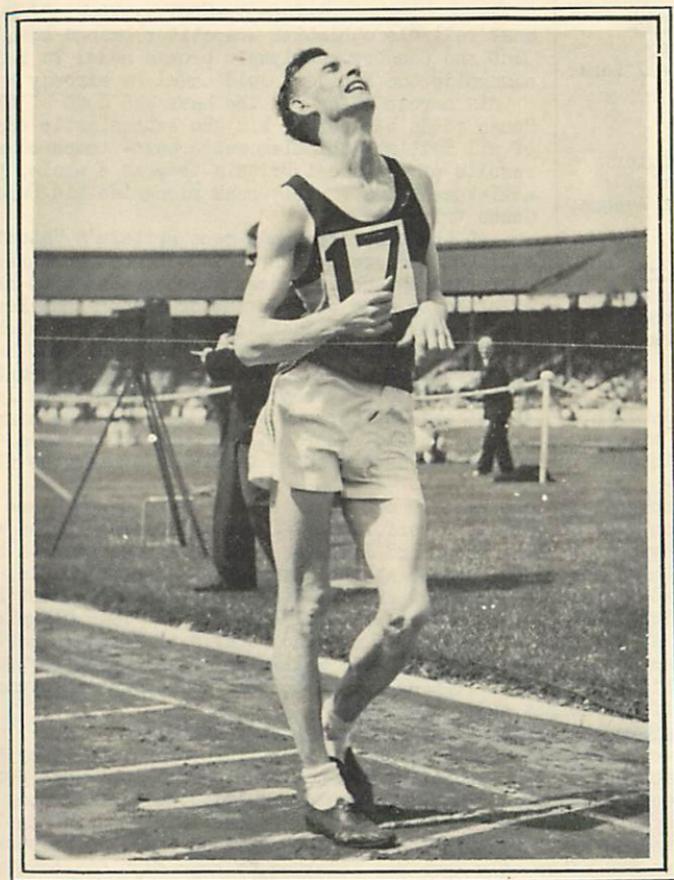


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Dear Fellow Members,

Salute STANLEY F. VICKERS! Britain's most reliable athletics competitor brings home to his Club and Country an Olympic bronze medal to rest alongside the European Gold Medal he already holds.

His heroic effort in the heat and dust of the Roman roads has earned him the enthusiastic admiration of all British Athletics supporters. Compared with the results of the Great Britain team as a whole, his achievement must surely rank alongside his European Games triumph.

At the time of Stan's race Britain's "stamina" athletes had produced a string of most uncharacteristic performances; performances which appeared to have been affected by some outside factor rather than loss of form---hardly the ideal circumstances in which to toe the line. What ease of mind he had could not have been improved when after 10 Kilos he passed team-mate Matthews, who had dropped back from a 19secs lead to

fifth place in a state of exhaustion, and was indeed taken to hospital shortly afterwards. To hold world record holder GOLUBNICHYI to a 49.2sec margin in these circumstances is a tribute to Stan's tremendous fighting ability.

Our congratulations also go out to Eric Hall whose tenth place in the same event was an excellent performance. The six dividing places were filled by men of high renown and Eric can feel well pleased with his effort.

Our third member to compete at the Olympics was Ranjit Bhatia, who represented India in the 5,000 and 10,000metres events. The last Belgravian to run in either of these races was Bill Lucas at the 1948 Olympiad in LONDON. At the time of writing we have no details of Ranjit's performances but we are sure he acquitted himself well. The great honour bestowed on him by his country is a fitting reward to the tremendous improvement and great efforts he has made this year.

Belgrave are proud of their sporting ambassadors.

Three Belgravians at the Olympics is a Club record, but many eyes were also on a fourth competitor whose ties with Belgrave were parted but a few years ago---TED CRONK. Ted was a promising half-miler who, as a result of two motor-cycle accidents, was forced to give up athletics. Determined to continue with some form of physical exercise he took to Kayaking and after only 2yrs was selected to represent his country in the Kayak relay event. No medals were earned, but Belgrave's sporting ties had been widened still further.

HON. SEC'S NOTES

The Association of London Athletic Clubs (of which we are members, and of which our Hon. Secretary is Chairman and Hon. Treasurer) holds its annual Floodlit Meeting at the White City Stadium on Sept 28th, at 6.30pm, with a 5 miles Walk preceding the main meeting at 5.45pm.

The Meeting which is as usual sponsored by "THE EVENING NEWS" promises a view of the Olympic stars of many lands, and also includes a

A. L. FLETCHER

Regretfully we have to record the death of Len Fletcher, after a long illness, at the early age of 54 years. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mrs. Fletcher, and to brother Jack on their great loss—a loss we share.

Len joined Belgrave in 1923 at the age of 18 and had a season over the country, but the following year took to walking when he won a novices mile race, promoted by the Club, in 8min 3.4secs. He was nursed along carefully and in 1926 was third in the Surrey County 2 miles Championship and won the Club Championship at the same distance. In 1927 he began to show his maturing strength and in the National Junior 10 miles Championship at Sheffield, over a hilly course, he was narrowly beaten into second place by our Tommy Green. In this year he again won the Club '2', and was placed second to Alf Pope in the AAA Championship.

From this time onwards Len had few superiors over his favourite distances of 7 and 10 miles on the road.

In 1930/1/2 he had many successes at these distances beating well known walkers of the day in C.W. Hyde, A.H.G. Pope and A.E. Plumb most convincingly, and leading on teams to victories galore.

In 1932 he retired from active competition but reappeared in 1936 to win Club and Surrey County titles at 10 miles. During the war Len served with the RAF and saw service abroad, and on his return was again out on the road until 1948. He then served as a Judge, and as Coach, and gave excellent services in these capacities.

In all Len won ten Surrey County titles, and won Belgrave Championships at 7 miles (Horwood Cup), 10 miles (four times), 20 miles (once) and 2 miles (six times) and an Inter Counties Track Race at 3 miles, and numerous other events.

Len was a tall athlete with long stride and excellent style, but lacked that little extra weight which would have helped him considerably to carry the strain of a succession of races. By nature he was extremely conscientious, a Belgrave man through and through; at times a little grave in manner; and a great lover of classical and operatic music, possessing great talent as a pianist.

He served both as Track and Road Captain and inspired many team successes. Len became a first class walker at the time Belgrave was establishing its right to be regarded as one of the finest athletic clubs in the country; and he did much to help the Club both by his ability and sportsmanlike bearing to its present proud position. We mourn his passing and think gratefully of those 37 years in association with us.

A.A.H.

match London v Pan-American Cities in which athletes from the West Indies and others will show their paces. This Meeting promises to live up to the very high standards of the past (remember four men inside 4mins in the 1957 mile?, remember Chataway v Kuts?, remember Herb Elliotts mile in 3mins 55.4secs?) and every Club member should make up his mind to be there and take his friends. For the last ten years we have shared in the proceeds of this meeting---so do yourself a good turn in seeing one of the finest Meetings of the year and help your Club at the same time.

Members wishing to reserve seats should make early application with the cheque or cash to A.A.S.A., P.O.Box No.1, Hoddesdon Herts, stating "Belgrave Harriers" and deducting 10% discount. A stamped addressed envelope should also be enclosed. Reserved seats are priced at 20/-, 15/-, 10/-, 7/6, 6/-, 5/-, 4/-, and there is unreserved accommodation on the night at 3/-, at the turnstiles.

We would also commend our Weekly Football Scheme to those of our members who have not as yet participated in this feature of Club life which has been running for over twenty years. Generous prizes are offered

CARSHALTON TROPHIES

EASTER MONDAY-APRIL 18th

Our opening fixture of the season could attract no more than a handful of Belgraviens, with the result that we were a well-deserved last in the premier match---the "Coronation Trophy". Our eclipse was made to look all the more decisive by the way our opponents enthusiastically supported the meeting. If invited next year we might well find ourselves relegated to the "Grove Trophy" match.

Peter Eldridge ran well in the 200 metres, finishing a very close second to A. Breacker (Mitcham) in 22.2 secs. In the 3,000 metres team event our only starter was David Jones who had travelled all the way from Chichester. He was well up with the leaders until 2 laps to go when he faded rather badly, finishing in an equivalent 2 mile time of 9-34.0. Dave Ansell, still not completely free from injury, finished third in the long jump with a plus 21 feet leap.

Alan Black and Clive Shippen ran in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, but with 3 laps to go Alan dropped out when in 2nd place, leaving Clive to finish third in 9-57.0.

TROPHY RESULT:

1.	Mitcham A.C.	48 pts.
2.	P.V.H.....	41 pts.
3.	Poly.....	33 pts.
6.	BELGRAVE H..	13 pts.

BATTERSEA-APRIL 23rd

A much improved turn-out for this our first home match resulted in our scoring a convincing victory.

Dave Carter scored a sprint double (10.5 and 23.2), his runners-up being S. Deane and G. Leroy respectively.

A blanket finish in the 880 yds placed Alan Black 3rd (2-0.6) and Ken Venton 4th (2-0.9). Our long-jump team Jim Mc Greth and Dave Ansell scooped the long jump with 21'1" and 20'8", whilst second-claim member Hollingsworth won the discus with 151'-0½" (what a great prospect this fellow is!)

RESULT:

1.	BELGRAVE H.....	58 pts.
2.	Thurrock H.....	26 pts.
3.	Dartford A.C.....	14 pts.
4.	Isle of Sheppey.....	13 pts.



winner:
southern 4x110

P.Eldridge, S.Deane,
R.Holtum, D.Carter.

Photo: E. D. Lacey

S W A R D T R O P H Y

BELGRAVE WIN SOUTHERN 4X 110 TITLE

From a Belgrave point of view, the star performers of the day were undoubtedly our sprint relay team. Although Woodford Green A.C. beat them to the tape in the final of the Southern Counties 4X 110 relay, the Bels were the adjudged winners; Woodford being disqualified thro' a faulty take-over involving ex Belgravian C.R. Jones-- a fine "gesture" by Charlie!! However, in an Invitation 4X 110 event held later in the meeting the Bels endorsed their previous win by showing both Blackheath and Woodford the way home.

Our only winner in the trophy events was Norman Caves, who took the HSJ with a distance of 45'-0". But there was a definite all-round improvement on last year's effort, for every one of our team was placed in the first six in his event; we thus gained 21 points against last year's total of nine.

High hurdler, R. Tolson, battled with his opponents against a near gale-force wind to gain fifth place in both the high and low hurdle events, recording 16.2 and 27.0 respectively. His performance in the "high" was particularly noteworthy, for the first three were P.B. Hildreth (15.3), J. Taitt (15.3) and V.C. Matthews (15.8). Pat Fox ran in the 440yds hurdles, qualified for the final, and finished sixth in 61.0secs.

Tolson and Fox were not the only Belgravians to battle over the hurdles. Clive Shippen, running in his usual gritty fashion, face contorted, head rolling-- was still with the tail-enders after 2 laps of fast pace setting by Woodford's D.G. Chapman. But, hurdling well and gaining ground at each "splash" Clive gradually pegged back the positions to finish a very tired third in a personal best of 9-28.0.

Meanwhile, Jim McGrath was doing his usual Stirling work in the field finishing fifth in the pole vault with 11'-6" and sixth in the long jump with 22'-2 1/2"---only 5 1/2" short of third place! Bill Couzens achieved a personal best performance in the javelin event recording 161'-9" to finish sixth and Jock Whyte's 144'-4" hammer throw was good enough to place him 5th.

There is no doubt that all of our representatives performed well, but the field events section is pretty thin on the ground, and could well do with more recruits. On the other hand our runners continue to improve, for in the 2 miles Invitation team race Newell (9-18.4), Dabbs (9-23.8) and Robinson (9-30.2) were only 5 points behind the winners, Polytechnic. This trio could well become an outstanding track team.

TROPHY RESULT:

(12 teams)	1. T.V.H.....44 pts.
	2. Woodford Green A.C.....39 1/2 "
	3. L.A.C.....32 "
	7. BELGRAVE H..... 21 "

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(and won!) and the proceeds accruing to the Club assist in the maintenance (and one day, further extension) of our Headquarters, the wealth of competition we are able to provide for our members in every branch of Athletics; and for the encouragement and efficient coaching of the younger element within the Club.

Individuals wishing to take up tickets for the season, or agents (ten or more tickets) should get in touch with L.J. Cohen, 54, Lower Kenwood Ave, Enfield, Middx for further details.

Your committee has decided to support the A.A.A.'s Xmas Draw, which not only offers bumper prizes (1st prize £1,000) but allows Clubs to retain 25% of the revenue. You will shortly receive further details and we appeal for your staunch support.

A.A.H.

AROUND THE COUNTIES

SURREY

Moving from Essex to Surrey has had little effect on the performances of hammer-thrower Percy Porter. Our former Essex champion still proved too strong for the opposition and won the Surrey title with a throw of 154'-1".

George Williams had already notched up our first title the previous evening, outclassing the opposition to win in 14-51.2. The field was somewhat depleted here owing to the abstention of several walkers who did not approve of the walk being moved from the main day's events. One thing is certain, this year's championships could hardly be called a success from the programming angle. Many ardent supporters of this annual event were most disappointed. An urgent reappraisal of the programme is called for.

Friday evening's mile heats produced the usual fast times. Of our three entrants, Lal Robinson finished a close second to P. Milner (Walton) in 4-17.2; Alan Black was 5th in the same heat with 4-23.6 and Eric Penny, in a later heat, 8th in 4-38.5. Saturday's final saw Lal an unwilling leader on the first lap, and when a group of four moved past in an attempt to break away he was unable to respond. A gap was formed, and although he tried desperately to close it, he had to be content with 5th place in 4-17.8.

All the Belgravians in the 880 yds failed to reach the final. The unlucky trio were Peter Pepe 2:0.2, Pete Mitchell 2:2.1 and Randy Glen 2:3.1.

In no way deterred by the reputations enjoyed by his opponents, Charlie Dabbs clung to the redoubtable Pirie and title-holder Ernie Earl sufficiently well to gain a notable 3rd place in the 3 miles, clocking 14:21.8---a personal best. Only other entrant was Clive Shippen who finished 18th with 14-48.0.

The Championship events were completed at Battersea Park on July 23rd. Randy Glen became our 3rd title-holder by winning the 440 yds hurdles in 57.6, and was ably backed up by Peter Pepe who was only inches short of second place with 58.6.

Alan Black produced a personal best time of 9-33.6 in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, finishing 4th.

BEDFORDSHIRE

The ever improving Peter Eldridge was the outstanding performer of the day. In a full afternoon's running he successfully defended all three sprint titles. This year's effort read, 100 yds---10.2, 220yds---22.2, 440yds---49.4---great running, from a fine athlete.

Norman Caves, HSJ title holder, did not compete this year as he wishes to exercise a Surrey residential qualification in 1961.

YORKS

Trevor Tolson, who is hurdling extremely well these days, turned out to be a surprise winner of the 120 yds hurdles title in a time of 15.7secs.

OXFORDSHIRE

Ranjit Bhatia, Oxford Blue and Club mile record-holder, scored a comfortable victory here in the mile event, finishing well clear of his opponents in 4-16.4.

MIDDLESEX

The only Belgrave medal-winner in this year's championships was Ted Smith whose 15:28.6 placed him 3rd in the two mile walk.

Dave Carter performed well to finish 4th in the 220yds final, and Terry Newell and Dave Mitchell both qualified for the final of the 880yds; but nothing of note was produced. 1961 showed us a marked absence of "Claret and Gold".

EDS: No performances are available of Club athletes who competed in the Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and Devonshire Championships, but who do you think we are?.....REUTER?!!

KINNAIRD TROPHY

CHISWICK - JUNE 11th

In his first serious "quarter" of the season Gerry LeRoy ran out a close winner of the Kinnaird Trophy 440 yards.

His time of 48.5 was just one tenth better than Polytechnic's Mike Potter, with Internationals Metcalf and Salisbury a further 0.4 and 0.9 secs in arrears. Gerry ran a confident race. Drawn in the fifth lane, he ran within himself for the first furlong and stormed ahead over the last 100yds.

Another intelligent run involving a last home sprint was by Ranjit Bhatia in the three miles. Nearly all the distance was led by Browning (Birchfield) but on the penultimate lap Thames Valley's Scottish International and Oxford colleague of Ranjit, Alistair Wood, sprinted ahead to cover the last 660 yards in 95 secs. This was too fast for Ranjit but he clung tenaciously to Turner (Poly) who had attempted to go with Wood, and sprinted past him up the final straight for second place, and a 14:20 clocking. Close behind in fifth place was Charlie Dabbs with a personal best of 14:21.2. He had also found the final sprint too speedy.



GERRY LEROY wins 440yds final in 48.5 secs.

The "Hurdlers Strike" obviously favoured Trevor Tolson and Alan Spicer (Hildreth and Matthews withdrew claiming that the fierce 30 mph wind was too great to run into). In the straight final they finished 4th and 5th respectively, but their times of 16.8 and 17.0secs are an indication of the wind's hindrance.

In the final stages of the mile it looked very much as though Belgrave were, for the first time, going to finish both their runners in the first six; but although Mal Robinson clung to his fifth spot and a personal best of 4:15.2, John Davies had to give ground and with 4:17.1 finished seventh. The winner was Wiggs (TVH) in 4:08.8.

Woodford Green's international David Jones running into the wind was first past the post in both sprints with 10.1 and 22.3. Peter Eldridge

looked none to happy and was fifth in the longer race with 23.1.

Neither of our two half-milers reached the 880yds final. In his heat Terry Newell showed little use of tactics and with 1:58.4 was sixth. However, it should be noted that this is his first season in trophy competition. Dave Mitchell was another to have an off day recording a mediocre 2:1.7.

Jim McGrath reached the long jump final and with a leap of 22'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " finished sixth.

RESULT:

(nine teams)	1.	T.V.H.....	51pts
	2.	Achilles.....	40 "
	3.	Birchfield.....	34 "
	5.	BELGRAVE.....	23 "

MATCH v LF (CRS) SA v LPAA v 1st BN WELSH GDS

BATTERSEA- 1st JUNE

Despite winning both 440yds events, the 100yds 'A', the mile and placing second in most other events we still only managed to finish second to the Met. Police.

The sprints up to the quarter were run in strings A and B. Gerry LeRoy opened with a win in the 'A' 100 in 10secs and later added the 440, when he convincingly defeated Brian Morris (running for his second claim club) in 49.3. Terry Newell with a time of 51.7secs won the 'B' event.

Alan Black was an easy winner of the mile. John Davies in an attempt to push Alan through to a fast time ran to the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile mark with 64, 2:12, 3:18, but although Alan had little left for a fast last lap, he broke the tape a clear winner in 4:27.8. Second was Pryor (Met. Police) a junior who had previously beaten home John Davies (1:58.0) and Mal Robinson (1:59.0) with a 1:56.2 half-mile.

Our field events section for the day was Mike Smithers and Roy.

Shuter who both took second place in their events. Mike leapt 19'9" and Roy heaved the shot 40'-2".

RESULT:

1. Met. Police AA.....	96pts	3. 1st BN Welsh Gds.....	44 pts
2. BELGRAVE H.....	76 "	4. LF (CRS) SA.....	33 "

MATCH v SLH v WIMBLEDON AC v ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

MONDAY 13th JUNE- FOOTING

In a well organised and keenly contested evening's programme, Belgrave ran out fine winners of both Senior and Youth matches.

Our hosts, South London Harriers, did a great job in running off a mammoth total of 26 events, but only managed to finish third in each match themselves. However, the Bels were out in force, and ace sprinter Gerry LeRoy scored a sprint double by winning the 'A' string races in 10.8 and 23.5 against a strong wind.

In a tactical half-mile, Robinson and Newell were placed second and third in 1:59.9 and 2:00.2 respectively, and in a similarly run 1500 metres Shipley (second claim) was second in 4:6.2. South London had five of the first six in the 3,000 metres event, but with only two to score Davies (8:54.4) and Black (9:11.6) were able to total 10 pts against the 15 of SLH, and thus kept our noses well to the front.

Cornelius (24.3) and Mitchell (52.7) each won their events, as did Hollingsworth (second claim) in both the shot and discus-40'9" and 151'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". After a winning leap of 19'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the long jump Norman Caves also came near to a double, clearing 5'5" for second place in the high jump.

Details of the Youth's match can be found with the rest of their news on Page 9.

SENIOR RESULT

1. BELGRAVE H.....	110 pts	3. S.L.H.....	96 pts
2. St. Mary's Coll.102 "		4. Wimbledon A.C.....	55 "

BOYS AND YOUTHS

The past season has undoubtedly been the most successful in the Club's history. The enthusiastic support our fixtures received from the boys and youths is in itself a mark of success, and our opponents must have been psychologically defeated on many occasions at the very sight of these swarms of eager claret and gold-clad Belgravians. It is even rumoured in certain quarters that they never remove their Club vests!

As Tom Carter so rightly says "One could write many pages on the talent and achievements of the various members who are at present setting the pace. But who can tell at this stage who the champions of the future will be? Those at the back now can so easily be those at the front by the time Senior status is reached". We heartily endorse Tom's remarks, for there are many International stars of today who were no better than average when Youths, and some indeed who had not entered athletics at this age. Patience is a necessary virtue of the successful athlete. Regular and conscientious training will eventually produce the desired results, but no one can yet say how long it will take—so keep at it, be patient, for who knows? You may be a star in the making.

The Medal Competitions have drawn to a close once more, and what an exciting finish there was to both sections. David Cocks and Derek Wade tied for first place in the Youth's competition, and Roger Hudson took the Boys competition by only one point from Peter Hawkins. A record number of competitors took part, but many were unable to compete in the required minimum of 5 events, and thus did not qualify for the final count.

The scoring system is as follows. There are a total of eight events, of which, the best five are recorded for each athlete. Twenty points are awarded for first place, nineteen for second, eighteen for third, and so on; but these positions are only determined when the final qualifiers are known at the end of the competition.

YOUTHS RESULT										Grand Total	Best Five Total
1.- D. Wade	20	20	20	19	19	18	17	17		150	98
1.- D. Cocks	20	20	20	20	18	17	16	15		146	98
3. D. Wiseman	19	18½	18	18	18	17	17	-		125½	91½
4. A. Mead	19	18½	18	17	16	16	15	13		132½	88½
5.- R. Brown	20	19	15	15	14	14	14	-		111	83
5.- D. Hammond	19	17	16	16	15	-	-	-		83	83
7. K. Redwood	19	18	16	14	14	13½	13	-		107½	81
8. J. Jarvis	17	16	16	15	15	14	14	13		120	79

Also competed:- Morrison, Hampshire, Yeo, Startup, Rendle, Finn Satchell, Sturgess, Crosbie, Pearce, Williams, Dawson.

BOYS RESULT										Grand Total	Best Five Total
1. R. Hudson	20	20	20	20	19	19	-	-		118	99
2. P. Hawkins	20	20	20	19	19	19	14	-		131	98
3. P. Waters	20	18	18	18	17	16	14½	-		121½	91
4. R. Nelson	19	18	18	17	17	17	15½	15		136½	89
5.- R. Donnett	18	18	17	17	16	16	16	14		132	86
5.- M. Smith	19	17	17	17	16	14½	-	-		100½	86
7. J. Levers	19	18	15	14	14	13	13	-		106	80
8. - Allman	17	15	14½	14½	12	-	-	-		73	73

Belgrave have qualified for the finals of the LONDON CLUBS 2 miles team-race and the Continental relay event to be held at the White City on Wednesday Sept 28th. Watch your teams race in this Olympic star studded programme---see page 2.

Many notable performances have been produced during the season. Bspectacted miler Jackie Hampshire achieved an outstanding performance in the Intermediate mile final of the All-England Schools Championships by finishing sixth in a new Club Youths record of 4:30.4. Another to break a Club record at the same meeting was David Cocks, whose 2:0.8 clocking in the Intermediate 880 final was 0.2 secs inside Dave Mitchell's four year old mark, but was still not good enough to place him in the result! In a late season handicap race, off scratch, David showed his great potential by recording 1:59.0. Fifteen year old Dave Pottinger's long jump mark of 20'2½" is worthy of special mention, as are the all-round performances of Derek Wade—and so the list goes on!

CLUB HANDICAP MEETING—BATTERSEA MAY 11th

880 YDS (YOUTHS)

1. D. Cocks.....(scratch) 2:0.8	8. J. Jarvis.....(60yd) 2:10
2. J. Hampshire..... (5yds) 2:3	9. R. Brown.....(50yd) 2:13
3. A. Morrison..... (20yds) 2:4	10. -. Startup.....(30yd) 2:13
4. K. Redwood..... (10yds) 2:5	11. H. Satchell.....(50yd) 2:17
5. D. Wade..... (30yds) 2:5	12. N. Perry.....(60yd) 2:17
6. M. Smith..... (60yds) 2:6	13. K. Nelson.....(100yd) 2:19
7. R. Hudson..... (60yds) 2:8	14. -. Simmonds.....(50yd) 2:23

SOUTH LONDON SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS—BATTERSEA MAY 28th

In dry, but very blustery conditions, new Championship records were set up by Belgravians, Hampshire, Pottinger and Hudson. Hampshire's record in the mile event was no less than 9 secs inside the previous best-set many years ago by our own Ron Linstead.

YOUTHS (15-17yrs)

1 mile---1st J. Hampshire 4:34.6	100yds---2nd D. Pottinger 10.8
2nd A. Morrison 4:48.0	Long Jump---1st D. Pottinger 19'3½"
H.S.J.---2nd J. Williams 38'0"	110 yds H---3rd J. Williams 16.4secs

BOYS (13-15yrs)

440yds---1st R. Hudson 57.8secs	220 yds---3rd -.Hanness 27.2secs
H.J.---5th R. Hudson 4'10"	Shot-----4th -.Hanness 31'2½"
H.S.J.---4th R. Bevan 33'11½"	880yds---1st -.Sherrington 2:26.0

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS—SHREWSBURY—JULY 22/23

1 mile (Intermediate)	-J. Hampshire (6th) 4:30.4
880yds (")	-D. Cocks (8th) 2:0.8
440yds ('Boys)	-R. Hudson - 56.6

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

ARISTONLE Championships

Youths (15-17yrs):

Mile---1st J. Hampshire 4:38.8	880yds--- 4th G. Tillson
2nd A. Morrison 4:47.0	Hurdles--- 1st J. Williams
Long Jump-1st D. Pottinger 20'1½"	H.S.J.--- 2nd J. Williams 38'6"

Boys (13-15yrs)

100yds---1st R. Bevan 11.6	H.S.J.---1st R. Bevan 34'4"
220yds---1st -. Hanness 27.6	Shot.-----1st -. Hanness 32'10"
440yds---1st R. Hudson 58.4	" ----2nd -. Bailey 29' 1"
1 mile---1st -. Garvie 5:34.8	

BEVERLEY Championships

220yds---1st A. Mead	880yds---1st D. Cocks --- 2:2.0
440yds---1st A. Mead	1 mile---1st J. Jarvis

Who said Belgrave's membership isn't rising? Ted Smith, Hugh McGreechan and Charlie Walker are the proud fathers of newly born sons, whilst John Keown and Eric Gebbett and Jumbo Masters are equally proud of their daughters---perhaps we'll have a ladies section yet !

SAINI BENEICT SCHOOL-RAIING

Ken Redwood, one of our many promising youngsters, and a regular performer on track, road and country was a clear winner of his school's Junior 880yds Championship. He also finished second in the Senior 1 mile event.

Photo shows Ken during the Victoria Park Road Relay earlier this year, when he recorded 3rd fastest time of the day and bettered the previous record.

His many successes this year commenced with his winning St. Benedict School's Senior Cross-Country Championship; and he finished the season as holder of Belgrave's Youth 880yds Championship.

MATCH v SLH v WIMBLEDON AC
TOOTING 12TH JUNE

Running on a rain-soaked track, David Cocks ran a relaxed 440yds in the excellent time of 52.9secs; only one tenth outside the Club Youth record. D. Hammond was second in 57.4. Pottinger won the short sprint in 11.5 and Alan Mead the longer race in 25.6.

J. Hampshire, after a sequence of mile races, found the speed a little too great in the 880yds but still turned in a respectable 2:5.7 to finish second to Dollimore (SLH) 2:3.6. In fourth place was Jarvis (2:22.6).

RESULT

1. BELGRAVE H.....40 pts
2. Wimbledon AC.....16 pts
3. SLH.....12 pts

MATCH v POLY v HHH v TVH- TOOTING 3RD AUGUST

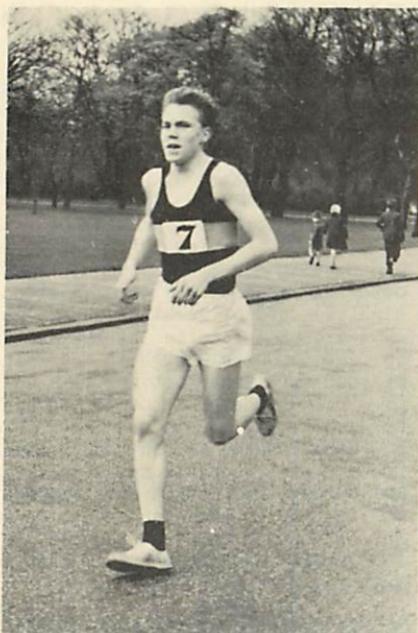
An easy winner of the 1 mile was Ken Redwood, whose 4:49.0 was 11 secs too fast for Carroll of Polytechnic. Third in a personal best was Jarvis (5:2.0).

Cocks was a comfortable winner of the 880 with 2:3.7, and later went out to take second spot in the quarter with 56.7.

High jumper Williams leapt 5'0", a height he clears regularly, to gain second place in his event.

RESULT

1. Polytechnic H.....29 pts
2. BELGRAVE H.....26 pts
3. H.H.H.....15 pts
4. T.V.H..... 3 pts



KEN REDWOOD

Peter Bagnall who left us several years ago to give such good service to the Vale of Aylesbury Club is now teaching in Hong-Kong, as a civilian attached to the Military Educational Authorities. He tells Eddie Short that John Bromley's mile record of 5 minutes odd still stands, and the temperature is likely to keep it that way!

THE 1960 CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOOTING BEC TRACK-JUNE 18th

In a long-lasting battle for supremacy as Belgrave's best sprint man, Gerry LeRoy hoisted his penant high with a triple victory over close rival Peter Eldridge. But, oh! how close it was! At no time in this keenly contested duel did more than a yard separate the combatants; but although Peter was adjudged an unlucky loser of the short sprint, Gerry's performances in the 220 and 440 events were sufficient to rank him best on the day. Their next meeting will be followed with great interest.

The Tooting track always seems to provide a pleasant atmosphere and setting for a Championship meeting, and it was no less so on this occasion. The day was blessed with fine weather, and the traditionally high standard of marking set by 'Harry', the late groundsman, had obviously had been maintained by his successors. Everything seemed to be conducive to fast times; although it was felt in certain quarters that the track was too soft underfoot for this to be so.

Whichever school of thought was right, the long-awaited clash between Ranjit Bhatia and Malcolm Robinson in the mile brought about a new Championship Record! Mal's winning time of 4:15.8 bettered Jack Brown's nine year old mark by 2.2secs, and with six men inside 4:20 this was surely the fastest ever Club mile. Ranjit had previously run in the 880, but it is mean conjecture to muse on how Mal's sprint kick would have fared had this not been so, or even perhaps if the pace had been faster, for Mal and his 59.4 last lap appeared capable of holding off anything this particular day.

Pat Newell, who has been concentrating more on the shorter middle-distance events this season, ran well in gaining 3rd place, but the surprise of the race was the remarkable 4:19.0 of Charlie Dabbs who finished fourth. His was a perfect example of how sheer strength in itself produces speed. Running alongside the lithe Bhatia, a smooth Newell, a relaxed Davies and the nimble high-stepping Robinson, Charlie looked much like a fighting carthorse- but never before has a carthorse been seen to travel at such speed! Chas. is well aware of his unusual gait, but realises that power and strength are the main prerequisites of the successful runner, and he is rapidly proceeding to prove this.

Gerry LeRoy was not the only triple champion of the day. Jim McGrath, that stalwart athlete who is the backbone of our field events section, was in fine "decathlon" form, winning the long jump, high jump and discus, and finishing third in the javelin; a fine afternoon's effort. His victory in the long jump was no surprise, for with the absence of his "twin", Dave Ansell, Jim's only serious rival was Norman Caves; although young Derek Wade gave them both a scare by recording six valid jumps between 18'3" and 18'10". Jim cleared 5'7" first time in the high jump to place Norman second yet again. However, Norman did get a 1960 Club Championship by winning his favourite event, the triple jump; Brian Jones (out of serious training) and George Edwards (who hardly, if ever, trains!!) had little to offer against his 43'6".

With half a lap to go in the 880yds, defending champion John Davies looked an odds-on winner, but in the final straight first Terry Newell and then Dave Mitchell sprinted past, leaving a surprised John to finish fourth just behind Bhatia who had made up a tremendous amount of ground in the last 220yds.

With large numbers of our youngsters competing in qualifying heats of their Schools' Area Championships during the morning, the prospect of a good afternoon's Junior sport was not promising. But this was without reckoning on the enthusiasm of our younger athletes, many of whom made the double journey. Derek Wade, after running a personal best 880yds in his schools race, ran even faster in the afternoon to finish inches behind Ken Redwood, both recording new personal bests of 2:7.8.

As if this wasn't enough, he then produced the excellent sequence of jumps previously mentioned to gain third place in the Senior long jump and then rounded off the afternoon by winning the Junior high jump with 5'9".

Another to make the double journey was Jack Hampshire also still a Youth, who strolled casually round the track to take the Junior mile title in 4:46.0.

As expected, the short sprint went to John Peters, but it was only by a short head, for both he and David Crosby were credited with the same time of 11.1secs. The longer sprint produced a blanket finish and a real head-ache for the judges, before they eventually awarded the title to Alan Mead from Mikes Sturgess and Smithers; all three being timed at 24.8 secs. Young Sturgess was also involved in a close finish in the Boys 100yds, but this time was given the verdict over D. Wiseman.

The meeting was undoubtedly a success and full marks should go to Dave Shepherd, Bob Taylor and Co. for their efforts.

The Junior events were dominated by Youths and Boys, and it was quite apparent that in a few seasons time nearly all of our seniors will be encountering pretty hot and enthusiastic opposition from these youngsters. Our 75th Anniversary Meeting could well be the hottest Championships in our history.

SENIORS		
100yds(no standard) 1.G.Leroy.....10.2 2.P. Eldridge.....10.2 3.D.Carter.....10.3	220yds(23.8) 1.G.Leroy.....22.3 2.P.Eldridge.....22.4 3.D.Carter.....22.8	440yds(54.0) 1.G.Leroy.....49.6 2.P.Eldridge.....49.7 3.B.Linley.....52.3
880yds(2:4.0) 1. T.Newell.....1:58.2 2. D. Mitchell.....1:58.2 3. R.Bhatia.....1:58.8 4. J.Davies 5. K.Venton 6. A.Black 7. P.Mitchell 8. K.Shackleford 9. D.Newell 10. J.Heathfield 11. D.F.Jones	1 Mile(4:35:0) 1.M.Robinson.....4:15.8 2.R.Bhatia.....4:16.2 3.P.Newell.....4:17.2 4.J.Davies.....4:18.6 5.C.Dabbs.....4:19.0 6.J.Thresher.....4:20.0 7.D.F.Jones.....(Stan.)	120yds.H(no standard) 1.R.Tolson.....15.9 2.J.McGrath.....17.7. Shot(32'0") 1.R.Shuter.....38'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2.R.Glenn.....33'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3.G.Edwards.....33'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Long Jump(19' 3") 1.J.McGrath...20'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2.N.Caves.....19' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3.D.Wade(J)...18'10"	standard High Jump(5'3") 1.J.McGrath.....5'7" 2.N.Caves.....5'6" 3.A.Stanborough...5'2" H.S.J.(38'0") 1.N.Caves.....43'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 2.B.Jones.....39'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3.G.Edwards.....39'3"	Javelin(135'0") 1.M.Carlson....151'8" 2.G.Edwards....150'9" 3.J.McGrath....139'8" Discus(95'0") 1.J.McGrath....113'6" 2.G.Edwards....108'5" 3.R.Glenn.....101'0"
JUNIORS		
100yds(no standard) 1.J.Peters.....11.1 2.D.Crosby(Y)...11.1 3.N.Perry.....11.6	220yds(25.0) 1.A.Mead(Y).....24.8 2.M.Sturgess(B)...24.8 3.M.Smithers.....24.8	440yds(56.0) 1.D.Hammond.....56.6 2.D.Wiseman(B)...56.8 3.J.Jarvis(Y)....61.6
880yds(2:10.0) 1.K.Redwood(Y)..2:7.3 2.D.Wade.....2:7.5 3.D.Wiseman(B)..2:13.4	1 Mile(4:55.0) 1.J.Hampshire(Y).4:46.4 2.K.Redwood(Y)...4:53.6 3.A.Morrison(Y)..4:59.2	High Jump(4'11") 1.D.Wade.....5'3" 2.D.Hammond.....5'2" 3.M.Smithers.....5'1"
BOYS		
100yds(no standard) 1.M.Sturgess.....11.3	2.D.Wiseman.....11.3	3.R.Bevan.....11.8
880yds(2:15:0)	1.R.Hudson...2:16.8	2.J.Leaver...2:17.0
	3.M.Smith...2:18.1	

WALKING NEWS

The bronze medal performance of Stan Vickers in Rome obviously overshadows any other news we care to print. But his wonderful performance has in fact provided a fitting climax to one of our most successful seasons ever. For the second time in 4 years we are Triple Champions, having won the National '10', National '20' and RWA 50 Kilos. We are indeed proud that Stan Vickers and Eric Hall should have played as big a part in this as they did for the Great Britain team at the Olympics.

The following diary of events will be something of an anti-climax after the tremendous excitement of the XVII Olympiad, but success in any form makes pleasant reading, so in an effort to stir your pride still further we take you back to April, when athletes the world over were making extra serious preparation to meet their day of destiny 5 months hence.

A.A.A. 7 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP-HURLINGHAM APRIL 16TH

Eric Hall, in a tremendously hard fought battle, recorded a personal best of 51:52 to finish in what must surely have been the fastest fifth place this event has ever seen.

Stan Vickers was unable to race owing to leg trouble, so Eric played Sister Anna and carried the Belgrave banner alone. The manner in which he did this was truly heroic, for his opposition included a peak-form Matthews and five East Germans: all reputed to be very fast, which indeed they were.

Matthews led from start to finish and was at no time challenged. Eric was third at 1 mile with 7:21, second at 2 miles (14:41)- one second ahead of Weber (E.G.), but at 3 miles had dropped 8 secs on the German. By no means finished, Eric gritted his teeth once more and at 4 miles had closed the gap only to be joined by two more Germans, Koch and Zefanczik. For four more laps these four battled it out neck and neck, but in the last mile Eric had to give way and finished fifth; an excellent performance.

SURREY W.C., CROYDON-GODSTONE & BACK, 18½ MILES

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

Ray Middleton walked very well to gain second place only 13secs behind Surrey's Dickie Green. It was his first time over the distance and a fine performance, for three days earlier he had led the Civil Service to victory over the R.A.F. and Let. Police in a 10 mile match with a time of 81:46.

RESULT

1. R.E. Green	(Surrey WC)	2:42:27	1. Woodford Green AC
2. R.C. Middleton	(BELGRAVE H)	2:42:40	(3,5,7,8½).....23½pts
3. R. Clerk	(Poly)	2:43:32	2. BELGRAVE H
5. R.D. McMullen	(BELGRAVE H)	2:50:57	(2,4,8½,10).....24½pts
11.G.S. Checkley	(" ")	2:54:50	3. Surrey WC
13.H. McGreechan	(" ")	2:59:01	(1,13,14,23)....51pts
14.C. Yescombe	(" ")	2:59:31	
15.J. Morris	(" ")	3:00:55	

Have the Olympic Games inspired you to work hard this winter? All athletes who relish hard work and want results from their labour are invited by FRANK SIMMONS to augment their training programme by also attending his circuit training and weight training classes at RAVENSTONE ROAD SCHOOL, BALHAM (2mins from Balham L.T. and S.R. Stn.) on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7-20pm to 9-20p.m.

THE CLUB '20'

"R.W. RICKETS" SHIELD & MATCH v MPAA

Eric Hall carried off the 1960 Championship in a course record time of 2:39:07, to lower George Coleman's record (made in the 1955 "National") by 61secs. Eric must drink "that stuff" advertised on I.T.V, or he did this day, for an onlooker was heard to say "this is Hall..... that was"! The two Rays, Hall and Middleton fought out 2nd and 3rd place all the way. Their times looked good until compared with Eric's. It goes without saying that Eric won the handicap.

RESULT.

1. E.W. Hall (Scratch)	2:39:07	<u>Handicap</u>	
2. R.C. Hall (11:30)	2:54:50	1st E.W. Hall	2:39:07
3. R.C. Middleton (10:00)	2:55:40	2nd R.C. Hall.....	2:43:20
5. H. McGreechan (20:00)	3:11:02	3rd J.F. Keown.....	3:43:41
6. G.S. Checkley (16:00)	3:11:02		
8. C. Yescombe (16:00)	3:14:26	<u>Teams (five to score)</u>	
9. J.F. Keown (33:00)	3:16:41	BELGRAVE H.....	25pts
12. D. Fotheringham (33:00)	3:25:08	M.P.A.A.....	30pts
13. H.W. Shields (32:30)	3:26:07		

MIDDLESEX COUNTY 20 MILES WALK CHAMPIONSHIP

SUDBURY, 30TH APRIL

Forty one starters took part in the 1960 Championships and Cadogan AG, represented by Belgravians Checkley, McGreechan, Yescombe and Shields were only just pushed out of second place.

RESULT

1. D. J. Thompson	Met. WC.	2:38:48	<u>Team Championship Result</u>
2. T.W. Misson	" "	2:41:29	
3. N. Thompson	" "	2:49:44	1st Metropolitan WC..23pts
6. C.S. Checkley	Cadogan AC	3: 5:34	2nd Enfield AC.....39pts
8. H. McGreechan	" "	3: 6:58	3rd Cadogan AC.....43pts
10. C. Yescombe	" "	3:10:03	
19. H.W. Shields	" "	3:22:58	
21. D. Fotheringham	" "	3:25:45	

LONDON VIDARIANS 4 MILES OPEN YOUTH & JUNIOR RACE

MITCHAM-7TH MAY

Fine teamwork by Bobby Barnes, John Knifton and John Taylor gave Belgrave the team title. Keep it up lads, a partnership will be soon required to emulate the feats of Vickers and Hall!

In a 2 miles boys race, D. Knifton was placed 3rd in 18:10.

RESULT

1. D.S. Read	Steyning AC	31:50	1. BELGRAVE H
2. S.J. Percy	Cambridge H	32:07	(5,6,9).....20pts
3. J. Brennan	Gosport AC	32:42	2. Southend on Sea
6. J.F. Knifton	BELGRAVE H	33:25	(4,7,15).....26pts
7. R.L. Barnes	" "	33:59	3. Metropolitan WC
11. J. D. Taylor	" "	34:57	(8,11,13).....32pts
19. W. Wright	" "	40:41	

CLUB 7 MILES WALK CHAMPIONSHIP

BATTERSEA 11TH MAY

This year's event was not particularly well supported. George Williams led from start to finish and Bobby Barnes gained his first Championship medal.

Bert East took yet another handicap prize, with Harry Shields close behind.

RESULT

1. G. Williams	(2:00)	55:57.6
2. R. Hall	(4:35)	57:00
3. R.L. Barnes	(7:00)	58:22
4. J. Knifton	(6:15)	59:16
5. H. McGreechan	(9:00)	60:40
6. C. Yescombe	(11:30)	61:58
7. J. Taylor	(11:30)	62:11
8. H. W. Shields	(15:00)	65:00
9. A.H. East	(17:15)	66:54
10. C. MacLennan	(17:00)	69:13
11. T. Bate.	(-----)	71:00
12. F. G. Denny	(18:00)	74:36

Handicap

1. A. H. East.....	17:15
2. H. W. Shields..	15:00
3. C. Yescombe....	11:30

LEICESTER OPEN 20 MILES

This race is always looked upon as a "must" by the Belgrave middle and long-distance man, and on May 28th this year our team were by no means disappointed. In an exciting team race which fluctuated thro'out our lads were winners by the narrow margin of 2 pts.

At 10 miles Sheffield had a points lead, at 15 miles Belgrave, and at 19 miles Leicester, but Rays Middleton and Hall just managed to squeeze past Ibbottson (Sheff.) to gain the necessary points for yet another victory.

George Williams fought out the lead with Misson (Met WC) for 12 miles, at which stage the pace proved too much for George and he faded to sixth place. George Beecham had his usual steady walk to make up the winning team.

RESULT.

1. T. Misson	(Metropolitan WC)....	2:46:05 (rec)	<u>Team Race</u>
2. A. Johnson	(Sheffield).....	2:54:59	1. BELGRAVE H...27pts
3. P. Markham	(Leicester).....	2:58:40	(4,5,6,12)
6. G. Williams	(BELGRAVE H).....	3:00:41	2. Leicester WC.29pts
7. R. Middleton	(" ").....	3:01:01	(2,3,10,14)
8. R. Hall	(" ").....	3:01:04	3. Sheffield...37pts
14. G. Beecham	(" ").....	-----	(1,7,13,16)

On the same day in BERLIN, Eric Hall finished 9th in an International 25 Kilos. Stan Vickers declined the invite owing to business commitments.

In the M.P.A.A. Barking to Southend walk, George Checkley finished third covering the 33 miles in 5:33:27. John Morris (P.L.A. Police) finished 5th to win the trophy for the first policeman, outside Met. Police, to finish. There were 107 starters.

INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPSWHITE CITY-JUNE 4/6TH

Stan Vickers (Kent) and Eric Hall (Surrey) both walked in the 7 mile event. Eric finished second to K. Matthews who beat a sick Stan for the first time ever on the track.

George Williams represented Surrey in the 2 miles on Monday and walked very well to finish third in 14:15:0.

New member John Taylor won the Midland Counties A.A. Junior 1 mile walk in 7:40.

In a Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire match on May 21st Peter Eldridge won the 220 and 440 with 22.8 and 48.9, Norman Caves won the long jump and HSJ with 20'8" and 46'4", whilst Alan Spicer's 16.2 placed him 2nd in the 120yds hurdles-----A BELGRAVE field day!

THE R.W.A. '20'

or General Goswell and the Gomersal Campaign

All the great military leaders of the past have shown a sense of strategy and a knowledge of tactics, and have appreciated the advantage—may necessity—of high morale, the value of surprise, the need for consolidation, the immeasurable value of strength in reserve, the essentials of sound and consistent training, and the Napoleonic dictum that "any army marches on its stomach". All these things were borne in mind by Jack Goswell when he planned the Campaign of the Yorkshire Dales from Gomersal (near Leeds) on May 14th— and inevitably, victory utter and complete, was the result.

This year we were without the services of Perry Clark at present in Australia, and we knew the holders, Metropolitan W.C. would pay us the compliment of fighting every inch of the way. Twenty four hours before the race Ray Middleton had to cry-off on doctor's instructions. We had expected much of him, but his turn will come. Veteran Dave McMullen was unable to travel and our team began to take on an attenuated appearance.

However ten of our walkers plus General Goswell and others made the long journey to Leeds from whence coaches conveyed the party to Gomersal. Let it be said right away that the Gomersal people surpassed themselves in the local arrangements. There was splendid dressing accommodation, ample cars for the officials, extended licences for those with an interest in such things, a uniformed brass band to cheer everybody on their way, an M.P. and civic dignitaries to play their part, magnificent pointing and feeding arrangements—in fact, almost perfect organisation. Did anyone mention the course? Well, it must be said that this was just about the most severe course possibly, with the steepest and unyielding hills that twenty mile walkers have ever been called upon to face in a Championship. True it was typical of the Yorkshire countryside. Whichever way the course had been planned there would have been hills in plenty!

At the start of the Championship five Olympic walkers were quickly into the lead. They were our own Stan Vickers (was he the Surprise!) and Eric Hall; Met's Don Thompson and Tom Misson (the holder) and Sheffield's Albert Johnson. The first four named kept well together for many a long mile but gradually our two managed to draw away and at half way had taken command. Our third man at this point was George Williams, and his light frame seemed to be trickling uphill with the greatest of ease as he took over fifth place. At 12½ miles everything seemed lovely and we were scoring 20 points to the 34 of Met. W.C., 44 of Sheffield, and 53 of Leicester. Soon after 15 miles, however, our smiles were somewhat disturbed. George Williams was experiencing leg trouble and had yielded fifth place to Sheffield's International, and seemed likely to lose more places. At the head of the race, Eric Hall had now found the cumulative effect of so much hill-climbing having its effect and Stan Vickers had to carry on alone, as the Metropolitan challengers were drawing ominously near.

So came the end, with Stan Vickers still tackling this most difficult course with the greatest of ease, a comfortable and most worthy winner in 2 hours 41 min 41 secs. It was a devastating performance and called forth the highest of praise from everyone who witnessed it. Having regard to the nature of the course it must surely be the finest 20 mile road performance yet. A most worthy champion, in his first race at this distance!

Then followed Met's great couple Don Thompson and Tom Misson, with our Eric fourth. Our sympathies were with Eric for he could so easily

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have filled a higher position had the luck been with him. As it was he finished fresh in body but the legs had lost their rhythm on so much uphill gradient. However 2 hours 45 mins 8 secs for such a punishing course is certainly not failure-it would be full value for victory on many another occasion; and he need not be dismayed.

Ray Hall came through splendidly in the closing stages of the race to sixth position-a great team effort on his part. The excellence of Ray's strongly sustained last five miles counter-balanced George Williams loss of positions over the same section. Our Club had its complete team of four home in the first eleven scoring positions with 22 points, against Mets 32 points. Their's was a fine performance-to score 32 points and be placed second seems scant justice! Leicester and Sheffield battled for third place with the last named club prevailing.

Interest in this Championship is continued to the complete team of eight men by provision of the Nijmegen Shield, the destination of which is decided by the position of the eighth team man. Once again we made sure of this by having our eight in 31 scoring positions- a most excellent result. Hugh Mc Greechan was almost back to his very best form, George Beecham turned in his usual reliable Championship performance, Jim Morris did splendidly on his first effort, and George Checkley whipped in a really excellent team of eight men. Outside the eight, Harry Shields and John McKeown also did well and we had ten walkers in the first 39 positions- which was most creditable to everyone concerned. Undoubtedly the entry would have been better had the rail fare been cheaper and the train times more convenient. However, Belgrave had an excellent week-end, with Stan Vickers- a most worthy Champion; our winning team- one of the greatest that has ever represented us, and that's saying something; our Nijmegen Shield team, a new record to go on the books. Three trophies and all went Belgrave-wards! There was a fourth, the Hammond Cup, for inter-area competition and Jack Goswell was very fittingly, as Vice Chairman of RWA Southern Area, called upon to receive this. So it was Belgrave, Belgrave all the way!

And let's finish as we began by a tribute to a great little man, Jack Goswell, who worked as hard as anyone to ensure victory for our teams both before and during the race. Let's promote him- he's probably got a Field Marshal's baton in his pannier-bag! He seems to have most things!

A.A.H.

RESULT

	H	M	S		
1. S.F. Vickers (Bel A)	2:41:41			1. Belgrave H	(1,4,6,11) 22pts
2. D.J. Thompson (Met)	2:42:39			2. Metropolitan WC	(2,3,10,17) 32 "
3. T. Misson (do)	2:43:44			3. Sheffield U.H.	(5,9,14,18) 46 "
4. E.W. Hall (Bel A)	2:45:08			4. Leicester WC.....	64 "
6. R.C. Hall (do)	2:58:10			5. Woodford Grn AC.....	81 "
12.G. Williams (do)	3: 2:17			6. Surrey WC.....	102 "
17.H. McGreechan (do)	3:10:55			7. Yorkshire WC.....	146 "
20.G.E. Beecham (do)	3:12:38			8. Coventry Godiva H.....	157 "
29.J. Morris (do)	3:20:14			9. Lancashire WC.....	166 "
34.G.S. Checkley (do)	3:23:44				
37.H.W. Shields (Ind)	3:24:58				
39.J. McKeown (do)	3:25:21				

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The 1960 Club dinner will be held at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, on Nov 5th. Tickets at 21/-each can be obtained from A.T.Jordan 28, Devonshire Ave., Sheerwater, Woking, or from C.T.CARTER, J.W.GOSWELL, R. TAYLOR.

The 'NEWS OF THE WORLD' LONDON-BRIGHTON relay for Southern Clubs will be held on Saturday Oct 8th. Belgrave supporters will be following the race from coaches. You are invited to obtain your ticket from any of the above named members. Don't miss this exciting event!

BELGRAVE TRIPLE CHAMPIONS

In conditions which might well be comparable with those anticipated for the Olympic Games in Rome later in the year, The R.W.A. National 50 Kilometres Championship was held from the excellent new quarters of Essex Beagles at Chigwell Row, Essex on 18th June; the same day as the Club Track Championships. In the absence of Eric Hall, who is now concentrating on the 20 Kilometres, and Hugh McGreechan who had just been presented with a further addition to his family, the team championship looked all set for Metropolitan Walking Club with their now well known quartet of Thompson, Misson, Thompson and Thompson (sounds like a firm of solicitors!) but although none of our walkers were quite good enough to warrant consideration for Rome, by grim determination they brought off one of the most creditable performances for many years.

The course, consisting of two laps of just over five miles and two of just under 10 miles, could not be described as an easy one and although passing through quite pleasant country lanes, there was very little shade. From the start, Don Thompson and Tom Misson soon opened up a gap with Albert Johnson of Sheffield close to hand. The two Met. boys over the early stages were closely supported by the other two Thompsons whilst our team, led by Ray Hall, were well spread out over the field. The heat, however, soon began to take its toll and Met. lost one man before the race was half way through. In the meantime, Ray Hall was holding a good position and George Beecham slowly making up ground. George, who always walks better in the heat, had started off slowly and George Checkley was keeping close to hand. A little further back John Morris and John Keown, both competing for the first time in the "A" team were walking steadily together, followed by Harry Shields and Percy Wilson.

It seemed at 30 Kms. we should get a place. Ray Hall then developed a spot of trouble and George Beecham passed him to go up to 6th place at 40 Kms. After a tussle with Dicky Green of Surrey WC George had to let him go and he eventually finished 4th. At this point, the score was Met. W.C. 38 pts, Belgrave 43 pts. Woodford, Sheffield and Leicester had all dropped places and we looked set for 2nd team medals. Over the last few Kms. however, Met's 3rd man went back to 12th position (10th in the team race) and was passed by Ray Hall. A little further back in the field George Checkley was holding his position at 11th place and Morris, 16th, had left Keown and was gradually moving up, egged on by Jack Goswell and Ben Knifton, having threatened to retire. At the same time the 4th Met. man was struggling to keep in the race. Over this vital 10 Kms. we succeeded in reducing our score by three points, whilst Met. went up by five and with our 4th man finishing in 16th position we had a final total of 40 points to Met's 43, with Woodford 3rd with 54 pts; Met. having to wait almost to the last man in to complete their team. Of Harry Shields and Percy Wilson, Percy, suffering from lack of training, retired at the end of the first big lap whilst Harry battled through to finish 23rd and gain a certificate for inside 5hrs 45 mins.

The most creditable performance was undoubtedly that of John Morris, who without the experience of our first three men, and aided by the coaxing and cajoling of Jack Goswell & Co., walked an excellent race considering the climatic conditions, and made up vital places at a critical stage. So we once again become triple champions on the road with eight of our members sharing the honours. Stan Vickers, Eric Hall, George Williams and Ray Middleton in the "Ten", Stan Vickers, Eric Hall, George Williams and Ray Hall in the "Twenty" and George Beecham, Ray Hall, George Checkley and John Morris in the "Kilos", with John Morris gaining his first National Medal.

The Club Championship for the "Bellchamber" Cup was held in conjunction with the race and the trophy goes to George Beecham for the first time, with place medals to Ray Hall and George Checkley.

"Observer"

RESULT

1. D.J. Thompson	Met.WC.	4:32:55
2. F.W. Misson	" "	4:39:28
3. A. Johnson	Sheffield	4:52:27
6. G.E. Beecham	BELGRAVE H.	5:03:33
10. R.C. Hall	" "	5:06:54
13. G. Checkley	" "	5:16:28
19. J. Morris	" "	5:27:39
24. J.F. Keown	" "	5:33:17
28. H.W. Shields	" "	5:44:58

Team Result :

1. BELGRAVE H	(5,8,11,16)...40pts
2. Metropolitan WC	(1,2,10,30)...43pts
3. Woodford Green	(6,13,17,18)...54pts

the record breaker:

At the Southern Championships at Wotspur Park on June 25th, Stan Vickers won the 2 mile event in a record 13:30:4---a personal best at the time.

Four days later Stan was out again; this time on home ground, at Battersea Park track. In a match versus the Stock Exchange, Stan, walking for the Exchange, improved his personal best time of the previous Saturday by four seconds with 13:26:4; over a minute ahead of George Williams. Stan, off scratch, also took the handicap award.

But Stan had by no means finished his succession of sprints, for on July 2nd he was in action again. This time on a grass track at Peterborough, where he equalled a 56yr old record by clocking a remarkable 13:11:4, a personal best yet again---at the time!

Four days later he stepped on to the Battersea-track again, on the occasion of the inter-club walks. Stan was out to crack the British record and only failed by the narrowest of margins. His time was only one fifth of a second slower than that at Peterborough.

On July 16th at the A.A.A. Championships Stan faced his arch rival Ken Matthews. Belgravians were convinced that Matthews's presence would take Stan to his record, but would Stan break the tape first? Matthews was in great form, and smarting from his defeat at Peterborough.

The starter's gun broke the hush of expectancy and 19 competitors scuffled to the first bend, the principal combatants already to the fore. Matthews tore through the first lap in 92secs, Vickers clinging like a leech to the quick moving frame ahead. After six and a half minutes of sweating toil the mile post was reached, and still they were locked in desperate combat. The excitement of the battle was no longer confined to the walking fraternity---the White City crowd were building up a tremendous atmosphere of anticipation. All eyes, within and without the circuit, became centred on the white vest of Matthews and the claret and gold of Vickers---could they break this fantastic record of Lerner's which had stood for so long?

The sound of the bell was almost lost in the ever-increasing roar of the crowd, and as these "Siamese Twins" approached the back straight it seemed certain that they would finish in the same order as throughout, for how could any human walk past a Matthews travelling at this speed. As the back straight was hit Matthews hesitated momentarily. Vickers, like an animal awaiting a mistake by it's prey, seized the initiative with a vicious sprint, and before Matthews had recovered sufficiently to start closing the gap Stan was well on his way to a new United Kingdom All-Comers Record of 13:02:4, 7.2secs ahead of his rival. The time of that last lap?-----90.4secs!!....

Stan does not always win---believe it or not! but can there be a more reliable competitor in existence---anywhere? The bigger the occasion the more he rises to it. It's a pity Stan can't perform in the very first event of all Great Britain's fixtures. As in the European Games, his effort and example always gives a fillip to team morale.

INTER CLUB WALKS - BATTERSEA JULY 6TH

This year's series was outstanding for the great fight between Belgrave and Met. W.C. In the very first event, George Checkley came under the judge's eye, whilst Met. W.C. picked up 41 pts. From then on it was an uphill battle for the Bels, who had to wait for the fourth and last count, before they took a points lead.

5 miles

1. J. Godbeer (Cam. H.).....	38:22	3. T. Misson..(Met.WC)	39:00
2. D. Thompson (Met.WC).....	38:31	4. R.C. Hall..(BELS)	39:50
MET W.C.....	41 pts	BELGRAVE.....	19 pts

4 miles

1. E.W. Hall (BELS).....	29:54	3. A. Thomson..(Met.WC)	30:20
2. R. Middleton (").....	30:28	4. G. Leadows..(Highgate)	-
Running total: MET. W.C.....	77 pts	BELGRAVE.....	62 pts

3 miles

1. G. Williams (BELS).....	21:45	3. C. Fogg..... (Enfield)	23:45
2. R. Clark (Poly).....	22:42	4. J. Knifton...(BELS)	23:48
Running total: MET. W.C.....	109 pts	BELGRAVE.....	103 pts

2 miles

1. S. Vickers (BELS).....	13:11.6	3. G. Weston....	15:25
2. J. Northcott (Highgate).....	14:38	8. R. Barnes.....(BELS)	16:01

Match Result

1. BELGRAVE.....	140	4. Highgate.....	111	7. Surrey WC....	80
2. Met WC.....	134	4. Cambridge.....	111	8. Enfield.....	67
3. Woodford.....	129	6. Poly.....	83	9. Q.P.H.....	57
				10. Surrey AC....	9

As a footnote to the Inter-Club walks I would like to draw the attention of the Club's second string three miler to the latest fashion at Battersea- the wearing of shorts- its all the rage nowadays you know J---. As it was I am not sure who was most embarrassed the ladies present or your quickly retreating form.

An Unfair Admirer.

OTHER RESULTSCity Charity 2 miles

1. S.F. Vickers.....	13:23 (rec.)	9. R.C. Hall.....	15:08
3. E.W. Hall.....	13:51.4 (pers.best)	10. E.A. Smith.....	15:15
6. R. Middleton.....	14:29.6 (" ")		

Civil Service 2 miles

1. E.W. Hall.....	13:53.2 (rec.)	3. G. Beecham.....	16:13
2. R. Middleton.....	14:38		

Birmingham 25 miles

3. R.C. Hall.....	3:45:22
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R.W.A. 2nd 20 Kilos Invitation

2. S.F. Vickers.....	91:43 (pers.best)	5. R.C. Hall....	99:51(per.b)
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Belgrave 2 miles championships

1. R.C. Middleton.....	14:46.6	3. E.A. Smith...15:27	
2. R.C. Hall.....	15:26	4. R. Barnes....	---

"Don Brown" Style award: R. Middleton.

6 miles match v Surrey W.C.--Footing Aug.9th

1. E.W. Hall.....	43:29rec.	9. H. Hooper....	51:31	Teams:	
2. R.C. Hall....	47:45	13. C. Yescombe..	53:01	Surrey WC.....	66pts
7. R. Barnes....	50:12	17. H.W. Shields.	54:27	BELGRAVE H....	70pts

Hastings to Brighton

4. R.C. Hall.....	6:13:40	Teams:	
16. J. Morris....	6:40:13	1. Surrey WC (1,5,6).....	12 pts
19. H.W. Shields..	6:49:48	2. BELGRAVE H. (2,8,10).....	20 "
23. J.F. Keown....	6:57:13	3. Highgate H. (7,11,16).....	34 "
29. P. Wilson....	7:03:35		

VANCOUVER TROPHY

BHATIA AND TOLSON SHINE

Ranjit Bhatia, with a last lap sprint of 61secs, was a convincing winner of the 5,000 metres in 14:44.8 at this Woodford Green promotion on July 2nd. Valuable points were gained by Mal Robinson who backed up well with third place in 14:51.2.

At the start W.L. Card (TVH) set up a 50yd lead, but this gradually dwindled, until at 7 laps Mal took a group of five into the lead. The mile had been passed in 4.40, and this fast-moving group went through two miles in 9.31. With two laps to go Ranjit piled on the pressure and only Jeffs (Essex Beagles) managed to stay with him. With 100yds to go Ranjit kicked even harder to break the tape 5yds clear of his rival.

Another star performer was Trevor Tolson who won the 110 metres hurdles in a new Club record of 15.3secs. Trevor's morning had been spent travelling down from Liverpool, but he certainly proved his journey was worthwhile. He had taken the lead by half way and crossed the line 3yds clear of his nearest rival Surety of Ilford.

After a bad start in the 200metres, in which he lay last at half-way, Peter Eldridge stormed thro' the field to take 2nd place in a fine 22.1secs. D.H. Segal (TVH) was the winner in a meeting record of 21.2secs. Earlier Peter had finished fifth in the 100metres, which was won by ex-Belgravian C.R. Jones!

Jim McGrath's 11'6" gave him second place in the Pole Vault, but his jumping was affected by a badly ricked ankle. Despite this, he still took part in his usual "double", and finished 6th in the long jump with 20'11".

Our only representative in the 1500metres was the fast improving John Thresher. Running in the 'B' race, he was badly baulked at the final bend yet still turned in 3:59.7 for second place. His time was equivalent to a 4.18 mile—a personal best.

THE CLUB '3'

FINE "DOUBLE" BY ROBINSON

Defending champion Mal Robinson successfully retained the "Griffin" Cup when he defeated Pat Newell at Battersea on July 27th.

A scorching last lap of 59secs produced a winning time of 14:19.0; against 14:21.6 by Newell and 14:28.0 by Dabbs. He thus holds both the one and three mile titles for the second year in succession.

An exciting race would have been highlighted even further if Ranjit Bhatia had been able to run, but Ranjit was reserving himself for an Invitation 5,000metres to be held 3 days later at the Great-Britain v France match, and so our top quartet was reduced to a trio.

Over twenty starters toed the line on this rather dull and overcast evening. Bill Bird, as is his wont, was soon setting the pace with Bob Norton at his shoulder, and at 3 laps a group of eight had detached itself from the field. Approaching the mile post, John Moore began to fade, and a little afterwards Norton retired. On the fifth lap Bill was still leading, but noticeably struggling, and it was no surprise when Dabbs shot ahead in an effort to break up the pack—with two fast-finishing rivals alongside his only hope was to run out their finish. A fifteen yard gap quickly appeared, with Newell following up five yards ahead of Robinson; but Chas. did not sustain his burst sufficiently long and within 300yds the other two runners had renewed contact. However, Walker had been left trailing and Moore and Maclean were out of it, so the first three places were already decided.

Dabbs battled on in his familiar fashion and on three more occasions attempted to lose the tenacious hold of Newell and Robinson, but although they were often taken unawares they generally had the measure of their opponent. And so it was proved at the "bell". Pat tore ahead in an effort

to get away, for it was his turn now to worry about blunting his opponent's finish, and at 200yds to go he was still ahead, but Lal's final kick was most decisive and he romped home an impressive winner. The race had gone just as the pundits forecast!

Result:

1. M.E. Robinson.....14:19	10. J. Moore.....15:55
2. P. Newell.....14:21:5	11. A. Peckings.....15:56
3. C. Dabbs.....14:28	12. R. Braine.....16:00
4. C. Walker.....15:06	13. J. Dooley.....16:02
5. D. Maclean.....15:43	14. A. Bishop.....16:18
6. B. Sawyer.....15:44	15. R. Biscoe.....16:29
7. R. Glover.....15:52	16. K. Stimpson.....16:41
8. E. Penny.....15:53	17. E. Pallant.....16:42
9. B. Johnston.....15:54	18. J. Hilton.....16:42

THE CLUB '6'

Bhatia's last Club Championship

On August 17th, Ranjit Bhatia took a leaf out of Lal Robinson's copy-book when he treated poor Pat Newell to yet another dose of last-lap upmanship! Pat himself did not bemoan his fate though, for Ranjit had won his only Club title in the last Championship race before he leaves for his Indian homeland next month.

Our "top four" were soon away from the rest of the field, with the lead changing hands almost lap by lap. Not until 4 1/2 miles was reached did the situation change, when Lal found the pace of his first "six" too much and was gradually dropped. Chas Dabbs made strenuous efforts to break away over the last few laps, but was unsuccessful and once more was beaten for speed on the last circuit. As in the Club '3', Newell still had his nose in front with 200yds to go, and when the final straight was reached must have thought his day had arrived. Bhatia, however, had other ideas and his dark loping figure strode past his short-stepping rival, to cross the line ten yards clear.

Of the other fifteen runners, Derek Crookes's performance of 32:12 in this his first 'six' was perhaps the most meritorious.

RESULT

1. R. Bhatia.....29:50.4	8. B. Johnston.....32:35
2. P. Newell.....29:52	9. C. Shippen.....32:50
3. C. Dabbs.....29:59	10. J. Collier.....33:08
4. M. Robinson.....30:24	11. B. Sawyer.....33:22
5. C. Walker.....31:44	12. E. Short.....33:24
6. B. Hallowell.....31:55	13. J. Dooley.....33:37
7. D. Crookes.....32:12	14. T. Mallett.....34:14
	15. A. Bishop.....35:28

RECORD NEWS :

Colin Collis, our Club records statistician, makes the following notes on new marks set this year:-

- April C.S. Dabbs: 10 miles in 51:11. Set in taking 5th place in this year's A.A.A. Championship event. Replaces his own 6 month old 52:06, recorded en route to a win in the RRC 25 Km. race.
- July C.S. Dabbs: 6 miles in 29:28:0. This is the official time recorded by the timekeepers at the A.A.A. Championships, and ends the controversy over a time of 29:29:8 printed elsewhere. J.C. Smart thus relinquishes his hold on this record, by the narrow margin of 1.6secs.
- April R. Bhatia: 1 mile in 4:8.7. Erases two names from the record list--Brian Hallowell and John Davies at 4:10.6. Ranjit now has the honour of being Asia's fastest miler.
- July S.F. Vickers: 2 miles walk in 13:2.4. The most sensational record by far. Is also U.K. all-comers record, and broke G.E. Lerner's 56 year old mark by 9secs. Stan's victory was scored in the A.A.A. Championships against an International class field.

- July J. Hampshire: (Youth) 1 mile in 4:30.5. Set when finishing sixth in the All England Schools final. This time eclipses P.B.J. Carr's 5 year old figure by 4.9secs and is the third improvement he has made on the record this year. Jack still has 1 1/2 yrs to improve on this time.
- July R.T. Tolson: 120yds Hurdles in 15:3. Set up in Vancouver Trophy meeting when winning his event. Beats Mal Ash's 5 yr old record by one tenth of a second.
- July D. Cocks: (Youth) 880yds in 2:0:8. Achieved at the same meeting as Hampshire's record. Beats Dave Mitchell's 4yr old mark by one fifth of a second. Since setting this new time he has clocked 1:59:0 off scratch in a handicap race, so his official mark is already in danger.
- August G. Leroy: 400 metres in 47:7. Although not a formal club record, being over the metric distance, this should still be noted, for using the normal conversion of 0:3 his equivalent 440yds time would be 48:0--one fifth better than A.D. Sexton's 48:2 set 7 years ago! His extraordinary effort was made at the British Games on August-13th when he finished 4th in an International Invitation event.
- Amendment to 3,000metres Steeplechase. -J.Bromley, 9:23.0, May 1953.

THE BELGRAVE OPEN '20'

NORRIS AND PAWSEY SMASH RECORD

Fred Norris, the marathon star who so unluckily missed selection for Rome set about the opposition in revengeful manner at Belgrave's ninth annual 20 miles road race on August 20th to smash R. Clark's 4yr old record by 2mins. Norris's time was 1:47:26.

The 78 starters set off at a brisk rate, with Norris setting the pace right away. The "funnel" of runners rapidly lengthened and soon broke up into the usual groups. Ron Linstead spearheaded the Bels contingent running comfortably in one of the leading groups, and at 10miles had drawn clear to take up 7th place.

At 15 miles Norris, running splendidly, was 2mins clear of Llewellyn who in turn was 1mins ahead of Pawsey (Mitcham) and Towl (HHH). Linstead was maintaining his pace well and had advanced to sixth, a further 1mins back.

Over the last 5 miles Norris and Llewellyn both faded, and a supreme effort by Pawsey took him to the line in 2nd place, 90secs down on the winner. His time over the last 5 miles (27:35) was the only one to beat our own Ron Linstead's, Norris's included, and Ron crossed the line in fine fettle with a new Club record to his credit.

With the team race in the balance, Belgrave, TVH, Bristol and Walton anxiously awaited their next scoring man. When Len Bishop our next scorer arrived we were last of the four, but the very next man to arrive in was find-of-the-season N. Stairs whose effort took us to a narrow team win—four points covering the first four teams.

Apart from the individual winner, Belgrave swept the board, for Linstead Sawyer and Stairs also took the three handicap awards.

The organisation was first class and bouquets must go to Bill Bird and his many helpers for staging yet another successful promotion.

RESULT

1. F. Norris.... (Bolton)....1:47:26	20. D.W. Jones... (Bels 'A')..2:00:44
2. W. Pawsey.... (Mitcham)...1:48:56	22. K. Stimpson.. (" 'B')..2:02:30
3. A. Llewellyn.. (Walton)...1:50:07	23. E. Gebbett.. (" 'A')..2:03:07
6. R. Linstead... (Bels 'A')..1:51:49	24. B. Sawyer... (" 'B')..2:03:07
16. L. Bishop.... (" ")..1:58:22	25. G. Pearson... (" 'A')..2:03:42
17. N. Stairs.... (" ")..2:00:20	30. H. Bishop.... (" 'B')..2:07:00

Teams:

1. BELGRAVE 'A' (3,12,13).....28pts	4. Bristol AC... (4,5,23)...33pts
2. TVH..... (2,11,15).....28pts	6. BELGRAVE 'B'.. (16,18,20)..54pts
3. Walton AC.... (1,8,22).....31pts	Eight teams finished.