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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Belgravians,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR 1950

To all our Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts and Friends, "A Happy New Year."

To all our Associates in our realm of sport, "A Happy New Year."

And now we humbly submit this, our January issue of the Club's periodical, and invite criticism and comments both complimentary or otherwise. As you will see we have introduced one or two new ideas, chief among which is the formation. It is necessary in our Club to have Sections, viz., Running, Walking, Field Events and Social, but all these Sections are embodied together and make our Club, which really in its final structure has no Section at all. We are all Belgravians whatever form of athletics we choose, and therefore we should all be thoroughly conversant with the activities of all members. For that purpose, instead of publishing results of events in Sectional order, we give them in the order of happening in the hope that you will read right through, not only the part that interests you in particular, but also that which concerns your brother Belgravians.

We are grateful to all who have contributed to this issue and we wish all to know that we shall be happy to receive any news or articles that you feel might help us to make your periodical more and more interesting.

Yours sincerely, Your EDITORS.

YOUR PRESIDENT—TO YOU

I desire to express my appreciation and thanks to all those members who so kindly sent greetings to the Club during the Christmas Season. Such kindly thoughts and actions of good will are typical and expressive of the bond of friendship that springs from this ever growing family of ours.

With the passing of the year 1949 another page of our history has been written, and although the year will not record the greatest of athletic triumphs it nevertheless will record many stirring events and some individual triumphs that will long remain in the memory of us all. But above all the year will be remembered as one in which we emerge from the post-war difficulties welded together, the old and the new, eager to go forward, and eager to surpass the greatest of our triumphs.

To all I send my best wishes for a happy and successful new year. To the officers and senior members I would like to express my thanks for your loyal support and my appreciation of the many tasks you have undertaken so admirably—Administration, Judging, Starting, Recording, Coaching, Social and the many incidental jobs that are so essential to the smooth running and success of our activities.

To the younger ones I would say, take an active interest in the affairs of your Club. Your officers and officials should be more than just names printed in your handbook. Seek them out and get to know them and be guided by their experience. They are well grounded in the rudiments of athletics and are anxious to help you and put you on the right road to success. In particular you should join your appropriate coaching group and be regular in attendance. In this way only can you hope to make good progress. Above all learn to know your fellow members and acquire that spirit of co-operation that has long pervaded them and which is the essence of our club life. Do not hesitate to write to or to ask your secretary if there is a point of principle on which you may have a doubt, or if you have a constructive idea you would like to put forward. Your secretary is a very busy man, but he will welcome your letter which will be given the utmost consideration.

Although we are now embarking on a New Year, the thought comes to my mind, for which perhaps you will forgive me, that the year will pass all too quickly and before we know where we are we shall be faced once again with the closing of the Club year, the A.G.M. and the task that will require more than the usual consideration this year—the election of officers. The incidence of senior officers relinquishing office and the nomination of new officers to take their place will require much deliberation and thought. For this reason alone I feel we cannot start too early to turn these things over in our minds and to discuss and dwell on them within the spheres of our activities—on the journeys to our meetings, on those Sunday walks, or in divers places wherever Belgravians gather together, so that when the time comes we shall be prepared to fit the right man in the right job. Remember the Club is what you make it and your leaders should be those whom you elect and whom you are prepared to support. Seek those among you whose ability has already been proven or are known to have qualities which mark them out as having the qualification for a specific office.

In the meantime we can concentrate on the immediate thrills of the Cross Country and Road Walking Championships, followed soon after by the classic Brighton Relay and the track season. It is abundantly clear that there is keen competition to represent the Club in the respective teams and all honour is due to those who are selected. Your efforts will be watched by all, confident in the fact that whatever the outcome you will give of your best in the spirit and tradition that has brought the Club to its present status in the front rank of athletics.

All best wishes to you.

THE HON. TREASURER SAYS HIS PIECE

Donations.—On behalf of the Committee, I wish to express the thanks of the Club for donations received since the beginning of the club year from the following members:—

J. G. Coleman, F. H. Elson, H. E. Footer, O. Horwood, T. C. Jones, K. B. O'Kell, E. Musselbrook, L. Rollins, A. W. Taylor, F. R. Webb.

These donations are in addition to those given to the Open Walk Prize Fund, for which the Walking Secretary will no doubt express the Club's gratitude on another page.

The Old, Old Story.—Yes, it's the Hon. Treasurer again appealing to members to pay the current year's subscription at an early date. Many have already done so, and to these I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks for the time and work you have thus saved me. If you look at the Club Handbook you will see that Rule 9 (a) reads, "Subscriptions are due and payable on September 15th annually," so if you are one of those who have not paid, please let me have a remittance in the near future.

Club Handbook.—If it so happens that you have not received a copy of this year's Handbook, see the Treasurer about it straight away. It has probably been sent to the wrong address, possibly because you forgot to notify us when you moved. It may even be that owing to some error, which are bound to occur in a big club like ours, your name is not included in the club records; so get it remedied at once.

Unknown, or Gone Away.—Communications sent to members named below have been returned undelivered, so if your name is among them or if you know the whereabouts of any of the persons on the list, please notify the Hon. Treasurer. The names are:—

H. M. Archer, A. Bergvalds, W. T. Campbell, L. Cole, R. E. Cresswell, J. Goss, E. D. Lacey, M. L. R. Lunnon, E. T. Luscombe, R. S. V. L. Wade, R. A. Wise.

Club Trophies.—If you are the proud holder of a Club Trophy, and you are unlucky enough to damage or lose it, you should notify the Hon. Treasurer immediately, so that a claim can be made on the insurance company. A full statement, setting out the date, place and circumstances in which the loss or damage occurred, is required for the purpose of the claim, and any delay will seriously prejudice any such claim.

COACHING

By T. C. JONES.

In these enlightened days the coaching of athletes is considered an essential in clubs and particularly since the need for it has at last been recognised by the governing body. It has been recognised for years by many, but until the appointment of Geoff. Dyson as the Country's Chief Coach and of others as District Coaches, nothing much has been done either by the clubs or the A.A.A. The results of the efforts of the A.A.A. are now, however, bearing fruit and whilst our own efforts have performed been on more modest lines it is now getting really under way.

The coaching of an athlete, be he young or more mature, is an essential to the production by him of the best he can do in his particular event irrespective of his natural ability.

Natural ability is an asset for any event, but is not necessarily a thing which will enable the individual to achieve his best performances. That is where the Coach comes in. He is a man who has had long experience in athletics himself, and in addition, has had the opportunity of studying the technique of events by attending lectures given by the Chief Coaches of the governing body.

An athlete with natural ability will, particularly in the running and walking events, be able to produce fair or good performances, but when he is seen in training and racing by an experienced coach, that coach will almost invariably discover certain things about him which need correction. These faults, if put right, with the aid of the coach, may mean the difference between the athlete being a mediocre runner or a champion.

Technique and the acquisition of a style is even more important in the Field Events. Over the years various styles have been evolved by coaches all over the world. The study of the mechanics of the body and the application of certain principles has resulted in, for instance, the ordinary scissors style in the High Jump developing into the Eastern Cut Off. Then the *Horine Jump* or *Western Roll* was evolved from which has now

developed the "Straddle." Each one adding inches to the athlete's performances and to the records.

Similarly in the Long Jump, the Continental Hang and the Hitch-kick have supplanted the old "leg shoot" to increase distances jumped by some feet.

In the throwing events the athlete, however strong, may not be able to use this strength if he applies it in the wrong way and at the wrong time. These events have also come under the eyes of coaches and students of athletics over the years with the result that the old ideas have now gone by the board to the advantage of those who have placed themselves in the hands of a competent coach.

Even the hurdles can show a development from the old style of clearing a hurdle with a bent leg to the present universal method of having a straight or almost straight leading leg, so retaining the normal running position throughout the whole of the race. As was seen at the Olympics at Wembley the Americans are now trying a new positioning of the arms in an endeavour to knock off, at least, a fraction of a second from the athlete's time.

Books have been and will be written describing technique, style or whatever one may call it, but the ideal thing is for an athlete to learn by description and demonstration of the movements by a coach. The coach can watch the athlete in action and observe and advise on errors.

The Club's effort to provide coaching is a very real one. George Clay specialises in sprints and relay at Motpur Park and Ben Lulham at Alper-ton. At Tooting, Frank Simmons and Bob Jessop are the sprint and relay men. Mick Pyer specialises in Middle distance and Bert Footer in distance, road and country running. Len Fletcher's wealth of knowledge is also available to all walkers and budding walkers. Bill Sutton and myself cover the Field Events. Having been selected to fill the shoes of George Clay as Chief Coach I can assure everyone that the necessary efforts to co-ordinate coaching and improve the Club's facilities are being made.

Details will be found in the Club Handbook of the winter facilities at Tooting which will be extended as from the month of February to every Saturday instead of fortnightly. In the summer it will be intensified, especially as we shall have the use of the Duke of York's track on Wednesday evenings, which it is intended shall be used solely for coaching purposes.

The coach's advice and experience is available to all, and we expect you to take advantage of it. No trouble is too much for us, but there is one important thing to be borne in mind. The particular coach for your event wants your co-operation if you seek his advice. Remember that he spends some hours on the track and has during that time to deal with a dozen or more men. It is no good turning up at any odd time and expecting to get the exclusive use of a coach. You will have to join the school under instruction at the stated times. The coach just cannot afford to spend time on individuals to the detriment of those who are there at the appointed times. I can assure you that he is only too willing to help, but you must think of his time and the schedule he has mapped out. Regular attendance is one of the most important things, as most of the styles and techniques cannot be taught in a few hours. Many take months, but it pays in the end. I know this from personal experience.

Now don't forget the coaches are there for your guidance and to improve your performances and in the end the general standard in the Club. I know that if only these facilities had been available in my days as a young runner and jumper, I should have achieved much better performances than I have done.

If you want any further information approach any of the coaches or write to Frank Simmons, the Hon. Sec. of the Coaching Committee at 69, Monckton Street, S.E.1.

OVERSEAS CUP

Back in the early part of the war, a thoughtful young Lance-Corporal—Acting Unpaid—was sitting at a typewriter, idly tapping out letters with one finger, learning how to type. For want of something better to do, he was recording his past pleasures with the Belgrave Harriers. At the conclusion of his efforts, he read over what he had typed and found that it pleased him. He therefore made a dozen copies and sent them to other Belgravians, with a request to pass them on when they had finished, preferably to lads overseas. Thus started the B.N.L. The response was surprising and airgraphs began to arrive in dozens expressing the appreciation of the lads overseas. These the Lance-Corporal (Acting Unpaid) kept.

One evening whilst perusing the local evening paper the L/C was surprised to read that a local philanthropist was prepared to pay one shilling for each airgraph. With the consent of the other Belgravians, it was decided to sell all the airgraphs from the lads overseas, and with the money obtained, buy a suitable trophy, to be known as the "Overseas" Cup, in memory of those who served overseas. Unfortunately the philanthropist died before a sufficient sum was obtained. Several were sold to another person interested in airgraphs, but the sum thus collected still fell short of the requirements.

Now, you chaps—Do we want an "Overseas" Cup? It is suggested that those willing to give a small donation should hand it, or send it to Frank Elson not later than February 28th, 1950, on which date the fund will be definitely closed. Can we expect a bob from you?—Must the original idea fail?

"bis dat qui cito det." (F.H.E.).

Surrey County Road Relay

Held at Woking on September 24th over the same course as last year, when we won the trophy which was being awarded for the first time. Our time on that occasion was 1hr. 30min. 27secs., and as our team was minus three of last year's team, we hoped to win again, but were not too sure.

Our lads, however, rose to the occasion in fine style and with C. W. Walker, our young novice discovery, giving us a good send-off on the first "leg," which he won in the good time of 14min. 55secs. and beat such men as Bowring of S.L.H. and Martin of Surrey, to give us a lead of 9 seconds over the next team.

Reg. Ruddick carried on the good work and "clocked" 14min. 48secs. to further increase our lead and with Stan Davies doing 15min. 13secs. and Len Adams 15min. 9secs., Eddie Short went off on the fifth stage with a good lead. Running comfortably Eddie did 15min. 5secs., and handed over to our last runner, Len Marchant.

Len. went round the course of 2.94 miles in 14min. 43secs., and we won in the new record time of 1hr. 29min. 53secs.

The individual lap record was also broken by P. J. Pirie of S.L.H., who did 14min. 30secs., as against the old record of 14.38.

Seeing that our team was without such stalwarts as Len. Herbert, Bill Lucas and Archie Bedford, they can feel well satisfied with their win, and this augurs well for our future prospects over the country and road.

As regards the Surrey Youth champs., I was away on holiday then, and I only heard second-hand that D. G. McLean was 2nd in the mile, and F. W. Kemp was 2nd in the 100 and, I believe, was also placed in the 220. Micky Pyer was present at this meeting and could no doubt give you fuller results.

Also on August 27th we sent a team up to West Bromwich and beat Tipton Harriers in a 2 miles team race, our runners being—D. R. Burfitt 2nd Ted Stimpson 4th and Archie Bedford 5th. We scored 11 pts., the same as Tipton, but took first team awards by reason of our 3rd man's placing, Tipton's scoring being—1, 3, 7.

3 Mile Road Run Handicap

This annual event, which opens our winter programme, was held from Belgrave Hall on October 1st, and a record field of 84 starters was seen. It says much for our officials that this huge field was all despatched off their marks, with George Still, who is 71 years of age, on the limit mark, and then timed in at the finish to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Our thanks go to Dick Savage as Timekeeper and to Les. Cohen and Charlie Munro for their help, and our Handicapper, Ernie Duffett, also had a full-size job on his hands.

When they came in sight of the finish a young lad in white was way out in front and this proved to be R. C. Tooby, a new member from Dartford, who is being trained by our old member, A. R. Shaw. He had made good use of his mark of 2min. 55secs., but as he is only 17 years of age, his run was very impressive.

Lou. Bush ran well, in his usual dogged style, to gain second place, and Steve Charlton came through the field well to finish third. Young M. F. Jones was unlucky to just miss a place and our old "veteran" Bert Footer showed some of the young 'uns that he can still go a bit!

Len. Marchant ran well to set up a new record for this revised course by clocking 15.15, the previous best being 15.16 by Charlie Smart and 15.17 by Len. Herbert.

Derrick Burfitt was content to take things easy and came in with George Still who completed the course in good style and is really a wonder for his age.

Arthur Bruce also ran well to "clock" second fastest time, while third fastest was accomplished by Rene Howell, our second-claim Poly. member.

A full list of placings and times is given hereunder:—

Pos	Name	Hep. Pos	Start	Act Time	Fst. Act	Pos	Name	Hep. Pos	Start	Act. Time	Fst Act	
1	R. C. Tooby	...	13.35	2.55	16.30	13	43 G. R. Chantler	...	15. 7	2.15	17.22	29
2	L. Bush	...	13.49	2.15	16. 4	6	44 R. F. Bolam	...	15. 8	2.30	17.38	35
3	S. Charlton	...	14. 4	1.50	15.54	5	45 W. C. Jones	...	15. 9	4. 0	19. 9	69
4	M. F. Jones	...	14. 6	3.30	17.36	34	46 S. Jefferson	...	15.10	3.20	18.30	57*
5	E. M. Bishop	...	14. 8	2.20	16.28	12	47 K. G. Stimpson	...	15.13	1.50	17. 3	25
6	H. E. Footer	...	14.11	2.10	16.21	8	48 T. C. Mitchell	...	15.18	3.30	18.48	64
7	F. K. Blunden	...	14.12	2.15	16.27	11	49 D. S. Boothman	...	15.19	3. 0	18.19	53
8	G. Stace	...	14.12	2.30	16.42	17	50 S. T. Ring	...	15.20	2.15	17.35	33
9	A. E. Taylor	...	14.15	2.40	16.55	22	51 J. A. Lacey	...	15.24	3.10	18.34	59
10	K. J. Hill	...	14.18	3. 0	17.18	28	52 W. Paine	...	15.28	2.35	18. 3	47*
11	R. W. Howell	...	14.21	1.30	15.51	3	53 F. M. Mitchell	...	15.28	3.25	18.53	65
12	K. R. England	...	14.23	2.10	16.33	15	54 J. G. Flatt	...	15.29	4.45	20.14	76
13	A. H. Bruce	...	14.24	1.20	15.44	2	55 S. G. Brooks	...	15.30	2.55	18.25	55
14	H. A. Bishop	...	14.25	2. 0	16.25	10	56 T. A. Underwood	...	15.31	2.25	17.56	43
15	M. J. Hazel	...	14.26	2.40	17. 6	26	57 A. Housego	...	15.32	3. 5	18.37	60
16	A. Smith	...	14.27	2.20	16.47	19	58 E. S. Stimpson	...	15.33	1.10	16.43	18
17	L. M. Marchant	...	14.30	0.45	15.15	1	59 A. W. Taylor	...	15.34	3.20	18.54	66
18	J. H. Braggington	...	14.32	2. 0	16.32	14	60 A. J. Beaumont	...	15.42	2.35	18.17	52
19	J. E. M. Shields	...	14.32	2.25	16.57	24	61 D. G. Woodhead	...	15.43	2.40	18.23	54
20	W. F. Merryman	...	14.38	3.15	17.53	40	62 R. J. Patience	...	15.44	3.20	19. 4	67
21	C. T. Carter	...	14.38	1.45	16.23	9	63 T. F. Morrell	...	15.45	2.45	18.30	57*
22	D. Briggs	...	14.40	2.45	17.25	30	64 K. W. Millington	...	15.47	3.45	19.32	71
23	D. Gray	...	14.40	2.50	17.30	32	65 A. H. Boddy	...	15.48	2.50	18.38	61*
24	J. E. Godfrey	...	14.41	3. 0	17.41	37	66 J. W. Kennedy	...	15.50	2. 5	17.55	42
25	B. L. Chitty	...	14.44	3. 0	17.44	38	67 J. McDonald	...	15.53	2.10	18. 3	47*
26	R. Danielson	...	14.45	2.55	17.40	36	68 W. G. Webb	...	15.53	4. 0	19.53	74
27	P. W. Adams	...	14.46	2. 5	16.51	20	69 G. Freestone	...	15.57	3.25	19.22	70
28	E. G. Poppellwell	...	14.47	2. 5	16.52	21	70 A. T. Jordan	...	15.58	3.10	19. 8	68
29	D. R. Laing	...	14.49	3.10	17.59	44*	71 R. J. Fox	...	16. 7	2.40	18.47	63
30	L. A. Adams	...	14.50	1.20	16.10	7	72 E. T. Bateman	...	16.19	3.25	19.44	73
31	K. A. Cuff	...	14.51	2. 5	16.56	23	73 J. Housego	...	16.35	3. 0	19.35	72
32	A. W. Saville	...	14.53	3.10	18. 3	47*	74 T. Pritchard	...	16.45	3.45	20.30	78
33	W. G. Isaac	...	14.54	3.15	18. 9	51	75 D. R. Burfitt	...	16.52	0.15	17. 7	27
34	E. C. Edwards	...	14.54	3. 5	17.59	44*	76 G. Still	...	16.52	6.30	23.22	82
35	R. G. Savage	...	14.55	3. 5	18. 0	46	77 A. Penstone	...	17. 8	2.55	18. 3	47*
36	R. F. Towndrow	...	14.57	1.40	16.37	16	78 L. E. Daniels	...	17.13	3. 5	20.18	77
37	A. D. Pyer	...	14.58	3.40	18.38	61*	79 C. W. G. Law	...	17.15	3.30	20.45	79
38	D. W. Jones	...	14.59	2.50	17.49	39	80 G. C. Hewett	...	17.20	3.45	21. 5	80
39	F. R. Webb	...	14.59	3.30	18.29	56	81 P. Cullen	...	17.33	2.35	20. 8	75
40	A. P. Whitehead	...	15. 2	2.25	17.27	31	82 A. E. Anderson	...	19.15	2.30	21.45	81
41	R. V. Ruddick	...	15. 3	0.50	15.53	4						
42	G. S. Doubleday	...	15. 4	2.50	17.54	41						

*—Indicates Dead-Heat.

5 Miles Walk Handicap—Opening Meeting October 1st

The walking season on the road opened with the usual 5 miles Club handicap and match v. Met. Police A.A. 22 of our members and 21 of the Police team lined up for the start. Harry Churcher went into the lead almost at once and after gradually going away from the rest of the field, finished an easy winner by 1½ minutes. Bert East, still as good as ever, finished 2nd with Smith of the Police 3rd. Scoring 16 a side, the match resulted in a win for the Club by 253 points to 275. George Oliver, with an allowance of 4.15, was first in the handicap with Jack Baker (6.0) 2nd and Pat Sapcote (3.45) 3rd. Full result as follows:—

1. H. G. Churcher	35.52	Scr.	22. E. Evans	...	42.22	7.30
2. A. H. East	...	37.27	1.40	23. W. Wesson	...	43.22 7.30
4. D. McMullen	...	37.57	1. 5	24. R. J. Frazer	...	42.46 6. 0
6. C. E. Churcher	...	38.17	1.55	25. P. Wilson	...	43.50 7.30
7. P. Sapcote	...	38.28	3.45	26. W. Ives	...	43.58 7.50
8. H. G. Clayton	...	38.34	3. 0	27. W. True	...	44. 1 5. 0
9. G. E. Oliver	...	38.40	4.15	28. J. Boshier	...	44. 2 7.30
10. S. James	...	38.41	3.25	34. S. Goold	...	44.45 7.15
11. A. Redman	...	39.43	2. 0	37. S. G. Spencer	...	46.28 6.50
13. J. C. Bidgood	...	39.59	4. 0	38. J. Sheldon	...	46.28 7.30
14. J. E. Baker	...	40.31	6. 0	43 A. Shread	...	53.10 8. 0
15. A. J. St. Wakeley	...	40.46	5.10			

Match v. T.V.H. at Cranford

We were pleased to renew fixtures with our old friends the Thames Valley Harriers, and this run over their course at Cranford was held on October 15th. A large field was seen out and this consisted of 38 Belgians and 44 T.V.H. members.

It was decided to score 37 aside and the match scores resulted in a win for the home club who scored 1317 pts. to our 1459. As our last four men were in the 70's it will be seen that with, say, 33 aside counting we should have been in front, but the final result is of small consequence so long as an enjoyable run was had by all those competing.

The individual winner was Les. Field of T.V.H., who was followed home by two club-mates in Alec Olney and E. Manley.

Our first counter was Steve Charlton who finished 4th, and we were pleased to see Les. Stokell turning out for us once again, and he ran well in being 7th, as did C. W. Walker, who was 8th.

Most of our senior runners were content to take things steady, it being so early in the season, and the placings and times of our runners were as under:—

4, S. Charlton, 28.26; 7, C. L. Stokell, 28.54; 8, C. W. Walker, 29.6; 9, M. F. Porter, 29.12; 10, R. F. Towndrow, 29.15; 11, J. W. Brown, 29.19; 16, L. A. Adams, 29.27; 17, S. Davies, 29.28; 18, E. S. Stimpson, 29.35; 19, V. S. Blowfield, 29.36; 21, F. K. Blunden, 29.44; 24, H. A. Bishop, 29.47; 25, E. M. Bishop, 29.48; J. H. Bragginton, 29.50; 28, R. T. Taylor, 29.53; 30, C. T. Carter, 30.3; 32, K. R. England, 30.27; 34, A. Smith, 30.31; K. A. Cuff, 30.35; 40, A. E. Taylor, 30.53; 45, G. R. Chantler, 31.9; 48, K. G. Stimpson, 31.15; 51, A. P. Whitehead, 31.34; 52, D. G. Woodhead, 31.37; 54, J. McDonald, 31.44; 56, J. A. Lacey, 31.49; 57, D. Gray, 31.53; 60, R. Danielson, 32.13; 64, F. R. Webb, 32.42; 65, S. G. Brooks, 32.51; 66, H. W. Shields, 32.55; 68, R. G. Savage, 33.1; 69, A. W. Saville, 33.4; 70, A. T. Jordan, 33.17; 72, S. Jefferson, 33.26; 73, A. J. Beaumont, 33.28; 75, W. G. Isaac, 33.32; 76, R. J. Fox, 33.57.

Highgate Harriers' Open 7 Miles Walk, at Parliament Hill Fields on October 22nd

The road walking season was this day heralded with a bang. Highgate can be complimented on a successful promotion with an excellent entry in spite of the absence of any provincial or further Southern clubs.

They must also be congratulated on their team and individual successes in this race, a matter which we must pay attention to in forthcoming races. We did have some successes, by the way, having supplied the individual winner in Harry Churcher and also tying with Cambridge Harriers for 2nd Scratch Team honours, although we were obliged to accept 3rd team awards as Cambridge Harriers 4th man finished before ours. Had the decision been made by aggregate times, we would have been awarded 2nd team prizes.

Harry again showed his vast superiority over his rivals and finished comfortably in 54.52 secs., 5 secs. outside course record, which he could have smashed decisively. Dave McMullen was our next man showing good form early in the season, with evergreen East again among them and Pat Sapcote scoring in our first team over sevens, for the first time, thus showing he has speed as well as stamina. Mention must be made of George Oliver who is gradually persuading himself that he might well one day stay among them. Gordon Waddingham also showed a sign of the grim determination that will take him higher and higher up the field. We were particularly pleased and impressed with the style of all our boys, but here we make special mention of J. Jeffery, one of our new lads, who will one day be an asset to our teams. Club positions as follows:—

1. H. G. Churcher	...	54.52	71. J. Bellchamber	...	63.01
8. D. McMullen	...	57.25	77. G. E. Bentley	...	63.41
14. A. H. East	...	57.59	82. R. J. Frazer	...	63.58
19. P. Sapcote	...	58.39	95. J. H. Robins	...	64.48
26. A. Readman	...	59.46	96. P. Wilson	...	64.48
27. G. Waddingham	...	59.47	100. G. Atkinson	...	65.06
28. G. E. Oliver	...	59.48	108. G. J. Warr	...	65.36
31. C. E. Churcher	...	60.18	121. J. Jeffery	...	66.44
43. J. C. Bidgood	...	61.21	130. S. Goold	...	67.06
50. A. J. St. Wakeley	...	61.45	133. S. G. Spencer	...	67.15
57. E. Evans	...	62.06	135. L. Bailey	...	67.24
65. J. C. Baker	...	62.42	157. F. S. Herring	...	69.42
67. F. Tasker	...	62.45	167. J. Sheldon	...	71.16
70. S. James	...	63.00			

Scratch Team Race: Highgate H., 1, 28 points; Cambridge H., Belgrave H., 42 points.

Club 5 Miles C.C. Handicap

On October 29th we held our usual 5 miles c.c. race, with sealed handicap in conjunction, and we also had a triangular match against Mitcham A.C. and the Military Police, from Woking. Although we turned out 79 runners, Mitcham could only muster 14 and the Police 12, and so it was decided to score 10 aside in the match. As can be seen from the result hereunder, we had the first 13 men home and so scored a hollow victory in the team race.

The individual winner was Bill Lucas, and he finished full of running, and was followed home by Ches. Walker and Jack Brown. Mick Porter and Lew Bush also ran well as did J. H. Bragginton, who is a first season runner over the country.

The winner of the handicap was R. T. Taylor, who is 20 years of age, and looks like developing into a real find for the Club, and as he was once a member of the Poly., it looks as if the Poly.'s loss will be our gain.

Second place in the handicap was taken by Jimmy Flatt, who won the Club 7 miles championship, way back in 1923, and Jimmy made good use of his 11 mins. start and was very pleased at his success. Third place was gained by D. G. Woodhead, and is a reward for his perseverance over the country, and he should show a gradual improvement from now on.

It was bad luck on Eddie Short that he had to retire from the race

when well up with the leaders, and we hope that his strain was nothing serious and he will soon be fit again.

Our G.O.M. of cross-country running, George Still, completed the course in good style, and is a wonder for his age of 71 years.

We were pleased to see many new faces among the competitors, and with a field of 84 in our 3 miles, followed by 79 for this race, it would seem that the winter side of the Club's activities is vastly more popular than the summer season.

Full list of placings and times as follows:—

Pos	Name	Act Time	Start	Hcp Time	Pos	Pos	Name	Act Time	Start	Hp Time	Pos
1	W. E. Lucas	30. 2	1. 0	29. 2	36*	59	G. Durrant	34.32	2.45	31.47	76
2	C. W. Walker	30.23	2.10	28.13	13	60	W. Spencer	34.33	5.30	29. 3	39*
3	J. W. Brown	30.34	1.30	29. 4	41*	61	S. G. Brooks	34.37	5.35	29. 2	36*
4	M. F. Porter	30.39	2.40	27.59	7	62	T. A. Underwood	34.39	5.30	29. 9	45*
5	R. V. Ruddick	30.40	2. 0	28.40	24*	63	A. H. Boddy	34.43	6.40	28. 3	8*
6	E. S. Stimpson	30.46	1.10	29.36	59	64	G. S. Doubleday	34.45	5.20	29.25	54
7	C. T. Carter	30.53	2.30	28.23	17*	65	M. F. Jones	34.46	5.25	29.21	50*
8	L. Bush	30.53	3. 0	27.53	4	67	A. W. Saville	34.55	6.10	28.45	28
9	L. A. Adams	30.59	2.45	28.14	14	68	H. J. Fletcher	35. 0	6.45	28.15	15
10	R. T. Taylor	31. 0	3.35	27.25	1	69	D. W. Jones	35. 2	5.45	29.17	49
11	S. Davies	31.26	2.50	28.36	21	70	A. T. Jordan	35. 6	6.15	28.51	33
12	S. Charlton	31.27	1.50	29.37	60*	71	A. J. Beaumont	35.15	6.10	29. 5	43
13	J. H. Bragginton	31.28	3.30	27.58	6	73	W. Paine	35.21	6.15	29. 6	44
14	L. Scott	31.33	—	—	—	74	R. J. Fox	35.29	6.15	29.14	47*
	(Mitcham)					75	S. Jefferson	35.33	6.30	29. 3	39*
15	M. E. Heard	31.35	2.25	29.10	46	76	F. W. Pettitt	35.34	5.55	29.39	62
16	E. M. Bishop	31.40	3.30	28.10	11	77	F. R. Webb	35.40	5.50	29.50	64
17	H. A. Bishop	32. 8	3.25	28.43	26	78	R. J. Patience	35.48	7.10	28.38	22
18	K. A. Cuff	32.14	3.35	28.39	23	79	T. C. Mitchell	35.53	7. 0	28.35	34*
19	K. R. England	32.15	3.40	28.35	20	80	B. P. Morton	35.56	6.30	29.26	55
25	D. R. Burfitt	32.27	0.30	31.57	77	83	T. F. Morell	36.15	4.45	31.30	75
26	A. H. Bruce	32.27	2.40	29.47	63	84	W. G. Isaac	36.17	6.40	29.37	60*
27	A. Smith	32.33	3.40	28.53	34*	85	F. M. Mitchell	36.18	6.50	29.28	56
28	F. J. Abberton	32.36	1.45	30.51	69*	86	M. Tween	36.24	7. 0	29.24	53
29	J. Bromley	32.45	—	—	—	87	A. W. Taylor	36.33	7. 0	29.33	57
	(C.R.M.P.)					88	W. G. Webb	36.47	8.30	28.17	16
33	E. G. Poplewell	32.50	4. 0	28.50	32	89	A. Penstone	37. 6	6.15	30.51	69*
34	G. R. Chantler	32.59	4.10	28.49	31	92	E. D. Lacey	37.20	7.15	30. 5	66
35	G. Stace	32.59	4.15	28.44	27	93	D. Elliott	37.21	7. 0	30.21	67
36	G. F. Lucas	33. 4	2. 0	31. 4	71	94	P. Cullen	37.35	6.45	30.50	68
37	D. Gray	33. 7	5. 0	28. 7	10	96	F. S. Bradnum	38.30	7.15	31.15	73
38	A. E. Taylor	33. 7	4.20	28.47	30	97	K. W. Millington	38.34	9.30	29. 4	41*
40	J. McDonald	33.11	3.50	29.21	50*	99	J. G. Flatt	38.42	11. 0	27.42	2
41	A. P. Whitehead	33.12	4.10	29. 2	36*	100	N. R. Dewberry	38.44	7.15	31.29	74
42	D. S. Boothman	33.15	5.20	27.55	5	101	J. Barry	39.22	8.15	31. 7	72
43	L. C. Bishop	33.18	3.20	29.58	65	104	G. Still	42.46	14. 0	28.46	29
44	K. G. Stimpson	33.20	3.45	29.35	58						
47	D. G. Woodhead	33.27	5.40	27.47	3						
49	J. A. Lacey	33.50	5.20	28.30	19*						
50	R. Danielson	33.58	5.35	28.23	17*						
51	A. J. Norris	33.59	4.45	29.14	47*						
52	S. T. Ring	34. 1	4.40	29.21	50*						
53	R. G. Savage	34. 3	6. 0	28. 3	8*						
54	V. S. Blowfield	34. 3	0.45	33.18	78						
55	W. F. Merryman	34. 7	5.55	28.12	12						
57	D. R. Laing	34.25	5.45	28.40	24*						

*—Indicates Dead-Heat in Handicap

TEAM SCORES

BELGRAVE HARRIERS, 55 pts. (10 aside scoring).

MITCHAM A.C., 313 pts. (10 aside scoring).
C. R. M. POLICE, 583 pts. (10 aside scoring).

Chelmsford Road Relay

The second annual 20 mile road relay race for the "Sidney Taylor" Trophy was held at Chelmsford on November 5th, over a new and almost flat six laps course of about 3¼ miles.

Representatives of 21 teams out of an entry of 25 faced the starter on a pouring wet afternoon and at the end of the first leg a bunch of four runners were neck-and-neck with Reg. Ruddick not far away in 7th position. Derrick Burfitt then took over and set about the opposition in his usual determined fashion and he eventually handed over to Jack Brown in second place with the Aylesford runner the only one he had failed to overtake.

Jack Brown carried on the good work and gave us a lead of about sixty yards at the end of the third relay. Stan. Davies was our next runner, but despite a gallant effort he had to give way to Macoy of Aylesford who ran a very well judged race.

The fifth stage was taken by Vernon Blowfield who is not yet fully fit, but maintained his position although yielding a little ground against strong opposition from the leader.

Bill Lucas took the last leg and was unable to make much impression on the leader, Ellis of Aylesford, despite the fact that he ran the second fastest lap of the afternoon, and the Kent club were good winners by a margin of 24 seconds.

Individual times of our men were: R. V. Ruddick 16.18; D. R. Burfitt 16.26; J. W. Brown 16.21; S. Davies 16.56; V. S. Blowfield 16.25; W. E. Lucas 16.1. Position of the first three teams were: 1, Aylesford P.M., 1hr. 38min. 3sec.; 2, Belgrave H., 1.38.27; 3, Woodford Green A.C., 1.40.6; the holders, Essex Beagles, finished 4th.

Youths' C.C. Races

On November 5th we had as visitors the lads of the Wandsworth Technical School, to whom our own D. G. Maclean is a pupil, and in a 4 aside match we won by the lower score of 12 points to the School's 24. Ray Tooby, our new member from Dartford, was first home with Mike Stearman second and Maclean third. J. E. Godfrey ran well to finish 4th and Grieves of the School in 7th place was their second man to finish.

Placings of our team were: 1, Tooby, 21.17; 2, Stearman, 21.25; 4, Godfrey, 22.12; 5, Wolton, 22.49; 6, Briggs, 22.49; 8, Chitty, 23.48; 9, Butt, 23.51; 13, Burg, 24.50; 14, J. Housego, 26.2.

On November 19th we held a trial race as a pointer to our teams for the Surrey Youths 3 miles c.c. championship, and 12 lads turned out, which was quite a good show and shows that Micky Pyer is doing good work among our younger members.

D. G. Maclean was first home followed by Mike Stearman with P. W. Adams, a brother of Len. Adams, in third place. We were also pleased to see Harry Greene turning out over the country and there were also several other new faces on view.

The placings resulted as follows: 1, Maclean; 2, Stearman; 3, Adams, 4, Greene; 5, Simpson; 6, Butt; 7, Udall; 8, Courtney; 9, Cornell; 10, Corpe; 11, Tomlinson; 12, Harvey.

Enfield A.C. Open 7 Miles Walk—November 12th

Four teams were entered for this race and although not obtaining the scratch team honours we did the next best thing and also had successes in the Handicap Team events. Our "A" Team were second in the scratch race with Harry Churcher, Bob McMullen, Bert East and Bert Clayton scoring 31 points to Highgate Harriers' 23. Our "B" Team, consisting of Syd. James, Tasker, Oliver and Robins were second in the handicap team race and our "A" Team with Sapcote, Bellchamber, McMullen and East were third in the handicap team race. On top of these successes, we furnished the individual winner in Harry Churcher who had a doddle in 54.14 and Syd. James, walking like the coming champion that we think he is, was a really deserving second in the individual handicap. Fourteen prizes in one race is quite a fair portion, but what about the scratch race honours? We are getting closer, but we are ready to admit and hope all realise that

team competition is more formidable than it has been and for that matter we welcome it because it makes victory all the sweeter. Again all our walkers gave of their best and club officials came away from the race with the feeling that the "Garnett" Cup for the "Junior" was practically in their possession. Bob McMullen walked a splendid race but unfortunately tired a bit at 5 miles after being placed second all the way. Bert East battled away like the grim veteran that he is showing himself to be. Bert Clayton will get faster as the season goes on and Pat Sapcote will make 'em go for their place in the team. George Bentley is not quite fit yet and if Frank Tasker would only take the bit between his teeth and have a go he would find he can do the distance, and get there too. Yes, we were quite happy about our Juniors. Individual placings and times as follows:—

1. H. G. Churcher	... 55.14	77. R. J. Frazer	... 62.58
4. R. McMullen	... 56.09	83. A. St. Wakeley	... 63.15
12. A. H. East	... 57.30	84. J. C. Baker	... 63.22
14. H. G. Clayton	... 57.51	95. G. J. Warr	... 63.47
16. P. Sapcote	... 58.16	116. H. N. Jeffery	... 65.22
18. S. James	... 58.26	119. S. Goold	... 65.26
29. G. E. Oliver	... 59.41	120. J. G. Scamell	... 65.27
37. J. A. Bellchamber	... 60.20	122. P. Wilson	... 65.54
38. C. E. Churcher	... 60.21	136. S. Mitackis	... 67.20
42. F. Tasker	... 60.34	149. B. Waghorn	... 68.12
57. J. H. Robins	... 61.41	155. C. H. Speechley	... 68.54
62. G. Atkinson	... 62.08	158. S. G. Spencer	... 69.28
66. J. H. Scamell	... 62.21	159. K. Sheldon	... 69.39
69. G. E. Bentley	... 62.33		

Scratch Team Race: 1, Highgate Harriers, 23 pts.; 2, Belgrave H., 31 pts.

Handicap Team Race: 1, Leicester W.C., 205.19; 2, Belgrave "B," 209.42; 3, Belgrave "A," 210.15.

Individual Handicap: 2nd, S. James, 8.30 secs.

South of Thames "Junior" Race—Saturday, November 12th

Torrential rain and wind blowing at gale force, welcomed the competitors on arrival at Maidenhead for the 1949 South of the Thames "Junior" race, but by the time the runners had changed the rain had abated and the weather became more settled.

After a long walk to the starting field the 337 starters lined up and were soon away to a fast start, despite the rather heavy going underfoot. And so away they went on the first lap, leaving our supporters with the hope that when they reappeared that a Belgrave man would be in the lead, but it was not to be, and at the end of the first lap of 2½ miles, Eddie Short was our first man in 8th position. Ches. Walker, running well, was 20th followed by Len. Adams, Lew Bush, R. T. Taylor and J. H. Bragginton.

During the second lap, as was expected, our boys moved up, with the exception of Eddie Short who had split one of his shoes, and so found running rather difficult and had dropped a few places.

Walker had gone up in splendid style and with 440 yards to go was in 5th position, but making his effort in real Belgrave fashion he went after the leaders and eventually finished 2nd, a really fine performance, in his first real season over the country.

Eddie Short had pluckily kept going to finish 14th followed by Lew Bush 40th and Len. Adams 49th. R. T. Taylor 63rd and J. H. Bragginton 71st with Eric Bishop 80th, had all run well in such a large field, and

although our team placing was only 5th, the more important fact was that we started and finished 32 runners and also had three reserves present, a noteworthy performance.

Full placings and team positions are given below:—

5th Belgrave "A" (C. W. Walker 2; E. A. Short 14; L. Bush 40; L. A. Adams 49; R. T. Taylor 63; J. H. Bragginton 71; E. M. Bishop 80; H. A. Bishop 192) with 105 points.

25th, Belgrave "B" (K. R. England 90; E. G. Popplewell 112; G. Stace 116; K. A. Cuff 145; A. Smith 157; D. Gray 159; G. R. Chantler 162; A. P. Whitehead 196) with 463 points.

33rd, Belgrave "C" (D. G. Woodhead 172; D. S. Boothman 191; R. Danielson 208; D. R. Laing 209; W. F. Merryman 217; S. G. Brooks 222; J. A. Lacey 229; R. G. Savage 269) with 780 points.

41st, Belgrave "D" (A. W. Saville 221; G. S. Doubleday 223; T. A. Underwood 254; A. H. Boddy 259; D. W. Jones 263; W. Paine 272; A. J. Beaumont 275; R. J. Fox 299) with 957 points.

Match v. Woodford Green A.C.

On the 19th November we had Woodford Green A.C. and the Royal Military Police (Woking) as visitors to Belgrave Hall, for an 8 aside match over our 5 miles cross-country course.

Bromley of the Police was first man home just in front of Vern Blowfield and Jack Brown. Les. Stokell, now back down South once again, came next with Ted Stimpson, R. T. Taylor, Arthur Bruce, Len. Adams and C. W. Walker completing our scoring team.

A. G. Lewis, now demobbed from the Forces, ran well and should be a help to our junior teams, and Len. Bishop, also back again in civvy street, was another welcome visitor.

Our friends from Woking are showing a gradual improvement in their races over the country, and in the recent South of Thames race, they finished 12th, quite a good performance.

Result of the team race was: Belgrave H. 56 pts.; Woodford Green A.C. 167 pts.; Royal Military Police 186 pts.

Placings of our members was as under:—

2, Blowfield; 3, Brown; 4, Stokell; 5, E. Stimpson; 9, R. Taylor; 10, Bruce; 11, Adams; 12, C. Walker; 17, E. Bishop; 18, A. Bishop; 19, Popplewell; 20, Lewis; 23, Durrant; 24, Charlton; 25, L. Bishop; 26, McDonald; 28, Cuff; 29, England; 30, Gray; 33, Stace; 35, Chantler; 36, K. Stimpson; 37, Heathfield; 38, Danielson; 41, Boddy; 43, A. Taylor; 44, Saville; 45, Jordan; 46, Woodhead; 48, Spencer; 50, Tween; 51, Boothman; 53, Fox; 54, Bragginton; 56, Penstone; 57, Cullen (59 finishers).

5 Miles Walk Match v. R.A.F. (Halton)—November 19th

1. H. G. Churcher (Bel.)	36.17	14. C. E. Churcher (Bel.)...	42.23
2. D. McMullen (Bel.) ...	36.48	15. P. Wilson (Bel.) ...	42.55
3. A. H. East (Bel.) ...	36.57	16. S. King (Bel.) ...	42.57
4. S. James (Bel.) ...	38.45	17. H. N. Jeffery (Bel.) ...	43.07
5. A. Bellchamber (Bel.)	40.28	18. A. J. St. Wakeley (Bel.)	43.08
6. A/A Towers (R.A.F.)	40.50	19. A/A Morley (R.A.F.)	43.12
7. G. Oliver (Bel.) ...	41.31	20. W. True (Bel.) ...	43.30
8. R. Frazer (Bel.) ...	41.31	21. C. H. Speechley (Bel.)	43.31
9. A/A Foster (R.A.F.)	41.37	22. A/A Cummings	
10. A/A Eastwood (R.A.F.)	41.37	(R.A.F.) ...	43.41
11. A/A Johnstone		23. A/A White (R.A.F.)...	46.36
(R.A.F.) ...	42. 7	24. A/A Irving (R.A.F.)...	46.36
12. G. Doubleday (Bel.) ...	42.15	25. A/A Crone (R.A.F.)	46.58
13. A/A Walters (R.A.F.)	42.23	26. R. Giddings (Bel.) ...	47.15

Result: 10 a side—Belgrave, 71 points; R.A.F., 139 points.

30th ANNUAL OPEN 7 MILES WALK—NOVEMBER 26th

By H. H. Whitlock (Olympic Games 50 kilos Walk Champion, 1936)

The "Belgrave 7," as it is known to all members of the walking fraternity, took place in weather that is becoming associated with this particular event. A mixture of darkened sky, some rain, threatened fog and a promise of a difficult finish for judges and recorders in premature darkness were the conditions prevailing.

A fine entry of 228 walkers, comparatively all the fastest over this distance in the South, led us to hope for a keenly contested team and individual race. Always very keenly contested between Belgrave and Surrey W.C., Highgate and Cambridge Harriers had been well to the fore in Open Scratch teams this season. First shock to Highgate who had to start less G. W. Coleman, temporarily mislaid on the London Transport system.

Shortly after 3 p.m., the "Field" of 178 faced the Starter in Lauriston Road and were soon away over the first lap, beginning with a mile on Wimbledon Common. The walking judges were soon busy and among those making a premature return to the dressing room were Bob Readman of the Home club and Fred Barrett of Cambridge.

At the end of the Common, Harry Churcher was well away in the lead followed by D. McMullen, Copperwheat, Miller and Tunbridge and it was evident that Churcher was going to cut out a very fast pace. Down the hill to Cambridge Road more competitors came under the judges ban but the leaders remained unchanged and as the "field" tackled the "hills" at the end of the first lap they were settling down into positions that were to be generally speaking, maintained to the end. Some jockeying was taking place between L. Smith of Surrey A.C. and the Highgate boys, A. H. East, the veteran "junior" was well up and walking in fine style, A. H. Cotton, of Woodford, was making up ground rapidly in effortless fashion, with the Dorset Constabulary policeman, G. Dumican, making his presence felt just behind, in what was for him his first appearance in this event. Noticeable was the fine walking of the juniors A. Street, Essex Beagles, B. E. Shepherd, of Walton A.C., and H. T. Whitlock, of the Met. W.C. Quite a number of our senior walkers could take a lesson from the styles there displayed, while on the other hand these juniors must learn to dress adequately for the weather if they are to give of their best.

Why do so many of our police competitors walk with a projecting posterior, which looks as if they are carrying their sandwich pack under their shorts, when they could walk so much faster if they gave their hips full play. These were the thoughts that passed through my mind as I watched the competitors start on their second lap. By this time Harry Churcher was some 300 yards in front of McMullen with Miller, Copperwheat and Tunbridge another 100 yards in the rear. With two in the first positions, James and East well up in support, the team race was as good as won by the Bels, but a keen fight was going on for the second place between Highgate and Surrey W.C. with odds on the superior packing of Surrey to put them in front. This proved to be the case and after Harry Churcher had passed the finishing line an easy winner from his club-mate R. D. McMullen and Miller of Cambridge, closely followed by Copperwheat and Tunbridge of Highgate, the Surrey W.C. packed their scoring four into the next eleven places.

By this time it was getting rather dark and timekeeping would have been extremely difficult had not Joe Turner supplied himself with a torch on his way to the meeting.

All in all a good race, without exciting interludes, made into hard work for the officials by the dismal weather conditions.

That everything seemed to go without a hitch spoke well for the organisation behind this very popular event.

Placings and time as follows:—

1. H. G. Churcher	... 54.39	71. A. St. Wakeley	... 62.53
2. D. McMullen	... 56.35	73. J. Bidgood	... 64.11
8. S. James	... 58.5	75. G. Waddingham	... 64.22
11. A. East	... 58.34	81. G. Warr	... 64.53
14. C. Churcher	... 58.52	87. P. Wilson	... 65.20
15. H. Clayton	... 58.59	94. H. Jeffery	... 65.44
22. P. Sapcote	... 59.32	98. W. True	... 66.7
24. G. Oliver	... 59.40	104. J. G. Scamell	... 66.22
38. J. Belchamber	... 60.54	127. S. Spencer	... 68.21
45. G. Bentley	... 61.52	132. M. Mitackis	... 68.53
46. E. Evans	... 61.57	139. J. Sheldon	... 69.36
58. F. Tasker	... 62.21	142. F. Herring	... 70.10
60. R. Frazer	... 62.55	156. N. Giddings	... 77.21
62. J. Robins	... 63.2		

Scratch Team. 1, Belgrave H., 28 points; 2, Surrey W.C., 46 points.
 Handicap Team Race. 1, Surrey A.C., 211 min. 3 sec.; 2, Bel. "B,"
 211 min. 11 sec. (James, Belchamber, Sapcote, Oliver.)

To add our own footnote to this report, our thanks are due to all those who helped to make the race a success, to those who gave so generously to the prize fund, to Arthur Whitehead for providing accommodation and refreshments for our own walkers and to the Licensee of the "Local" for the use of his premises for working out the result.

Match v. Walton A.C.

Held from the Walton A.C. quarters at Esher on November 26th, and only six of our chaps turned up in time for the start of the race and with five-aside scoring, Walton had the first five men home and so scored a hollow victory. They were disappointed that we had not sent down a stronger team but owing to other commitments on the same day, this was not possible.

E. F. Whitlock, of Walton, was first man home in 28.54 and our placings and times were: 6, Charlton, 29.49; 8, Brown, 29.56; 9, Davies, 29.59; 11, Towndrow, 30.24; 19, England, 31.48.

Match v. Ealing Harriers

On November 26th we sent a team to Perivale for a run against the Ealing Harriers and the Polytechnic Harriers were also present. The course was a sticky one of 7½ miles and Derrick Burfitt was first man home followed by Ted Stimpson.

Vern Blowfield had an easy run in fourth position and it looks as if these three will form the spearhead of our team for the coming cross-country championships.

Tom Carter is still showing useful form for an old 'un, and it is to the younger element such as Mike Heard, Len Adams, Bragginton, Popplewell and Ches Walker, that we look to for support in the more serious races to come.

The team scores were: Belgrave H., 71 points; Polytechnic H., 107 points; Ealing Harriers, 122 points.

Placings of our runners were as under:—
 1, Burfitt; 2, E. Stimpson; 4, Blowfield; 8, Adams; 9, Carter; 13, Heard; 14, Bragginton; 20, Popplewell; 22, McDonald; 23, K. Stimpson; 33, Woodhead; 36, Isaac; 37, Jefferson; 38, Fox; 39, A. Taylor; 40, Jordan.

Rochester Road Race

We sent a team down to Rochester on November 26th for the local club's Five Miles' Open Road Race and apart from Bill Lucas who finished eighth in the scratch race, the rest put up rather a sorry show. The course is uphill for the start and our lads evidently let the field get too far away and then could make no impression on the downhill return to the finish.

Beckett of Hythe A.C. ran well to beat a field which included several International runners including R. C. Adams and Charlesworth, but it is yet early in the season for the latter to be showing their true form.

Placings and times of our runners are shown hereunder:—

8, W. E. Lucas, 27.18; 26, M. F. Porter, 28.12; 37, R. V. Ruddick, 29.7; 38, G. F. Lucas, 29.12; 48, G. R. Chantler, 29.55; 50, A. Smith, 30.5; 65, R. G. Savage, 31.14; 70, W. F. Merryman, 31.33; 73, E. D. Lacey, 31.50; 75, W. Paine, 31.51. (92 finishers.)

Junior Match v. Ealing H. and Poly H.

Held at Perivale on November 26th over about 3½ miles and with five-side scoring we came out winners of an enjoyable contest. First man home was Ches Walker, our "novice" discovery and he ran well to beat Dunkley of the Poly, who was a member of their last year's Brighton Relay team. R. T. Taylor also did well in being fifth with P. W. Adams just behind him and then two of our younger members in Harry Greene and J. E. Godfrey were next for our team.

R. A. Butt, a son of an old member, A. H. Butt, who some will remember as a useful half-miler, and E. S. Udall were others to do well and we can also be pleased with the numbers present.

Placings and times were as under:—

1, C. W. Walker, 24.8; 5, R. T. Taylor, 25.16; 6, P. W. Adams, 25.29; 8, J. E. Godfrey, 26.4; 9, H. E. Greene, 26.5; 18, R. A. Butt, 27.52; 19, E. S. Udall, 27.54; 20, D. Briggs, 27.56; 21, G. Stace, 27.56; 22, D. G. Maclean, 27.59; 24, G. A. Simpson, 28.11; 26, H. Cornell, 29.16. Team scores: 1, Belgrave H., 29 points; 2, Polytechnic H., 47 points; 3, Ealing Harriers, 52 points.

Surrey Youths' C.C. Race

Held at Roehampton on December 3rd over a three-miles course in Richmond Park. We had two teams entered and had a full eight runners in the "A" side with five in the "B" which speaks well for our junior strength and for the good work which is being done by Micky Pyer, our junior coach.

Mike Stearman was third in last year's race but owing to illness has not been able to do much training this season, and he was rather disappointed with his present position.

However, our boys packed splendidly, which is the main thing to remember in cross-country running, and with Harry Greene 10th, J. E. Godfrey 13th, Stearman 14th and P. W. Adams 16th, they came second in the team race, and were the first club team home. The winners, Surbiton Grammar School, are more or less a composite team of different club runners, and therefore our lads did extremely well and we wish them luck in the bigger races to come. Placings and times are given hereunder:—

"A" Team. 10, H. E. Greene, 20.33; 13, J. E. Godfrey, 20.44; 14, M. J. Stearman, 20.47; 16, P. W. Adams, 20.52; 17, D. G. Maclean, 20.56; 26, E. S. Udall, 21.26; 30, G. A. Simpson, 21.41; 48, R. A. Butt, 22.50.

"B" Team. 32, P. Courtney, 21.44; 53, D. Harvey, 23.31; 61, P. V. Martin, 24.8; 66, J. F. Corpe, 26.9; 67, C. Tomlinson, 26.21.

Teams. 1, Surbiton G.S., 26 points; 2, Belgrave H., 53 points; 3, Herne Hill H., 56 points.

Run With Metropolitan Police A.C.

On Saturday, December 3rd, we sent a "B" team down to Hayes, Kent, for a match against the Metropolitan Police A.C., and in an 11-side match, the home team was successful.

We actually only had 11 members present and with a smaller number to score the result would have been in our favour, but so long as our lads enjoyed their run the result does not matter.

J. H. Bragginton, in his first season over the country, ran well to be first man home especially over a strange course, and he should be a useful asset to our teams for the bigger races.

The two Bishop brothers also ran well as did those of our juniors who made up our team.

Finishing positions were: 1, Bragginton; 3, E. M. Bishop; 5, L. C. Bishop; 8, D. Briggs; 9, G. Stace; 11, J. A. Lacey; 17, A. T. Jordan; 18, M. H. Tween; 20, S. Jefferson; 22, R. J. Fox; 23, A. W. Taylor. Match result: 1, Metropolitan Police, 118 points; 2, Belgrave Harriers, 137 points.

Club 7 Miles C.C. Championship

The annual race for the "Blackstaffe" Shield was held over our usual two-lap course, and a field of 54 runners faced the starter. This was a record field for the race and bears out the large numbers that we have been having in this season's club races and speaks well for our future strength over the country. At the end of the first lap Vern Blowfield and Derrick Burfitt were running stride for stride in the lead followed by Les Stokell and Jack Brown. Len Herbert, making his first appearance of the season was further back but seemed to be running quite strongly. When they came in sight of the finish Blowfield was leading by about three yards but when it came to the finishing straight Burfitt forged ahead and so won his first club title over the country. Jack Brown had come into third place and then Len Herbert just beat Stokell for fourth position.

Steve Charlton had run his usual dogged race in being well up and a newcomer in J. H. Bragginton had run exceedingly well to beat such stalwarts as Ted Stimpson, Tom Carter and Jimmy Wood.

Jack Shields, our Oxford University member, also ran well and deservedly won the handicap although he only beat Bragginton by the narrow margin of one second. F. K. Blunden gained third place in the handicap while Alan Bishop occupied the same position in this as last year, better luck next time Alan!

We were pleased to see Len Bishop looking very brown after his stay in the Middle East also running well and hope he soon gets back to the form he was showing before being called up.

Quite a number of our runners were performing elsewhere on this day, what with the Banks, Insurance, and London University championships being decided.

Full placings and times are given below:—

Pos	Name	Act Time	Start	Hcp Time	Pos	Pos	Name	Act Time	Start	Hcp Time	Pos
1	D. R. Burfitt	37.41	0.30	37.11	30	30	J. Heathfield	43.1	6.45	36.16	18
2	V. S. Blowfield	37.48	0.15	37.33	36	31	G. S. Doubleday	43.6	6.30	36.36	22
3	J. W. Brown	37.57	1.45	36.12	16	32	D. S. Boothman	43.19	6.20	36.59	28
4	L. W. Herbert	38.28	Ser.	38.28	48	33	A. H. Boddy	43.26	7.15	36.11	14*
5	C. L. Stokell	38.30	2.40	35.50	10	34	D. G. Woodhead	43.27	6.10	37.17	31
6	S. Charlton	38.41	3.15	35.26	5	35	A. T. A. Jordan	43.36	8.0	35.36	6
7	J. H. Bragginton	38.52	4.45	34.7	2	36	A. H. Orton	43.53	6.30	37.23	35
8	E. S. Stimpson	38.58	1.0	37.58	42*	37	S. T. Ring	43.55	6.15	37.40	40
9	T. Carter	39.14	3.30	35.44	8	38	A. J. Beaumont	44.8	7.45	36.23	19*
10	J. H. Wood	39.27	1.50	37.37	38	39	A. J. Norris	44.19	6.45	37.34	37
11	S. Davies	39.45	3.50	35.55	11	40	R. G. Savage	44.35	7.15	37.20	32
12	F. K. Blunden	39.48	4.50	34.58	3	41	F. R. Webb	44.45	7.45	37.0	29
13	M. E. Heard	39.58	3.20	36.38	23	42	D. R. Laing	44.48	6.50	37.58	42*
14	L. A. Adams	40.8	4.10	35.58	12	43	D. C. Hills	44.54	7.15	37.39	39
15	H. A. Bishop	40.32	5.15	35.17	4	44	A. C. Player	44.56	7.15	37.41	41
16	G. Durrant	40.36	3.40	36.56	26	45	R. J. Fox	45.35	8.15	37.20	32*
17	J. E. M. Shields	40.51	6.45	34.6	1	46	S. Jefferson	46.15	8.15	38.0	44
18	R. F. Towndrow	40.56	2.50	38.6	46	47	A. Penstone	46.17	8.15	38.2	45
19	K. R. England	41.11	5.0	36.11	14*	48	R. J. Patience	46.28	7.50	38.38	50
20	E. G. Poplewell	41.12	5.10	36.2	13	49	T. C. Mitchell	47.35	9.0	38.35	49
21	L. C. Bishop	41.16	5.30	35.46	9	50	W. G. Isaac	47.35	8.40	38.55	51
22	G. R. Chantler	41.22	5.45	35.37	7	51	F. M. Mitchell	47.35	9.15	38.20	47
23	L. Bush	41.53	4.0	37.53	25	52	A. W. Taylor	47.50	8.30	39.20	52
24	A. Smith	41.55	5.40	36.15	17						
25	K. A. Cuff	42.17	5.30	36.47	24						
26	M. McDonald	42.20	5.0	37.20	32*						
27	K. G. Stimpson	42.28	5.30	36.58	27						
28	A. P. Whitehead	42.33	6.0	36.33	21						
29	A. E. Taylor	42.38	6.15	36.23	19*						

*—Denotes Dead-Heat in Handicap
MATCH RESULT—(10 aside)—
90 pts.
BELGRAVE H. (3-4-5-7-9-10-11-12-14-15)—
CADOGAN A.C. (1-2-6-8-13-22-24-26-27-29)
—158 pts.

3 Miles Novice Run

Held at Wimbledon on December 10th and there were nine starters, which was not as many as we had hoped for, but perhaps the numbers of unattached novices has declined.

The winner proved to be a very useful member of the C.R.M. Police from Woking, and he ran a well-judged race to beat Sanson, a member of the B.T.H., Willesden.

We hope that Hart will soon be a member and wish him luck in our ranks and at least four of the other finishers are now club members and should soon show signs of improvement.

Placings and times were: 1, D. H. Hart, 16.30; 2, G. Sanson, 16.41; 3, A. Hudson, 16.55; 4, K. Ennals, 17.9; 5, R. F. Budd, 17.35; 6, D. Lodge, 17.59; 7, M. H. Tween, 18.17; 8, J. D. McCree, 18.45.

Horwood Cup Race—December 10th

Twenty-two of our members, including "Sir" Harry Shields, lined up for the Horwood Cup Race when Bert East, maintaining his remarkable form, soon went into the lead. Syd James, not quite so fit as for the Open, was a worthy second. The handicap resulted in a win for Ron Frazer with Alan Robins second and our second Claim member, Bill Wesson, third.

1. A. H. East	...	...	58.28	12. A. St. Wakeley	...	...	64.23
2. S. James	...	...	59. 8	13. W. True	...	...	64.51
3. G. Oliver	...	...	59.53	14. P. Wilson	...	...	64.55
4. J. Bellchamber	...	...	60.20	15. G. Warr	...	...	65.47
5. A. Robins	...	...	60.36	16. H. Jeffery	...	...	65.54
6. R. Frazer	...	...	60.41	17. S. Goold	...	...	66.20
7. J. Baker	...	...	61.42	18. S. Skinner	...	...	66.48
8. F. Tasker	...	...	61.48	19. J. Wilson	...	...	67.31
9. E. Evans	...	...	63. 3	20. B. Mitackis	...	...	67.55
10. W. Wesson	...	...	64.17	21. H. Shields	...	...	69.36
11. G. Bentley	...	...	64.22				

Club Junior C.C. Championship

This race for the "Savage" Shield was held over our usual five-mile course on December 17th and a field of 18 faced the starter. As the age limit for this race is 21 years, we are indeed pleased to see such a good number competing and among these were several newcomers to our ranks and we wish them every success in their athletic endeavours.

The winner of a good race was C. W. Walker and he only beat young Ray Tooby by three seconds and they were well away from R. T. Taylor who was third home. As Tooby is at present a second claim member, Mike Stearman gained the third championship medal, and we are pleased to see the latter regaining his running form after a bad spell of illness.

D. B. Evison, a new member, also ran well and should be a useful addition to our junior teams, and the sealed handicap was won by Tooby, with J. Housego second and Stearman third.

Pos	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Pos	Pos	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Pos
1	C. W. Walker	30.13	Scr.	30.13	7	10	J. A. Lacey	33.54	2.45	31. 9	17
2	R. C. Tooby †	30.16	1.15	29. 1	1	11	R. F. Budd	34.35	4. 0	30.35	9
3	R. T. Taylor	31.21	0.45	30.36	10	12	K. F. Ennals	34.39	4. 0	30.39	12
4	M. J. Stearman	31.46	2.10	29.36	3	13	B. L. Chitty	34.58	4.15	30.43	13
5	L. C. Bishop	32. 7	1.30	30.37	11	14	A. Housego	35. 3	5. 0	30. 3	5
6	G. Stace...	32.46	2. 0	30.46	14	15	J. Housego	35.16	6. 0	29.16	2
7	R. J. Wolton	33.25	3. 0	30.25	8	16	J. D. McCree	35.51	5. 0	30.51	15
8	D. B. Evison	33.30	3.45	29.45	4	17	D. Harvey	36.12	5.15	30.57	16
9	S. G. Brooks	33.39	3.30	30. 9	6	18	R. A. Butt	36.23	5. 0	31.23	18

† Not eligible for Club Championship

BOXING DAY MEETING

A happy meeting of Belgravians, old and young, with a really good morning's sport would describe our 1949 Boxing Day meeting. This meeting is gradually coming into its rightful place as one of our most important events and is now almost up to our pre-war standard. There is no doubt it is regarded with a certain amount of sentiment by all our older members and we should like all younger members to share this sentiment of a Belgrave event that has been held yearly for almost 60 years.

Once again the biggest feature was the gathering of old faces many of whom we have not seen for many years, but the call of Belgrave and the knowledge that they may meet some old Belgrave pals brings 'em along. Just to mention a few at random: W. Dodkin, W. Pritchard, D. Brown, W. Robertshaw, B. Easton, Jack and Bert Field, and F. Ford, who was attendant to Jimmie Bellchamber in the Brighton Walk of 1921!!! The call of Belgrave!!! Irresistible??? What do you think? You would have had an answer had you been there on Boxing Day morning. As for the racing, it was really first class. There were nine grandfathers in the Grandfathers' race and they were actually discussing the possibility of holding a Great Grandfathers' race—talk about pot hunting. The 120 yards' handicap was interesting with 20 competitors. With 17 walkers and a field of about 50 in the two miles' run the large crowd of spectators were given something for their twopenny purchase of a programme so kindly provided by Les Cohen. Thanks are due to all officials who attended.

Results of races are as follows:—

Grandfathers' Race: 1st, E. Glover, 11 yds. Time: 11.5 sec.; 2nd, E. Jessop, 14 yds.; 3rd, D. McLean, 17 yds.

120 Yards' Handicap: 1st, I. Law, 9 yds. Time: 12.5 sec.; 2nd, F. Kemp, 5 yds.; 3rd, E. McKenzie.

Shot Putt: 1st, A. Law (15 ft. 9 in.), 41 ft. 5 in.; 2nd, Allen (—), 40 ft. 2 in.; 3rd, T. Jones (15 ft. 3 in.), 39 ft.

Three Miles' Walk. 1st, D. McMullen, 1 min. 15 sec.; 2nd, G. Doubleday, 3.55; 3rd, A. East, 2.0. Time: 21 min. 16 sec.

Two Miles' Run. 1st, D. Abbot, 360 yds; 2nd, G. Stace, 340 yds.; 3rd, K. England, 300 yds. Time: 9 min. 21 sec.

FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS?

A keen spectator and assistant at this meeting was Bidgood, junior. He informs us that he plays rugger? ? ? ? "Son of Bidgood," preserve us! Rugger? What do you know? Anyhow after a little encouraging talk from our champion diplomat (no name please) he condescended to take a Club Entry Form for consideration and gave a tentative promise to walk in our Five Miles' Talent Spotting race on January 21st. If he isn't a member by the time this is being read then I'm no diplomat and again if he doesn't carry on the "old man's" good work then I'll eat my brief case. "Son of Bidgood" preserve me from this fate.

Match v. Surrey W.C. at Wimbledon—December 31st

To finish up the Old Year, we invited Surrey Walking Club to Wimbledon. Unfortunately for them, a number of their walkers who are connected with the banking business, were totting their books up for the year and were unable to be present. However, 31 walkers in all turned out and the match resulted in a win for the Club by 116 points o 184.

Times and placings as follows:—

1. H. Churcher (Bel.) ...	56.08	17. P. Wilson (Bel.) ...	64.38
2. D. McMullen (Bel.) ...	56.45	18. J. Wilson (Bel.) ...	65.19
3. A. East (Bel.) ...	57.30	19. A. Skinner (Bel.) ...	65.57
4. H. Martineau (S.W.C.)	58.39	20. H. Jeffery (Bel.) ...	66. 7
5. C. Hipkins (S.W.C.) ...	59.50	21. S. King (Bel.) ...	66.11
6. S. James (Bel.) ...	60.13	22. C. Speechley (Bel.) ...	67.40
7. B. Shepherd (Bel.) ...	60.37	23. L. Woodcock (S.W.C.)	67.56
8. W. Cowley (S.W.C.)...	60.51	24. C. Williams (S.W.C.)...	67.56
9. T. Challen (S.W.C.)...	61.27	25. H. Shields (Bel.) ...	68. 6
10. P. Sapcote (Bel.) ...	61.37	26. D. Heath (Bel.) ...	68.43
11. C. Churcher (Bel.) ...	62.33	27. J. Knight (S.W.C.) ...	68.58
12. J. Bidgood (Bel.) ...	63.05	28. F. Wilmot (S.W.C.) ...	69.35
13. G. Oliver (Bel.) ...	63.28	29. A. Frost (S.W.C.) ...	69.36
14. H. Rhodes (S.W.C.) ...	64.00	30. L. Hazzard (S.W.C.)...	70.05
15. L. Griffiths (S.W.C.) ...	64.33		
16. G. Doubleday (Bel.)	64.37		

DID YOU KNOW THAT—



W. G. (BILL) WEBB, our worthy President, was once a member of the Polytechnic Harriers? He did little running while with them, however, so that when he joined the "Bels" in October, 1927, at the rather mature age of 33, he was more or less in the novice class. His nice easy action and long loping stride was the envy of his club-mates, and Bill always seemed to be taking it easy even when the pace was decidedly hot.

Bill's first run with the Club was in our 3 miles road race, and it was evident that the handicapper treated him with respect as he only received 25 seconds off Ernie Duffett, the scratch man. He finished 8th out of a field of 19—shades of the past! In the January issue of the "Belgravian" in 1928 was the following: "Our new member, W. G. Webb, was in the Civil Service race and when we look at the result and see the names of many prominent runners after his, we say he must have run well."

He was placed 4th in the Club 10 miles c.c. championship the same year and had the handicap with a start of 4.45. He was also the fourth scoring member of our team placed 3rd in the 1928 South of Thames Senior race, our first placing in this event since 1904.

Bill finished 37th in the Southern C.C. championship the same season, and with a field of over 300 this was a sound performance. In the National race at Leamington, which was run in a blinding snowstorm, he was our first man home in the 63rd scoring position, and so could be said to be one of our leading lights over the country.

He was also a member of our team which competed for the first time in the Kinnaird Trophy meeting in June, 1928, and of our team which gained third place in a 5 x 1 mile relay at the "News of the World" meeting on Whit-Monday.

In the Civil Service track championships, Bill only lost the 1 mile title by inches to B. C. V. Oddie, a well-known International runner, in the good time of 4min. 30.1/5 secs.

Competing in an open 2 miles team race at the Printing Trades meeting, our team of E. A. Duffett, W. G. Webb and W. A. Rice won the "Jockey" Cup, the Club's first success in open team competition, so that Bill truly forged a link that was to hold for many seasons to come.

He also finished first in 9.56 in a 2 miles race at a North v. South match promoted by the Club, and was 4th in the Club 3 miles track championship the same season.

I see that Bill was described in an article in the "Belgravian" as being a most modest and unassuming fellow, a sentiment which is endorsed by all who have come in contact with him.

Bill also managed to win the open mile off 145 yards at the Fire Brigade sports at Stamford Bridge, for which he was rewarded with a seven-guinea half-hunter gold watch, which he still proudly wears to this day.

He gained his first club championship medal by being 3rd in the 7 miles c.c. race in 1929, and then led our team to victory in the South of Thames Senior Championship, which, apart from the Surrey County event, was the Club's first success ever in senior cross-country circles.

Bill was also a sound performer on the track, from 880 yards upwards, and competed in our Inter-Club relays against Mitcham, Croydon and Epsom and helped our teams to victory in many of these contests.

He was once spoken of by a former world-record holder as having the most correct action possible for cross-country running. Junior members, please note!

Bill was placed 3rd in the Club 1 mile track championship in 1929, and the following year finished 2nd in the same event, after a neck-and-neck struggle down the straight with the late Bill Rice.

He was also a member of our team placed 6th in the 1930 National c.c. race, which was, up to then, the highest placing ever achieved by the Club in this event

The Club gained its first placing in the London to Brighton Relay in 1932, when finishing third to the strong Birchfield and Salford teams, and once again Bill Webb led our lads home by running the final stage into Brighton, and as was then said, "We are proud of our captain and have no doubt he is equally proud of his team."

At the 1936 A.G.M. Bill was honoured with Life Membership of the Club, an honour which was richly deserved, and an example which I hope will be followed by all true Belgravians.

FROM THE MINISTER OF RELAXATION

Are you good at remembering dates? If not, just make a note of these—January 28th, February 18th, March 18th. These can be really important dates to you. What happens then? Why of course, January 28th and March 18th are Club Socials. Oh yes, they are great fun so let us make a note of these dates straight away.

But what about February 18th? Don't you know? Well lis-s-ten! ! ! The London Olympiads are commandeering the Belgrave Hall this evening and the fair ladies of L.O. have expressed a wish that as many Belgrave Folk as can manage will attend when they promise a pleasant evening and—I believe they usually have a tea! ! ! So shall we make a date of this also?

The Social Committee are at present considering the organisation of a Club Outing on a Sunday in June. If you have any ideas let me have

them now and as soon as we have deliberated we will announce the arrangements which we hope will conclude in a happy day.

On Saturday, April 1st, a demonstration of the brotherly feeling which exists among all Belgravians will again be given in the Brighton Relay. It is a grand sight to see the help one Belgravian gets from another.

Do you know a man starts running from Mitcham to Brighton. After a while he gets tired and, almost collapsing, when out of the blue comes another Belgrave man. "All right," says he. "I'll carry on for you," whereupon he snatches a stick out of the first lad's hand and carries on running. A little later the same thing happens, the second man almost at the end of his tether is relieved by another comrade and again the stick goes on. Originally the first man had the idea of giving the stick to someone at Brighton as a present, but having handed it over, he does not fear, he knows his comrades will get it there safely. Sometimes a strange man, also seemingly running to Brighton, comes along and snatches the stick, whereupon yet another Belgravian pops up, says to his pal: "Never mind, leave it to me, I'll catch him up and get it back," and proceeds to keep his promise. This keeps on happening until at last the stick does eventually arrive at Brighton carried by a Belgrave man, who when handing it to the person for whom it was originally intended says: "One of my pals wanted to run to Brighton to give you this, but as he couldn't manage it, I and some more Belgrave boys helped each other to get it here for you, although on the way some strange men tried to steal it from us."

For the past three years it has been a grand sight to see the boys helping each other in the true Belgrave Spirit to succeed in getting that stick to Brighton. This they would do better still if some of their own folk were there to encourage them in their good deeds to one another. So why not come along? All you have to do is to book a seat on one of the coaches just as soon as you can. The fare is only 10/- which is quite a cheap way of getting to Brighton, plus a good deal of entertainment on way. Are you coming? Book now with D. Martin-Shepherd, 58, Harbut Road, S.W.11.

Information has just been received from the "News of the World" that their road relay race on April 1st, will be for Southern clubs only and the following have been invited to compete:—

Belgrave H., Reading A.C., Polytechnic H., Thames Valley H., South London H., Aylesford P.M., Essex Beagles, Blackheath H., Surrey A.C., Herne Hill H., Finchley H., Southgate H., Horsham Blue Star H., Mitcham A.C., Walton A.C., Brighton and Cty. H., Queens Park H. (they are also going to include three further teams, after taking into consideration the form shown in the big cross-country races).

They will then hold another road relay to Brighton on October 21st, and for this they are taking the first four clubs in the Southern race, the first four Midland and four Northern clubs in the Blackpool race, and the first four teams in the Scottish race.

STROLL ON AND ON

The above title is cribbed from an article written for the Belgravian as long ago as 1934, by Alf Harley then a leading light on the more active side of the Club. I mean in his running and walking efforts.

It recounts tales of happenings on the strolls in the days of long ago. Of the earlier escapades of Bert Footer, Alf Taylor, Sid Ring, Harry Shields and Micky Walker whose outsize in laughs and even larger size in appetites was the talk of the day.

Faces have changed but we are strolling on and on. The places of the illustrious of those days have been taken by the younger, but these I am

sure will emulate the feats of the great, both on the track, country and road and even aspire to surpass the efforts of the illustrious in the grub and wise-cracking stakes.

Our feet have retraced the well-worn routes of those days. They have climbed Ranmore's Hill, they stride across Hackhurst Downs and pay visits to Friday Street, Box Hill, Leith Hill and Pitch Hill amongst other delectable spots in the Counties of Surrey and Kent. The Sussex Downs and Sussex mud have felt the impact of Belgrave feet and places have been revisited where stories have been told of long ago.

Jack Lacey strides along with or perhaps a few yards in front of the leader. Doug MacLean ambles along emulating the efforts of Ben May our friend and tallest member of the days of yore. Johnny Morrison and Doug Briggs together with "Mitch" eventually had to succumb to the calls of their country, but they are not forgotten. Perhaps on their route marches they recapture the spirit of these strolls.

Bernard Chitty is another who regularly came along to make a happy company. He has also done the bidding of the National Service "wallahs."

Still, there are others who carry on the tradition and can perpetrate a wisecrack with the worst of them.

Those whose demeanour does not rise to such heights can always manage a wide smile in appreciation. The appetites of all are up to the old standard although I am afraid the present day caterers do not appear to think so or give them much opportunity to sample ad lib teas.

Now for the main point. We are always glad to welcome others to these strolls of ours. If you would like a day in the open with your Clubmates, don't be afraid to enquire meeting place, time, etc. Charlie Jones or Frank Simmons will be glad to tell you. You can also find these details on the Notice Board at Wimbledon.

For those whose time is not all their own, Charlie Churcher arranges strolls for Sunday morning.

And so, roll on, strolls and strollers. Good walking! Good company and until we see you strolling, Goodbye!

With apologies, acknowledgments and thanks for the inspiration to our Honorary Secretary and hopes that these notes have not infringed his copyright.

CHARLIE JONES.

NEWS AT RANDOM

We are sorry to hear that our pre-war quarter miler, Eddie Pack, has had an operation and has been "in dock" for several months. He is now back on duty again with the City Police. In 1939 Eddie was runner-up in the A.A.A. 440 Yards' Championship and was the Club's sole representative in the 1938 British Empire Games held in Australia. He had also won Southern, Middlesex County and City Police Championships. In addition to being Club Champion at the quarter, he had won our high jump championship. We hope he has fully recovered and that we shall see him at Tooting Bec track this summer—it is always a great pleasure to renew acquaintance with those who have hung their shoes up.

The December issue of "World Sports" in giving a list of English and Allcomers junior athletic records compiled from County, District, A.A.A. Junior and Schools Championships gives first place to two of our members as follows:—

220 Yards, A. Sexton, 1949; 22.1 sec.

1 Mile, D. Burfitt, 1946; 4 min. 23.2 sec.

One of our old members, Ernie Musselbrook, spent Christmas in hospital. Whilst dressing up as Father Christmas for a childrens' party at Downham Way nursery, his robes got caught in the bars of an electric fire and he received injuries to face and hands.

Oscar Horwood has been another victim to illness and was unable to be present at Wimbledon for the Horwood Cup Race.

Likewise Teddy Gordon, who is now recuperating near Bristol.

Our Press Hon. Secretary is now L. Adams, 16, Rodney Road, Mitcham, and he would like to have all results and other matters of interest not later than Monday morning.

D. G. Maclean was first home in the Open Schools race promoted by the Highgate Harriers, when representing the Wandsworth Technical School.

In the recent Civil Service cross-country championship, Derrick Burfitt was placed 3rd, with Eric Herbert 7th, Jack Brown 9th and Rene Howell 11th. F. K. Blunden also scored in the winning team, so the "Bels." were well to the fore.

Bill Lucas was 3rd in the Insurance C.C. race and Eddie Short was 4th, his usual position, in the London University event, in which several of our members were competing, and Eric Bishop also ran well to finish 4th in the Inter-Banks Junior race.

Jack Bidgood won the 15 miles' Stock Exchange A.C. v. Met. Police A.A. race for "Wood Dunkley Trophy." Pat Sapcote was third.

Tom Carter was first home with Alf Taylor second in the Vets. A.C. Five Miles' Cross-Country Championship, and but for some of the field going off the course, Alf looked like winning the handicap, but this was declared void although the championship placings were not affected.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Lew Bush and Archie Bedford on their recent marriages, and hope they will soon be back in training again once they can "escape" from their spouses.

We have received Christmas greetings from our friends of the Woodford Green A.C., the Royal Military Police from Woking, the Metropolitan Walking Club, the Dartford Hospital Sports and our old friend Ken O'Kell, and hope the latter can find time to pay us a visit on the occasion of the club championships at Belgrave Hall on January 28th.

We are now looking forward to the main cross-country and road walking championship events, and hope that we can retain our title of Southern C.C. Champions, but it will only be by a concerted effort on behalf of all members, that this can be achieved.