event, finishing highly placed in the Greater London Schools race and gaining selection to run in the All England Schools Championship.

Do not imagine, however, that our young men are letting the ladies have the stage to themselves. Junior Captain Richard Dorman leads by example and this past winter season has seen him develop into a fine walker, already making his presence felt among the seniors, and as our leading Youth cross country runner has brought the Bels to victory in their Surrey C.C. League events. The cross country team that followed Richard is being viewed with great interest as well, for all still remain Youths next winter.

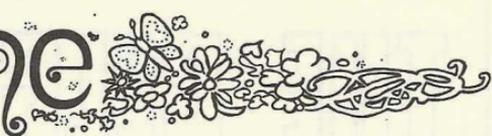
With the summer season now approaching it will be interesting to see how Mark Shippen continues his progress in the pole vault. Last year while still a youth he ranked =22nd in the Nation's Senior list and 5th among the Juniors. And of course there are quite a few

others - jumpers, throwers and runners - who have also already made their mark in Senior competition while still teenagers and who should be ready to improve again with another winter under their belts.

This progress has not come about by pure chance. Three men have put a great deal of their time and energy into organising our young teams' training and competition - Carl Lawton (walking), Ray Hall (Ladies cross country, track and field) and Leo Coy (Youths and Boys). Their tasks can be counted perhaps the most rewarding in our sport;

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grapevine



● Stuart Masterson has returned to Australia for a couple of years; let us hope that we have not seen the last of this friendly road runner. Stuart would be more than pleased to hear how his old colleagues are getting on so why not drop him a line - 56 Birtwistle Place Poleystone 6111, Western Australia.

● We are also very sad to see the return to New Zealand of Graham Seatter but hopefully we will be able to see him in action later this year via our TV screens when the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton, Canada, take place. Graham made many friends while over here - walkers and road runners - and this is one of the great things about our sport our common interest in athletics that serves as a basis to meet and enjoy the company of folk of all nationalities, from all walks of life.

● However, another Belgravian is planning to return to the UK this summer - Allan Callow. Allan, a past committee member of our club has enjoyed a deal of success while in New Zealand. On October 8th he won an over distance 20 mile Walk at Dunedin beating the NZ 50Km Champion John Rayner in the process, having set a pb of 36:03 for 5 miles the previous week.

● Many congratulations to Carl and Barbara Lawton on the birth of son Colin, who arrived on October 23rd weighing 7lb 12oz. And while on the subject of prospective members we must also welcome Faye, daughter of Bernard and Margaret Merry, who was born in December.

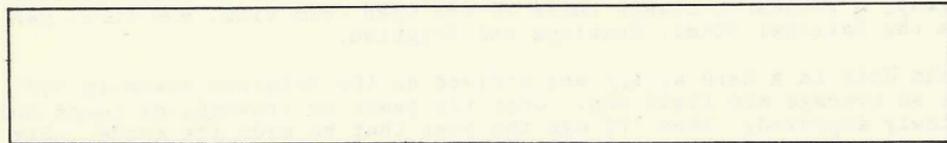
● Charlie Speechley recently received a 90th Birthday Card signed by the President and a number of members. He also received a presentation plaque from the Veterans A.C. He was at the Murphy Shield (10 miles walk) Race and was soon chatting to old friends. He also made the acquaintance of our youngest member, Colin Lawton - 90 years between them!

● Surrey County Womens' A.A.A. soon took advantage of our facilities for the ladies. They held their cross country championships there in December. In charge of the proceedings was Win. Shepherd with a number of members helping in the background. We were pleased to hear that Past President of the Assn., Mrs Savage (Win's mother) is still about and enjoying life at eighty plus.

● The Boxing Day Meeting usually attracts the odd older member and this year it was F.A. (Mick) Walker, cross country and road runner of the thirties and forties. He scored in a number of Surrey County Championship wins, but he was perhaps best known for his runs at 20 miles and the marathon (nothing longer in those days). During World War II he won the Finchley '20'. He has lived in Cornwall for a number of years.

● John Knifton writes from Austin (Texas) where it is much hotter than it is here. Because of the heat he trains late in the evening but even so it is still too hot for speed work. Consequently when he goes to a cooler place for a race (some hundreds of miles away in many cases) the lack of speed work plus Anno Domini begins to tell. However it is good to see his name occasionally in the U.S.A. results. He hopes to visit the U.K. in 1979 - give him a number Carl!

- Bernard Eglinton informs us that he is retiring this year. He will be cutting down on his forays into Lancashire for the occasional spin. He plans to keep his tracksuit aired regularly on the front at Colwyn Bay. When he first joined us he was a runner with the R.A.F. (he also sported a Derby & County Vest). He switched to walking and soon became a regular member of our teams at all distances gaining a number of winning and place medals.
- Merton Schools' have a nice muddy cross country course from their sports ground at Beverley Meads (hard by Beverley Brook and the woods at the foot of Wimbledon Common). A number of Belgravians were representing their schools at this year's championships; star of the meeting was Richard Dorman, Raynes Park High School, who not only won the race for the oldest age group but set a new course record.
- Warmest congratulations to our Q.P.H. member, Cyril Gittins, upon being elected President of the Southern Area of the R.W.A. Cyril has also had a spell in the Chair, is a Grade I Timekeeper, and is a regular official at our Battersea Park meetings. A "back-room boy" whose continued service makes our sport possible.
- You should have seen them ... past champions Arthur Penny and Tom Carter showing each other their pensioners bus passes while waiting for the runners to reappear after the first lap of our cross country course. We won't insult them by saying how spritely and fit they look, as we know full well that the only reason they don't don a pair of shorts each and set out with the competitors is that they might embarrass the Club by getting among the scorers again!
- Meanwhile, one of their peers, Harry Shields, always searching for another cultural pursuit, has taught himself to paint by attending evening classes, and we are pleased to say that some of Harry's work was recently on exhibition. What talent we have in the Club.
- Well done Don Maclean, who has managed to get his name on the "Denmark Pot" by winning our Darts Championship. It is particularly appropriate that Don should win this event at last for he was one of its instigators some dozen or so years ago.
- At the end of 1977 the total strength of Belgrave Harriers stood at 563 members - 494 men (278 Seniors, 30 Juniors, 26 Youths, 107 Boys, 25 Associate Members, 7 Honorary Members and 21 Second-claim Members) and 69 women (9 Seniors, 6 Juniors, 49 Girls, 2 Associate Members and 3 Second-claim Members).



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helping the development of young athletes on the way up. On the other hand they are most certainly at the same time the most heart-breaking when things are not going well and when the general membership shows little or no interest in what they are trying to do and offering them no help with their efforts. Need we say more!

One way in which all members can help is simply by taking notice. Ask our youngsters how their training is going, when will they be competing next, how did they get on last time. It means a great deal to be noticed by those who "matter".

WALKING

National Medals for a Belgrave Ladies Team. - Not an impossible dream but almost a reality. In the National Women's 5Kms walk championship at Birmingham in December we finished 5th only 7 points from 2nd place and that was with the misfortune of a disqualification without which we would have been placed.

Since the last edition we have increased our ladies section by a sufficient number to give us a team to be reckoned with. It took eighteen months to gently suggest to Shirley Rook that it would be the best policy for her to join us and eventually she made her decision and is now our number 1. Also joining us recently was Linda Nicholls who will be able to compete in the team in a few months. (She was quickly followed by her brother Michael).

As to the men - 2nd overall in the National rankings - we would have won it had we started a Youths team in '76. But this year we have already started off on the wrong foot. The National, Junior, Youths and Boys at Wimbledon, was the first time that the Boys championship was to be included in the tables. Fortunately we just started a boy team but not the team it should have been and we finished last. In the Youths we did not start a team although one was entered. Fourth in the Juniors was the best we could do with what we had but if.... Thanks are extended to all who turned up to help make the event a success.

Graham Seatter has returned home and will leave a gap difficult to fill. He managed to fit into 12 months what most of us would do in three years. He arrived as a "useful" walker, he went through bad spells, foot injury, anaemia, a hospital operation, had holidays in Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall and the Isle of Man but still managed to win the National Junior, Leicester 7, Lambeth 10Kms, Enfield 20Kms and finally his parting triumph the Belgrave 7 and of course he was part of the many Belgrave team victories during the year.

One of the dangers of signing a new walker who will immediately fill a team place is that he will push out one of the old brigade. This method has been tried for years but Ray Middleton still comes back!! Always a stalwart, always there in the Open team wins, and first man in the National 50Kms, Hastings and Brighton.

John Hall is a hard worker who arrived on the Belgrave scene in 1971 as an average mid field man. Over the years he trained, he raced and slowly improved, then '77 was the year that he made the grade. Six years to get there but now, in the first 10 in the opens, an equivalent of sub 52 minutes for 7 miles in the 11Kms at Imber Court, a sub 70 minutes 15Kms and then the Sussex 10 miles title in '78. He also did the Hastings and beat a few notable distance men.

Looking to 1978, well by the time you read this the National 10 will have passed by. National Titles are not impossible but..... There is always a team placed to be filled - Bob Picton at Highgate, Jon Dunsford at Luton, Richard Dorman (in his first outing as a team member) at Imber Court. We have a few new faces in the club and the future is rosy if the backing can be provided - a turn out of four starters in the 50 kilos will not win the team of eight!

Carl Lawton, Walking Hon. Secretary.

On August 6th Belgrave again took the Hastings to Brighton event thanks to the trio of Ray Middleton (4th 5:42:37), John Hall (8th 6:03:33) and Carl Lawton (15th 6:16:19). Alain Moulinet of France won the event, the 40th time it has been held, in 5:34:54. The pace had been fast throughout with 50Km coming up for our men in 4:34:55, 4:52:55 and 5:54:24. Dave King and John Keown also competed for the Bels whose score of 17 points was 6 points too good for second placers Brighton & Hove.

One week later came a sparkling 1 - 2 from Graham Seatter and Carl Lawton in the Lambeth Festival of Race Walking at Brockwell Park. Graham had just over half a minute on Carl at the finish of the 10Km. 44:43 to 45:15, with Amos Seddon (BoE) a further five seconds down. Other Belgrave placings were: 10.J.Hall 48:06; 15.R.Middleton 48:59; 26.J.Dunsford 53:08; 34.R.Day 54:36; 37.D.Fotheringham 55:31; 42.S.Bennett 56:32; 52.J.Morris 59:59. Once again the team race went to the Bels with 12 points to Brighton & Hove's 23 and Boro' of Enfield's 24.

In the Youth's 5Km at Lambeth Richard Dorman placed 6th in 25:49 with T.McDermot and P.Morris also competing. Diane Cook was third home in the Women's 10Km and Jane Pritchard was in action in the intermediate girls 5Km.

August 20th saw Carl successfully tackling the South Western Counties 10Km at Weymouth, winning in 46:46, while over the London Vidarians 5 mile course Graham Seatter zipped to a record 34:59.

The fearsome conditions did not deter Graham Seatter from blazing from start to finish to win the Enfield 20Km on August 28th. At 10Km he was timed at 44:30, over a minute up on Seddon, and in torrential rain he drew even further away to set a new personal best of 91:01. Ray Middleton was 15th in 100:37 with Doug. Fotheringham also in the field but Carl had to retire due to back trouble. In the womens 5Km Anna Matthews placed 5th in 30:53 and Jane Pritchard 7th in 32:40.

SEPTEMBER 3rd 1977 - LONDON TO BRIGHTON.

LEICESTER'S TURN!

This year saw 69 starters in the Open London to Brighton Walk, five of whom were ours. The weather was kind, a little breeze and a little sun but no rain. In the early stages Ray was with the leaders with Dave and Ron walking together not too far down the field. The two Johns completed our team and, if all went well, one of these would be our fourth scorer. By twenty miles Ray had lost a few minutes on the leaders who were moving very well. About halfway John Morris retired; our remaining four were still going strong. Dave was able to open up a gap on Ron (suffering the effects of a recent cold) but Ron always had Dave in sight on the long stretches - it's always good to have someone in view on these long efforts!

Thus the race had developed and history was made when John Lees became the first Brighton walker to win this event, his time of 7h.54m. 52s being very good indeed. He was well ahead of Alan Moulinet the Frenchman who had won the Hastings to Brighton a few weeks earlier. Ray was beaten into fourth place by Ken Harding (Royal Sutton Coldfield) who this year broke Pat Duncan's Manchester to Blackpool record. Soon the blue vests of Leicester came rolling in and they had three men home before our second man, Dave, came in and before Ron came in a fourth Leicester man appeared to give them the team title. Congratulations to Leicester who won the race thirty years ago. The battle for placings in the team race was now on, Ron soon came in followed by a Brighton man and with three men home from each

team Brighton had a two points advantage. A stolid John Keown arrived four places ahead of our rivals and so we took second medals. This was John's 17th consecutive Brighton!

Thanks again to the usual band of helpers, particularly Richard Dorman who cycled down.

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1.J.Lees (Brighton & Hove) 7:54:52; 4.R.Middleton 8:23:45; 16.D.King 9:18:54; 20.R.Day 9:23:28; 33.J.Keown 9:53:22.
Teams: 1.Leicester WC 28; 2.Belgrave H 42; 3.Brighton & Hove AC 44.

Meanwhile, over at West London Stadium for the G.L.C. Championships, it was Belgrave 1-2-3 as Graham Seatter 12:33, Carl Lawton 13:05 and John Hall 13:12.8 swept the board in the 3Km.

SEPTEMBER 10th 1977 - SOUTHWICK - SOUTHERN R.W.A. CHAMPS.

A week after the London to Brighton Walk a small band of Belgravians made the trip to Southwick on the Western suburbs of Brighton for the Southern RWA Juniors, Youths and Boys Championship. The course was based on the Green which is almost exactly 1,000 metres around. Our sole representative in the Boys 3,000m was Kevin McDermot, a newcomer who clocked a creditable 17:11 for 17th. Kevin and his brother Trevor look tough and strong and are training with Ray Middleton who lives nearby - those Hendon roads will soon need re-surfacing. The Youth's 5,000m gave us our best result with Richard Dorman taking second place to Gordon Vale (Surrey W.C.) in 25:13. The aforementioned Trevor was 11th in 26:44 with Peter Morris 18th in 28:37. When Richard becomes eligible to represent us we should have a good team. In the 10,000m Junior Nigel Morris 20th in 56:06 and Stu Bennett 11th in 57:38 were obviously not at their best but worked hard against the odds.

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John Hall's pb for 3,000 metres took another dive on September 14th at Crystal Palace when he clocked 13:04 for 5th. The event was the Southern 3Km championship won by Lightman (Met WC) in 12:40, although first to cross the line was guest Canadian Marcel Jobin in 12:23.6. Carl Lawton placed 3rd in the championship with 12:45.0 while Jonathan Dunsford 14:05 and Ron Day 14:28 also competed.

SEPTEMBER 17th 1977 - PARLIAMENT HILL - HIGHGATE ONE HOUR.

Section A: C.Lawton 13,135m; J.Hall 12,544m. Section B: R.Day 11,500m R.Picton 11,395m; J.Dunsford 11,380m; D.Fotheringham 11,131m; N. Morris 10,852m. Section C: T.Cook 9,916; G.Beecham 9,641.
Team 1. Belgrave H.

Anna Matthews (17:01) and Jane Pritchard (18:23) had the honour of competing in a 3Km race in which the U.K. record was smashed - Carol Tyson (Lakeland) won in 13:40! Kevin and Trevor McDermot both competed in 1 mile events, being timed at 8:51 and 8:03 respectively.

In the open 10Km event held at the Lugano Cup Final meeting, Milton Keynes on September 25th, Graham Seatter was below his best form and placed 16th in 47:34. Yesyukov of the Soviet Union was the winner in 43:32 while other Belgravians to compete were 20th J.Hall 47:53, 42nd J.Bromley 52:15, 47th R.Picton 52:30, 50th J.Dunsford 52:53 and 61st D.Fotheringham 54:05.

Mexico's Vera set a cracking pace in the London Fire Brigade Meetings 3Km and won from Carl Lawton 12:17 to 12:47.

OCTOBER 1st 1977 - WIMBLEDON - INTER-CLUB 5 MILES.

1.C.Lawton 35:59; 5.R.Middleton 40:24; 6.J.Dunsford 40:50; 7.R.Picton 41:00; 8.R.Dorman 41:39; 9.R.McMullen 41:54; 11.J.Bromley 42:06; 12. D.Fotheringham 42:39; 13.N.Morris 48:47; 15.P.Morris 45:20; 18.J. Keown 45:33; 19.T.Cook 45:54; 22.J.Morris 46:43.
 Women: A.Matthews 49:48; J.Pritchard 54:12.

On October 8th Belgrave won the pies yet again in the Chippenham to Calne 6 mile event. Leicester's Brian Adams was first home in 43:22 but the Bels were well to the fore with - 3.C.Lawton 43:58; 5.G. Seatter 45:20; 9.J.Hall 45:58; 25.R.Middleton 47:55; 46.J.Bromley 50:40; 47.J.Dunsford 50:43; 49.R.Picton 50:46; 63.N.Morris 52:18; 106.T.Cook 56:48. Our margin over Leicester was quite comfortable in the team event, 38 points to 50, with Steyning filling 3rd place scoring 57.

Over the same tough course Anna and Jane placed 12th and 16th in 62:26 and 65:31 but the ladies race went to that amazing Lakeland walker Carol Tyson with 49:49.

OCTOBER 15th 1977 - WIMBLEDON - R.W.A. JUNIOR, YOUTHS & BOYS CHAMPS.***R.W.A. under-21 champs***

This was only the second time these championships have been held and of course, the first time from Belgrave Hall. We had competitors out in each of the age groups, closing in teams in the Boys and Juniors races. Over 3,000 metres our boys team placed 12th with 96 points - K.McDermot 19th in 16:50, G.Sexton 36th in 17:54 and S. Pritchard 59th in 22:19. Richard Dorman was well up the field in the Youths 5,000 metres, placing 6th in 24:33 with 23rd T.McDermot in 27:00 and 31st P.Morris 27:44. It was in the Junior 10Km, however, that we came closest to the medals, our team of J.Dunsford 16th 16:28, S.Bennett 22nd 52:46, N.Morris 27th 53:39 and S.Sharp 33rd 54:17 reaching 4th out of the 9 teams with 50 points.

OCTOBER 29th 1977 - LUTON - VAUXHALL MOTORS OPEN '71.

1.C.Lawton 52:03; 3.G.Seatter 52:56; 18.R.Middleton 55:33; 37.J. Dunsford 59:26; R.Picton; T.McDermott; D.Fotheringham.
 Teams: 1.Yorkshire Postal WC 42; 2.Belgrave H 50; 3.Coventry Godiva 68.

Ladies 5Km: 1.J.Farr (Trow) 25:15; 5.A.Matthews 28:34.

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Unfortunately there were no Belgrave men in the Great Britain team for the Lugano Trophy. Carl Lawton narrowly missed selection as did Ray Middleton (who competed in 1961,63,65,67,70 and 73 a feat no other walker has equalled). However a number of Belgravians were on the Officials List, and looking at the programme we find Fred Denny (Recorder) Jack and Joan Goswell (Results) John Keown (Judges Recorder) Ray Middleton (Chief Steward Refreshment Station) and Jean Middleton (Sales and Programmes).

Glancing at previous results we find two Belgrave names in the Individual placings, George Williams third in the 20 Kilos in 1961 and Ray Middleton second in the 50 Kilos in 1963.

NOVEMBER 12th 1977 - ENFIELD.

DOUBLE EVENT

On November 12th Club history was made at Enfield for not only did we notch up another scratch team in their 54th Open 7 miles walk but our girls won the team race in the Senior over fifteen 5,000 metres. The meeting comprised five events and we were represented in four of them

Taking the afternoon's events in order, first the Girls (11-15) 2,500m and amongst those lined up was Tracey McDermot. This was her first race and wisely she let the more experienced ones go away, nevertheless she persevered with a fine style and with more experience is going to be challenging the others.

Next the Senior Women's 5,000m which turned out to be between Epsom and ourselves. Anna soon established herself with the leaders with Diane not too far behind and Jane putting up her usual fight to keep us in contention. With vocal support our trio maintained their positions to give us a one point victory. Congratulations to them - may this be the first of many.

Meanwhile the Boys (13-15) 5,000, had got under way and Kevin McDermot was already making his presence felt, but as the race progressed some of his speedier rivals pulled away, but he showed his fighting qualities to bring out a personal best.

The main event, the 7 miles saw the Mexican E.Vera in action, for two of the three laps he led Bob Dobson (Southend), but on the third lap he was away on his own to finish in 48:44 with Dobson second. Easily the best of the remainder was Graham, whilst Carl was showing young Colin what its' all about (he slept through the proceedings). John was in good form and soon appeared and it was not long before Ray came in to give us another team win.

Shortly before the hour was up Trevor McDermott crossed the line - only 16 years of age and '7 in the hour' in his first season. Trevor and Kevin are both strong with good styles and are training under the eye of the old master himself, Ray Middleton. Another improving youngster showing his paces was Peter Morris who is showing some of the Seniors a clean pair of heels.

G.S.D.

Mens Open '7'. 1.E.Vera (Mexico) 48:44; 5.C.Lawton 51:50; 9.J.Hall 52:30; 22.R.Middleton 54:36; 46.J.Dunsford 58:10; 57.T.McDermot 59:27; 61.J.Bromley 59:37; 70.D.Fotheringham 60:57; 79.J.Dunsford 61:25; 91.J.Keown 63:56; 98.P.Morris 65:03; 105.T.Cook 66:09.
Teams: 1.Belgrave H; 2.Steyning; 3.Borough of Enfield.

Ladies 5Km. 4.A.Matthews 29:09; 6.D.Cook 29:57; 11.J.Pritchard 31:26
Teams: 1.Belgrave H; 2.Epsom & Ewell H.

The winning team (District Line) in the London Transport 7 mile road walking championship has a more than slightly familiar look. From left to right: Ron Day was 3rd, John Dunsford was 2nd in 59:32 and Jonathon Dunsford completed the team with 5th place.



NOVEMBER 26th 1977 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE OPEN '7'.

BON VOYAGE!

The 58th Open Seven Miles Walk was once again a triumph of Belgrave organisation and Belgrave walking tinged however with some regret as our popular New Zealander, Graham Seatter was due to leave for home the following Monday. There was general pleasure that his last walk for us (for a while) brought him a fine win over the Sheffield 50 Kilos specialist, Jake Warhurst. With Carl and John (who nearly caught him) finishing in good positions and with Ray giving his usual support we held off a strong challenge from Steyning, now a strong force to be reckoned with. We had the usual backing of non-scorers and for the first time four of our ladies took to the road (unofficially of course!) and Shirley, Anna, Diane and Jane impressed us all by their determined walking.

There was the usual crowd of Bels doing their jobs, headed by our President who was Starter and Referee. Amongst the Judges were Joe Coleman, Fred Denny, Barbara Dunsford, Harold King, Syd Spencer, Bill True and Joe Wilson. Ray Hall together with Fred and Bill were logging them in, the sheets going in to Jack Goswell and Frank Jarvis, assisted by their wives to get out the results. Also seen on the course were Charlie Churcher, Charlie Jones, Tommy Scrimshaw, Frank Webb, Norman Dewberry and Charlie MacLennan.

Tommy Cook's wife, assisted by other ladies dealt with refreshments. The whole of the proceedings were masterminded by Carl and once again our thanks and full marks to him.

It is fitting to close by wishing Graham and the charming Rosemary "Au Revoir" we hope that you enjoyed your visit to the U.K. as much as we enjoyed your company. Good Luck with your walking in New Zealand and may you soon be back in the Claret and Gold of Belgrave.

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Teams: 1.Belgrave H 31; 2.Steyning 38; 3.Borough of Enfield 68.

Anna and Jane were in action again the following day, 27th November, placing 5th and 9th in Havering AC's ladies open 3Km with 16:47 and 18:41. Carl Lawton was also on the road again, this time winning the men's 10Km from the redoubtable Roger Mills - 45:38 to 46:07. Doug Fotheringham was 13th in 53:18.

DECEMBER 3rd 1977 - BATTERSEA PARK - MET W.C. 15KM.

5.M.Scamell 72:41; 11.J.Bromley 77:12; 16.J.Dunsford 80:56; 19.D.Fotheringham 82:31; 24.D.McMullen 84:54; 29.J.Keown 86:55.

DECEMBER 10th 1977 - BEXLEY - CAMBRIDGE H OPEN 10KM.

1.E.Vera (Mexico) 43:32; 8.J.Hall 47:11; 14.C.Lawton 48:33; 34.J.Bromley 51:54; 49.N.Morris 53:49; 53.D.Fotheringham 54:15; 72.P.Morris 57:20; 81.T.Cook 60:18; 83.J.Morris 61:47.
Teams: 1.Borough of Enfield 36; 2.Surrey WC 51; 3.Brighton & Hove 85; 4.Belgrave H.

DECEMBER 11th 1977 - BIRMINGHAM - NATIONAL WOMENS 5km CHAMP.

OUR GIRLS JUST MISS NATIONAL MEDALS

On this, the first occasion that a team of Belgrave Ladies turned out in a Senior National Championship, our girls did us proud by coming within 4 points of a set of National medals. The race was held over five laps and the entry was the largest ever received for this championship. The team was greatly strengthened by the inclusion of a new Belgravian, Shirley Rook, a budding policewoman. Unfortunately on the first lap our other policewoman, Diane Cook, who had incidentally been on night duty all week, came under the judges ban - giving our team hopes a bit of a blow. However, Shirley and Anna Matthews started steadily and worked their way slowly through the field together to finish 11th and 12th and with young Jane Pritchard backing up well to place 24th our team closed in a pleasing 5th

1.C.Tyson (Lakeland) 24:02; 11.S.Rook 28:06; 12.A.Matthews 28:24; 24.J.Pritchard 31:04.

Teams: 1.Birchfield 18; 2.Brighton & Hove 39; 3.Solihull 43; 5. Belgrave H 47.

DECEMBER 17th 1977 - ILFORD AC OPEN MEETING.

Mens 10Km. 34.D.Fotheringham 53:30; 38.T.McDermot 54:29.
Youths. 5.T.McDermot 14:49. Boys. 8.K.McDermot.

Ladies 3Km. 1.C.Tyson (Lakeland) 14:23; 3.A.Matthews 16:38; 5.D.Cook 17:39; 8.J.Pritchard 18:37.

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DECEMBER 26th 1977 - BATTERSEA PARK - BOXING DAY.

Mens 4,800m (12 laps). 1.J.Dunsford, Snr; 2.T.Cook; 3.M.Scamell; 4. D.Fotheringham; 5.R.Dorman; 6.J.Scamell; 7.J.Dunsford, Jnr; 8.C. Gittens; 9.D.McMullen; 10.P.Morris.

Ladies 2Km. 1.D.Cook; 2.A.Matthews; 3.J.Pritchard.

DECEMBER 31st 1977 - WIMBLEDON - HORWOOD CUP '77.**AGONY CORNER**

Does such a place exist? Ask any of those who competed in our Seven Miles Walk on December 31st using a new course, where a sharp hill up Cottenham Drive had to be climbed three times. The villain of the piece, the chap who planned it, was Carl, seeking out an alternative for the traditional Open Seven course which is getting dangerous in parts. It was agreed that the new course was better from the safety angle, and, in retrospect, the competitors liked it.

Being the Season of Goodwill we welcomed a number of walkers from other Clubs and we were able to provide matches against the Metropolitan Police and against Combined Clubs.

Carl was directing the competitors round an innocent looking corner where the climbing began. Sweeping round in fine style Adrian James (Enfield) led them home to set a course record of 54:21. Our main interest was in the Horwood Cup for those not barred from the Garnet Trophy and Richard Dorman, improving every time won from Trevor Mc Dermot, also making good progress. (These two gave further evidence of their prowess the following week-end at Imber Court).

We beat the M.P. by a narrow margin, but the Combined Clubs were too strong for us. Many will look forward to improving these times, whilst others will be anxious to have a go on the new course.

G.S.D.

Horwood Cup. 1.R.Dorman 60:13; 2.T.McDermot 63:26; 3 T.Cook 67:57; Match. 1.A.James (BoE) 54:21; 4.M.Scamell 57:46; 6.R.Middleton 59:58; 7.R.Dorman 60:13; 8.R.Picton 61:35; 10.J.Dunsford 62:42; 11.T.McDermot 63:26; 15.D.McMullen 65:00; 18.D.Fotheringham 66:07; 23.J.Keown 67:48; 24.T.Cook 67:57; 25.N.Morris 68:12; 29.R.Day 69:36; 30.P.Morris 70:12; 34.C.Gittens 77:27.

JANUARY 1st 1978 - CITY OF LONDON NEW YEAR RACES.

In the 3,000m walk for the ladies there was good vocal support for our quartette who once again showed good times - unfortunately the course was probably on the short side; never mind! Nice work Anna and Shirley, Diane and Jane. Carl kept the colours flying in the men's 5,000m walk undoubtedly the "hottest" field of the day, Michael Scamell too could hardly miss a race on his doorstep.

Unfortunately we were not represented in the other events, but with the continued improvement of our younger members next year's races may see more Belgrave vests pounding these historic streets.

G.S.D.

Mens 5Km. 1.S.Lightman (Met.WC) 21:33; 9.C.Lawton 22:40; 15.M.Scamell (Newham) 23:26. Ladies 3Km. 1.J.Farr (Trowbridge) 13:34; 5.S.Rook 15:48; 6.A.Matthews 15:48; 9.D.Cook 16:15 11.J.Pritchard 17:13.

JANUARY 7th 1978 - CHELMSFORD - EVERARD MEMORIAL RACES.

Junior 5Km. 4.J.Dunsford 24:19.
 Youths 3Km. 6.T.McDermot 14:25; 14.P.Morris 15:51; 15.K.McDermot 15:53. Ladies 5Km. 1.S.McAuley (Essex Police) 26:54; 3.S.Rook 28:21
 4.A.Matthews 28:24; 6.D.Cook 29:16; 10.J.Pritchard 31:40. Girls under 15. 12.T.McDermot 12:03.

JANUARY 8th 1978 - IMBER COURT - MET. POLICE OPEN 11KM.**RICHARD'S FINE DEBUT**

With the departure of Graham Seatter back to New Zealand, who would fill the gap in our team? The answer came in the Metropolitan Police Open 11 Kilos walk. Sixteen years old Richard Dorman, who the previous day had run so well in the Surrey County C.C. Championships gave us an unprecedented performance. In his first Open race at this distance he was fourth scorer in our team which placed second to the much improved Steyning A.C.

John led the team home with what was probably his best open placing to date, he was near the leaders right from the start. Carl soon followed with Ray, who had had Richard for company in the early stages, hammering his way home. It wasn't long before Richard obliged with a performance which, had the course been seven miles, must have brought him home under the hour. Young Trevor too, who has already done seven miles in the hour, consolidated his position as one of our good prospects.

There were many Belgravians in the field and those trying to make the team can't relax! We welcomed Len Duquemin back to the fray, his style is still very impressive, and a few more outings should bring the speed back.

The event was once again efficiently organised by Doug Fotheringham (who also competed) and it is an event where one often meets old friends. Usually helping at this event is Mrs. Bonnie Yescombe, and she asked after many Club members. Many will recall her late husband Cyril's purposeful walking for Club and Police teams. One of his greatest performances was when in almost continuous raid he walked from Brighton to London and back step for step with Bernard Eglinton

G.S.D.

1.S.Lightman (Met.WC) 49:07; 6.J.Hall 50:27; 8.C.Lawton 50:51; 34.R.Middleton 54:24; 44.R.Dorman 55:32; 53.J.Bromley 56:48; 54.R.Picton 56:48; 57.T.McDermot 57:15; 65.J.Dunsford 57:55; 66.N.Morris 58:07; 67.J.Dunsford 58:20; 71.L.Duquemin 58:35; 96.D.McMullen 60:58; 99.D.Fotheringham 61:10; 109.J.Keown 62:17; 121.P.Morris 64:05; 122.T.Cook 64:10.

Teams: 1.Steyning 53; 2.Belgrave H 70; 3.Ilford AC 80.

JANUARY 21st 1978 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPS.

Senior 10 miles for "Murphy Shield". 1.C.Lawton 80:40; 4.R.Middleton 82:38; 3.R.Picton 84:45; 4.L.Duquemin 86:14; 5.J.Bromley 86:44; 6.N.Morris 86:50; 7.D.Fotheringham 89:06; 8.D.McMullen 89:35; 9.R.Day 94:16; 10.J.Keown 94:31; 11.P.Duncan 101:18; 12.G.Beecham 106:18.

Junior 5 miles for "Olympic Cup". 1.R.Dorman 40:56; 2.T.McDermott 42:28; 3.N.Morris 42:40; 4.M.Nicholls 43:25; 5.K.McDermot 48:22.

Shirley Rook beat Anna Matthews home by 1 second in the Southern Counties 5000 metre race on January 28th at Maidstone. They crossed the line in 5th and 6th places, 28:24 and 28:25, with Linda Nicholls not far away in 11th place, 30:49.

FEBRUARY 11th, 1978 - BATTERSEA PARK - G.L.C. 10 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

34-35-36

These were the team scores in this year's G.L.C. 10 miles Walking Championship of Ilford AC (without Roger Mills), Belgrave and Enfield (without Amos Seddon), with Surrey WC not far behind with 42 points.

The event was held at Battersea Park on the 11th February over the usual five lap course; it was dry but cold.

Carl and John Hall were prominent in the early stages and Surrey WC seemed to have the edge over us for the team title, but Ray and John Bromley were moving well. The winner, who led for most of the way, was G. Nibre of Ilford - one of the country's promising young walkers. With a lap to go Carl and S. Elms (Sutton) were in hot pursuit, but over the last lap the diminutive Brighton man put in some fast work to drop Carl. John kept up the pressure and recorded a time equivalent to eight m.p.h. Ray and John were picking up places and it was good to see how their judgment and experience got them really moving over that part of the race which matters.

The closeness of the result shows how tight team races are these days, actually we were the first club to finish its four scorers. It was good to see John Dunsford and Ron Day getting back to form.

The proceedings were presided over by Cyril Gittins, adorned with the Chain and Badge of the President of the S.R.W.A.

G.S.D.

1.G.Nibre (Ilford AC) 73:10; 3.C.Lawton 73:44; 5.J.Hall 74:58; 15.R.Middleton 80:00; 18.J.Bromley 81:51; 24.J.Dunsford, Snr. 85:00; 27.R.Day 85:46; 31.D.Fotheringham 86:40; 46.J.Keown 91:18; 52.J.Dunsford, Jr. 93:32; 61.T.Cook 94:56; 65.J.Morris 99:04.

Teams: 1.Ilford AC 34; 2.Belgrave H 35; 3.Borough of Enfield 36.

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Arthur Welling on December 8th at the age of 69. Arthur never excelled as walker or runner but veteran competitors far and wide have a great deal to thank him for - races organised, handicap marks paced out, pins and numbers dispensed and all with a cheery word or two to each contestant. He became a member of Vets AC in 1949 and took over as general secretary in 1952, a post he held until the end.

BOUQUETS

It is good to know that we get praise from outside. After the South of the Thames "Junior" an official complimented us upon the good refreshments we provided. Numerous visiting athletes and officials have expressed admiration for the alterations to Belgrave Hall. Recently a well-known follower and supporter of athletics was given a copy of the "Belgravian". After staying up late to read it his comments were "The best Club Magazine I've ever seen! So thanks to all concerned who keep our image to the fore!.

WITH THE LADIES

The Ladies Section, from the point of competition, goes into hibernation for the Winter at present, but the track training with 18-20 youngsters still goes on at Battersea Park every Sunday morning throughout the Winter, and every Wednesday evening at Belgrave Hall with circuit training and games.

Our Walkers, however, have competed in three major championships, the first being the National Junior 5000m at Milksham in November, where Diane Cook finished 6th in her first championship race for the Club and Anna Matthews was unfortunately disqualified while fighting out for 3rd place. The National Championships came next, and were held at Birmingham on a Sunday early in December, where Belgrave fielded a full team in the Senior section for the first time in history. The last championship was the Southern Counties at Maidstone and this race saw the first appearance of Linda Nicholls, the Kent Champion, in Belgrave colours. Welcome Linda, you've got your worst race out of your system, and it was a horrid day.

Looking further forward it can only be a matter of months before our walking team gains Championship medals, and my thanks go to Carl Lawton for providing transport and support for the Birmingham trip.

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For full details of walking events see under The Walking Section.

We held our Cross Country Championships at Wimbledon on January 21st. The Junior race had eight competitors and Joann Warnett won comfortably with the Taylor sisters second and third. Rebecca Augustine and Alison Jones surprised with their forward running. The Senior race saw Shirley Rook winning easily, her first Club Championship, from Anna Matthews.

Congratulations to Joann Warnett on being picked to represent Greater London in the All England Schools Cross-Country Championships at Lincoln. She won the Wandsworth Schools, finished 3rd in the Inner London and then 5th in the Greater London Championships.

It is nice to see Alison Bethwaite back in training after illness at Christmas.

Wendy Dunsford will be the Womens Captain for the coming year, and my Assistant Secretary will be Derrick Jones, who comes to help every Sunday.

Please come and support us when we compete at Battersea Park in the Southern League, Mid-Week League, and the youngsters in the Lily 'B' League. Your support means much to us, so please bring your Mums and Dads.

Ray Hall, Ladies Hon. Secretary (Tel: 53 76264)

JANUARY 21st 1978 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE C.C. CHAMPS.

Senior. 1.S.Rook 15:07; 2.A.Matthews 16:29; 3.D.Cook 17:03.
 Junior. 1.J.Warnett 10:15; 2.A.Taylor 10:34; 3.P.Taylor 10:39; 4.R.
 Augustine 10:47; 5.A.Jones 10:52; 6.B.Sexton 10:55; 7.T.Jordan 10:59;
 8.R.Morris 12:12

five star awards - girls5 Star

R.Augustine
 G.Mahoney
 J.Moore
 P.Taylor

4 Star

J.Barnett
 J.Carter
 O.Griffiths
 A.Jones
 V.Simms
 A.Taylor

3 Star

J.Agis
 C.Babbs
 B.Dunsford
 R.Morris
 K.Norris
 M.Orris
 K.O'Sullivan
 A.Slattery

2 Star

J.Baker
 T.Couzens
 M.Sexton

Pentathlon Awards5 Star

P.Taylor

4 Star

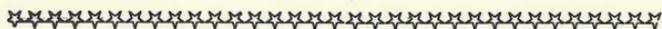
O.Griffiths
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 V.Simms
 A.Taylor

3 Star

J.Agis
 B.Dunsford
 K.O'Sullivan

2 Star

T.Couzens
 A.Slattery

**FIXTURE CHANGES**

After the summer fixture card had gone into print, the Southern Womens Track League altered the fixtures and sections of the fourth division. The new dates and fixtures are:-

April 22nd - Portsmouth
 July 15th - Erith Stadium
 June 24th - Battersea Park (our home match).

Please come and support us. We shall be competing against Portsmouth, Hastings, Dartford, Hercules Wimbledon and Bexley.

The Editor would particularly like to thank Gordon Doubleday (G.S.D.) for many of the race reports in this magazine. Doug. Maughan has been active in digging out road race results and of course those indefatigable sectional secretaries Ray Hall, Gordon Biscoe, Leo Coy and Carl Lawton have kept the main results coming.

Nevertheless, we always need new contributors so if there is a meeting you can cover or an article you would like to write, please get in touch. We are also very much in need of photographs, particularly of our ladies and walkers.

MONEY MATTERS £

At the A.G.M. last September Ken Miller, one of our co-Auditors incisively outlined the Club's financial position. The Committee regards it as important that all our members should be aware of the constant struggle to make ends meet and we therefore reproduce below Ken's comments.

"The Accounts for the year to 30th June 1977 show a loss of £663 of which £246 represents a provision for depreciation. There was thus a cash loss of £417. Apart from a very small deficit in 1975, this is the only occasion since before 1970 that the Club has suffered an outflow of cash. As explained by the Treasurer, the reason in part for this outflow, has been the restricted use of the Hall for social activities during the building programme.

The Balance Sheet at 30th June 1977 shows that after meeting our immediate liabilities, we have surplus cash of £867. Please remember this figure. But what of the future? If we assume that for the year to June 1978, expenditure will increase by 10%; subs. will be static Building Society interest will reduce to a small figure; other income (football scheme, hire of hall, socials, etc.) will increase by £500 - the Club will have a cash loss of £500 for the year. But the position is worse than this, for we have already received £400 advance subscriptions. Thus our cash position will deteriorate by £900 during the current year on these assumptions. If we refer back to the fact that we had at June 1977 £867 surplus cash, we could find that the money has run out by next June.

But the problems do not stop at June 1978 for we have already received and effectively spent £400 of subscriptions for the year 1978/79.

A Club with the responsibility of a building such as Belgrave Hall, must in my view have some reserves upon which to fall back for major repairs. We have therefore not just to seek to cover our cash outgoings but also to cover a charge for depreciation to provide a build up of cash for this purpose. A sensible depreciation charge each year on the improved Belgrave Hall would be in the region of £350-£400.

To summarise, we need to improve the financial position of Belgrave Harriers by at least £1,000 per annum. This can only be achieved in two ways -

- (1) Cutting costs (marginal scope)
- (2) Increasing income - from socials, hire of hall, etc.
- from subscriptions.

Under the Rules of the Club, subscriptions cannot be increased until 1st July 1978 but it is interesting to note that currently subs. only just cover the cost of printing, stationery and postage (including the "Belgravian").

It is the Auditors' prime function to report on the past but my co-Auditor and I felt we would be failing in our duty if we did not underline this evening the potentially serious financial future facing the Club."

K.W. Miller.



Rankings '77 — Women

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<p><u>100m</u> J.Carter(I) 12.9 J.Moore(J) 13.1 A.Bethwaite 13.3 D.McNeil 13.3 G.Mohoney(M) 13.8 E.Wilson(I) 14.0 J.Barrett(J) 14.2 V.Simms(J) 14.4 A.Taylor(J) 14.4 C.Taylor(I) 14.6 P.Taylor(M) 14.6 R.Augustin ..(M) 14.9 J.Agis(J) 15.1 P.Johnson 15.2 A.Slattery ... (J) 15.2 O.Griffiths ..(J) 15.2 P.St. Ange ... (M) 15.3 S.Monerville..(J) 15.5 W.Dunsford 15.6 C.Fashesin ... (J) 15.9 K.O'Sullivan .(J) 15.9</p>	<p><u>200m</u> J.Carter.....(J) 27.9 A.Bethwaite 28.3 J.Moore(J) 28.5 E.Wilson(I) 28.7 D.McNeil 29.3 M.Watson 29.4 G.Mohoney(M) 29.5 O.Griffiths ..(J) 29.8 J.Barrett(J) 30.0 P.Taylor(M) 30.1 C.Taylor(I) 30.6 R.Augustin ..(M) 30.6 S.Thomas(J) 30.7 A.Taylor(J) 31.1 V.Simms(J) 31.4 J.Agis(J) 32.3 K.O'Sullivan .(J) 32.6 J.Pritchard ..(I) 34.9 A.Jones(M) 35.6 T.Jordan(M) 36.2</p>	<p><u>400m</u> E.Wilson(I) 65.9 A.Bethwaite 67.8 V.Simms(J) 71.2 A.Taylor(J) 72.9 C.Taylor(I) 73.3 K.O'Sullivan..(J) 74.2 J.Agis(J) 74.9 J.Moore(J) 75.4 P.Taylor(M) 76.8 A.Slattery ... (J) 79.4 J.Pritchard ..(I) 83.4 T.Jordan(M) 85.2 A.Jones(M) 86.0 B.Sexton(M) 92.9</p> <p><u>1,500m</u> B.Sexton ... (M) 7:25.0 V.St.Ange... (M) 9:31.6</p> <p><u>3,000m</u> A.Matthews ... 13:31.8</p>
<p><u>800m</u> O.Griffiths.(J) 2:40.0 E.Wilson....(I) 2:45.4 A.Taylor ... (J) 2:51.4 J.Baker(J) 2:56.6 D.Cook 2:59.8 W.Dunsford ... 3:07.6 K.Norris ... (J) 3:08.0 P.Taylor ... (M) 3:08.8 M.Maclean ..(M) 3:09.4 B.Dunsford .(J) 3:12.0 V.Simms(J) 3:16.6 R.Morris ... (M) 3:18.0 J.Pritchard.(I) 3:19.8 B.Sexton ... (M) 3:23.0</p>	<p><u>Senior 4x100m relay</u> M.Watson D.McNeil C.Taylor A.Bethwaite..... 55.5</p> <p><u>Junior 4x100m relay</u> P.Taylor J.Barrett A.Taylor J.Moore 55.1</p> <p><u>Minor 4x100m relay</u> P.St.Ange R.Augustin P.Taylor G.Mohoney 59.1</p>	<p><u>100m Hurdles</u> P.Johnson 21.5</p> <p><u>75m Hurdles</u> A.Taylor.....(J) 13.2 J.Agis(J) 15.8 C.Babbs(M) 15.9 K.O'Sullivan..(J) 16.3 P.St.Ange ... (M) 16.3 R.Morris(M) 17.6</p> <p><u>1,000m Walk</u> B.Sexton ... (M) 6:25.7 R.Morris ... (M) 6:44.4</p> <p><u>1,600m Walk</u> K.O'Sullivan(J) 9:44.0 B.Dunsford .(J) 10:46.2 V.St.Ange ..(J) 11:56.0</p>
<p><u>Long J</u> D.McNeil 4.96 A.Bethwaite 4.54 J.Carter(I) 4.36 A.Taylor(J) 4.35 P.Taylor(M) 4.30 J.Moore(J) 4.26 M.Watson 4.19 R.Augustin ..(M) 4.19 K.O'Sullivan .(J) 4.15 O.Griffiths ..(J) 4.13 V.Simms(J) 4.10 J.Agis(J) 4.04 J.Pritchard ..(I) 3.81 P.Johnson 3.64 C.Babbs(M) 3.45 R.Morris(M) 3.39 W.Dunsford 3.38 M.Orris(M) 3.31 A.Jones(M) 3.27 J.Baker(J) 3.15</p>	<p><u>High J</u> J.Barrett.....(J) 1.35 J.Moore(J) 1.31 D.McNeil 1.30 O.Griffiths ..(J) 1.30 G.Mohoney(M) 1.30 J.Pritchard ..(I) 1.20 P.Taylor(M) 1.20 J.Agis(J) 1.10 C.Babbs(M) 1.01 R.Morris(M) 1.00</p> <p><u>Discus Snrs & Inters</u> W.Dunsford 18.20 J.Pritchard .(I) 11.88</p> <p><u>Jnrs & Mnrs.</u> B.Dunsford ..(J) 17.16 A.Slattery ..(J) 16.44 M.Sexton(M) 15.94 K.Norris(J) 15.68 T.Couzens ... (M) 13.54</p>	<p><u>2,000m Walk</u> K.O'Sullivan(J) 12:33.2 B.Dunsford (J) 13:54.0 B.Sexton ... (M) 15:53.6</p> <p><u>3,000m Walk</u> A.Matthews... 16:54.0 J.Pritchard(I) 18:00.0 D.Cook 18:06.4 W.Dunsford ... 20:29.0</p> <p>M = Minors (under 13 Sept. 1st) J = Juniors (under 15) I = Intermediates (under 17)</p>

Shot Snrs & Inters	T.Couzens.....(M) 5.58	K.O'Sullivan (J) 13.88
W.Dunsford 8.07	K.O'Sullivan..(J) 5.45	T.Couzens ... (M) 12.38
J.Pritchard ..(I) 5.98	J.Moore(J) 4.94	B.Dunsford ..(J) 12.22
Jnrs & Mnrs.	B.Sexton(M) 3.81	V.Simms(J) 11.90
A.Slattery ... (J) 7.60	M.Orris(M) 2.94	A.Taylor(J) 11.89
P.Taylor(M) 7.45		M.Sexton(M) 10.84
J.Agis(J) 7.12	Javelin Snrs & Inters	P.Taylor(M) 10.20
V.Simms(J) 6.84	W.Dunsford 11.70	J.Moore(J) 9.95
B.Dunsford ... (J) 6.65	A.Matthews 11.22	R.Morris(M) 7.60
A.Taylor(J) 6.62	J.Pritchard ..(I) 7.88	M.Orris(M) 6.70
K.Norris(J) 6.59	Jnrs & Mnrs.	K.Norris(J) 6.00
M.Sexton(M) 6.29	A.Slattery ..(J) 18.90	B.Sexton(M) 4.12
J.Baker(J) 5.68	J.Agis(J) 14.98	T.Jordan(M) 4.12
		A.Jones(M) 3.67

Rankings '77 — Men

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Long J (Rec: 7.41)	High J (Rec: 1.91)	Triple J (Rec: 16.22)
C.Brooks 6.85	R.Hopkins Jnr... 1.91	A.Bentt 13.99
R.Hopkins Jnr ... 6.84	C.Brooks 1.89	L.Davis 12.90
A.Bentt 6.38	M.L-Bailey ... (J) 1.80	S.Crosbie 12.45
M.L-Bailey ... (J) 6.22	S.Samson (J) 1.80	P.Crosbie ... (J) 12.39
P.Crosbie ... (J) 6.17	A.Bentt 1.75	M.Smith 11.94
M.Smith 6.15	R.Danpure ... (J) 1.70	M.L-Bailey .. (J) 11.83
L.Davis 5.98	M.Shippen ... (Y) 1.63	P.Lytle (B) 10.16
S.Crosbie 5.96	M.Cannon (B) 1.63	S.Wyld (C) 9.26
M.Shippen ... (Y) 5.81	S.Wahab (Y) 1.60	D.Orris (C) 7.54
J.Preston 5.59	P.Clay (Y) 1.60	
D.Bailey ... (J) 5.37	M.Sinclair ... (Y) 1.56	Pole V (Rec: 4.20)
S.Samson ... (J) 5.32	S.Wyld (C) 1.50	M.Shippen ... (Y) 4.20
J.Standing ... (Y) 5.26	J.Searle (Y) 1.42	C.Brooks 3.70
S.Wahab (Y) 4.92	S.Crosbie 1.40	R.Hopkins 3.00
G.Wilson ... (B) 4.89	D.Blackburn .. (B) 1.30	
B.Symondson ... 4.83	A.Perriam ... (Y) 1.30	Hammer 7.257Kg (52.32)
M.Allum ... (Y) 4.81	P.Morris ... (Y) 1.30	G.Ratcliffe ... 39.30
A.Black 4.59	R.Young ... (B) 1.30	W.Couzens ... (V) 31.54
D.Couzens ... (Y) 4.58	P.Thorp ... (C) 1.22	J.Martin 21.52
D.Thompson ... (Y) 4.55	P.Lytle (B) 1.22	
Discus 2Kg (Rec:50.42)	Javelin 800gm (64.39)	Shot 7.257Kg (15.78)
G.Ratcliffe ... 50.42	P.Crosbie ... (J) 58.76	G.Ratcliffe ... 14.04
C.Brooks 40.34	C.Brooks 52.00	C.Brooks 12.69
M.King ... (J) 35.76	J.Martin 42.52	J.Martin 11.89
M.Smith 34.04	S.Crosbie 38.76	M.King 11.49
J.Martin 30.51	R.Hopkins Jnr ... 36.90	R.Hopkins Jnr ... 10.19
R.Hopkins Jnr .. 28.22	J.Dunsford .. (J) 34.98	W.Couzens ... (V) 9.65
W.Couzens ... (V) 26.28	J.Preston 27.26	M.Sexton 7.39
1.75Kg	700gm	5Kg
P.Crosbie ... (J) 30.78	M.Shippen ... (Y) 32.10	S.King (Y) 13.68
1.5Kg	J.Searle ... (Y) 24.20	M.Allum ... (Y) 9.27
S.King ... (Y) 36.50	A.Perriam ... (Y) 20.64	J.Standing ... (Y) 8.75
P.Clay ... (Y) 22.22	S.Wahab ... (Y) 16.00	R.Dorman ... (Y) 8.29
1.25Kg	M.Sinclair .. (Y) 14.24	M.Shippen ... (Y) 7.91
M.Cannon ... (B) 20.50	P.Morris ... (Y) 12.69	D.Thompson .. (Y) 7.05
D.Blackburn .. (B) 14.02	600gm	A.Perriam ... (Y) 5.73
	P.Weldin ... (B) 28.36	C.Couzens ... (Y) 5.32
Decathlon (Rec: 6,707)	M.Cannon ... (B) 25.34	M.Sinclair .. (Y) 5.30
C.Brooks 6,695	P.Lytle ... (B) 19.48	4Kg
R.Hopkins Jnr .. 5,581	P.Thorp ... (C) 17.38	P.Huntley ... (B) 10.36
	R.Young ... (B) 16.96	P.Lytle ... (B) 9.34
Pentathlon Jnr (2,598)	G.Williscroft (B) 16.60	P.Weldin ... (B) 8.88
P.Crosbie ... (J) 2,598	N.Streatfield (B) 15.48	M.Cannon ... (B) 6.72

<u>100m (Rec: 10.5)</u>		<u>200m (Rec: 21.6)</u>		<u>400m (Rec: 47.7)</u>	
E.Obeng	10.5	E.Obeng(21.5w/a) ..	21.7	C.Gillett	50.8
J.Evans	10.8	J.Evans	22.6	C.Brooks	52.0
C.Brooks	11.3	R.Hopkins Jnr ...	23.1	R.Hopkins Jnr ...	53.1
C.Gillett	11.3	M.Smith	23.9	D.Bailey	53.8
R.Hopkins Jnr ...	11.9	C.Gillett	24.1	J.Stevenson	54.5
P.Halliday ... (J)	12.1	C.Powley	24.4	A.Mead	55.2
M.Smith	12.2	P.Halliday ... (J)	24.9	S.Williams	55.3
C.Powley	12.4	J.Preston	25.1	E.Murphy ... (J)	55.6
M.Shippen ... (Y)	12.4	S.Williams	25.3	S.Wahab ... (Y)	59.7
P.Whitby	12.7	K.Clarke ... (B)	25.4	R.Martin ... (J)	59.9
S.Crosbie	12.9	D.Bailey ... (J)	25.9	P.Clay ... (Y)	59.9
D.Bailey ... (J)	13.0	R.Martin ... (J)	26.1	C.Pearson	60.0
M.L-Bailey ... (J)	13.0	P.Crosbie ... (J)	26.3	R.Dorman ... (Y)	60.3
P.Lyttle ... (B)	13.0	S.King ... (Y)	26.8	S.Crosbie	60.6
P.Weldin ... (B)	13.0	P.Lyttle ... (B)	26.8	M.Cannon ... (B)	60.9
S.Wahab ... (Y)	13.1	G.Wilson ... (B)	28.2	M.Allum ... (Y)	61.2
K.Clarke ... (B)	13.1	J.Caple	28.3	M.Shippen ... (Y)	61.9
G.Wilson ... (B)	13.5	M.Sinclair ... (Y)	30.3	D.Thompson ... (Y)	63.0
R.Dorman ... (Y)	13.8	R.Palmer ... (C)	31.7	J.Heathfield ... (V)	65.3
M.Cannon ... (B)	13.9	D.Orris ... (C)	32.5	J.Standing ... (Y)	65.4
<u>800m (Rec: 1:49.6)</u>		<u>1,500m (Rec: 3:44.6)</u>		<u>3,000m (Rec: 7:59.6)</u>	
J.Stevenson ...	1:57.4	J.Bicourt ...	3:51.4	G.Deegan ...	7:59.1
J.Stow ...	1:57.7	J.Stow ...	3:56.0	J.Bicourt ...	8:13.4
S.Williams ...	2:01.0	J.Rimmer ...	4:02.5	L.O'Hara ... (V)	8:36.0
R.Brown ...	2:01.1	L.O'Hara ... (V)	4:06.5	C.Pearson ...	8:53.0
C.Pearson ...	2:01.1	C.Pearson ...	4:07.7	L.Coy ...	9:02.2
C.Gillett ...	2:02.1	J.Stevenson ...	*4:09.0	P.Gardner ... (J)	9:25.0
J.Bicourt ...	2:03.3	R.Brown ...	*4:08.1	J.Stevenson ...	9:32.0
S.Holmes ...	2:04.6	S.Holmes ...	4:08.5	P.Hardwick ...	9:36.0
D.Bradford (J)	2:05.0	I.Duncan ...	4:16.0	S.Williamson(J)	9:40.0
A.Mead ...	2:06.0	P.Gardner ... (J)	4:18.0	P.Roche ...	9:41.0
E.Murphy ... (J)	2:06.0	S.Williams ...	4:18.1	L.Mann ...	9:44.0
P.Gardner ... (J)	2:06.6	L.Coy ...	4:19.4	B.Gorman ... (V)	9:45.0
D.Cocks ...	2:09.0	P.O'Connor ...	*4:20.0	S.Williams ...	9:53.0
L.O'Hara ... (V)	2:10.0	A.Black ...	*4:20.0	J.Searle ... (Y)	10:12.0
S.Williamson(J)	2:11.6	P.Hardwick ...	4:20.8	M.Bradbury ... (Y)	10:53.0
R.Langley ...	2:12.0	L.Mann ...	*4:20.9		
D.Bailey ... (J)	2:13.0	H.Evans ...	4:21.6	<u>110mH (Rec: 15.4)</u>	
M.Waller ... (B)	2:13.0	S.Williamson(J)	4:23.7	C.Brooks	15.6
M.Cannon ... (B)	2:13.8	D.Bradford (J)	4:24.8	P.Whitby	15.69
R.Dorman ... (J)	2:14.8	C.Gillett ...	*4:25.5	J.Preston	16.1
				M.L-Bailey ... (J)	16.6
				R.Hopkins Jnr ...	17.2
				A.Black	22.1
<u>5,000m (Rec: 13:44.4)</u>		<u>10,000m (Rec: 29:21.0)</u>		<u>400mH (Rec: 53.1)</u>	
J.Bicourt ...	14:02.6	L.O'Hara ... (V)	31:34.0	C.Brooks	55.6
L.O'Hara ... (V)	14:55.0	C.Pearson ...	33:15.4	P.Whitby	56.9
J.Stow ...	15:18.0	L.Mann ...	34:00.6	J.Preston	58.1
L.Mann ...	15:27.0	B.Gorman ... (V)	34:05.4	R.Hopkins Jnr ...	59.3
I.Duncan ...	15:28.0	L.Coy ...	34:39.6	D.Bailey ... (J)	68.8
L.Coy ...	15:36.0	J.Stevenson ...	34:44.8		
P.O'Connor ...	15:43.4	P.Roche ...	35:11.2	<u>3,000mSC (Rec: 8:22.9)</u>	
C.Pearson ...	15:46.0	S.Williams ...	35:43.0	J.Bicourt ...	8:41.0
S.Masterson ...	16:08.0	S.Williamson(J)	35:49.0	A.Black	9:52.0
S.Holmes ...	16:12.0	S.Masterson ...	35:55.6	I.Duncan ...	9:57.6
J.Thresher ...	16:14.0	K.Duckett ...	37:32.0	L.Coy ...	10:06.8
P.Roche ...	16:34.0	R.Dorman ... (Y)	38:40.8	L.Mann ...	10:09.1
S.Williamson(J)	16:40.0	E.Young ... (V)	38:50.8	C.Pearson ...	10:45.6
P.Hardwick ...	16:47.0	L.McLean ...	38:56.0		
S.Williams ...	17:01.0	R.Bale ...	39:21.8		
B.Taylor ...	17:30.0	M.Best ...	40:57.4		
R.Dorman ... (Y)	17:41.0	C.Manning ... (V)	42:06.8		
J.Angus ...	17:54.0				
D.Maughan ...	17:55.0				
R.Tester ...	17:55.0				
		4x100m (Rec: 42.3)	42.3		
		4x400m (Rec: 3:15.3)	3:29.6		

YOUTHS AND BOYS

Cross Country Season.

After an initial shock over the resignation of Alan Perriam, who has moved north, the season proved to be one of our best for some years. Alan has already been greatly missed and we hope that he will return in the not too distant future.

The highlight of the season was our team victory in the Surrey League. Our result at Wimbledon, like the Seniors, set us up for the rest of the season. This was our first win in any cross country race for a number of years and is an encouraging sign for the future. Of our scoring teams in the league only Richard Dorman won't be eligible for next year. So we intend to show the seniors again how it should be done by winning Div. I in 1978/9.

Another achievement was our good turnout in the Surrey Championships where we completed a team, despite a number of absentees in every age group. Next year with David North eligible to run for us we stand a great chance of being in the medals in the Youths race.

Our turnout in the HHH league at Brockwell Park was very disappointing. We could have won this if everybody had turned out. Hopefully we can improve next year.

Track Season.

The coming track season has a new feature in that we shall be competing in the Rosenheim League for the first time. There is a separate section for a youths team, with one scoring in each event and any number of non-scorers. The league is held over five matches with the first three teams going into the final.

The Boys/Colts will again be competing in the Ebbisham League but included for the first time are second year boys.

If any young athletes want to take part in the above leagues please see me at Battersea Park or give me a ring.

Note to older Members and Parents.

I still need help to run this section of the club. If you feel that you can help in any way please get in touch with me. The club has a better gathering of young athletes now than at any time before so it is up to everyone to make sure that they become the seniors of the future.

Training.

Club training sessions will be held on Sunday morning, Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the spring and early summer for all events.

Leo Coy - Youths, Boys and Colts Secretary (Tel: 01-764-8056).

SEPTEMBER 10th 1977 - WOKING - SURREY COUNTY ROAD RELAYS.

Boys 4x2miles: A Team: J.Searle 10:56; 5.S.Wahab 11:51; M.Sinclair 11:45; A.Perriam 10:48. B Team: M.Waller 11:14; J.Gladwin 12:06; P. Clay 13:41; M.Gay 12:11.
Teams: 1.Surrey AC 43:27; 2.Epsom & Ewell H 43:48; 3.Guildford & Godalming AC 44:59; 4.Belgrave H 'A' 45:20; 12.Belgrave H 'B' 49:12; 18 teams closed in.

Youths 4x2miles. P.Joseph 11:23; D.Bradford 10:34; B.Marmion 11:44; M.Bradbury 12:01.
Teams: 1.Woking AC 41:00; 2.Woking AC 'B' 42:52; 3.Hercules Wimbledon AC 44:21; 4.Belgrave H 45:42; 6 teams closed in:

OCTOBER 9th 1977 - COLLINGWOOD AC C.C. RACES.

Under 11. 39.M.Gomm 14:33; 43.K.Sexton 14:38; 101 finished.

Under 13. 45.G.Willisroft 17:14; 73.P.Thorp 17:57; 91.R.McCann 18:29; 108.S.Wyld 19:07; 110.R.Taylor 19:10; 120.S.Pritchard 19:30; 162.D. Orris 22:45; 164 finished.
Teams: 19.Belgrave H 'A' 109; 35.Belgrave H 'B' 390.

Under 15. 15.M.Waller 15:37; 46.J.Gladwin 16:44; 50.K.Clarke 16:49; 81.G.Sexton 17:24; 100.J.Litster 18:42; 110.P.Lytle 21:24; 110 finished.
Teams: 10.Belgrave H 111; 22 teams closed in.

Under 17. 22.R.Dorman 26:01; 32.J.Searle 26:54; 82.S.Wahab 31:51; 84. P.Morris 32:25; 91.G.Orris; 93 finished.
Teams: 12.Belgrave H 136.

OCTOBER 15th 1977 - BROCKWELL PARK - HERNE HILL H C.C. LEAGUE

Colts 2 miles. 15.G.Willisroft 12:59; 60.P.Thorp 13:51; 67.R.McCann 13:59; 72.S.Wyld 14:08; 84.R.Palmer 14:25; 116.R.Taylor; 123.P.Gerhard; 191.K.Sexton; 197.M.Gomm; 256 finished.
Teams: 13.Belgrave H 381.

Boys 3 miles. 4.D.North (HHH) 17:46; 98.A.Horton 20:41; 103.P.Lytle 21:26; 105 finished.
Teams: 21.Belgrave H 519.

Youths 4 miles. 14.J.Searle 24:34; 26.M.Sinclair 25:30; 50.D.Whisson 31:19; 55.P.Satur 32:11; 56 finished.
Teams: 7.Belgrave H 202.

Overall league position after first series of races - 10th with 14 points.

OCTOBER 22nd 1977 - WIMBLEDON - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE.**BELS TAKE THE LEAD**

Our first win in the Surrey League since the early seventies. The scoring five were prominent throughout the race and it was nice to see Mark Waller and David North battling it out behind Richard Dorman John Searle and Mark Sinclair completed our scoring team and they were superbly backed by the other 14 Belgravians.

1.A.Cunningham(Ranelagh H) 14:54; 2.R.Dorman 15:37; 4.M.Waller 15:50
5.D.North 15:54; 8.J.Searle 16:11; 10.M.Sinclair 16:26; 13.S.Wahab

17:20; 14.J.Gladwin 17:29; 16.G.Sexton 17:49; 20.K.Clarke 18:05; 21.P.Satur 18:08; 28.P.Clay 19:06; 33.R.McCann 19:35; 35.J.Litster 20:29
36.S.Wyld 20:46; 38.R.Palmer 21:40; 39.P.Thorp 21:41; 40.P.Lyttle
21:56; 42.P.Gerhard 23:05; R.Taylor dnf.
Teams: 1.Belgrave H 29; 2.Surrey AC 55; 3.Ranelagh H 76; 4.Guildford
& Godalming AC 81; 5.Mitcham AC 84.

At the Reigate Priory on November 5th a Belgrave Youths team placed 12th with 135 points. There were 99 competitors and among them: 37.R.Dorman 14:47; 44.J.Searle 15:00; 64.M.Sinclair 15:56; 90.P.Morris 18:02; 97.D.Whisson 20:01.

NOVEMBER 19th 1977 - BROCKWELL PARK - HERNE HILL H C.C. LEAGUE.

Colts 2 miles. 79.R.McCann 14:10; 80.P.Thorp 14:10; 103.S.Pritchard.
Teams: 20.Belgrave H 642. After two races 16th out of 46 clubs.

Boys 3 miles. 39.J.Gladwin 19:49; 84.P.Lyttle; dnf G.Price.
Teams: 17.Belgrave H 381. After two races 21st out of 25 clubs.

Youths 4 miles. 20.M.Sinclair 25:29; 29.J.Searle 27:10; disq.R.Dorman.
Team: 9.Belgrave H 187. After two races 7th out of 18 clubs.

Overall league position after two races 10th out of 13 clubs.

NOVEMBER 26th 1977 - PETERSHAM - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE.

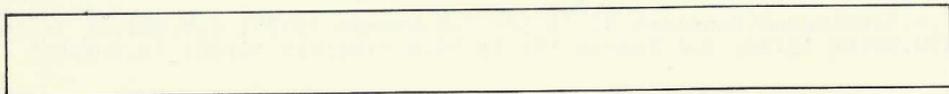
THE MAGNIFICENT EIGHT

After our convincing win in the first race we were short of our first three scorers for this second race. Mark Waller and David North were injured and Richard Dorman was on a training weekend. But there was no need to worry, for although we finished second behind Guildford we pulled further ahead in the league after a magnificent team display. Mark Sinclair returned to his best form to finish 4th and next came John Searle in 7th place. John Gladwin, having run for his school in the morning, showed us a touch of his class by finishing 10th. Then came the best run by a young Belgrave athlete for many years - Gary Williscroft, 12 years of age and competing against Boys and Youths, came home in 14th position. Gerry Sexton fought all the way to complete our team and with Paul Thorp, David Whisson and Pat Lyttle also on hand to cover our scoring five it was a great result.

1.A.Cunningham (Ranelagh H) 14:14; 4.M.Sinclair 15:22; 7.J.Searle 15:42; 10.J.Gladwin 16:05; 14.G.Williscroft 16:39; 23.G.Sexton 17:20
28.P.Thorp 18:22; 29.D.Whisson 18:45; 34.P.Lyttle 21:33; 35 finished
Teams: 1.Guildford & Godalming AC 54; 2.Belgrave H 56; 3.Mitcham AC 63; 4.Ranelagh H 76; 5.Surrey AC 77.

DECEMBER 3rd 1977 - WIMBLEDON - YOUTHS C.C. CHAMP. FOR 'OVERSEAS' CUP

1.R.Dorman 15:54; 2.M.Sinclair 15:58; 3.M.Waller 16:05; 4.J.Searle 16:36; 5.K.Clarke 17:14; 6.G.Sexton 17:20; 7.G.Williscroft 17:23; 8.P.Clay 18:52; 9.R.McCann 19:30; 10.M.Gomm 20:11; 11.P.Thorp 20:27; 12.K.Sexton 21:27; 13.P.Lyttle 22:07.



DECEMBER 10th 1977 - CRYSTAL PALACE - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE.**LEAGUE VICTORS!**

Beaten again by Guildford & Godalming even though we finished our scoring five by 14th place. With two of our five having an off day and with our rivals very strong we lost by 20 points but with that superb start to the season in our home match we still managed to hold on for victory in the league overall by 30 points. Mark Sinclair just missed a prize by finishing in 7th place and John Gladwin had another good run after competing for his school in the morning! Gary Williscroft nearly made the scoring five once more by placing 18th.

1.A.Cunningham (Ranelagh H) 12:03; 7.M.Sinclair 12:48; 9.R.Dorman 13:00; 10.J.Searle 13:04; 11.J.Gladwin 13:07; 15.M.Waller 13:24; 18.G.Williscroft 13:41; 25.G.Sexton 14:02; 26.K.Clarke 14:02; 44.P.Lytle 19:20.

Teams: 1.Guildford & Godalming AC 31; 2.Belgrave H 51;

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FINAL RESULT

1.BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	136
2.Guildford & Godalming AC.....	166
3.Surrey AC.....	189
4.Mitcham AC.....	241
5.Ranelagh H.....	244

JANUARY 7th 1978 - WIMBLEDON - SURREY C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Colts 2 miles. 1.M.Slowikowski (H/W) 12:29; 62.C.de Gale 14:48; 74.R.McCann 15:13; 87.R.Palmer 15:50; 88.P.Thorp 15:51; 96.S.Pritchard 16:25; 112 finished.

Teams: 1.Collingwood AC 32; 2.Hercules Wimbledon AC 63; 3.Epsom & Ewell H 64; 13.Belgrave H 263; 13 teams closed in.

Boys 2½ miles. 1.L.Zone (AFD) 13:41; 14.M.Waller 14:45; 30.J.Gladwin 15:18; 40.K.Clarke 15:37; 111.P.Lytle 18:48; 115. A.Horton 19:46; 120 finished.

Teams: 1.Epsom & Ewell H 52; 2.Sutton & Cheam H 55; 3.Surrey AC 62; 9.Belgrave H 165; 15 teams closed in.

Youths 4 miles. 1.S.Catchpole (K.Edwd) 21:54; 23.R.Dorman 24:34; 44.J.Searle 26:14; 66.S.Wahab 29:15; 71.P.Clay 30:21; 72.P.Satur 30:29; 78 finished.

Teams: 1.Woking AC 32; 2.Aldershot, Farnham & District AC 47; 3.Herne Hill H 79; 11.Belgrave H 172; 13 teams closed in.

JANUARY 14th 1978 - WIMBLEDON - BOYS AND COLTS C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Colts. 1.G.Williscroft 20:14; 2.R.Palmer 20:25; 3.C.de Gale 20:51; 4.R.McCann 21:19; 5.K.Sexton 23:25.

Boys. 1.M.Waller 17:52; 2.J.Gladwin 18:02; 3.K.Clarke 18:17; 4.G.Sexton 19:41; 5.P.Lytle 23:42.

Scoring six a side in a match v Rutlish School held in conjunction:
1.Belgrave H 35; 2.Rutlish School 44.

On January 21st at Brockwell Park in the third of the Herne Hill H cross country league races we had only three Bels. taking part. R.Mc Cann placed 59th out of 112 competitors in the colts 2 miles, timed at 14:59. P.Lyttle was 35th in the boys race, 27:33, and P.Morris 23rd in the youths, 31:04. This placed us 9th overall with 22 points.

February 4th at Cannon Hill playing fields saw our return match against Rutlish School on their home territory. David North was a good winner in 12:20 and was followed home by 3rd G.Price 13:00, 6th G.Williscroft 13:30, 12.A.Horton 14:56 and 13th R.McCann 15:04. Rutlish took the match with 26 points to our 29.

The Southern Counties Championship was held at Parliament Hill Fields the following week and here we were represented in the boys race by K.Clare and J.Gladwin. In the youths event Richard Dorman was 97th, John Searle 129th and Peter Morris 159th.

FEBRUARY 18th 1978 - MILFORD - INTER-CLUB C.C. RACE.

1.D.North 15:50; 4.M.Sinclair 16:38; 8.G.Williscroft 17:16; 11.R.Mc Cann 19:26; 15 finished.

Teams: 1.Belgrave H 13; 2.Guildford & Godalming 15; 3.Mitcham AC 17.

Belgrave's Youths placed 61st in the National cross country championship at Leeds with 274.R.Dorman, 311.J.Searle, 300.M.Sinclair, 487. P.Satur.

five star awards - boys

The following are the levels of award for the 1977 track season:

Under 11			Under 15	
K.Sexton	4		P.Weldin	4
M.Gomm	3			
			Under 16	
Under 12			S.King	5
R.Palmer	5		J.Searle	4
P.Henderson	2		M.Sinclair	4
			S.Wahab	4
Under 13			P.Clay	4
P.Thorpe	4	★	J.Standing	4
S.Wyld	4	★	M.Allum	4
D.Orris	3	★	P.Morris	3
N.Streatfield 3	3	★	R.Streatfield	2
G.Williscroft	3	★	D.Couzens	2
S.Pritchard	2	★	G.Orris	1
Under 14		★	17-20	
P.Lyttle	5		M.Lindsay-Bailey	5
G.Wilson	5		D.Bailey	4
M.Cannon	5		M.Bradbury	2
D.Blackburn	4		D.Thompson	2
G.Sexton	3			
R.Young	3			
D.Virtue	3			

Cloth 'or metal badges can be obtained by sending 30p to Leo Coy, 39 Croft Road, Norbury, London, SW16.

from the Belgravian ...

... 25 years ago

COUNTY SENIOR C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS.....1953

These were held on 3rd January, and the Surrey event was in Richmond Park, which was more or less familiar ground to our team. We were not at full strength....and did not expect to retain our team title, which we had held for the past two seasons. Our team, however, all ran well and we only lost first place by five points and second place by one point. Chas. Walker was our first man home in 5th position, then came Bill Lucas, 12th, and Bill only came into the team in order to make up the number, as he says he has retired from serious competition and declined an invitation to run in the Inter-Counties race. (Other members: 14.E.A. Short; 14.E.Herbert; 16.D.Brickwood; 21.J. Masters; 36.D.Briggs; 44.A.H.Bishop; 53.J.Bromley; 55.E.M.Bishop; 63.S.Davies; 67.L.C.Bishop; 74.G.J.Stace).

The Middlesex event was held at Trent Park and here again Cadogan AC were weakened....and eventually placed 6th. Bob Taylor ran well to finish 20th, and Mick Porter 27th also did well. (Other members: 63.E.Stimpson; 70.J.McDonald; 73.R.W.Tobin; 85.R.J.Wolton; 127.A. Penstone; Ken Stimpson did not finish). Ed: a club was only allowed to compete in one county championship in those days so our Middlesex men had to run under the name of Cadogan AC - a second claim club whose membership was restricted to Belgravians.

... and 40 years ago

R.W.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.....1938.

The accomplishment which must command our attention above all other matters, and merits our sincerest congratulation, is that of our walkers in winning the R.W.A. 10 miles "Junior" Championship, R.W.A. 20 Miles Championship and R.W.A. 50 Kilos. Championship. No other club has ever at any time won all three championships and to do so in the space of three months is almost miraculous. This record of success is one that may never again be approached by any club, and we most heartily congratulate and thank the members of the winning teams.

The performance of Colin Sutton in appearing in all three championship teams is one that may never be equalled. He was sixth in the "Junior", fourth in the 20 Miles Championship, and fifth in the 50 Kilos.Championship - a trio of performances that reflect the greatest credit on Colin's conscientious training and determined efforts to help the Club to a treble victory.

Others deserving our congratulations are Fred Bentley, who was placed second in both 20 Miles and 50 Kilos events; and Joe Coleman and Len Coleman, who dead-heated in the "Junior" Championship for first place.

It is interesting to note that as a result of the Winter season's activities, all five trophies which the Road Walking Association offer for competition (the "National" Shield, "Garnett" Cup, "Horlick" Cup, "Nijmegen" Shield and "Berman" Cup) are in the possession of Belgrave Harriers!

ROAD AND COUNTRY

At the World Veterans' Championships, Gothenburg, back in August 1977 the O'Hara running machine tackled something new - the marathon. O'Hara placed 36th in the Class 1B event with 2hrs.43minutes 15seconds and in his own words "It was a fairly comfortable run." Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

September 3rd saw Steve Jones (RAF Lyneham) fly to a course record in the Witney '12' road race with 61:42. Only 112 of the 137 starters could finish the undulating course in the beautiful grounds of Blenheim Palace. Bill Weller ran his usual strong race and was well backed up by Pat O'Connor and Lionel Mann to make the team bronze medalists.

8.W.Weller 65:07; 21.P.O'Connor 67:17; 23.L.Mann 67:52; 35.S.Master-son 71:11; 58.D.Maughan 74:16.

Teams: 1.Portsmouth AC 43; 2.Small Heath H 45; 3.Belgrave H 52.

SEPTEMBER 10th 1977 - WOKING - SURREY A.A.A. ROAD RELAY.

"I don't believe it - he couldn't do it and that's all there is to it - the timekeepers must have been wrong". Nevertheless, Brian Gorman went on record as our second fastest of the day for the Surrey Relay much to the chagrin of our team captain.

A.Team: J.Stevenson 16:01; J.Jackson 15:51; P.Gardner 16:49; B.Gorman 15:23; L.Coy 15:04; S.Williamson 16:14. B.Team: S.Holmes 16:00; W.Laws 16:05; C.Henn 17:37; C.Pearson 15:50; J.Dudman 18:59; P.Hardwick 17:13.

Teams: 1.SLH 86:32; 2.Walton AC 86:48; 3.Hercules Wimb AC 89:07; 10. Belgrave H 95:22; 18.Belgrave H 'B' 101:44.

SEPTEMBER 24th 1977 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ROAD RACE.

1.L.O'Hara 29:32; 2.P.O'Connor 29:49; 3.L.Coy 30:34; 4.J.Jackson 30:50; 5.J.Stow 31:02; 6.B.Gorman 31:09; 7.S.Masterson 31:22; 8.C.Pearson 31:50; 9.D.Brew 31:53; 10.S.Barrett 31:55; 11.A.Bruce 31:59; 12.D.Maughan 32:02; 13.W.Laws 32:04; 14.S.Williamson 32:26; 15.D.Bradford 32:58; 16.M.Kortenray 33:05; 17.D.Crookes 33:17; 18.J.Wasbrough 33:20; 19.A.Painter 33:37; 20.R.Dorman 33:50; 21.J.Angus 33:57; 22.R.Coombs 34:02; 23.P.Hardwick 34:12; 24.J.Dooley 34:20; 25.P.Joseph 34:22; 26.R.Martin 34:39; 27.J.Baker 35:11; 28.J.Carr 35:16; 29.G.Piddington 35:30; 30.B.Merry 35:32; 31.P.North 35:45; 32.L.McLean 35:53; 33.M.Sinclair 35:57; 34.C.Henn 36:04; 35.E.Thorp 36:05; 36.D.Baines 36:19; 37.N.Morris 36:24; 38.A.Stroud 36:36; 39.D.Jones 36:50; 40.G.Collins 37:00; 41.G.Pearson 37:18; 42.P.Staples 37:40; 43.B.Marmion 37:49; 44.D.Gordon 38:09; 45.D.McMillan 38:14; 46.J.V.Baker 38:47; 47.P.Morris 39:05; 48.A.Mead 39:35; 49.J.McDonald 42:56; 50.D.McLean 42:56; 51.J.Morris 46:20.

Handicap: 1.S.Barrett (5:20) 26:25; 2.J.Carr (8:35) 26:41; 3.N.Morris (9:10) 27:14).

OCTOBER 1st 1977 - NORTHWOOD - 'PHILIPS' HALF-MARATHON.**Bels ~ by a close shave!**

Everyone must run well and finish and we might be in the medals, was the feeling before the start. So with this constantly in mind, coupled with unbelievable five and ten mile times and a very strong headwind, the race was run. Pat O'Connor ran a well judged race and was only 1:22 behind sixth man Bill Weller while Doug. Maughan pulled through in the latter stages to make up the winning team. The course was 6/10ths of a mile short.

6.W.Weller 1:07:35; 9.P.O'Connor 1:08:57; 22.D.Maughan 1:13:08; 92 finished.

Teams: 1.Belgrave H 3:29:40; 2.Feltham AC 3:32:07; 3.Victoria Park H 3:38:17.

WALTON-ON-THAMES - WALTON ROAD RELAY.

A Team: L.O'Hara (5) 15:51; D.Bradford (16) 17:52; C.Pearson (16) 17:22; W.Laws (17) 17:57; P.Joseph (19) 19:15; L.Coy (19) 16:51. B Team: S.Williams 18:23; J.R.Baker 19:15; J.Angus 18:38; E.Thorp 19:15. A.Painter 18:21; G.Piddington 19:37. C.Team: K.Sinclair 21:45; D.Jones 20:07; E.Murphy 19:05; D.McLean 20:07; B.Marmion 19:07; C.Henn 20:04. D.Team: J.V.Baker 21:09.

OCTOBER 8th 1977 - WIMBLEDON - YACHT '3'.**CLEAN SWEEP BY H'CAP FAVOURITES**

1.A.Mead (2:55) 18:33; 2.P.Crosbie (2:55) 18:45; 3.D.McMillan (3:40) 18:17; 4.B.Marmion (4:15) 17:47; 5.G.Collins (3:25) 18:44; 6.N.Kir-matzis (4.45) 17:27; 7.C.Henn (3:55) 18:18; 8.J.Carr (4:15) 18:00. 9.C.Pearson (6:35) 15:41; 10.K.Sinclair (2:25) 19:54; 11.A.Painter (5:25) 16:56; 12.L.McLean (4:00) 18:22; 13.J.Plummer (2:15) 20:09; 14.P.Staples (3:25) 19:00; 15.D.Bailey (3:55) 18:31; 16.J.V.Baker (2:25) 20:02; 17.J.Stow (7:05) 15:28; 18.W.Laws (6:05) 16:29; 19.J.R.Baker (4:25) 18:12; 20.C.Gillett (5:15) 17:23; 21.D.Hurd (2:55) 19:47; 22.D.Cocks (5:15) 17:28; 23.P.Hardwick (5:55) 16:49; 24.L.Coy (6:55) 15:50; 25.C.Manning (1.45) 21:02; 26.R.Coombs (5:15) 17:33; 27.R.Glover (1:30) 21:23; 28.D.Jones (3:55) 19:00; 29.R.Martin (4.45) 18:12; 30.J.Angus (5:35) 17:25; 31.S.Holmes (6:55) 16:06; 32.K.Duck-ett (5:35) 17:27; 33.A.Manning (4:15) 18:48; 34.E.Pallent (1:45) 21:19; 35.E.Thorpe (4:55) 18:10; 36.P.Roche (6:45) 16:21; 37.B.Merry (5:00) 18:10; 38.D.Gordon (3:15) 20:02; 39.S.Williams (6:05) 17:14; 40.B.Taylor (5:25) 17:54; 41.D.McLean (3:40) 19:58; 42.R.Langheim (0:45) 22:55; 43.S.Barrett (6:25) 17:21; 44.N.Bradbury (5:00) 18:21; 45.A.Bates (1:15) 22:37; 46.N.Cleveland (6:35) 17:26; 47.M.Riley (6:15) 16:55; 48.G.Martin (4.45) 20:00; 49.E.Weldin (1:15) 23.46.

In Hercules Wimbledon AC's 10 mile road race, also on October 8 h, Pat O'Connor made light work of the damp dreary conditions and whilst leading home the Bels' contingent, just managed to get amongst the prizes.

24.P.O'Connor 53:16; 28.J.Jackson 53:46; 61.D.Maughan 57:10; 13.G.Piddington 64:35.

OCTOBER 15th 1977 - RICHMOND PARK - SURREY AC C.C. RELAY.

(6x2½miles). A Team: C.Pearson (12) 16:51; A.Black (12) 16:54; J.Bicourt (6) 15:23; L.Mann (10) 16:58; L.Coy (9) 16:59; J.Rimmer (8) 16:33. B.Team: D.Brew (27) 17:48; P.Joseph (33) 19:20; H.Satchell (36) 19:39; C.Shippen (32) 18:56; S.Williams (30) 18:39; W.Laws (26) 18:02

C Team: Jack Baker (41) 19:22; D.McLean (49) 22:16; R.Martin (47) 19:35; C.Henn 20:22; D.Jones (42) 20:33; B.Marmion (39) 19:56.
 Teams: 1.West London Inst 95:49; 2.Southampton & Eastleigh 96:36; 3.Hercules Wimb AC 97:49; 8.Belgrave H 'A' 99:38; 26.Belgrave H 'B' 112:24; 39.Belgrave H 'C' 121:57; 45 teams closed in.

OCTOBER 16th 1977 - WALTON-ON-THAMES - WALTON '10' ROAD RACE.

Bernard said afterwards "I was moving today. I could feel it." That was Plain speaking (winner in 49:15) but it might well have been Merry (161st in 64:22). Either way most seemed to agree: it was the course, timekeepers or weather that made the times slow. The Bels' mass turn out of 17 ran well. Seven went home with prizes and while Laurie O'Hara concentrated on winning the Veterans' prize, George Piddington spent his time chatting to a possible new lady member!

1.B.Plain (Cardiff AAC) 49:15; 32. L.O'Hara 53:39; 51.L.Mann 55:05; 53.J.Jackson 55:16; 66.B.Gorman 56:41; 79.P.Roche 57:23; 80.D.Maughan 57:24; 96.A.Bruce 58:34; 114.J.Wasbrough 60:00; 137.E.Thorp 61:55; 141.K.Duckett 62:07; 145.R.Coombs 62:24; 148.J.Angus 62:30; 161.B.Merry 64:22; 166.J.Carr 64:31; 167.G.Piddington 64:36; 184.A.Stroud 67:29; 188.J.V.Baker 69:54; 203 finished.
 Teams: 1.TVH 24; 2.Walton AC 43; 3.Aldershot, Farnham & Dist. 51; 8.Belgrave H 136: 21 teams closed in.

OCTOBER 22nd 1977 - WIMBLEDON COMMON - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE (DIV 2)

THE CLIMB BACK BEGINS

Ten in twenty-two and the captain fails to score! Our apprehension eased soon after the off when a horde of claret and gold vests could be seen near the front and our fight back to division one had got off to a flying start. Ranelagh H are not to be under-rated however. Their Australian Max Lyttle broke clear away from our own Olympian John Bicourt and by the time the finish was reached had forged a 500 metres margin of victory.

1.M.Lyttle (Ranelagh) 27:33; 2.J.Bicourt 29:07; 4.L.O'Hara 29:51; 7.W.Weller 30:16; 8.I.Duncan 30:18; 11.J.Rimmer 30:27; 15.L.Coy 30:38; 16.R.Richardson 30:41; 17.P.O'Connor 30:42; 20.J.Jackson 30:51; 22.J.Stow 30:54; 27.C.Pearson 31:31; 28.S.Holmes 31:33; 34.B.Gorman 32:00; 36.M.Smith 32:09; 44.S.Williams 32.51; 50.P.Gardner 33:15; 51.P.Hardwick 33:19; 53.W.Laws 33:25; 73.J.Angus 34:05; 78.R.Bale 34:19; 79.P.Joseph 34:19; 80.B.Taylor 34:26; 81.R.Coombs 34:27; 84.H.Satchell 34:37; 86.C.Gillett 34:45; 93.B.Merry 35:21; 94.D.Cocks 35:42; 102.B.Marmion 36:34; 103.G.Collins 36:35; 110.E.Thorp 37:29; 111.C.Henn 37:41; 113.G.Piddington 37:49; 121 D.Gordon 39:54; 122.J.Plumme 40:02. 125 finished.
 Teams: 1.Belgrave H 122; 2.Ranelagh H 203; 3. Met.Police 285; 4. Mitcham AC 398; 5.Guildford & G 436; 6.Surrey AC 477; 7.Redhill & Reigate 564.

In the Unigate Marathon at Harlow four Bels were among the 256 starters and were led home by John Davies who ran an even paced race to finish strongly at 96th in 2:53:21. Paul Pringle at 125th was pleased to get near the 3 hour barrier with 3:00:59, whilst Doug Maughan and Geoff Pearson ran to 3:10:47 and 3:32:31 respectively for their 153rd and 181st places. As a team they were 19th in the Southern event and 24th overall.

OCTOBER 29th 1977 - EPSOM DOWNS - C.C. MATCH v NAT. WEST. BANK.

1.P.Pape (NW) 33:36; 2.L.Coy 34:27; 3.C.Pearson 35:18; 4.D.Maughan 35:33; 5.P.Hardwick 35:56; 7.P.Gardner 37:00; 8.J.Stevenson 37:08; 9.A.Painter 37:19; 10.S.Barrett 37:21; 11.R.Dorman 38:18; 12.H.Satchell 38:28; 13.B.Merry 38:53; 14.E.Thorp 39:42; 15.K.Duckett 39:45; 16 R.Martin 39:54; 18.A.Stroud 41:14; 19.M.Sinclair 41:18; 20.A.Mead 41:25; 22.D.McMillan 42:27; 23.C.Henn 42:41; 24.A.Cook 43:44; 25.J.Roberts 44:13; 26.J.V.Baker 44:25.

Teams: 1.Belgrave H 15; 2.Nat.Westminster Bank 21.

NOVEMBER 5th 1977 - REIGATE - REIGATE PRIORY C.C. RELAY.

A Team: L.O'Hara (11) 13:37; L.Mann (10) 13:52; S.Holmes (12) 14:06; P.Roche (14) 14:45; R.Smith (14) 14:32; C.Pearson (13) 14:02. B.Team: B.Taylor (47) 15:18; W.Laws (43) 15:00; C.Brooks (55) 18:41; N.Morris (53) 16:15; B.White (58) 19:01; B.Gorman (53) 15:48.

Teams: 1.Brighton & Hove AC 79:03; 2.Epsom & Ewell H 79:43; 3. Aldershot, Farnham & Dist. AC 81:30; 13.Belgrave H 'A' 84:54; 53.Belgrave H 'B' 100:03; 59 teams closed in.

NOVEMBER 12th 1977 - WIMBLEDON COMMON - SOUTH OF THE THAMES JUNIOR CC

Our improved facilities were tested to the full with a huge field, nearly 50% up on the previous year, using Belgrave Hall for changing accommodation - 37 clubs had entered no fewer than 92 teams. One snag did arise when with 394 finishers, runners had to queue up down the course, the "funnel" being unable to take the strain but all was straightened out satisfactorily in the end. Unfortunately we were unable to celebrate Clive Shippen's term as President of the South of the Thames C.C. Association with a win, or in fact get anywhere near a set of medals, but Colin Pearson, after his shock at failing to score in the first league match and some very hard subsequent training, showed he was heading back to form to be our first man home.

1.D.Clark (Herc.Wimb) 25:57; 2.C.Bunyan (Southampton) 26:18; 3.B.Attwell (Epsom & Ewell) 26:33; 58.C.Pearson 28:23; 123. L.Coy 39:26; 143.J.Stevenson 29:41; 146.S.Holmes 29:44; 156.S.Williamson 29:52; 158.P.Roche 29:53; 168.P.Hardwick 30:01; 193. 30:17; 234.D.Maughan 31:05; 244. -31:10; 245.S.Williams 31:10; 259.W.Laws 31:21; 284.J.Wasbrough 31:58; 301.R.Bale 32:18; 308. P.Joseph 32:25; 321.B.Merry 32:42. 322.E.Thorp 32.43; 326.K.Duckett 32:52; 337.R.Martin 33:16; 350.D.Seale; 368.D.Jones; 379.C.Henn; 385.G.Piddington; 394 finished
Teams: 1.Epsom & Ewell H 52; 2.Hastings AC 102; 3.Aldershot, Farnham & Dist AC 108; 23.Belgrave H 'A' 470; 41.Belgrave H 'B' 828; 53.Belgrave H 'C' 1132; 64 teams closed in.

NOVEMBER 19th 1977 - EPSOM DOWNS - EPSOM '10' ROAD RACE.

1.R.Lunnon (AFD) 49:15; 10.W.Weller 52:07; 16.L.O'Hara 53:01; 20.P.O'Connor 53:56; 33.L.Mann 55:59; 112.D.Searle 64:27; 134 finished.
Teams: 1.Windsor, Slough & Eton 15; 2.Aldershot, Farnham & Dist AC 30; 3.Belgrave H 35; 17 teams closed in.

Division I of the Surrey Cross Country League for 1977/78 was won yet again by Aldershot, Farnham & Dist AC, their sixth win in a row. They now only need a further consecutive win to equal the record of seven straight wins set between '65 and '72 by the Bels. AFD's total score was 911 and they were followed by Hercules Wimbledon 1268, S.L.H. 1327, H.H.H. 1353, Walton AC 1637, Epsom & Ewell 1718, and the unfortunate relegation candidates Croydon H 1726.

NOVEMBER 26th 1977 - PETERSHAM - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE (DIV 2).

A SECOND LEAGUE WIN

Meeting Ranelagh H on their home ground proved to be no problem for the Bels, even though four of our scorers from the previous race had other commitments on this day. Robin Brown and Lionel Mann came in the side and there were much improved runs from Captain Colin Pears and Simon Holmes. Finishing with 10 in 23 our league lead stretched to 133 points.

1.P.Eales (Mitcham) 27:00; 2.J.Bicourt 27:22; 4.W.Weller 28:31; 5.L.O'Hara 28:37; 7.C.Pearson 28:46; 9.I.Duncan 29:02; 12.P.O'Connor 29:19; 18.R.Brown 29:36; 19.L.Mann 29:39; 21.S.Holmes 29:44; 23.L.C. 29:56; 34.D.Brew 30:25; 35.M.Smith 30:26; 41.S.Williams 30:56; 45.J.Stevenson 31:10; 47.P.Roche 31:14; 50.P.Hardwick 31:30; 56.D.Maughan 31:35; 64.A.Painter 31:59; 72.P.Gardner 32:22; 74.C.Shippen 32:24; 84.C.Gillett 32:55; 87.J.Angus 33:10; 94.B.Taylor 34:03; 95.R.Coombs 34:05; 96.P.Joseph 34:13; 99.E.Thorp 34:24; 100.P.Morris 34:35; 102 D.Jones 34:54; 110.B.Marmion 35:34; 112.C.Henn 35:44; 113.A.Stroud 35:47; 118.G.Piddington 36:51; 129.M.Best 39:22.
Teams: 1.Belgrave H 120; 2.Ranelagh H 171; 3.Mitcham AC 355; 4.Met. Police 376; 5.Guildford & Godalming AC 448; 6.Surrey AC 465½; 7. Redhill & Reigate AC 549½.

DECEMBER 3rd 1977 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE 7 MILE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

IT'S THAT MAN AGAIN

Having scored a double during the summer with the 5,000 and 10,000 championships Laurie set about the first leg of the Club's winter championships with a fine Blackstaffe Shield victory. Our old Heathen friend and guest Bob Richardson scored over Colin Pearson and coming into form nicely to take the 'bronze' came Lionel Mann. If there was ever a vote for the youngster most Belgrave distance runners would like to see succeed, Brian Marmion could well come out on top. Not endowed with a great deal in the way of natural ability he has stuck at it over the past few years, more often than not getting a hammering in the process. Brian successfully negotiated three laps of our course at a faster pace than he has usually taken in the past for just one circuit and in the process stormed off with the handicap prize.

1.L.O'Hara 45:18; 2.R.Richardson 45:39; 3.C.Pearson 46:08; 4.L.Mann 46:43; 5.P.O'Connor 46:51; 6.S.Holmes 48:03; 7.L.Coy 48:39; 8.P.Roche 48:59; 9.J.Stevenson 49:40; 10.D.Maughan 50:08; 11.M.Riley 51:02; 12.W.Laws 51:20; 13.L.Morris 52:51; 14.B.Taylor 53:28; 15.C.Lawton 54:31; 16.J.Golling 54:33; 17.B.Marmion 56:44; 18.J.Davies 56:45; 19.N.Morris 57:43; 20.G.Piddington 58:41; 21.W.Harvey 59:22; 22. Devitt 59:24; 23.J.V.Baker 60:00; 24.G.Pearson 60:10; 25.C.Manning 60:18; 26.J.Plummer 61:06; 27.D.Gordon 62:30; 28.D.Hurd 63:11; 29.E.Thorp 63:30.

Handicap: 1.B.Marmion (14:30) 42:14; 2.D.Maughan (7:15) 42:53; 3.B. Taylor (10:30) 42:58.

ne of our contributors was recently browsing over a map of the wilts/Berks region when he spotted a hamlet called Fosbury. Needing more details of its location his eyes scanned further and, lo and behold, about six miles to the north east was the village of Inkpen. Fascinating things maps.

DECEMBER 10th 1977 - CRYSTAL PALACE - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE (DIV 2).

BEATEN AT THE PALACE

A totally new course to us this one, with a much smaller lap than usual due to the fact that TV coverage was being given to the international race held on the same afternoon. With John Bicourt racing on the Continent it fell to Bob Richardson's lot to lead the Bels home. Our packing was not quite what it had been in the earlier two races. Ian Duncan was also absent, competing successfully in a University race, while Jim Rimmer seemed to have more than a little difficulty keeping his shorts on and even with second-claimer John Abberton of Poly H in our colours Ranelagh had no difficulty in beating us to the line. In fact half the first twenty men home were Ranelagh Harriers with only five Belgravians finished at that point. Luckily our next five runners were soon in and we still placed a comfortable second, maintaining an 80 point lead overall.

Pat O'Connor had the measure of Bill Weller on this occasion and it was good to see Bob Smith scoring for us again. Peter Gardner crept ever nearer the scorers being our 11th man and only 7 seconds down on Lionel Mann. Laurie O'Hara, meanwhile, finished with a personal score of 14 points after three races - just two down on the overall leader, Hutchin of Met. Police.

1.H.Jones(Ranelagh) 27:50; 3.R.Richardson 28:44; 5.L.O'Hara 28:52; 9.P.O'Connor 29:32; 11.W.Weller 29:51; 12.J.Abberton 29:55; 21.C.Pearson 30:20; 23.L.Coy 30:37; 25.M.Smith 30:43; 29.S.Holmes 31:01; 32.L.Mann 31:14; 35.P.Gardner 31:21; 40.P.Roche 31:34; 42.D.Maughan 31:39; 45.S.Williams 31:46; 51.J.Rimmer 32:02; 52.P.Hardwick 32:04; 66.A.Painter 33:10; 68.P.Joseph 33:14; 70.W.Laws 33:22; 72.L.Morris 33:24; 79.R.Martin 33:56; 81.B.Taylor 34:00; 82.J.Wasbrough 34:04; 91.D.Bradford 34:56; 100.J.Golling 35:29; 109.D.Hurd 37:29; 113.G.Piddington 37:59; 115.D.Baines 38:16; 123 finished.
Teams: 1.Ranelagh H 110; 2.Belgrave H 162; 3.Met.Police 303; 4.Mitcham AC 448; 5.Surrey AC 465; 6.Guildford & Godalming AC 495; 7.Redhill & Reigate AC 502.

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Doug Maughan (pictured right) closed in our 3rd placed team in the City of London New Year 10 mile race in 57:21.

On December 17th Doug completed the Hogs Back '10' in 58:33 to place 106th. Les Morris was also among the 281 finishers, 156th in 61:43.

Also on December 17th, up at Birchfield, in another 10 miler, Simon Williamson scorched to what must be a PB of 55:50 - an excellent time for a Junior. Simon was 74th of 158.



JANUARY 1st 1978 - CITY OF LONDON - 10 MILE ROAD RACE.**A Fine Start**

.... was made to 1978. At 1.00 p.m. on New Year's Day in the City of London five Belgravians lined up for the seven lap course (starting and finishing in London Wall) for the Ten Miles Road Race, the first event of the City of London New Year Road Races. There were over 170 starters (including four ladies) and the team race was decided on aggregate times instead of positions, so every second was vital. With this in mind all of our team came roaring through the finish on all cylinders. Laurie was our first home in ninth position, this won him the veteran's prize. Doug and Lionel were never far apart and finished close together. New member Alan Painter gave us a promising performance with John Wasbrough not far behind.

The team race was won by R.A.F. (Wattesham) who also provided the Individual Winner. Ranelagh H. took second awards whilst our trio snatched third prizes by a few seconds from Southend who were just ahead of S.L.H. by the narrowest of margins.

G.S.D.

1.M.Hurd (RAF Wattisham) 51:25; 9.L.O'Hara 53:38; 38.D.Maughan 57:21
40.L.Mann 57:29; 59.A.Painter 59:04; 91.J.Wasbrough 60:59; 173
finished.

Teams: 1.RAF Wattisham 164:30; 2.Ranelagh H 165:13; 3.Belgrave H
168:28; 21 teams closed in.

WALTON - INTER-CLUB 5 MILE C.C. RACE.

1.M.Connelly (Walton) 29:57; 9.S.Holmes 32:25; 11.S.Williamson 33:02
14.L.Mann 33:39; 15.P.Roche 33:41; 18.S.Williams 34:23; 19.P.Gardner
34:30; 35.C.Henn 38:56; 42.D.Jones 41:41; 44 finished.

Teams: (4 a side) 1.Walton AC 15; 2.Ealing & Southall/Poly H 44; 3.
Belgrave H 49; 6 teams closed in. (6 a side) 1.Walton AC 43; 2.Bel-
grave H 86.

JANUARY 7th 1978 - WIMBLEDON COMMON - COUNTY C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SURREY: We had thirteen senior competitors and no luck for this championship last won by us in 1967. Road runner Bill Weller was comfortably our first man but there was a rare old tussle to fill the last scoring place, with Alan Black just losing out to Bob Smith. It was interesting to note that the six clubs ahead of us in the team race were all from division one of the Surrey League with the 7th member of that league, Herne Hill H, the next to finish after us. If we ever did have any illusions about storming back up the league charts next season when (and if) we qualify for division one, this was enough to make one think again.

1.P.Adams (AFD) 36:28; 2.R.Holt (H/W) 36:35; 3.R.Treadwell (Sy.Bgls)
36:40; 30.W.Weller 39:31; 35.P.O'Connor 39:55; 36.J.Abberton 39:58;
48.C.Pearson 40:50; 65.J.Rimmer 41:41; 66.M.Smith 41:49; 67.A.Black
41:50; 72.P.Roche 42:25; 108.P.Hardwick 44:58; 124.R.Wainwright 45:5
139.K.Duckett 47:39; 153.C.Henn 48:47; 172.E.Thorp 52:34; 181 fin.
Teams: 1.Hercules Wimbledon AC 101; 2.Aldershot, Farnham & Dist.AC
102; 3.South London H 108; 7.Belgrave H 276; 14 teams closed in.

Once again our juniors only just missed out on a set of medals. Pete Gardner placed 13th to spearhead our team, thus gaining revenge over Simon Williamson for putting him down at Walton the previous week. Philip Joseph has made good progress since joining our ranks and beating the redoubtable David Bradford was a fine feather in his cap.

1.D.Clarke (H/W) 24:39; 13.P.Gardner 27:24; 26.S.Williamson 28:46;
 34.P.Joseph 30:20; 35.D.Bradford 30:28; 44.B.Marmion 33:43; 45 finished.
 Teams: 1.Epsom & Ewell H 16; 2.South London H 44; 3.Walton AC 73; 4.
 Belgrave H 79; 5 teams closed in.

BEDFORDSHIRE: Doug Maughan finished 29th in 50:22 over the 7½ mile course at Stopsley Sports Centre, Luton.

HAMPSHIRE: George Piddington did his normal thing but at present we have no details of times or positions. It is also rumoured that Gerry North competed in this neck of the woods but dnf'd.

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JANUARY 14th 1978 - WIMBLEDON - BELGRAVE 10 MILE C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

LAURIE'S WINTER DOUBLE

At last it appeared that Laurie's time might be drawing to a close as Ian Duncan, less than half the master's age, stuck to him like glue for two laps and even ventured to match strides side by side on occasion. But Laurie was only toying with his young adversary and at the crucial stage on the third lap he put his foot down and it was all over; the winter 'double' was his. Colin Pearson, in dogging these two's footsteps early on, seemed to have the third spot sewn up but from about seven miles Bill Weller and then Leo Coy and Paul Roche seemed to be making ground on him. A hard fought last lap was to no avail and Bill came home 11 seconds ahead. Alan Painter was the deserving handicap winner but Steve Williams must also get a mention, finishing as he did cut, bruised and muddied from a very heavy fall on the horseride.

1.L.O'Hara 63:09; 2.I.Duncan 64:21; 3.W.Weller 64:35; 4.C.Pearson 64:46; 5.L.Coy 66:41; 6.P.Roche 67:11; 7.M.Kortenray 69:05; 8.D.Maughan 69:06; 9.A.Painter 70:07; 10.S.Williams 70:07; 11.P.Hardwick 70:58; 12.J.Wasbrough 72:59; 13.S.Holmes 74:16; 14.L.Morris 74:35; 15.J. Angus 75:01; 16.D.Searle 76:17; 17.H.Satchell 76:46; 18.A.Stroud 78:01; 19.K.Duckett 79:35; 20.D.Wooll 81:45; 21.G.Piddington 82:30; 22.P.Staples 83:03; 23.C.Manning 83:14; 24.C.Cross 83:36; 25.A.Vosper 85:34; 26.R.Day 86:18; 27.G.Pearson 86:41; 28.P.Wooll 86:48; 29.J.V. Baker 87:39.

Handicap: 1.A.Painter (11:00) 59:07; 2.P.Roche (7:00) 60:11; 3.I.Duncan (4:00) 60:21.

The 'Savage Shield' race, contested over 5 muddy miles by our juniors gave Peter Gardner the chance to give rein to his talent. He hammered home his advantage over Simon Williamson to the tune of half a minute but something in Simon's countenance as he came home second gave a hint that this race might have been lost but there are many more ahead. Nigel Morris is a young man with determination. It is not so long ago that he had a bad accident on his motorcycle, smashing a leg, but here he was taking all that Wimbledon Common could throw at him on a winter's day and coming through with flying colours.

1.P.Gardner 31:58; 2.S.Williamson 32:28; 3.P.Joseph 36:31; 4.M.Sinclair 37:10; 5.N.Morris 39:20; 6.B.Marmion 39:25.

Only three competitors from Belgrave figured on the Mitcham 25 Kilometre result sheet, preferring 15 miles plus on the road to the vagaries of the Common and our 10 mile cross country championship. Pat O'Connor was 34th in 86:20, with Stew Barrett 84th, 94:10, and John Davies 89th, 95:05.

JANUARY 21st 1978 - GREENFORD - INTER-CLUB 5 MILE C.C. RACE.

1.D.Patterson (TVH) 24:55; 10.L.O'Hara 25:32; 18.J.Rimmer 26:43; 24.L.Coy 27:04; 28.S.Holmes 27:23; 40.M.Riley 28:29; 42.A.Painter 28:52; 52.L.Morris 29:09; 56.J.Golling 29:20; 84.C.Cross 33:04; 85.A.Vosper 33:04; 100 finished.
Teams: 1.Thames Valley H 50; 2.Ealing & Southall AC 118; 3.Belgrave H 162; 8 teams closed in.

Opposite page: Left. Simon Williamson gets back from Birmingham University to compete for us when he can and this winter set a personal best for 10 miles of 55:50. Right. Philip Joseph, a relatively new member, has made good progress since joining the Club. Photographs by Stewart Barrett.

JANUARY 28th 1978 - BRISTOL - SOUTH OF THE THAMES SENIOR C.C. CHAMP.

1.B.Lunnon (AFD) 41:26; 33.G.North (Portsmouth) 56.P.O'Connor; 76.L.Mann; 97.S.Holmes; 156.D.Maughan; 184.P.Roche; 185.P.Hardwick; 193.M.Riley.

Teams: 1.Portsmouth AC 144; 2.Hercules Wimbledon AC 187; 3.Windsor, Slough & Eton 199; 18.Belgrave H 754; 28 teams closed in.

FEBRUARY 4th 1978 - WIMBLEDON - INTER-CLUB C.C. MATCH.

1.M.Marchei (Pro Pat) 28:11; 15.L.Mann 30:47; 16.C.Pearson 31:14; 17.L.Coy 31:30; 24.P.Gardner 32:03; 25.L.Jones 32:08; 28.D.Maughan 32:51; 29.S.Holmes 33:13; 30.A.Painter 33:19; 34.P.Hardwick 33:32; 40.D.Brew 34:43; 42.B.Taylor 34:54; 44.J.Gollings 35:35; 45.J.Davies 35:44; 54.D.Jones 38:35; 55.A.Vosper 38:49; 57.C.Henn 39:18; 58.P.Staples 40:45; 59.D.Hurd 41:37.

Teams: 1.Pro Patria AZ Verde (Milan) 21; 2.Belgrave H 107; 3.Highgate H 135; 4.Polytechnic H 140; 5.Walton AC 149; 6.Hercules Wimbledon AC 160; 7.Blackheath H 191

CRANFORD - SOUTHERN VETS. C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Over 40. 1.N.Fisher (Harlow) 34:08; 6.G.North (Portsmouth) 35:20; 109.W.Kerr 41:08; 153.G.Piddington 43:45; 160.J.Plummer 44:12; 195 finished.

Teams: 1.Portsmouth AC 19; 32.Belgrave H 422; 33 teams closed in.

Over 50. 1.R.Franklin (TVH) 35:52; 3.J.Brown (Cambridge) 36:24; 42.J.V. Baker 45:13; 69 finished.



FEBRUARY 11th 1978 - PARLIAMENT HILL - SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.C. CHAMPS.

Seniors. 77.I.Duncan; 152. P.O'Connor; 163.L.Mann; 296.L.Coy; 320.D. Maughan; 335.S.Holmes.
Teams: 1.TVH; 2.Shaftesbury H; 3.Aldershot,Farnham & Dist AC; 28.Belgrave H.

Juniors. 98.S.Williamson; 148.E.Murphy; 158.P.Joseph; 160.B.Marmion; 167.M.Bradbury.

FEBRUARY 18th 1978 - MILFORD - SURREY C.C. LEAGUE DIV.2.**GOING UP!**

A year ago we were bemoaning the fact that we had finished bottom of Division I of the N.Surrey League and would be relegated. "Only for a year" we said. On February 18th we travelled to Milford for the final fixture of the season. We were 80 points up on Ranelagh H and we knew that they were fielding a very strong team, so a keen race was expected. The course was over sandy paths over heathland; the recent weather had covered them with snow, making them slippery in places.

Our Youths had already shown their views on being in Division II by winning their section (they do not have as many races as the Seniors) Our hosts, Guildford & Godalming A.C.) had put on a race for them. David North scored a convincing win, with the improving Mark Sinclair fourth and in eighth position the diminutive Gary Williscroft. Later a blood-stained Ray McCann (he had had a fall) stormed in. Scoring three a side we won from the local club. Great running from great prospects, keep it up!

The Senior race, being over three laps, gave us a chance to assess our chances. Right from the first lap we had Ranelagh vests prominent in the first half dozen or so, with John Abberton in second place. Then Belgrave vests came through thick and fast and the necessary ten scorers, with a few to spare, were soon through. Second time round showed our team to be holding their positions, and so to the finish.

Ranelagh provided the winner, and with about a hundred yards to go John and another Ranelagh runner were neck and neck, but our man out sprinted his rival to gain a valuable place. The next three were solid Ranelagh, then Pat O'Connor led in a group containing many Belgrave vests. Particular mention for a newcomer from New Zealand (actually born in Britain), Lyn Jones whose forceful running split Lionel Mann and Jim Rimmer. Our scoring men, mostly "the old gang" were anchored by Steve Williams with Peter Hardwick and Simon Holmes hot on his heels - these three are soon going to worry our established seniors. It was pleasing to see Brian Marmion further up the field - let's hope he's on his way to showing his true potential.

A quick tot-up showed Ranelagh to have beaten us on the day's event, but they were well short of wiping out our initial advantage. So, next year it's Division I again, let's stay there! There was general elation as we got into the cars which sped us back home.

Finally, our thanks to the man whose efforts were largely responsible for our prowess - no, he didn't actually run, but he wrote to you, 'phoned you and conveyed some of you to the venue and got you to the start. Yes! Thank you Gordon Biscoe!

G.S.D.

1.M.Lyttle (Ranelagh) 23:55; 2.J.Abberton 24:58; 7.P.O'Connor 25:29; 10.C.Pearson 25:54; 11.L.Mann 26:07; 13.L.Jones 26:13; 15.J.Rimmer

26:20; 17.L.Coy 26:26; 20.W.Weller 26:31; 25.A.Black 26:56; 30.S. Williams 27:21; 32.P.Gardner 27:48; 34.S.Holmes 27:54; 39.A.Painter 28:08; 48.P.Hardwick 28:40; 57.B.Taylor 29:25; 64.J.Angus 30:03; 66. B.Marmion 30:06; 72.A.Stroud 30:51; 81.D.Jones 31:48; 92 finished.

Teams: 1.Ranelagh H 120; 2.Belgrave H 148; 3.Mitcham AC 357; 4.Guildford & Godalming AC 419; 5.Met.Police 435; 6.Redhill & Reigate 473; 7.Surrey AC 533.

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FINAL RESULT

1.BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	552
2.Ranelagh H.....	604
3.Metropolitan Police.....	1399
4.Mitcham AC.....	1558
5.Guildford & Godalming AC.....	1798
6.Surrey AC.....	1940½
7.Redhill & Reigate AC.....	2088½

John Baker was our sole representative at the National Veterans C.C. Championship at Sheffield on February 19th, finishing 70th in the over 50 group in 47:40. Three other runners had Belgrave connections however; Jack Brown (Cambridge H) was 7th in the over 50 race, while in the over 40s Gerry North (Portsmouth) was 19th and Bill Dance (Longwood) 72nd.

MARCH 4th 1978 - LEEDS - E.C.C.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

A BICOURT "BLINDER"

It's Commonwealth Games and European Games year again and one may well have expected our most capped international John Bicourt to start to raise his game with a view to gaining selection for these championships later on this year. An early and promising result will have been noted by those who read every line of their "AWs" - February 2nd, Draguignan (France) 1.Boxberger, 2.J.Bicourt - but nobody could have foreseen John's "blinder" of a run in this year's National. He travelled up to Leeds the day before the race in an effort to produce the most exciting cross country race of his career and succeeded magnificently. We have all heard how in the old days Belgrave used to pack them in, "all our team home in the first 30", etc. but let us remember that John's marvellous 17th place was from a field of 1536 starters, not the one or two hundred of the nineteen thirties. Runners finishing after him read like a list of who's who in English cross country: 18.A.Holden; 19.P.Standing; 22.R.Wilde; 23.D.Bedford; 27.K.Steer....Crabb, Cannon, Beavor, Tagg....What a great pity that we did not turn out our best side to back him up and give ourselves a more respectable team place.

Seniors: 1.B.Ford (Aldershot, Farnham & Dist.) 41:34; 2.I.Stewart (Tipton) 41:37; 3.A.Simmons (Luton) 41:52...17.J.Bicourt 43:29; 295. P.O'Connor; 346.L.Mann; 659.S.Holmes; 724.D.Maughan; 872.P.Hardwick; 877.A.Painter; 1057. Cowley. 1536 started 1379 finished.
Teams: 1.Tipton H 180; 2.Gateshead H 278; 3.Airedale & Spen Valley AC 281; 55.Belgrave H 2913; 139 teams closed in.

Juniors: 1.N.Lees (Derby & County AC) 29:28; 213.P.Gardner; 364.P. Joseph; 403.B.Marmion; 495 started, 435 finished.
Teams: 1.Birmingham Uni. 66; Belgrave H did not finish a team.

MARCH 11th 1978 - WIMBLEDON - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE CHAMPIONSHIP**A NEW CHAMPION**

It was a pleasant afternoon for the opening of our Spring road running season and by the end of the afternoon Team Manager Gordon Bisco could at least pick out the likely candidates for "long-legs" in our Belgrave Road Relay.

After two miles Bill Weller and Ian Duncan, with Colin Pearson in their slipstream, had broken clear of the field and as they took the dip past the "Crooked Billet" Laurie O'Hara was a full 20 metres astern. Ian Duncan does not normally reckon to be a good hill runner but as the field came into view again by the church after the mile long haul up Cambridge, Pepys and Cottenham Park Roads, he appeared to be edging ahead of Bill. Colin had gone back and although Laurie appeared to be moving quite well it was obvious that on this day he was out of the hunt for victory.

Past the "Crooked Billet" again, and Bill Weller forced his way back to Ian's side; a mile round the top of the Common and still the issue was not resolved. As the leading pair entered Lauriston Road for the final straight an approaching car forced them to part, one on either side, and at this point the younger man made his final effort to shake off our road running specialist, Bill Weller.

Ian broke clear at last, thereby gaining his first Club Championship less than a year inside becoming a member - congratulations!

1.I.Duncan 28:46; 2.W.Weller 28:51; 3.L.O'Hara 29:29; 4.C.Pearson 29:43; 5.P.O'Connor 29:49; 6.L.Mann 30:09; 7.J.Stow 30:11; 8.L.Coy 30:45; 9.S.Holmes 31:07; 10.P.Gardner 31:30; 11.P.Hardwick 31:43; 12.D.Maughan 32:03; 13.S.Barrett 32:19; 14.J.Jackson 33:01; 15.C.Walker 33:16; 16.D.Crookes 33:20; 17.S.White 34:19; 18.J.Gosling 34:39; 19.R.Bale 34:46; 20.R.Coombs 34:53; 21.J.Angus 35:09; 22.L.Jones 35:14; 23.M.Head 35:37; 24.P.Joseph 35:50; 25.G.Collins 36:10; 26.B.Taylor 36:24; 27.E.Thorp 37:12; 28.M.Best 37:16; 29.C.Henn 37:30; 30.B.Marmion 37:30; 31.D.Jones 37:37; 32.A.Vosper 38:06; 33.G.Pears 38:54; 34.C.Manning 39:32; 35.D.Gordon 39:53; 36.J.McDonald 41:02.

Handicap: 1.J.McDonald (15:30) 25:32; 2.G.Collins (9:40) 26:30; 3.D.Crookes (6:10) 27:10.

BOXING DAY 1977

Opposite page: Left. Colin Pearson, off 140 metres, chased by Simon Holmes, Jim Rimmer the back marker, and marathon man John Davies.

Top right. Steve Williams leads a group that includes a National cross country champion on numerous occasions - Pam Davies. Bottom right. Peter Gardner finished 4th and just out of the prizes for the second year running. Photographs by Sue Coy

The 2 miles race was one of the most exciting for a long time. Three runners, Jim Rimmer, Philip Joseph and Peter Gardner, raced neck and neck around the final turn having 'disposed' of decathlete Reg Hopkins 300 metres out. Reg had led from near the beginning and after six laps suffered a bad attack of sprinters 'rubbery legs' but as the race drew to its conclusion he suddenly realised that with his superior speed he could still get back into the prizes. In the length of the straight he picked up 20 metres to repass his rivals for a popular victory.

DECEMBER 26th 1977 - BATTERSEA PARK - BOXING DAY HANDICAPS.

Men. 100 metres: 1.K.Clarke (9) 13.0; 2.R.Hopkins (Scr.); 3.J.Murphy (10); 4.E.Murphy (9); 5.P.Crosbie (4); 6.S.Crosbie (4); 7.C.Brooks (Scr.)

2 miles: 1.R.Hopkins (460) 9:24; 2.J.Rimmer (120) 9:26; 3.P.Joseph (380) 9:27; 4.P.Gardner (200) 9:28; 5.C.Pearson (140) 9:35; 6.S. Williams (200) 9:36; 7.L.Coy (160) 9:36; 8.S.Barrett 9:36; 9.J.Searle (300) 9:42; 10.S.Holmes (140) 9:44; 11.S.Williamson (250) 9:45; 12.M. Sinclair (280) 9:50; 13.B.Taylor (300) 9:56; 14.M.Head (400) 10:00; 15.E.Murphy (260) 10:05; 16.H.Satchell (280) 10:18; 17.P.Staples (450) 10:24; 18.J.Plummer (540) 10:26; 19.P.Davies (500) 10:30; 20.J.Davies (320) 10:30; 21.D.Davies (380) 11:11; 22.G.Orris (700) 11.30.
Shot Putt: 1.P.Crosbie (13'3) 45'2; 2.M.Smith (10'0) 45'0; 3.R.Hopkins (11'0) 42'5; 4.A.Mead (17'0) 41'9; 5.C.Brooks (1'0) 41'3; 6.S. Crosbie (15') 39'8.

Boys. 2400 metres (6 laps): 1.J.Gladwin (45) 7:39; 2.M.Waller (15) 7:56; 3.K.Clarke (90) 8:12; 4.G.Williscroft (80) 8:29; 5.P.Lytle (275) 9:16; 6.R.McCann (150) 9:18.

Girls. 100 metres: 1.W.Dunsford (16) 13.4; 2.J.Pritchard (19); 3.R. Morris (19); 4.D.Cook (16); 5.R.Augustin(9); 6.A.Slattery (14); 7. K.Norris.

Shot Putt: 1.W.Dunsford (Scr) 32'6; 2.A.Slattery (2'0) 28'6; 3.K. Norris (6'6) 27'9.



ATHLETICS:

A GROWTH INDUSTRY

As one who has competed, officiated and spectated but is now, alas confined by distance to tele bashing I have noticed some changes in the sport over the years. All my early experience of meetings was, I now realise, giving a surface impression. Now it is possible to see things in depth.

Some years ago at a fairly important meeting the centre of the arena was crowded with athletes, officials and hangers on - mainly the latter. The referee appealed for all non-essential personnel to leave the arena - no one moved. He repeated the appeal with the same result, he cajoled, he threatened but still after an hour or so it was the same - packed. It was the usual thing then. Get out in the middle and look important. However, during the mile the rains came. A cloudburst in fact and the result was just what the referee wanted - all but essential personnel left the arena. Not only left but rath fled! Drowned! Only the scorers and timekeepers remained. The Almighty supported the referee.

Now all is different. A 22" picture (in colour naturally) of Crystal Palace, Meadowbank or Cosford shows the crowds and we hear them described by Ron P., Stuart S., or Barry D., and next year ??? "The crowd numbers X thousand". "The crowd is knowledgeable" - that means they know how to get to Crystal Palace etc. "They are enthusiastic" that means not all have been able to get complimentary tickets. "They are right behind the team" or "the world record holder" or their "favourite" etc., and now "they are boosting them" or "lifting them" - that means the crowd are looking into the possibility of shipping them out by using man powered flight. Another source of fun is to try to spot the commentators word for the year. We have had "adrenalin" followed by "pain barrier" then came "fight back" and "long haul season" but this year it has been "above themselves" and "world beaters" with the mind boggling "surpassing themselves" - this means you meet yourself coming back never having been.

Enough of the media and we have all had that I am sure. What about the centre of the arena? On a 22" screen it is still crowded. At times it outnumbers the crowd in the stands but in contrast to my earlier picture this time they are all essential. We now have carefully groomed, white trousered, white haired or balding officials carrying out a wide range of duties. I now spend some of the viewing time spotting old friends - Theo, Julian, Brutus - not their real names of course I have no wish to be sued! One we saw recently did move for well over an hour - he was either playing "Statues" or Madame Tussauds had done a damn good job! I digress, back to the officials - each man has his set duties, computer prepared and each vital to the success of the whole. To name them all would make for a paper shortage but I have selected those concerned with starting a race. We have spotted the starter, the deputy starter, the ammunition keeper, the assistant starter, the gun holder and deputy, the microphone holder, electrician and assistant plus deputies; the lane marshals, generals, majors and sergeants; the block carriers, but alas I have noticed the passing of the nail carriers and that most important official - the hammer holder - Tartan meant redundancy.

The proliferation of officials is not restricted to the meeting itself. Athletes need coaches, advisers, technical assistants, to sa

nothing of psychiatrists, psychologists, masseurs etc.etc. I have yet to actually see the jock strap carrier but there was a bloke with Litesome on his tracksuit at a recent meeting! In my day we had one piece of soap for the whole team but now I assume they each have their own and have a gold plated container.

The big question for the future is where will it end? You will recall that London hosts the Olympics every forty years and 1988 is not too far away. What the hell is the connection you ask? It should be apparent. By 1988 given the growth in the number of officials needed for a meeting and the decline in the population of London there will not be enough people in the area in 1988 to provide officials.

On a much more serious note though, they don't seem to need the same number of officials at foreign venues and they know when a world record has been broken too!

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