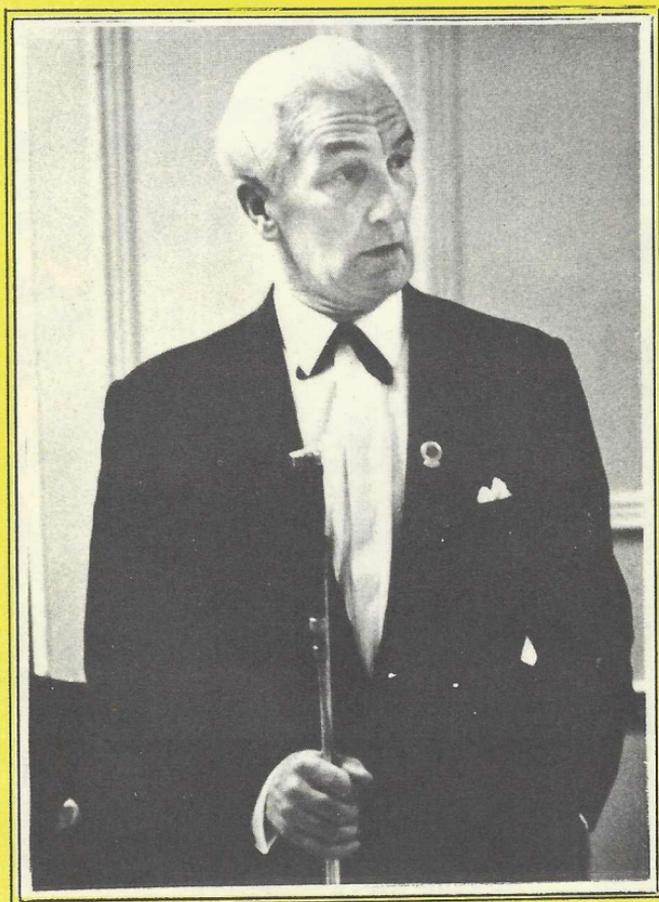


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British Empire and Commonwealth Games silver-medallist Ray Middleton and the opening ceremony of the Games in Kingston, Jamaica.

FRONT COVER: (Photo: E.D. Lacey)

Belgrave Harriers' President for 1966/7 year—FRANK JARVIS.



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EDITORIAL

At the Annual General Meeting of the A.A.A. on October 29th the following resolution was passed on a card vote: "It is the opinion of this meeting that in order to raise the finance needed to ensure the continued development of our sport a registration scheme should be introduced as from 1st January 1967, or as soon as possible thereafter, which would require each active athlete in open competition under A.A.A.laws to pay a registration fee of maximum 10/- per year."

The ever increasing problem of financing athletics has been frequently commented upon in these columns, and only last March we asked you the question "Do we pay enough for our athletics?" The all too obvious answer is now with us. During the fifteen months ending last March the A.A.A.lost over £6,000, despite Ministry of Education assistance to the tune of £28,000. Furthermore the Ministry has indicated that Athletics must take steps to augment it's own income (It is ironical that Governmental legislation prevented the late Phil Gale from expanding his money-spinning draws).

It is fair to say that everyone is agreed that more money must be found but it is equally fair to say (in the South at any rate) that the proposed method is regarded as impracticable. In fact after a lengthy debate, the A.G.M.meeting itself was overwhelmingly against the proposal, but was obliged to bow to the large proxy vote of "non-active" clubs, as we know them.

It is the view of the Belgrave General Committee that the clubs should retain control over their members and that to have two creeds within their membership - the "registered" and the "unregistered"- would be highly undesirable. To begin with, it must be left to the individual to decide whether he wishes to register and be eligible for open competition. In which case, how on earth can sectional secretaries be expected to keep track of their members' personal status when entering teams? What fun for race organisers or competitors stewards checking on registration before each event! How would the numerous offers of paying registration fees on the day of the race be dealt with, without causing a) a lot of work in the event of their being accepted or b) open rebellion if not? Anyone concerned with collecting subscriptions would appreciate this point. There are many technical points that need thrashing out and an A.A.A. sub-committee has the matter in hand, but are there not easier ways of raising £6,000 without spending about £2,500 in the process?

Rather than tax the enterprising athlete who wishes to carry his club colours in open competition, it would be fairer to exercise a levy through

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND



A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

the club affiliation fees on a "per capita" basis. If there is concern about losing the affiliations of the closed clubs then two, or even three scales, could be introduced. Each club would simply declare its membership each year and pay the appropriate figure. Five shillings a head would certainly amass a larger net sum than the present 10/- proposal and, most important of all, full control would still remain in club hands. "Declaration of membership" would require careful study but there would seem to be fewer evils in such a proposal.

Further developments must be awaited and, quite possibly, some will have materialised before you read this column. For instance the English Cross Country Union have yet to express their views and, similarly, fire-works are likely to fly at the Southern A.A.A. meeting— due at time of going to print.

One thing arises out of all this. The athlete must face up to the fact that his annual subscription is less than in almost any other sport. Thirty shillings a year is only sevenpence a week - a penny more than the unattached member would pay going to a subsidised public dressing room once a week. For every thirty shillings of subscriptions that come into this club, thirty-five shillings is able to go out - thanks to your Committee's efforts in other directions.

We feel sure that the Amateur Athletic Association's need for additional revenue is fully appreciated by most Belgravians, but are equally sure that our members would wish to see such revenue pass through the hands of the club - and thereby serve just one master.

JACK HAMPSHIRE

We mourn the passing of Vice-President Jack Hampshire who had been our Junior Honorary Secretary for many years. Although he had been a Belgravian for less than a decade he had endeared himself to all. His efforts in administering our Juniors, Youths and Boys and his readiness to take on many other official duties soon led to his election as a Vice-President.

Jack was one of Nature's gentlemen and his quiet but effective manner will sadly missed at our track, road, country and committee meetings. His last thoughts were with the Club and we extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Hampshire and Jack Jnr.

HON SEC'S NOTES

Our congratulations to BILL LUCAS who is President of the South of the Thames C.C. Association and the Southern Counties C.C. Association this year. It is indeed pleasing to see an international runner continue in the sport, and by hard work and competence over many years succeed to the highest administrative positions. Bill works equally hard during the track season; and we are not unmindful of the fact that the honours accorded to Bill reflect also the high position enjoyed by the Club.

We have received an invitation to compete at Hannut, Belgium, in February next at the 25th Anniversary Cross-country Meeting promoted by the ROYAL FOOTBALL CLUB HANNUTOIS (Athletics Section). We trust we shall be able to field our strongest team, and emulate the performances of our teams invited to Paris in the 1930's.

One sure way to guarantee that we shall receive our share of invitation to compete abroad in 1968 is to win the English Cross Country title in 1967! This is well within our power and we hope, will crown the season on which we have already embarked.

Reg Hopkins has agreed to fill the vacancy caused by Jack Hampshire's death and we are sure he will carry through his duties worthily and well. Philip Gee will take up the position on Committee so created, as the unsuccessful candidate with most votes at the election at the Annual General Meeting in September.

Some of our officers and Committee-men of last year no longer sit with us in 1966/67 and we do extend our very hearty and sincere thanks to them for their past services. An amateur club such as ours must have numbers of workers able and willing to work for the Club in many different ways; and the reflection of that work is the success the Club enjoys athletically and in its general well being.

The recent heavy expense involved in stabilising the position of the roof water supply tank at Belgrave Hall, replacing beams and installing additional support, is a reminder of our constant need for an adequate income and more than adequate reserves.

It demands that every member should pay his subscription immediately it is due (or even before!) so avoiding the expenditure of time and money on reminders; it means that every money-raising scheme within the Club should have your enthusiastic support.

Only in this way can we continue to spend 39/9d per annum against the Senior members subscription of 30/-; support all the important events in Summer and Winter, and maintain in good order the fabric of our Headquarters. So, all your support and co-operation, please!

Many of our members will have heard of the formation of a new club, LAURISTON R.C. with Headquarters at Lauriston Cottage, and wondered what it was all about. Our Vice-President and Life Member, ARTHUR WHITEHEAD, has written saying that Belgrave members are always very welcome at his cottage; and that the new club was formed by the members of several clubs using Arthur's home on Sunday mornings as a means of control, if it became necessary, of those using the premises. It was also felt that they would be happier if they made some small financial contribution towards the expenses of upkeep. Arthur stresses that "members of Belgrave are heartily welcome as always before".

He is rightly proud of the fact that his accomodation has been available day and night to athletes for the last fifteen years; and we all know that he has entertained sportsmen from all over the world and made it possible for them to compete in our events in this country.

DAVE ANSELL is making great efforts in the Club Coaching field, and with BILL COUZENS his field event trials at Battersea Park every third Sunday morning throughout the Winter should lead to some excellent performances when the Track season returns again.

That old stalwart TONY WHINCUP has experienced a spell of bad health in recent months, but hopes to overcome his troubles in the near future and show himself again at Wimbledon.

Our Annual Boxing Day Track Meeting will be held at Battersea Park at 11am; and forms a link with our earlier days when a 120 yards Sprint handicap was held on the Embankment on Boxing Day and attracted a large entry and a large crowd of spectators.

A. A. H.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all the following members who have joined Belgrave Harriers since our last issue.

Clifford BOND	(Surrey)	Raymond MAIDSTONE	(Sussex)
J. BOWDERY	(Surrey)	J. G. PAINTER	(Surrey)
D. K. BURRELL		Geoffrey ROSAN	(Surrey)
Brian M. BUXTON	(Herts)	Colin R. SAUL	(Surrey)
C. EDDICOTT	(Surrey)	Sidney G. SPENCER	(Middlesex)
C. L. GOLD	(Midxx)	Robert WELLS	(Surrey)
D. HOUGHTON	(Surrey)	G. WILLIAMS	
P. J. HOUGHTON	(Surrey)	Ronald YACOOB	(Guyana)
Hector J. MACLEAN	(Surrey)		

The President

FRANK JARVIS

It was in 1921 that Frank Jarvis nearly became a member of Thames Valley Harriers. Following his local schools cross-country championship of that year in West London, a TVH official invited several runners to join his club, including Frank. But for his active interest in the Boy Scout movement (where he later played a part in the development of the Rover Scouts) he probably would have accepted - leaving Belgrave Harriers considerably poorer.

Frank joined the Metropolitan Police in 1927, was attached to the famous Vine Street station and soon became a member of the M.P.A.A. cross-country team. He was also a keen boxer, and was advised by a colleague (Frederic Stone - now a Belgrave Vice-President) to join Belgrave Harriers and train with the road walkers to develop strength and stamina.

He thus joined the Club in 1934 and his interest in race walking was fostered by Alf Harley and Jack Bidgood to such an extent that he soon gave up boxing and cross-country running. Always impressed with the team spirit displayed by the members of the walking fraternity he displayed his own brand of loyalty in the Birmingham "Outer 25" in the early "fifties". At the 20 miles mark Frank met with an accident, his foot was badly cut and he was advised to retire; but with three men well placed and no other scorers he dismissed all thought of dropping out rather than see his team mates finish to find their team had not closed in. His effort enabled Belgrave to take 3rd place and was greatly appreciated by his team mates, Jack Bidgood, Harry Shields and Charlie Churcher. It is with a fervour such as this that Frank Jarvis has associated himself with Belgrave Harriers.



Photo: E. D. Lacey

Frank Jarvis presents the retiring President's plaque to Bob Taylor.

In 1955 he successfully walked 100 miles well within the 24 hours limit to become a member of that select band, The Centurions. Three years later he retired from the Police and entered the Civil Service. With some spare time available it was not long before most of it was taken up with athletic in particular with Race Walking.

In 1958 he became Secretary of the R.W.A. Southern Area - an office he has held ever since, and is that Area's delegate on the Southern Counties A.A.A. From 1960 to his Presidential election he was Belgrave's Assistant Hon. Secretary, and it was also in 1960 that he was first appointed Race Walking Secretary and Team Manager to the Surrey County A.A.A.

Frank Jarvis is a great believer in the value of team spirit and looks forward to Club athletes and officials closely co-operating and concerting their efforts to win the Championships that really matter. He feels sure that 1967 could be Belgrave's greatest ever year. If he is right, then there is no one better suited to lead us to such a pinnacle.

A Word From Your President

It has been said that if a Belgravian has something to say at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, by the time he has finished speaking he has been elected to the Committee of the Club. A few years ago this must have happened to me, but, I hasten to add, I wish that I had spoken earlier. To be allowed to take part in the administration and development of the Belgrave Harriers is an end in itself.

On 21st September, 1966, you Belgravians saw fit to elect me your President for the year 1966/1967. This Office means that the Holder is the 'Head Man' of one of the largest athletic clubs in the United Kingdom; a club which has played a prominent part in organised athletics since 1887; a club which has devoted its energies to the development of amateur sport in this country and places its organisation and the use of its headquarters at the disposal of other athletic bodies for the furtherance of healthy pastimes.

To be the President of the Belgrave Harriers with its membership of more than 500 including Nationals from Germany, Norway, South Africa, Spain and the United States not to mention the subjects of many of the countries within the British Commonwealth, is, in truth, an honour for which I express most humbly, my sincere thanks; and I promise to emulate the renowned predecessors of the Office.

It would appear from the various headlines of the newspapers and from the activities of The Exchange that Industry is now concerned about the output of manpower and the re-organisation of production in order to improve results both at home and abroad.

With the probability of improved results in mind, I venture to suggest that plans could be made now by the Track and Field Sections to make a considered and determined onslaught on the Trophy meetings during the Summer of 1967. I feel convinced that if the Club were to win ONE trophy, this victory would lead to others. I believe that if the Belgravians do not win a trophy within the next two years, it will be five years or more before the Club has another chance.

Examination of track results over the past season or so, reveals that Belgravians have had some great individual victories, but these successes have been gained by Belgrave athletes competing at various meetings held on the same day. This being so, what measure of success can be envisaged if the same number of Belgravians (of Track and Field) were gathered together on one athletic arena to contest a trophy. It is reasonable to think that such a dedicated Belgrave team would gain the trophy. Having won the award, the inner pleasure and personal satisfaction of each member of the Belgrave team for placing the Club back on to the crest of success on the athletic track would be beyond words.

The message for the year 1966/1967 is that all members of the Belgrave Harriers are requested to endeavour to make the Club 'first among equals'.

By this effort will the new-comer appraise the Belgrave Harriers.

Yours sincerely

Frank Jarvis

Are you getting your Club football tickets regularly? Why not become a regular subscriber, just 1/- a week, for the remainder of the season. Write to the Editors NOW.

The A. G. M.

To some, the A.G.M. seems a long, cumbersome, unnecessary ritual. It stops training for the evening and if prolonged, delays drinking. But this is the one occasion in the year when the club as a whole can take a good look at itself, at its progress in the athletics world, at its finances and at its elected officers.

85 Belgravians, about one-fifth of the total membership, were sufficiently interested to attend the 1966 A.G.M. at Belgrave Hall on the evening of 21st September: Some old faces, some new and some who had not been seen for years.

Bob Taylor, President for the past year and the next hour, opened the proceedings and the members present stood in memory of T. Ball and F. Bool who had passed away during the year.

Alf Harley, who has practically earned himself the title of "Permanent Hon. Secretary", then recited the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and delivered a verbal report on the club's year to August 31st, 1966. He pointed out that the cross country, walking and field event sections had had a successful year but that performances on the track were rather disappointing. He commented on the Club's high reputation outside athletics with the governing bodies of the sport and by other clubs; in fact he said they sometimes thought more of us than we did ourselves. Dave Shepherd and Ken Miller presented the accounts for the year which showed the club was spending more than the income it was receiving. This could obviously not be allowed to continue and the members were warned that an increase in subscription was certainly on the cards next year. Thirty shillings per year, the existing subscription for seniors, is extremely low in relation to the benefits received by members. An appeal was also made to support the football competition which was falling off slightly.

After the number of club trustees had been promptly reduced from five to four, honours badges were presented to:

Seniors - C. Martin, C. Clair and J. Bicourt
 Junior - T. Brooks
 Youth - T. Gurygay

Then followed the annual formality of electing officials and the Committee for the ensuing year. Bob Taylor duly expressed his thanks for all the help he had received during his year in office and made way for Frank Jarvis who was elected President for the next twelve months. Frank recalled his early days in the club and repeated at great length that he would be satisfied if just one - repeat - one trophy was won by the club during his year in office. For the next hour and a half, Officials and Committee were duly elected in true Belgravian fashion with anyone who dared to open his mouth during the proceedings being elected to a vacant office with amazing speed. It was pleasing to see the younger element offering their services in the shape of Howard Satchell being elected assistant Hon. Secretary.

The club then honoured Win Shepherd, Tom Pritchard and Clive Shippen by electing them Vice-Presidents. The meeting really became alive when John Thresher raised the subject of sending a club cross country team to compete on the Continent. It was pointed out that this could only be done through the proper channels but it was evident that the general body of opinion at the meeting was little concerned about red tape.

The meeting ended after three and a quarter hours and miraculously there were no casualties in the general scramble to the local tavern.

Ken Miller

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 26th--- Boxing Day meeting, Battersea Park track (11 a.m.)
 31st--- New Year's Eve Dance--- Belgrave Hall
 Jan 7th--- County X-country Championships.
 8th--- Children's Party---Belgrave Hall.
 14th--- Mitcham '15' road race.
 Met. Police W.C. Open '71.
 21st--- Club 10's (X-cty and walking)--- Belgrave Hall.
 " 5's (" " juniors) " "
 28th--- South of Thames Senior X-cty--- Belgrave Hall

Note also:

- March 18th-----Jumble Sale----- Belgrave Hall (10.30 a.m.)
 April 1st-----Social----- " "

Track & Field Round-up

JUNIOR A. A. A.

13th August - Hurlingham

Our only two competitors both reached the finals of their respective events, Tony Brooks placing 4th in the 'quarter' with 51.1 after a 50.6 heat, and Jim Vivian being given 3rd place in the 100 yards and 4th in the furlong.

Jim's third place was highly controversial. Many spectators were certain that he had won, as did other runners in the race, but to be given third, one tenth behind the other two was surely an error of judgement. The winning time of 10.1 belies the quality of the race as the runners had a 7½ metres per second wind in their teeth.

<u>100y</u>	1.B.Simms (Leeds)	10.1	|	<u>220y</u>	1.R.Banthorpe (Wolverh'tn)	22.3
	2.D.Wood (Els)	10.1	|		2.B.Simms (Leeds)	22.4
	3.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H)	10.2	|		3.A.Todd (Brighton)	22.5
			|		4.J.Vivian (BELGRAVE H)	22.6
	<u>440y</u>	1.J.Wilson (QPH)				49.1
		2.N.Clarke (KAC)				49.6
		3.L.Taylor (Guildford)				49.9
		4.A.Brooks (BELGRAVE H)				51.1 (50.6 ht)

13th August - Spikes Bridge - BOUGHEY TROPHY

The wind so much in evidence at Hurlingham was just as bad here, although this time favouring the 'dash merchants'. Tony Tymms of Surrey AC and our John Mitchell both clocked 9.9 in the qualifying rounds but come the final and the Surrey man just edged home first by a tenth in 9.8. Philip Smith was very pleased with his 10.7 - as he should be.

Anthony Heath won his second mile in Belgrave colours with 4:21.9 but only after Alan Black inexplicably dropped out whilst in the lead with only 220 yards left.

RESULTS:

<u>100y</u>	2.J.Mitchell	9.9	|	<u>220y</u>	5.J.Mitchell	23.2	|	<u>440y</u>	6.A.Mead	54.8
	6.P.Smith	10.7	|	<u>1m</u>	1.A.Heath	4:21.9	|	<u>2m</u>	2.J.Reilly	9:28.4
<u>880y</u>	6.J.Rimmer	2:04.2	|	<u>TJ</u>	4.R.Couillaut	42'2"	|		3.A.Fairclough	32.6
	8.A.Major	2:08.5	|		5.B.Townsend	40'8½"	|		9.M.Simms	53.0
<u>Dis.</u>	7.J.Martin	102'9½"	|	<u>LJ</u>	5.R.Couillaut	21'6¼"	|	<u>HJ</u>	2.B.Townsend	5'10"
	B.King	94'7"	|				|			

Match: 1.Ealing/Southall and Surrey AC 63pts, 3.BELGRAVE H 40pts
4.QPH 26pts, 5.Wycombe Phoenix 16pts, 6.Luton 11pts.

KIRKBRIDGE TROPHY (JUNIORS)

<u>100y</u>	5.S.White	10.9	|	<u>220y</u>	5.S.White	24.3	|	<u>880y</u>	4.J.Kelly	2:09.0
<u>1m</u>	5.J.Kelly	4:55.3	|	<u>Dis.</u>	2.A.Bent	125'3½"	|		7.N.Bondonno	2:16.0
<u>LJ</u>	3.A.Bent	20'3"	|	<u>HJ</u>	2.A.Bent	5'4"	|			

Match: 1.Ealing/Southall 54pts, 2.Luton 51pts, 3.BELGRAVE H 24pts
4.QPH and Surrey AC 15pts.

7th September - Hornchurch - JUNIOR INTER-COUNTY MATCH

<u>100y</u>	1.J.Vivian (Surrey/BEL)	10.3	|	<u>220y</u>	1.J.Vivian (Surrey/BEL)	22.4
	2.L.Taylor (Surrey)	10.4	|		2.L.Taylor (Surrey)	22.6

Surrey 157pts, Essex 141pts, Herts 58pts.

10th September - Maidenhead - SCAAA v BERKS, BUCKS, OXON

<u>100y</u>	1.A.Tymms (SC)	10.1	|	<u>220y</u>	1.R.Steane (SC)	22.3
	2.J.Vivian (SC/BEL)	10.1	|		2.J.Vivian (SC/BEL)	22.4
	3.D.Young (SC)	10.3	|		3.D.Young (SC)	22.9
<u>4x110y</u>	1.SC - Tymms, Young, Steane, Vivian	43.1	|	<u>2000mSc</u>	1.J.Bicourt (SC/BEL)	6:08.6
			|		2.R.Fox (SC)	6:09.2
			|		3.H.Neeson	6:14.0

17th/18th September - Charlton Park - KENT DECATHLON CHAMP.

DECATHLON RECORD FOR TOWNSEND

1.A.Lattimer (Herne Hill H) 5551 pts 2.J.Wright (Blackheath) 5524 pts
 3.B.Townsend (BELGRAVE H) 5403 pts

Derek Boosey competed in his first ever Decathlon recently - the RAF Germany Championship. In spite of never having previously Pole Vaulted or thrown a Javelin, he won the event with 5102 points. His winning times and distances were :- 100m/11.5, LJ/20'4", Shot/33'0", HJ/5'0", 400m/52.8, 110mH/20.2, Discus/93'0", Pole Vault/8'4", Javelin/119'0", 1500m/4:35.6

1st October - Paris - FRANCE v G.BRITAIN v FINLAND

Triple Jump 1.E.Battista (France) 51'7½" 2.F.Alsop (GB) 51'4½"
 3.K.Helminen (Fin) 50'11" 5.D.Boosey (GB/BEL) 49'5½"

FIELD EVENTS

DAVE ANSELL, our Coaching Hon.Secretary, writes:-

Some years ago Belgrave Harriers started their annual Open Winter Field Events meetings to help field athletes to settle into their events for another season. This year Bill Couzens, the Field Events Secretary, and I have organised, for our members, field event competitions every three weeks throughout the winter to keep them mentally and physically attuned to their events; a step which is in keeping with the latest ideas in training and we are the first club to do this to my knowledge. So take advantage of this opportunity now and grab those extra vital inches to put you ahead of your rivals before the other clubs catch on and start their own schemes.

These meetings are a deliberate part of a plan by our coaches to strengthen the Club's standard of jumpers and throwers to help bring in those important additional points which usually decide who takes home the trophies.

Every Sunday of the year three club coaches are at Battersea Park track at 10:30 am, so with the winter upon us why not come and join our sprinters, hurdlers, throwers, vaulters and jumpers there, and let the coaches watch you and discuss with you your training so that everything is being done to improve your performances by just that amount which we hope will turn a club athlete into a champion.

These athletes need a coach to observe them for they may well be making some small but vital mistake in technique or training which is preventing them from making that all important break through to a higher class of competition. Our coaches are qualified, enthusiastic and experienced so don't hold back your own progress by playing the lone wolf, come along and join our regular training group. It's much easier and much more fun to train with others.

We also meet during the winter months every Saturday at Belgrave Hall at 2:30 pm for training sessions over Wimbledon Common designed especially for those track and field men who are not inclined towards straightforward cross country running.

Our Coaching Panel, the envy of many clubs, is such that a training schedule can be worked out for ANY member in ANY event, and tailored to fit him personally. Contact us and we will be pleased to pass on our knowledge; that is, after all, why we are here.

This applies just as much to our middle and long distance runners and walkers who will be out over the country and roads this time of year. The Club Handbook explains where our coaches are to be found and these places may be more convenient for you than those suggested above. If you would like to try a new schedule, or have any problems relating to training or coaching then don't hesitate in contacting me and I will arrange a meeting with the coach most suitable for you and your event.

A special note to our overworked and desk tied administrators - if you just don't get the time to enjoy physical activities of the club but can remember the great feeling of well being which fitness gives and would like to experience that condition again I can supply you with a 3 MINUTES PER DAY schedule which will give results in 1 WEEK and a good standard of fitness in 5 WEEKS.

As I said, the Belgrave Coaches can help every member

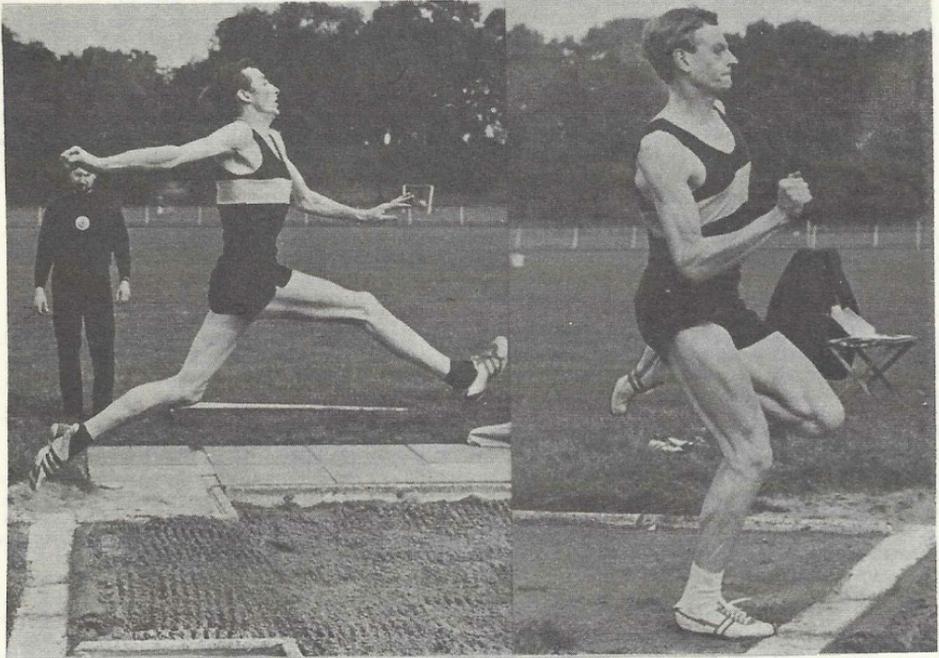
Dave Ansell
 91, Talgarth Road, W.14.

W I N T E R F I X T U R E S

Field Event specialists are asked to make a note of the following fixtures to be held every three weeks throughout the winter months at Battersea Park on Sunday mornings starting at 11a.m. Seniors, Juniors, Youths or Boys - all will be made more than welcome.

27th November 1966	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Javelin
18th December 1966	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Discus
8th January 1967	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Javelin
29th January 1967	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Discus
19th February 1967	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Javelin
12th March 1967	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Discus
2nd April 1967	.....	T.J.	L.J.	Shot, Javelin

We hope that **YOU** will take advantage of these facilities and contribute to an even stronger Belgrave field events section next year.



Photos: A. Mead

Lyle Moar (left) and Derek Wade (right) jumping under the eagle eye of coach Dave Ansell during the first of the winter competitions.

Results of first two meetings:

October 16th:

LONG JUMP		TRIPLE JUMP		JAVELIN		WEIGHT	
1.Lerwill(QPH)	22'-5½"	1.Ashcroft	46'-4½"	1.B.King	158'-7"	1.W.Gouzens	34'-4"
2.D.Wade	20'-9"	2.Lerwill	45'-5½"	2.A.Mead	76'-4½"	2.B.King	31'-0½"
3.L.Moar	20'-6½"	3.L.Moar	43'-4½"			3.A.Mead	24'-9"

November 6th:

LONG JUMP		TRIPLE JUMP		DISCUS		WEIGHT	
1.Lerwill	21'-1"	1.Lerwill	40'-1"	1.J.Martin	95'-5½"	1.J.Martin	34'-5"
2.L.Moar	19'-0½"	2.Beadon(B)	28'-11½"	2.B.King	90'-0"	2.Gouzens	33'-8"
3.Beadon(B)	13'-0"			3.W.Gouzens	85'-7"	3.B.King	30'-4½"

DEREK BOOSEY left the R.A.F. in September and is now on a P.E. training course at Maidley College.

ROAD RELAY ROUND - UP

TWO FIRSTS TWO SECONDS ONE FIFTH ONE SIXTH

Not a bad Autumn relay record at first sight, but slightly inferior to our Spring summary of THREE firsts, TWO seconds and ONE fifth. The results would have been identical had we been able to win the toughest of all - the Bristol/Weston - but Alas! we could only finish sixth to the holders, Coventry - a great team.

As usual our opening relay was the Surrey County Championship at Woking, Lido where 'A' teams compete for the title and subsequent teams need no County qualification. This rule enabled our 'B' team to actually take the lead during the second lap, thanks to good runs by Trevor Hart and Bill Dance. Because of split forces our 'A' team could only finish fifth and our 'B' team eighth, but even our best six from this dozen would still have left us second - half a minute behind the winners, Hercules AC.

The following week saw three of our Woking performers (Dance, Steer and Black) joined by Thresher, Bicourt and Fairclough to form a strong sextet against tough opposition in the Blackheath Relay. Bill Dance got us off to a grand start by winning the first stage and John Bicourt held on valiantly to retain our lead over the next leg. The "Heathens" then took over to head the field right up to the last change-over, where only thirty-five seconds separated the first five teams. What a finish! Thresher passed Roberts down the finishing straight, only for Tulloch to pass them both and break the tape. With Bob Holt of Hercules also closing fast, only 11 seconds separated the first four at the finish. Blackheath were left trailing in their wake and were relegated to fifth.

The result augured well for the Johnstone Relay the following week at Hornchurch, for to supplement our heroes of Blackheath we had Gerry North, Joe Reilly, Laurie O'Hara, Mel Thorpe, Trevor Hart and Charlie Dabbs, with Fairclough and Black withdrawing. O'Hara got us off to a great start, with only Ibbottson (Longwood) heading him home by a mere second and setting a new stage record. Mel Thorpe lost some ground but Bill Dance eased us up again to fifth, setting them up for Chris Steer to bring us forward to third behind Coventry and Longwood and gaining himself a new stage record. Trevor Hart had tough opposition on his leg and could do little to avoid dropping a place and two minutes on the leader - so at the halfway stage we were fourth, with Coventry seemingly assured of a win and ourselves out to beat Longwood, Tipton and Derby for second place. Thresher, Dabbs and Bicourt each gained precious seconds until, on the penultimate leg, Gerry North set about the opposition to run faster than Coventry (80 secs), Longwood (52 secs), Tipton (61 secs) and Derby (139 secs). Nevertheless our old friend Jim Hogan took the record running 17 seconds faster than Gerry. Joe Reilly produced a good finish to clock second fastest time on his stage and bring Belgrave home a well deserved second.

With the first three relays behind us, twelve Belgravians had shown their paces - all keen to qualify for our own open relay and the Bristol/Weston. There were others though, Geoff North for one, who also wished to be considered, and the Walton Relay was their last chance. Kerr, Linstead and Dear were capable of causing some upsets. The biggest surprise though, in the end, was Geoff's state of fitness which gave him the slowest time in our 'A' and 'B' teams. Apart from this there were no upsets of note, and the remainder of our first two teams (with Joe Reilly to come in) qualified for our own relay.

Bicourt (B) pipped Hart (A) on the first stage by 4 seconds and after two further stages the claret and gold colours were well to the fore with 1st and 3rd places ours. Both of our teams slipped over the next two stages but O'Hara and Thorpe ran fine last legs to make ground and bring Belgrave home in 1st and 5th places, with Bristol, Hercules and Portsmouth providing the filling to the sandwich!

And so to our own open relay (reported elsewhere) where an unfortunate run by Mel Thorpe did at least make the race more exciting - Belgrave winning for the second year in succession, and Geoff North only first reserve to boot.

The final relay on the programme was the premier event of the year, the Bristol/Weston and back. Last year our rivals Coventry ran us into second place and were now out to repeat the performance. In fact they retained their title and ran us into SIXTH place! This was a most disappointing climax to the road relay season but, when one considers the disastrous start we had, it was a tribute to our team that they could pick themselves up off the floor and make such inroads into the top quality opposition - particularly so when eight to run is not sufficient for us to wear down the opposition with our strength-in-depth. "Olympians" report on this fighting effort is recorded elsewhere in this issue.

So two firsts, two seconds, one fifth and one sixth is the final summary for Autumn 1966. We look for an improvement in the latter two next year.

Road Relay Results: (Excluding Belgrave and Bristol Relays)SURREY COUNTY RELAY - 10th September

		'A'		'B'		'C'	
1. Hercules AC	85:09	C. Dabbs	14:08	T. Hart	14:07	D. Jones	15:58
2. S.L.H.	86:08	A. Major	14:57	W. Dance	14:16	K. Miller	16:46
3. Mitcham AC	86:45	R. Linstead	15:08	H. Satchell	15:57	C. Shippen	16:32
4. Ranelagh H	87:40	A. Morrison	15:34	C. Walker	15:12	J. Hampshire	16:09
5. BELGRAVE 'A'	88:16	A. Black	14:09	J. Brown	14:51	D. Maclean	16:47
8. BELGRAVE 'B'	89:12	C. Steer	14:20	J. Reilly	14:39	E. Pallant	18:18
20. BELGRAVE 'C'	100:30						

Fastest laps: R. Holt (Herc) 13:33, M. Kortzenray (Wim) 13:34, D. Holt (Herc) 13:42

BLACKHEATH RELAY - 17th September

				<u>Fastest laps:</u>	
1. Portsmouth AC	88:42	W. Dance	14:45	B. Tulloh (Ports)	13:55
2. BELGRAVE H	88:45	J. Biccourt	14:46	R. Holt (Herc)	14:01
3. S.L.H.	88:47	C. Steer	15:05	D. Holt (Herc)	14:16
4. Hercules AC	88:53	A. Fairclough	14:59	J. Thresher (BEL)	14:20
5. Blackheath H	89:28	A. Black	14:50	J. Batchelor (Ilf)	14:21
6. Ealing H	91:41	J. Thresher	14:20		

JOHNSTONE RELAY - 25th September

1. Coventry God. H	3:34:34	L.O'Hara	20:47 (2)	J. Thresher	25:32 (6)
2. BELGRAVE H	3:36:14	M. Thorpe	25:56 (12)	C. Dabbs	21:32 (4)
3. Tipton H	3:36:34	W. Dance	21:21 (4)	J. Biccourt	15:23 (3)
4. Longwood H	3:37:02	C. Steer	14:48 (1)	Gerry North	27:57 (2)
5. Man. & Dist. L.C.	3:39:05	T. Hart	29:09 (14)	J. Reilly	13:49 (2)
6. Derby & Cnty AC	3:39:18				

Note: Number in brackets gives time ranking on that stage.

Stages are of varying length, but the four legs run over twice are shown lined up.

WALTON (Hewitt & Jones) RELAY - 1st October

1. BELGRAVE 'A'	92:09	4. Portsmouth AC	94:15	17. BELGRAVE 'C'	100:42
2. Bristol AC	92:17	5. BELGRAVE 'B'	94:45	33. BELGRAVE 'D'	110:44
3. Hercules AC	93:32	6. Ranelagh H	94:57		

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'	
T. Hart	15:28	J. Biccourt	15:24	C. Walker	16:39	P. Hilliar	17:41
C. Steer	15:40	C. Dabbs	15:55	W. Kerr	16:25	J. Martin	19:24
Gerry North	15:06	A. Fairclough	15:34	R. Glover	17:27	J. Kelly	18:04
W. Dance	15:37	Geoff North	16:19	H. Satchell	16:36	P. Smith	19:20
J. Thresher	15:11	A. Black	15:56	J. Dear	17:08	W. Laws	18:26
L.O'Hara	15:07	M. Thorpe	15:37	R. Linstead	16:27	D. Maclean	17:49

Fastest laps: D. Holt (Herc) 14:43, R. Holt (Herc) 15:03, L. Presland (Sy) 15:04.

AUTUMNAL '534'Wimbledon - 17th September 1966

One always has to think twice when this race is held - is it the Championship Event or the non-title race? Doubts were even more widespread this September when a Championship medal actually reached the hands of Trevor Hart before it was realised it was not due! This was bad luck on Trevor who had run a race well deserving of a medal. Apart from an initial burst by Ron Linstead, who gleefully opened up the field, Hart led from the beginning to end and displayed a confidence which is becoming a regular feature of his running these days.

With two laps of the "top" completed the leader's margin was 60 yards, and at this point Mel Thorpe left Dabbs and Reilly to cut into Trevor's lead with a gusto that promised great things. A quick glance over the shoulder, however, and Trevor increased the tempo just enough to prevent Mel gaining a single inch for the rest of the trip.

Charlie Dabbs showed his strength on the hills once again by shaking off Joe Reilly to take 3rd place and, but for going off course along the Ridgway, Ranjit Bhatia would have finished 5th (a former record holder too!)

Ron Linstead illustrated his steady return to form with a useful 30:50 and, with a solid winter behind him, could well chop 2 minutes off that next year.

The handicap went deservedly to Chris Keavey, a much improved runner who has had to work very hard to make his mark.

RESULT:

1.T.Hart	(0:50)	28:31	21.W.Fairfield	(6:30)	34:28
2.M.Thorpe	(1:30)	28:39	22.K.Miller	(5:00)	34:50
3.C.Dabbs	(0:50)	28:53	23.J.Kelly	(5:30)	35:15
4.J.Reilly	(1:15)	29:26	24.P.Sutton	(7:30)	35:15
5.R.Linstead	(2:00)	30:50	25.P.Blair-Fish	(7:30)	35:32
6.C.Walker	(2:30)	31:00	26.J.Gordon	(8:00)	35:45
7.A.Morrison	(3:00)	31:04	27.D.Hurd	(5:00)	35:51
8.C.Keavey	(4:10)	31:10	28.P.Smith	(5:30)	35:59
9.A.Bruce	(3:00)	31:15	29.J.McDonald	(7:00)	36:09
10.R.Glover	(3:30)	31:41	30.B.Merry	(5:30)	37:00
11.R.Bhatia	(2:10)	31:59	31.D.Newell	(7:15)	37:32
12.D.Crookes	(3:00)	32:03	32.J.Heathfield	(8:30)	37:40
13.D.W.Jones	(4:30)	32:05	33.E.Pallant	(8:00)	38:07
14.G.Biscoe	(4:20)	32:30	34.J.V.Baker	(9:30)	38:22
15.H.Satchell	(4:00)	32:36	35.J.Martin	(6:30)	38:47
16.W.Kerr	(1:15)	32:43	36.D.Maclean	(4:00)	39:31
17.R.James	(4:30)	32:57	37.T.Brooks	(5:30)	40:11
18.J.Hampshire	(4:00)	33:37	38.D.McMillan	(5:00)	44:11
19.C.Smart	(6:00)	33:48	39.R.Conway	(8:00)	44:14
20.C.Henn	(7:00)	34:05			

Handicap Result: 1.C.Keavey, 2.C.Henn, 3.M.Thorpe.

Linstead fastest in Yacht '3'

Wimbledon - 24th September

Ron Linstead took another step forward on his come-back trail by clocking 15:27, the day's fastest, in a field mainly consisting of runners reaching for, or fading from, first team status. Granted our best dozen runners were not competing - because of the Johnstone Relay the following day - but the efforts by Linstead, Satchell and our "prodigal son" John Davies should keep the first team men on their toes.

Young Blair-Fish, who joined us earlier this year, was a good winner of the race (off 3:30) with his actual time ranking 14th of the 40 runners. Chris Fairfield pulled one out of the bag for 2nd and our old friend Dudley Gordon just had to get amongst the prizes again, finishing 3rd.

RESULT:

1.P.Blair-Fish	13:42	(Off 3:30)	21.G.Biscoe	14:39	(2:00)
2.W.Fairfield	13:51	(3:40)	22.P.Gee	14:40	(3:00)
3.D.Gordon	13:54	(4:10)	23.K.Miller	14:43	(2:30)
4.W.Laws	13:59	(3:10)	24.R.Hopkins	14:49	(4:00)
5.J.Martin	14:00	(3:30)	25.J.Heathfield	14:53	(4:00)
6.H.Satchell	14:02	(2:00)	26.C.Walker	14:57	(1:20)
7.R.Linstead	14:07	(1:20)	27.E.Pallant	14:57	(3:50)
8.J.Smart	14:13	(3:00)	28.J.V.Baker	15:02	(5:00)
9.C.Henn	14:15	(3:10)	29.E.Short	15:09	(3:20)
10.J.Rimmer	14:19	(2:30)	30.T.Brooks	15:22	(3:30)
11.M.Jones	14:24	(3:50)	31.P.Smith	15:35	(3:00)
12.R.Glover	14:25	(1:50)	32.D.Cocks	15:47	(1:30)
13.J.Davies	14:27	(1:40)	33.P.Hilliar	16:01	(2:00)
14.C.Keavey	14:28	(1:40)	34.D.Newell	16:05	(3:00)
15.D.Crookes	14:32	(1:50)	35.P.Wrench	16:10	(3:40)
16.P.Sutton	14:33	(3:30)	36.D.McMillan	16:33	(5:00)
17.J.Hampshire	14:34	(2:20)	37.A.Mead	16:35	(3:30)
18.E.Penny	14:35	(2:00)	38.J.McDonald	16:35	(3:00)
19.J.Kelly	14:36	(3:00)	39.A.Chandler	18:52	(3:50)
20.A.Bruce	14:37	(1:40)	40.D.Maclean	20:06	(2:30)

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BELGRAVE win own relay again

.... but PORTSMOUTH awarded Southern title

The second annual Belgrave Road Relay for Southern Clubs produced a second win for the home club at Wimbledon on October 8th and plenty of fireworks both on and off the road. The behind the scenes "scenes" were caused by the late realisation of the Southern and Belgrave officials that by giving the race Championship status under S.C.A.A.A. rules the competing clubs would not be able to field their strongest teams - which was in conflict with the whole purpose of the Southern Counties support, given to provide official backing for a race that would be used as a qualifier for a new National Road Relay Championship. The outcome was that the Southern "awards" went to the first three clubs who could claim all-Southern qualifying teams. Arrangements will undoubtedly be revised next year.

STAGE 1: Laurie O'Hara (25:07 - 5th fastest)

Only Thurrock Harriers, of the 25 teams entered, failed to put in an appearance and as the two dozen runners set off on the first long stage (5¼) Laurie O'Hara was soon seen bobbing along with the leaders. It was felt in Belgrave circles that only T.V.H. and Portsmouth would present a problem, so progress in the first half of the 12 stage race was only related to that of our two main rivals. Laurie produced his usual reliable effort and a finishing burst that took him to 5th, 11 seconds behind Portsmouth's Hyman and 23 seconds ahead of T.V.H.'s Goodman.

STAGE 2: Charlie Dabbs (15:56 - 1st fastest)

Chas. looked very determined when he set off on the short ¾ mile stage and soon carved up the opposition to such an extent that he headed the field home by 32 secs and was the only runner on this leg to break 16 minutes.

STAGE 3: Trevor Hart (25:45 - 9th fastest)

Trevor played his part well by gaining a further 1 second on T.V.H. (now 1 minute behind) and 48 seconds on Portsmouth (now 1:20 down) but no amount of effort could hold back the new European marathon champion Jim Hogan who stormed through to a 47 second lead, breaking Tim Johnston's lap record of 24:33 with a scintillating 24:12.



Photos: R. Linstead

Left: Charlie Dabbs gives Trevor Hart a 32 seconds lead
Right: John Thresher takes over from Mel Thorpe.

STAGE 4: John Bicourt (15:48 - 2nd fastest)

John had a fair bit of ground to pull back and the added spur of Pymm (TVH) and Herring (B'heath) behind him. Not content with just cutting the gap, John ran a 'blinder' to take us back into a 6 seconds lead.

STAGE 5: Mel Thorpe (27:03 - 20th fastest)

With Polytechnic lacking in depth it now looked as though the race was about to become a procession, but Mel had the "offest" day he is ever likely to have. Suffering right from the start he could do little to stop McNamara (Poly) going back into the lead. Left on his own for some time he probably felt in the latter stages that he would at least salvage second place, but the field had closed up alarmingly behind and in the last mile or so Barratt, Heaven, Franklin, and Briault all swept past with Badgery, Presland and Graham close behind. It was Mel's bad luck that on this stage he probably had the toughest opposition of the whole race.

STAGE 6: John Thresher (15:20 - 1st fastest)

It was fortunate that, on this occasion, John was given the luxury of a short stage, for he simply revelled in the situation, setting new figures for the smaller leg and providing a psychological boost to the team by taking it back to 2nd place 28 seconds behind the leaders (Poly) and 12 seconds ahead of T.V.H.

STAGE 7: Bill Dance (25:46 - 5th fastest)

With the second half of the race now under way Bill was out to restore the lead to Belgrave and move away from T.V.H. and Portsmouth, even though the latter were still a lowly 11th. Despite running to form and pushing the leaders (Poly) well behind, Bill was dismayed to find that the fastest times were by Ellis (TVH) and Ingleton (Portsmouth). Valley were now in the lead 54 seconds ahead of Belgrave, with Pompey now 7th, 1:43 behind us.

STAGE 8: Alan Black (15:53 - 2nd fastest)

Alan continued our run of sub-16 minute small laps and cut back T.V.H.'s lead by 35 seconds. The surprise teams were proving to be Windsor & Eton and Ealing, now 3rd and 4th and both within 90 seconds of us.

STAGE 9: Tony Fairclough (25:26 - 5th fastest)

Tony regained the lead for the first time since stage 4, bringing us in 18 seconds ahead of T.V.H. (Milsom). Portsmouth, through a fast run by Dave Cooke, had now surfaced into 4th position but were still 1:42 down. Fairclough had not for long been back in training, but he rose to the occasion and was the third fastest of our six long stage runners.

STAGE 10: Joe Reilly (16:06 - 2nd fastest)

Joe was unable to maintain our sub-16 sequence but the latter stages of these longer races are notoriously slower, which may be of some consolation, but only serves to underline the speed of Valley's Mike Wiggs who broke John Thresher's 1½ hour old record with a time of 15:13! Reilly's run paled before that of Wiggs but it was still better than the rest of the field, including Portsmouth's who although moving up to 3rd slipped a further 16 seconds behind Belgrave.

STAGE 11: Gerry North (24:26 - 1st fastest)

This was the stage that would settle the issue. Whitley (TVH), an unknown quantity, set off 35 seconds ahead of Gerry, with Tulloch (Ports) 1:58 further behind, followed by Barton (Windsor) and Roberts (SLH). Gerry wore down Whitley's lead, going ahead at the half distance and building up an invincible lead of 58 seconds. Tulloch made a great effort to save the day, getting within 61 seconds of T.V.H. but, despite his effort he was still one second slower than Gerry.

STAGE 12: Chris Steer (16:04 - 1st fastest)

There was no doubt that Chris would hold the lead given such a useful start. Credit goes to him though for being able to produce fastest stage time with the pressure off.

Our winning time was just 20 seconds slower than last year's. Pompey slipped 2:18, but were without Johnston and J.Cooke this time. T.V.H. and Windsor need watching, having improved by 6:13 and 6:43 respectively!

Belgrave's depth was illustrated by the fact that Geoff North and Hugh Barrow were on the sidelines and all six of Belgrave's short stage runners were amongst the day's fastest dozen for that course. On the other side of the penny though the aggregate times of the six long stages would have placed us 2¼ minutes behind Portsmouth - It's going to be much tougher with only six to score this winter!

RESULT (first Ten)

1. BELGRAVE H.....	4:08:40
2. T.V.H.	4:10:13
3. Portsmouth AC ...	4:10:52
4. Windsor/Eton	4:12:08
5. Ealing/Southall..	4:13:15
6. S.L.H.	4:13:58
7. Ranelagh H	4:14:40
8. Polytechnic H ...	4:16:31
9. Hercules AC	4:17:00
10. Blackheath H	4:17:22

FASTEST TIMES**Long Stage**

J.Hogan (Poly)	24:12
GERRY NORTH	24:26
B.Tulloh (Ports)	24:27
R.Holt (Herc)	24:27
D.Holt (Herc)	24:39
R.Ellis (TVH)	24:40
T.Briault (Enf)	24:41
M.Barratt (Eal)	24:47

Short Stage

M.Wiggs (TVH)	15:13
JOHN THRESHER	15:20
D.Collins (Wind)	15:27
JOHN BICOURT	15:48
R.Freeman (TVH)	15:49
ALAN BLACK	15:53
B.Allen (Wind)	15:54
CHARLIE DABBS	15:56

Southern Championship: 1. Portsmouth AC, 2. Ealing/Southall, 3. S.L.H.

Bristol-Weston and back Relay

October 22nd -

In 1965 we journeyed to Bristol for this race for the first time and finished a very close second to Coventry Godiva Harriers, then the leading road relay club in the country. Encouraged by this performance we decided to again take part in 1966 despite a clash of dates with the North Surrey League Races.

On paper our team appeared to be as good if not better than that of the preceding year and although we knew that Coventry were still extremely strong we felt we had a good chance of victory.

This was not, however, to be our day and after only two stages we found ourselves over half a mile behind the club we feared most and despite tremendous efforts by our last five runners - they returned from Weston faster than Coventry - we could only gain places very slowly and had to be content with 6th position just over four minutes behind the winners.

The story of the race itself goes something like this:-

STAGE 1 (5 miles)

Bill Dance, one of our newly appointed Vice Captains, was given the task of putting us in a strong position early in the race and on form there was no doubt that Bill would have been well placed but this was not as it turned out. Whether the journey by car (his wife was driving!) or the food at the Ridgeway Cafe near Marlborough was to blame we shall never know but what we do know was that we were back in 14th position one minute and twenty-five seconds behind Portsmouth who had taken the lead through a good run by Ingleton.

STAGE 2 (5½ miles)

Tony Fairclough came next and we were confident that this most consistent performer would bring us back into the picture. Tony soon showed that he was suffering with a similar complaint to Bill Dance - he also had come by road (Cross Country Secretary driving!) and strangely enough had partaken of cheese rolls at the stop for food just like Bill had done. Instead of gaining ground he fell back and back and at the end of the stage we were 17th and the gap was 2 minutes and 43 seconds behind Coventry who had taken a lead they were never to lose.

STAGE 3 (4½ miles)

John Bicourt who had been running very well in earlier relays raised our spirits a little by taking us up to 13th but despite a good time he was slower than most of the clubs still ahead and on time we lost more ground. At this point Coventry, through a stage record run by Kilby, were almost a minute clear of the second team and 4 minutes and 20 seconds ahead of Belgrave.

STAGE 4 (5½ miles)

Next came Gerry North and with a time beaten only by Dick Taylor of Coventry, Tim Johnston of Portsmouth and Gibbs of Birchfield took us into 10th place but still the same distance behind the leaders. At this point the gap between us and the 9th team was over a minute!

STAGE 5 (5½ miles)

John Thresher in great form set about narrowing the gap on the first leg back from Weston and slowly brought the teams in front nearer. Leicester Colleges and Birchfield ran together most of the way but despite this John, although still 10th, was only 28 seconds behind the 9th club and 44 seconds behind the 8th at the end of the leg and we were also nearer the leaders by a few seconds.

STAGE 6 (4½ miles)

Chris Steer, taking the stage on which Trevor Hart in 1965 had put up a record, set off after the opposition in no uncertain manner. Running like a champion he caught up both Leicester and Birchfield near the end of the leg to be beaten by these clubs in the run in - a great and courageous effort.

STAGE 7 (5¼ miles)

Geoff North, coming into our road team for the first time this season after a well run time trial earlier in the week to prove his fitness, was still in 10th place when he set off but running steadily and well he came through to 7th and also reduced Coventry's lead by half a minute.

STAGE 8 (5¼ miles)

Laurie O'Hara, now established as one of our best performers in road relays soon passed and left Tipton who had been quite prominent throughout the race and who will prove very difficult to beat when Allan Rushmer is qualified to run for them. Laurie kept cracking in an endeavour to get us up to 5th but North Staffs and Stone (Rhodes) were just too far ahead and we had to be satisfied with 6th.

The moral of this race is that no matter how good a team appears to be on paper it can nevertheless be beaten through human frailties which can never be accounted for. This was our bad day - the future may prove that we really are the best club in the country. First a win in the National Cross Country and then the National Road Relay to be run in Leicester on April 1st 1967 - the additional four stages in this race are to our advantage but only if everyone likely to be selected makes this his aim - we have the runners but names are no good without complete fitness.

Olympian

RESULT:

1.Coventry Godiva H.....	3hrs.17mins.31secs.
2.Portsmouth AC	3hrs.18mins. 7secs.
3.Bristol AC.....	3hrs.19mins. 3secs.
4.Derby & County AC	3hrs.20mins.16secs.
5.North Staffs and Stone	3hrs.21mins.27secs.
6.BELGRAVE HARRIERS.....	3hrs.21mins.39secs.

Team:-

<u>OUT</u>		<u>IN</u>	
14.W.Dance	24:50 (14th fastest)	10.J.Thresher	28:22 (4th fastest)
17.A.Fairclough	26:14 (18th ")	10.C.Steer	22:08 (4th ")
13.J.Bicourt	22:56 (9th ")	7.Geoff North	25:24 (3rd ")
10.Gerry North	27:30 (4th ")	6.L.O'Hara	24:15 (3rd ")

Postbag :

(Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor or Club Committee)

Dear Sir,

Much has been written recently about the state of penury in which our sport now finds itself. Our club perhaps more than any other is particularly fortunate in having a large and active membership which contributes to its competitive strength, social successes and last but not least its general solvency.

On the one hand we have the active athletes who put in a great deal of time and money to pursue their chosen sport and on the other we have the retired athletes turned officials who make the pursuit of the sport possible. So far, so good. This is how things should be - a natural evolution from athlete to official. But does this in fact occur? Do athletes wish to work for the sport after their competitive days are over, and are officials interested in training their successors. This is indeed a matter for debate.

It was particularly unfortunate that the Club's annual dinner should be used as a platform by one of our officials to attack the lethargy of our members both in providing money for the sport and in helping with its administration. That the speaker appeared to be unaware of the newly introduced registration scheme is in itself unimportant. What is important is that he wandered outside his terms of reference. As a welcoming speech to our guests it was, to say the least, unfortunate.

And what of the other speeches? Well, quite simply they were too long for what is essentially a family affair. It may well be worth while in future to impose some sort of limit on all speakers in order to reduce this part of the proceedings to a minimum. It is only right and proper that our President should be allowed time to survey the year's progress. For the other speakers, I suggest they are allowed just as much time as they need to run a mile. By this means a self compensating effect is introduced because we should hear more from the older and, we hope, more entertaining after dinner speakers.

Yours faithfully, **W. LAWS**

"I Was There"

No.1 - by K.B.O'KELL

It was on the occasion of the 1925 A.A.A. Championships held at Stamford Bridge. The Championships had added spice this year for this was the first occasion on which a team from Germany had been allowed to enter since the 1914-18 war. Naturally, public curiosity was aroused by the thoughts of how the visitors would behave, and perform, in their first public appearance.

On the Friday evening, in the 440 and 880 yds events, the Germans - led by Dr. Otto Peltzer - "set Stamford Bridge on fire" with some superb running. Some tough tactics were employed (some said they were deliberate, others accidental) but nevertheless tension was heightened still further when one of the Germans was disqualified in the 440 yds.

This was just the curtain raiser that the Saturday programme needed and, sure enough, next day there must have been near on 35,000 spectators on the terraces. The first event was the 100 yd heats and the Germans carried on from where they had left off the previous evening by winning 5 of the 6 races! The crowd was now really aroused - and the next event was the final of the 880 yds, with Britain's reigning Olympic Champion, Douglas Lowe, out to show Peltzer a clean pair of heels. Lowe obviously realised he had got to run Peltzer off his feet after the Germans' effortless running of the night before. Douglas Lowe was of quiet manner, dark complexion and fine physique. Dr. Otto Peltzer was very blonde, of slimmer build, but perhaps a shade taller than his adversary.

At the gun Lowe made the running. He really turned on the heat because immediately all except Peltzer were dropped - not a customary sight in the A.A.A. 880 yds final. On the second lap Peltzer challenged the leader time after time but was held off on each occasion. As the runners stormed down the final straight the crowd roared with excitement. With 20 yds left the German made one last desperate effort which swept him past Lowe to break the tape and take the title.

The result was announced (by megaphone in eight different directions) 1st Dr. Otto Peltzer; time 1 minute 51 seconds - a new world record. The crowd cheered and then, as usual, all seemed very quiet after the excitement of the race, the defeat of Lowe and a new world record; when suddenly from the middle of the packed crowd on the "popular" side a cockney voice (probably influenced by a few beers before the meeting) shouted very loudly to the English athletes milling about the finish "Yeah mates - why waste yer time on 'em. We couldn't catch the bastards when they were carrying packs and rifles so yer'll never catch 'em today!!" A roar of laughter went up from the surrounding terraces before the meeting continued. But it was something of an anti-climax thereafter. My memory has it that Peltzer made a great effort to win the 440 yd final also but didn't achieve it.

The visit of the first German athletic team to Britain had indeed proved to be a notable occasion. They behaved and performed in a manner which earned the highest praise from the British press and spectator public, but all of the adulation was completely overshadowed by the magnetic style and speed of Dr. Otto Peltzer for, attractive as he was to watch, he had well and truly defeated our own Olympic idol, Douglas Lowe, and established a new world record into the bargain. What more could any man have done in the cause of re-instating a country recently defeated in a grim war?

(Road-Running continued from page 21)

September 3rd

S O U T H A L L ' 1 0 '

1. T. Johnston (Portsmouth)	51:42	31. R. Bhatia (BELGRAVE H)	57:57
2. M. Barrett (Ealing)	51:55	72. R. Plummer "	63:34
3. M. Price (Bristol)	52:23	83. P. Sutton "	66:05
		84. G. Piddington "	66:09

ROCHESTER ' 5 '

November 18th

1. R. Holt (Hercules)	24:24	47. J. Brown (BELGRAVE H)	27:18
2. J. Jackson (N. Staffs)	24:31	76. D. Crookes "	-
3. T. Briault (Boro. Enfield)	24:41	77. E. Penny "	-
6. Geoff North (BELGRAVE H)	25:01	92. G. Biscoe "	-
29. W. Kerr "	26:27	115. M. Stearman "	-
31. J. Bicourt "	26:34		

Teams: - 1. Hercules AC 62pts, 2. Windsor & Eton 74pts, 3. BELGRAVE H 113pts.

NOTE: G. Williams (not first claim until Dec. 2nd) finished 11th in 25:19.

Road Running

Looking back over the summer season it is pleasing to report that we finished off far better than we started, albeit our successes coming in the shorter distances. However, there is a long way to go yet if our achievements of former years are to be equalled and surpassed.

It is also good to note that we "waved the flag" as far afield as Cheltenham, Blackpool, Oxford, Cowley, etc., etc.; hardly a case of staying on our own doorstep. Therefore to those who supported these fixtures and have borne the extra toll of travel and finance, a very big thank you! May 1967 see a few more joining their ranks; then, if we concentrate our efforts over a few races instead of splitting our forces over many we are capable of bringing back far more than the one trophy our President has asked for!

Gordon Biscoe

MORRIS MOTORS '7'

August 13th - Cowley, Oxford.

After a mid morning start, a puncture and only short snacks on route, two car loads of road runners arrived at Cowley only to find the anticipated 3pm start of this race, held in conjunction with Morris Motors Sports, was not until 5pm. Don Maclean arriving soon after the main party thus found himself some two hours early for the start of a race instead of his customary 2 mins or less! Having claimed this as a 'personal best' he set off with Chris. Keavey to find liquid refreshments and celebrate.

When the race did get under way, ideal conditions and a flat (although confusing) course decreed a fast pace and Gerry North, not at his best, found himself working to stay with the leaders, finally having to concede places to old rivals over the later stages. However, with Bill Dance 'on form' and Chris Steer running through to chase Mel Thorpe home in the last mile, the team closed in worthy winners of the race.

To complete the day, Bill Dance was declared winner of the handicap held in conjunction and thus with two 'pots' to his credit was able to convince his wife that the journey and long wait really was worth her while!

RESULT:

1.P.Wood (Worcs)	33:26	20.J.Dear (BELGRAVE H)	38:24
2.M.Price (Bristol)	33:31	25.G.Biscoe "	39:13
3.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	34:43	31.C.Keavey "	39:46
5.G.Dance "	35:38	46.J.McSweeney "	42:25
9.M.Thorpe "	36:18	50.R.Plummer "	43:15
10.C.Steer "	36:39	58.D.Maclean "	50:59

Teams:- 1.BELGRAVE H 'A' 27pts, 2.Worcester 32pts, 3.Smallheath 78pts
6.BELGRAVE H 'B' - 8 teams closed in.

TURNERS HILL '5'

August 20th

Although what might be regarded as only a minor fixture in the road running calendar, those who have run at Turners Hill know that for a 5m race it is only rivalled in toughness by our own '5%' with the famous 'kiss of death'.

The first half of the course undulates severely with the last 2½ miles a stiff uphill climb all the way to the finish. Add to this a temperature around the 75 degree mark, causing melted tar on the unshaded roads, and you have the setting for this years 'duel with the sun'.

With three Bels teams entered, an 'off-form' Gerry North found himself dropped by the leaders soon after the start but still managed to lead our 'A' team being closely pushed by a very much 'on form' Laurie O'Hara who recorded the same time as in 1965 with the then better conditions. Chris Steer putting in another good performance completed the team.

Eric Penny and Chris Keavey again continued to show an improvement, whilst Don Maclean found the course, the heat and achilles trouble a little too much for one afternoon.

RESULT:

1.N.Barton (Windsor)	25:44	46.G.Biscoe (BELGRAVE H)	30:21
2.J.Roberts (SLH)	25:59	49.C.Keavey "	30:29
3.S.Badgery (Mitcham)	26:09	60.K.Stimpson "	31:23
5.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	26:17	62.E.Penny "	32:00
6.L.O'Hara "	26:20	65.J.McSweeney "	32:31
16.C.Steer "	27:46	66.C.Smart "	32:38
22.J.Dear "	28:10	79.R.Langheim "	36:25
37.D.Brew "	29:32	84.D.Maclean "	38:30

Teams:- 1.SLH , 2.BELGRAVE H 'A', 3.Mitcham, 9.BELGRAVE H 'B',
13.BELGRAVE H 'C'

BELS SUPREME in WYCOMBE 'S'

The Wycombe or 'Furniture Five' as it is otherwise known by virtue of its attractive prizes, has become very popular in recent years. None more so than this year when no less than five Bels teams faced the starter and even more still arriving as the race started!!! With an array of 'A' team talent and a certain amount of unknown form to choose from, selection of the four-man teams proved quite a problem, to be followed by a few uneasy moments after the race, as indicated by the results, before the official announcement confirmed a Bels victory.

With a short sharp hill just after the start the large field was soon strung out with 'Claret and Gold' prominent throughout. Once again Gerry North led the Club home showing better form than for several weeks, to take a closely contested 4th place, a mere five seconds behind the winner Tim Johnston of Portsmouth. Laurie O'Hara turned in another sound performance to be closely followed by Tony Fairclough; the first upset to the "selection committee's" choice; by leading in the 'B' team in front of last scoring 'A' team member Charlie Dabbs. Trevor Hart, ever willing to please and making his first return after injury, added to the shocks with an unexpected fine run while Chris Keavey continued the trend further down the field, with probably his best run of late.

RESULT:

1.T.Johnston(Portsmouth)	24:20	37.J.Bicourt (BELS 'B')
2.A.Cox (Luton)	24:21	60.D.Brew (BELS 'C')
3.M.Price (Bristol)	24:23	73.J.Dear (BELS 'C')
4.Gerry North (BELS 'A')	24:25	79.C.Keavey (BELS 'D')
12.L.O'Hara (BELS 'A')	25:10	93.G.Biscoe (BELS 'C')
14.A.Fairclough(BELS 'B')	25:14	101.E.Penny (BELS 'D')
19.C.Dabbs (BELS 'A')	25:24	112.C.Smart (BELS 'D')
21.M.Thorpe (BELS 'B')	25:34	119.P.Sutton (BELS 'E')
26.W.Dance (BELS 'A')	25:40	120.T.Gwylliam (BELS 'E')
26.T.Hart (BELS 'C')	25:40	127.R.Langheim (BELS 'E')
33.C.Steer (BELS 'B')	25:59	144 finished.

Teams:- 1.BELS 'A' 29pts, 2.Bristol AC 37pts, 3.Ranelagh H 38pts,
4.Ealing 52pts, 5.BELS 'B' 54pts, 14.BELS 'C' 128pts,
24.BELS 'D' 238pts, 27.BELS 'E' 315pts, 29 teams closed in.

Thornton - Cleveleys '7'

On September 3rd a small team strayed slightly further from home than usual by travelling to Blackpool for the above race. The field was a strong one; and our trio all ran very well to be narrowly beaten into second place for the team prize by surprise winners Wigan AC, against teams from Blackpool, Bolton, North Staffs, Longwood and Sale, etc.

The race was a runaway victory for M.Freary of Bolton in the record time of 32:48.

RESULT:

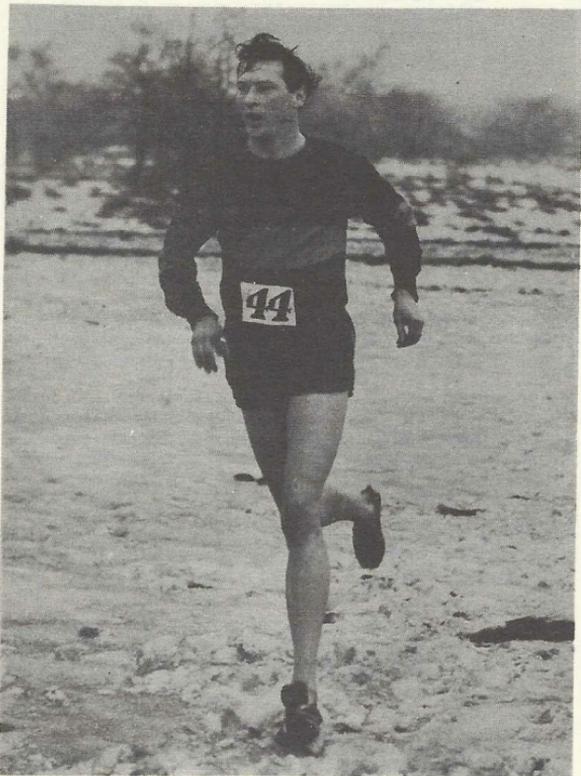
1.M.Freary (Bolton)	32:48	6.Gerry North (BELGRAVE H)	34:40
2.M.McLoughlin (Sutton)	33:50	12.M.Thorpe "	35:18
3.D.Hopkinson (Clayton)	33:52	17.W.Dance "	35:56
		110 finished.	

Teams:- 1.Wigan AC 32pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 35pts, 3.North Staffs 40pts,
4.Bolton U 48pts, 14 teams closed in.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ●●●●●●

DONALD MACLEAN



(Photo: E.D. Lacey)

stomach ulcer that has plagued him for years, and which would have caused many lesser men to have hung up their shoes long ago. But Don loves running, the fitness it brings and the thirst it creates! To focus the spotlight correctly we go back 34 years.

Don Maclean was born on the 11th December 1932 in Camberwell; though he is proud of the Scottish blood that flows in his veins. During the war he was evacuated to Woking and it was on his return to London in late 1944 that his school was amalgamated with Wandsworth School. It was in his second year that he was eligible for the Junior 2 miles C.C. run on Wimbledon Common. This was his first race and after only 200 yards he was last. Although dismayed he pressed on, making ground steadily until at half-way he surprised himself by taking the lead and going on to win by a good margin.

It sounds like the start of a storybook career, but he found the going much tougher in the inter-schools races. In 1947 he joined his elder brother in the Wandsworth School senior C.C. team. At this time the Macleans were living next door to that fair-headed "young" Veteran Tom Carter, who had probably engineered it all anyway! With his interest in athletics aroused Don watched the 1948 AAA Championships at the White City with, no doubt, an admiring eye cast on the athletic figure of his next door neighbour. After the meeting Carter signed up Don, his brother and Jenkinson - all members of his school team.

Not until the following track season (1949) did Don take an interest in Belgrave affairs. Our Juniors coach, Micky Pyer, gave him a schedule of training which soon began to show results. In the SLH grammar schools mile he did his first sub-5 minute effort (4:59), finishing 6th. He was now 16½ years old. Shortly afterwards he broke his school record with 4:53, run on a grass track marked out on the sloping rugby field - "a hard course"!

The bell rang and the four drenched, cinder bespattered figures gasped their way into the last lap of 2,000 metres. The French crowd roared encouragement to the two Parisien schoolboys but there was little doubt that the London duo were in command. The raking stride of the 6'2½" tall leader soon ate up the last 300 metres, with his team mate trailing - too weary to produce his customary "kick". One, two for London and the match was clinched 82 - 64.

Our subject is, of course, the winner of that race - Donald G. Maclean - and it is worth noting that his team mate on this occasion was Ian H. Boyd, a subsequent international and Olympian. In recent years Don Maclean has acquired a reputation of being an unpredictable runner who, when he has a bad run, makes it abysmally bad. This is accentuated by his philosophy that "Having set one's hand to the plough one should not look back" - hence his record of having never dropped out. Some argue that he takes this too far (it has even been known for the officials to have gone home before his arrival at the finish) but his self discipline is to be admired, for at times he suffers untold pain from a

After getting his School Certificate examination behind him he began turning out for the Bels also. He first represented us in a Youth match at Charlton Park where he clocked 4:46.8 in finishing 2nd to our own Ray Tooby (then Dartford). Three more sub-4:50 performances followed, the last being the Surrey County Youths mile in which he was 2nd. The early fifties were the Maclean years. In Cross country he won the Surrey Youths title, finished 4th in the Southern Youths and 4th in the Surrey Junior (when only a Youth) behind the redoubtable Gordon Pirie. On the track he won the L.A.C. Schools mile in the third fastest ever time of 4:28.2 (remember this was 15 years ago) following this up with 2nd in the All-England Schools and a win over Peter Driver in the Surrey Junior mile in a record 4:25.6. In the annual London v Paris Schools match he won the mile in the London fixture and, as previously related, the 2,000 metres at the Paris venue.

1952 saw him hovering just outside the 4:20 mark and this was good enough to give him a win in the Brockman (George Knight 2nd) and 2nd in the Surrey Senior and L.C.C. miles. In addition he was reserve to Chataway for the Inter-Counties and ran for Surrey against the Olympic Possibles.

He was now on the verge of breaking into top-class athletics, and could conceivably have set his eyes on the 1956 Olympics, but the effects of the war had not completely passed away and in the Autumn of 1952 he was called up for National Service. During his service in the Royal Artillery he served three months in Korea and generally did very little running.

Demobbed in the Autumn of 1954 Don went straight up to Oxford where he entered Brasenose College to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Although he was beginning to experience stomach discomfort he soon got back into training, winning the freshmen's mile in 4:26 - just outside Alan Gordon's record. Accompanied by Don Smith (N.Z.), Charlie Maxwell (USA) and E.C.Gorrie he represented Oxford in the Inter-Varsity relays meeting, and shortly afterwards won a second string mile for Oxford Centipedes in his



Photo: E.D. Lacey

Don trails Mal Robinson and Pat Newall at the half distance in the 1961 Belgrave mile championship. Don was beaten on the tape by John Davies, with Newall 3rd and Robinson 4th.

WALKING

We were unable to publish details of many walking events in our last issue so we begin by summarising the results of those events completed at the time of our August publication.

5th March 1966 - Battersea Park S.C.A.A.A. 7 miles TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP
 1.J.Webb (Bas.AC) 53:26 2.D.Thompson (MWC) 53:42.8 3.R.Middleton (BEL) 53:45

NATIONAL & INTERCOUNTY '10'

19th March - Cophthall Stadium, Hendon

1.P.McCullagh (M.W.C.)	74:05	72.D.King (BELGRAVE H)	86:42
2.M.Tolley (S.U.H.)	74:23	125.R.Morrison "	92:40
3.R.Wallwork (Lancs)	74:30	150.C.Capener "	95:56
8.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	77:22	162.J.Keown "	98:29
33.R.Hall "	82:30	180.P.Wilson "	102:37
56.G.Farley "	85:00	191.F.Denney "	106:14
Teams:- 1.Met.WC 48pts, 2.Sheffield UH 65pts, 3.Surrey WC 77pts, 5.BELGRAVE H. 149pts.			

A. A. A. '7'

26th March - Hurlingham Park

1.V.P.Nihill (Surrey WC) 50:52 7.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H) 53:39

2nd April - Battersea Park MET. W.C. 20 Kilos

1.P.McCullagh (Met WC)	94:07	45.J.Keown (BELGRAVE H)	
2.J.Webb (Bas AC)	95:22	57.T.Cook "	
3.R.Hart (Roath)	96:55	64.J.Morris "	
9.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	100:00	76.P.Wilson "	
44.D.Fotheringham "	116:46		
Teams:- 1.Met.WC 20pts 6.BELGRAVE H 116pts.			

April - R.A.F. v Met.Police v Civil Service

1.R.Hart (RAF)	76:15	18.E.Hall (C.S)	
2.W.Sutherland (Met.Pol)	76:17	19.C.Yescombe (Met.Pol)	
3.R.Middleton (C.S)	76:43		
Teams:- 1.R.A.F. 97pts, Met.Police 58pts, 3.Civil Service 46pts.			

20th April - Battersea Park SURREY TRACK '7'

1.P.Nihill (Surrey WC)	51:39.8	11.J.Morris (BELGRAVE H)	64:17.0
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	53:41.6	12.J.Baker "	65:02.0
3.R.Hall "	55:32.8	13.T.Cook "	65:37.0

Colchester - Ipswich

23rd April -

1.P.McCullagh (Met WC)	2:07:35	14.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	2:29:09
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	2:12:24	53.D.Fotheringham "	2:53:52
3.D.Thompson (Met WC)	2:12:34	68.C.Yescombe "	3:13:00
Teams:- 1.Met WC (1,3,4) 8pts, 7.BELGRAVE H 69pts			

Surrey County '20'

30th April - Mitcham

1.P.Nihill (Surrey WC)	2:46:04	12.J.Baker (BELGRAVE H)	3:22:27
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	2:55:37	16.J.Morris "	3:30:01
3.P.Selby (Surrey WC)	2:58:53	18.J.Wilson "	3:40:45
5.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	3:02:56	20.P.Wilson "	3:44:17
Teams:- 1.Surrey WC 15pts, 2.Belgrave H 35pts.			

14th May -

R. W. A. 20 kilos - Sheffield

1.P.Nihill (Surrey WC)	93:45	47.P.Duncan (BELGRAVE H)	113:01
2.R.Wallwork (LWC)	94:35	48.E.Hall "	113:24
3.J.Webb (Basil)	95:51	49.D.King "	113:24
7.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	98:07	63.J.Baker "	117:48
15.R.Hall "	102:40	67.J.Keown "	119:57
29.G.Cameron "	106:34	70.R.Picton "	121:25
32.G.Farley "	107:08		
Teams:- 1.Surrey WC 29pts,	2.Met WC 62pts,	3.Steyning AC 66pts,	
4.BELGRAVE H 69pts.			

Bradford 50 kilos

A fine win by Belgrave with Duncan getting 2nd in the handicap off 40 minutes. Bob Farley helped Dave King along who had walked himself to a standstill but soon got over it.

At the finish a Bradford official said, "What! You only started with four men".

1.R.Middleton	4:38:59	11.G.Farley	5:19:55
9.P.Duncan	5:12:33	13.D.King	5:21:33
Team:- 1. BELGRAVE H			

8th June - Battersea Park - 2 mile Track Walk

1.E.Hall (0:45)	15:18.8	6.J.Baker (2:35)	17:22
2.P.Duncan (1:45)	16:15	7.C.MacLennan (4:15)	19:32
3.D.Fotheringham (1:55)	16:20	8.A.East (4:30)	19:32
4.H.Hooper (2:30)	17:04.4	9.F.Denny (5:20)	20:09
5.C.Yescombe (2:45)	17:17		

R. W. A. 20 miles11th June - Hinckley

1.N.Read (Steyn AC)	2:39:33	33.G.Farley (BELGRAVE H)	3:01:18
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	2:40:08	34.D.King "	3:02:07
3.R.Wallwork (Lancs)	2:40:22	56.G.Cameron "	3:11:05
25.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	2:58:55	70.J.Keown "	3:18:03
28.P.Duncan "	2:59:45	71.G.Beecham "	3:18:03
Teams:- 1.Met WC 33pts,	2.Leicester WC 59pts,	3.Surrey WC 65pts,	
4.BELGRAVE H 70pts.			

14th June -

LAMBETH '5'

1.P.Nihill (Surrey WC)	35:46	24.P.Duncan (BELGRAVE H)	41:52
5.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	37:55	31.S.L.Jones "	43:23
13.R.Hall "	39:52		

29th June - Battersea Park - 2 miles Track Walk

1.E.Hall (0:25)	14:45	7.J.Baker (2:30)	17:05
2.R.Hall (0:50)	15:42	8.T.Cook (2:40)	17:06
3.D.Fotheringham (1:30)	16:20	9.J.Wilson (5:20)	19:07
4.R.Picton (2:20)	16:27	10.C.Gittens (4:40)	19:12
5.H.Hooper (2:20)	16:28	11.P.Wilson (5:10)	19:33
6.C.Yescombe (2:20)	16:44		

6th July - Battersea Park - BELGRAVE INTER-CLUB TRACK WALKS5 miles

1.I.Brooks (Surrey WC)	37:01.6	13.D.Fotheringham (BELGRAVE H)	42:50
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	37:04	17.C.Yescombe "	44:00
3.D.Thompson (Met WC)	38:10		

3 miles

1.P.Selby (Surrey WC)	22:03	7.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	23:04
2.E.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	22:06	14.J.Baker "	26:50
3.B.Hawkins (Met WC)	22:11		

2 miles

1.P.Marlow (Southend)	14:09.6	6.R.Barnes (BELGRAVE H)	15:05
2.K.Easlea (Enfield)	14:19	14.R.Picton "	16:16
3.W.Sutherland (Highgate)	14:30		

Teams:-		<u>5miles</u>	<u>3 miles</u>	<u>2 miles</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.Met.WC		79	76	66	221
2.Surrey WC		78	68	54	200
3.Belgrave H		61	70	43	174
9 Teams completed.					

Birmingham Outer Circle '25'

<u>9th July</u>					
1.P.Nihill (Surrey WC)	3:23:44	26.J.Keown (BELGRAVE H)	4:16:33		
2.D.Thompson (Met WC)	3:32:33	27.G.Beecham "	4:18:02		
3.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	3:34:18	41.C.Yescombe "	4:35:25		
9.R.Hall "	3:56:14	44.D.Fotheringham	4:40:10		
13.G.Farley "	4:03:00				
<u>Teams:-</u> 1.Surrey WC 21pts, 2.BELGRAVE H 37pts, 3.Royal Sutton CWC 50pts					

Southern R.W.A. 20kilos

<u>16th July</u>					
1.P.Fullager (Surrey WC)	91:35	16.D.King (BELGRAVE H)	107:12		
9.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	101:15	24.J.Evans "	111:15		

R.W.A. NATIONAL 50 kilos

<u>23rd July - Chigwell Row</u>					
1.D.Thompson (Met WC)	4:28:26	11.G.Farley (BELGRAVE H)	5:15:13		
2.R.Middleton (BELGRAVE H)	4:32:18	19.P.Duncan "	5:28:12		
3.C.Fogg (Enfield)	4:36:13	20.G.Beecham "	5:28:12		
5.R.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	4:57:40	23.J.Keown "	5:35:08		
9.D.King "	5:04:30				
<u>Teams:-</u> 1.BELGRAVE H 19pts, 2.Surrey WC 32pts, 3.Leicester WC 72pts					

Some of our recent performances have been affected by the absence of our Captain, Ray Hall, who has been the king-pin of our long distance walking teams for many years has been obliged to lay off racing for a while. Fortunately there is nothing physically wrong, but the tension of his hectic day to day life with the Stock Exchange needs relaxing and his attitude towards competitive walking had not been helping him to do this. No doubt he will do some strolling through this bout of trouble and we wish him a speedy recovery.

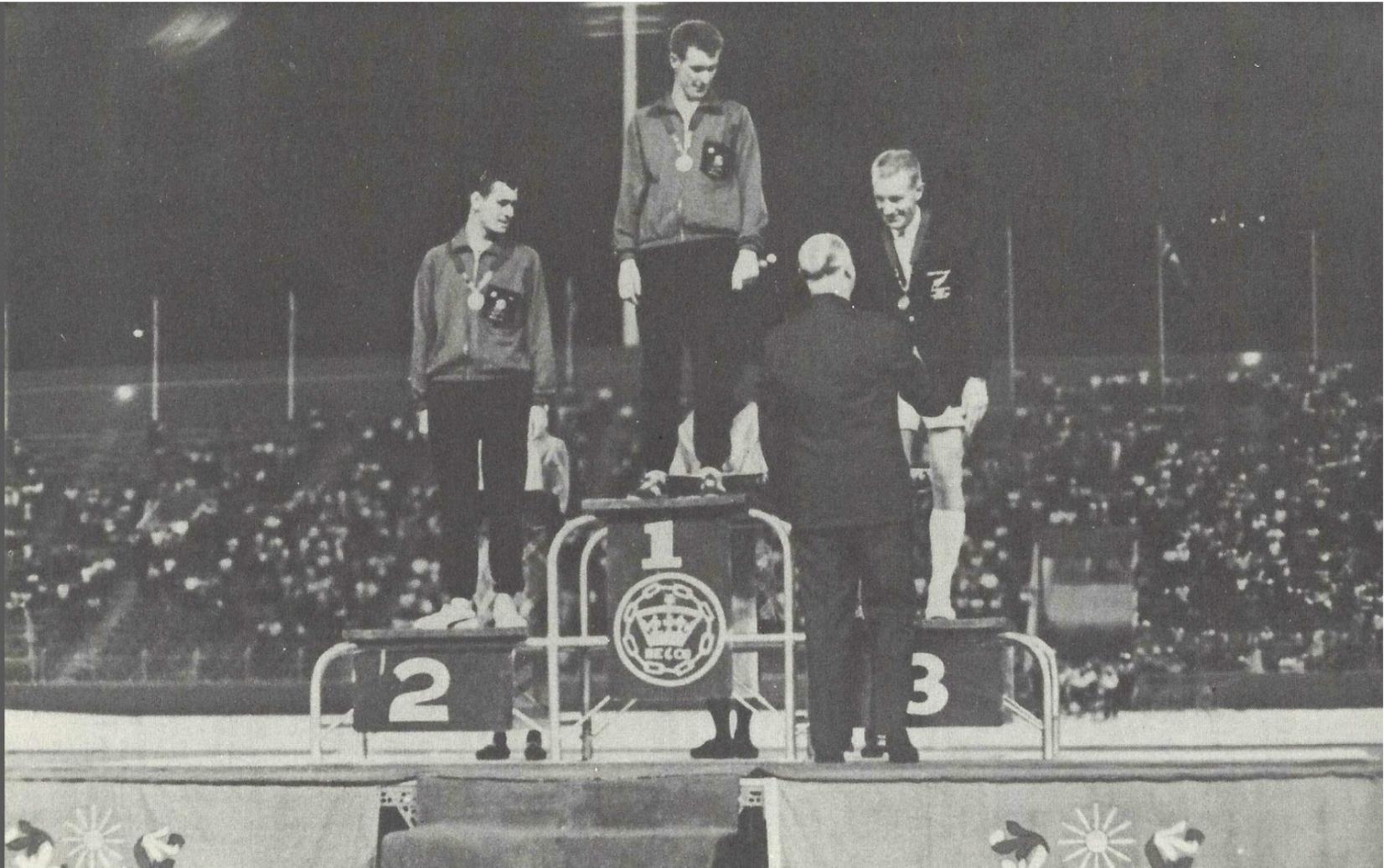
Another to be out of action recently was Eric Hall, suffering from a bad bout of pharyngitis. Eric has been obliged to see a specialist about the trouble, and we only hope he will be fully recovered and fit for the first National events of 1967.

Talking of the Nationals, they will be held in the following areas in 1967. In March, 10 miles - THE NORTH; in May, 20 Kilos - THE SOUTH; in June 20 miles - THE SOUTH; in July, 50 Kilos - THE MIDLANDS. Jack Goswell, the RWA Championships Hon.Sec., is hoping that the Southern venues for the 20 Kilos and 20 miles will be Morden and East Ewell respectively, but arrangements have yet to be finalised.

Jack tells us that the RWA circulars asking clubs for views on the four National titles are now in and that a final decision about the future will be made at the next RWA Committee. It does seem very likely that the 10 miles event will be dropped in 1968. The metric events surely must remain and the 20 miles would seem to be the most secure of all. Generally regarded as the top championship of the domestic road walking scene, it is also the longest standing. This is the race where the 20 Kilos and 50 Kilos specialists meet on equal terms and many an interesting contest results.

As usual, Belgravians are playing an active part in the administration of our sport. At the RWA Annual General Meeting Alf Harley was re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Jack Goswell Championships Hon.Sec.; whilst at the AGM of the Southern RWA, Frank Jarvis, our President, was elected as Hon. Secretary and a Vice-President, with Ray Hall, Ray Middleton and Doug Fotheringham elected to the committee.

With the two Halls both laid off from racing it has been particularly pleasing to see the fine return to form of Bob Barnes. He is moving very well and is showing a keenness of purpose which is probably related to the small walking fraternity built up at Cambridge & Coleridge AC. Regular



Following our extensive praise of Ray Middleton in our last issue for his performances up to and including his Commonwealth Games silver medal, we make no apology for carrying on where we left off in view of his European Games performance.

Ray considers his 5th place in the European Games 50 Kilometres Road Walk of 1966 at Budapest, as the best performance of his career. Who are we to argue? Any man who can finish tightly sandwiched between walkers of the calibre of Kurt Sakowski (E.Germany) and Henri Delerue (France) must have walked exceedingly well. In addition, after almost 4½ hours of walking he was only 4¼ minutes behind the winner, the reigning Olympic and European Champion Abdon Pamich and a mere 1¾ seconds short of a bronze medal. This was great stuff indeed.

Metropolitan's Don Thompson made an all-or-nothing bid to hold Pamich and at 22 Kilos was still with the Italian, but shortly afterwards he faded and lost ground steadily for the rest of the race. Ray was never outside the first eight once the field had sorted itself out. At 10 Kilos he was eighth, 49 seconds down; at 20 Kilos seventh, 2:17 down; at 30 Kilos seventh 2:04 down - having gained on the leaders. Sakowski was the only man to have walked that 10 Kilos faster than Middleton, and the fast moving German caught Ray on the next 10 kilometre stretch just as our man had passed Agapov (USSR) and had the fading Penek (USSR) and Delerue in his sights and the smell of BRONZE!

The 35 Kilometre mark must have been the most exciting stage of the race for Ray. Judge for yourselves -

1.Shcherbina (USSR) 3:00:30, 2.Pamich (Italy) 3:00:48, 3.Delerue (France) 3:01:50, 4.Sakowski (E.Ger) 3:02:40, 5.Penek (USSR) 3:02:45, 6.MIDDLETON 3:02:50, 7.Agapov (USSR) 3:02:53, 8.THOMPSON 3:04:05.

Agapov produced the fastest final 15 Kilos to jump five places and snatch the silver, but whilst Ray forced Delerue and Penek back to 6th and 17th places respectively the tremendous effort he had put in over the 3rd and 4th Kilos told, and his final 10 was the slowest of the first five finishers. By such narrow margins are titles won or lost.

EUROPEAN GAMES RESULT:

1.A.Pamich (Italy).....	4:18:42	6.H.Delerue (France)....	4:24:30
2.G.Agapov (USSR)	4:20:01	7.G.Reiger (E.Germany)..	4:25:51
3.A.Shcherbina (USSR)	4:20:47	8.V.Visini (Italy)	4:26:22
4.K.Sakowski (E.Germany)....	4:21:35	9.D.THOMPSON (G.B)	4:27:11
5.R.MIDDLETON (G.B.).....	4:23:01	10.C.Sowa (Lux)	4:30:14

(26 started.)

London to Brighton Title Lost

September 3rd

Pat Duncan and that Brighton stalwart, George Beecham, led home our quartet to third place medals at Brighton on September 3rd. Considering that Ray Hall was missing out this year's race and Dave King, after a fine start, was obliged to retire, our performance can be regarded with some satisfaction

RESULT:

1.K.Mason (Surrey WC)	8:21:39	8.P.Duncan (BELGRAVE H)	9:04:22
2.N.Read (Steyning)	8:36:06	10.G.Beecham "	9:16:55
3.M.Blyth (Leicester)	8:36:45	21.J.Morris "	9:48:15
		22.J.Keown "	9:48:58

Team:- 1.Surrey WC (1,5,8,14) 28pts, 2.Steyning (2,6,11,12) 31pts
3.BELGRAVE H (7,9,16,17) 49pts.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS ONE HOUR TRACK WALK

September 24th - Parliament Hill Fields

'A' Section		'D' Section	
2.R.Middleton	7m 1664yds	38.C.MacLennan	6m 3yds
8.E.Hall	7m 1034yds	40.A.East	5m 1745yds
9.R.Barnes	7m 963yds	52.J.Wilson	5m 1450yds
'C' Section		56.P.Wilson	5m 1412yds
7.D.Fotheringham	6m 1355yds	65.B.Stevenson	5m 1096yds
10.P.Duncan	6m 1215yds	75.J.Scammel	5m 515yds
16.R.Picton	6m 1014yds	1.Belgrave H (2,8,9,39)	58pts
20.J.Baker	6m 947yds	2.Leicester (12,14,23,25)	74pts
33.T.Cook	6m 582yds	3.Surrey WC (3,22,31,32)	88pts

LEICESTER W.C. OPEN 7 MILESOctober 1st - Leicester

1.M.Tolley (SUH)	52:03	G.Farley (BELGRAVE H)	58:05
2.P.Hughes (RSC)	52:28	P.Duncan "	58:56
3.S.Lightman (MWC)	53:04	<u>Team Result:</u>	
6.E.Hall (BELGRAVE H)	53:39	1.Leicester WC	34pts
14.R.Barnes "	55:02	2.Royal Sutton Coldfield	37pts
R.Hall "	58:02	3.Sheffield U H	53pts
G.Cameron "	58:05	4.BELGRAVE H	65pts

MATCH v MET. POLICE W.C.October 1st - Wimbledon

1.K.Easlea (Guest)	37:25	11.S.James (BELGRAVE H)(7:00)	43:39
2.A.Seddon (Met.Pol)	38:35	16.A.Morrison(Met.Pol) (9:00)	44:53
3.L.Mockett "	40:32	21.A.East (BELGRAVE H)(10:45)	47:19
4.J.Keown (BELGRAVE H) (5:35)	41:47	23.C.Gittens "	(11:30) 48:12
5.J.Baker "	(5:45) 41:48	25.C.Yescombe "	(6:25) 48:16
8.D.Fotheringham "	(5:10) 42:18	26.B.Stevenson "	(12:00) 48:23
9.R.Picton "	(5:00) 42:53	27.J.Wilson "	(13:30) 49:12
10.T.Cook "	(5:45) 42:54		

Match Result: Met.Police W.C. 60pts BELGRAVE H 76pts.

Handicap: 1.J.Wilson 35:42, 2.A.Morrison 35:53, 3.J.Baker 36:03

The 40th "Giro di Roma"

October 2nd - MIDDLETON THIRD IN ROME

There were 49 starters in this 23 kilometre race which, for the most part was held in heavy rain. Ray made his usual cautious start but then moved up to second place behind the Italian Olympic and European Champion Abdon Pamich.

With just 2 kilos left another Italian, De Vito, made ground rapidly to pass Ray who let him go, thinking it was a burst unlikely to be sustained and that there was some time yet to pull him back. Not only did Ray misjudge the time he'd spent on the road, but the course was short into the bargain. De Vito obviously knew exactly where he was and his burst was meant for the finish. Ray realised his mistake too late and coasted in for third - with some more experience under his belt.

RESULT: 1.A.Pamich (Italy) 1:39:28 4.G.Poretta (Switz) 1:43:35
2.N.De Vito (Italy) 1:41:31 5.R.Magnor Horst (Germany) 1:44:38
3.R.MIDDLETON (GB) 1:42:29 6.M.Tabakovic (Yugoslavia)1:45:02

HIGHGATE OPEN '7'

October 22nd - Parliament Hill Fields

This was Ray Middleton's first clash with Ronnie Wallwork since the Lancashire WC man won the Empire Games Gold Medal., but it was not a successful revenge story. Not surprising really when one considers that this is a relatively much shorter race for Middleton than it is for Wallwork

Surprise of the afternoon was the outstanding form shown by Bob Barnes who really went great guns. His 8th position, only 2:04 down on Middleton must have been one of his best ever performances.

Gerry Cameron (not at his best) and the fast improving Jack Baker completed our scoring four.

RESULT:

1.R.Wallwork(Lancs WC)	49:39	98.C.Yescombe (BELS 'A')	64:56
2.J.Webb (Basildon)	50:02	59.D.Fotheringham (BELS'B')	60:36
3.R.Middleton (BELS 'A')	51:21	77.C.Capener "	62:45
8.R.Barnes "	53:24	120.C.MacLennan "	68:22
38.G.Cameron "	58:39	126.B.Stevenson "	68:50
53.J.Baker "	59:47	P.Wilson "	71:13
58.J.Keown "	60:36	C.Speechley "	77:22
63.P.Duncan "	60:53	J.Wilson (Individual)	
70.R.Picton "	61:49		

Teams:- 1.Trowbridge AC 33pts, 2.Highgate H 'A' 73pts,3.BELGRAVE H 'A' 84pts

Handicap Team:- 3.BELGRAVE H 'A'

Bob Barnes and Jack Baker followed up their Highgate outings with races the following week at Enfield and Bexley.

Bob finished only 87 seconds behind K.Easlea (Enfield), clocking 54:35 over a seven mile course.

Jack's effort over 5½ miles at Bexley was against even tougher opposition. In gaining sixth place he was beaten by C.Williams, M.Tolley, P.Selby, J.Moran and J.Godber, with less than 90 seconds covering all six.

MATCH v CIVIL SERVICE A.A., STOCK EXCHANGE A.C., MET.POLICE W.C.,
ESSEX POLICE.

November 5th - Imber Court

1.R.Middleton (C.S.)	52:26	64.C.MacLennan (Met.Pol)	67:43
2.R.Barnes (BELGRAVE H)	53:40	73.G.Doubleday (BELGRAVE H)	70:06
3.R.Dobson (Ex.Credits)	55:47	76.J.Wilson (BELGRAVE H)	71:23
12.P.Duncan (BELGRAVE H)	59:12	77.P.Wilson (BELGRAVE H)	71:27
23.J.Keown (Customs & Ex)	60:56		
25.D.Fotheringham (Met.Pol)	61:14	Civil Service Championship:	
40.C.Yescombe (Met.Pol)	64:02	1.R.Middleton	

Team Result: 1.Civil Service 21pts, 2.Stock Ex.59pts, 3.Met.Pol 67pts
4.BELGRAVE H 81pts, 5.Essex Police 97pts

Enfield Open '7'

On November 12th Enfield held their Open seven miles walk. We entered three teams but unfortunately owing to sickness we were minus three of our best men. We were pleased to see Joe Scammell walking again less than twelve months after he suffered a serious illness. He walked extremely well for his 76 years of age and finished in 74:11 with others still behind him.

RESULT:

1.J.Webb	51:06	83.C.Capener (BELGRAVE)	64:07
2.B.Eley	51:22	119.B.Stevenson	67:54
3.S.Lightman	51:55	121.C.MacLennan	68:07
12.R.Barnes (BELGRAVE)	54:33	122.A.East	68:08
36.G.Cameron	58:03	129.P.Wilson	70:31
45.P.Duncan	58:45	132.C.Gittens	70:57
49.J.Baker	59:20	133.J.Wilson	70:59
61.D.Fotheringham	61:01	141.J.Scammell	74:11
		146 finished.	

Belgrave Open '7'

The 47th Annual Belgrave 7 Miles Open Road Walk was held on 26th November. This 'Classic' of Open Handicap Races attracted a programme entry of 263 competitors including 27 teams from all of the Clubs in the South and most of those in the Midlands. Of this number 187 walkers were sent sent on their way by the President amidst a large gathering of supporters.

It was too much to hope that the Bels. would regain the 'Berman' Cup for the first scratch team to finish, both Ray and Eric Hall were under the orders of their doctors not to walk and the evergreen Ray Middleton was making his first appearance on his 'home course' for some time - a most welcome return. John Webb of Basildon A.C. (more will be seen of this stylish walker in International events in the future) won the race in 51m.58. more than a minute in front of R. Hughes of Royal Sutton C.F. with Colin Young (Essex Beagles) third.

F.J.

<u>RESULT</u>			
1. J. Webb.....(Basildon)	51:58	91.J. Keown.....(BELS 'A')	64:38
2. R. Hughes.....(R.S.G.)	53:05	99.T. Cook.....	'B' 65:11
3. C. Young.....(Essex B)	53:47	112.G. Yescombe....	" 'A' 66:27
4. A. Jones.....(Brighton)	53:48	141.C. MacLennan...	" 'B' 69:04
5. R. Middleton....(BELS 'A')	54:11	148.G. Beecham.....	" " 69:55
9. R. Barnes.....(	55:10	149.S. James.....	" " 69:55
28. G. Cameron.....	58:36	151.A. East.....	" " 70:00
49. P. Duncan.....	60:07	158.G. Doubleday....	" " 71:36
57. J. Baker.....	61:31	167.J. Wilson.....	" " 72:57
75. D. Fotheringham	63:01	168.P. Wilson.....	" " 72:59

(Team result opposite)

JUNIOR SECTION

SURREY COUNTY YOUTHS ROAD RELAY - 10th September - Woking

1.Croydon H	41:45	P.Gee	11:50
2.Mitcham AC	43:30	T.Brooks	12:15
3.Epsom & Ewell H ..	45:51	A.Chandler	12:34
6.BELGRAVE H	48:38	J.Kelly.....	11:59

BELGRAVE OPEN YOUTHS RELAY

Windsor win our 9th promotion.

In a keenly contested race, in which each of the four stages produced a different leading club, Windsor & Eton stormed into the lead on the leg that mattered thro' the kind auspices of Guy King, who celebrated his club's win by clocking the day's fastest time into the bargain.

Shaftsbury headed the field home on the first stage of the race, held at Wimbledon Common on October 15th. A 20 seconds lead was a fine start. Nino Bondonna had a tough field to fight against for the Bels and it was not his day, finishing 2½ minutes down in 22nd place.

Whilst Brighton took over the lead on stage 2, John Kelly put all he had into retrieving the situation for the home team, hauling us up five places and recording the fastest time of our quartet.

For the third successive stage Windsor held second place behind new leaders (this time Wimbledon College), and it was now a two-horse race as Shaftsbury and Mitcham were three quarters of a minute in arrears. Richard Moody brought the Bels up another place with a sound run, leaving Philip Gee with the burden of deciding our final position.

Philip gave our placing some respectability by pushing the Wimbledon College 'B' team runner back two places, but was unable to catch the Selhurst G.S. runner just in front - leaving us with a final position of 15th. Up at the front, King pulverised Wimbledon College to give Windsor & Eton a winning margin of 44 seconds.

The race organisation went smoothly, thanks to the efforts of Gordon Biscoe and Bill Lucas, and the detailed results were pinned up within 20 minutes of the last runner finishing.

RESULT:

1.Windsor & Eton AC.....	47:18	Nino Bondonna.....	14:03
2.Wimbledon College 'A'.....	48:02	John Kelly.....	12:44
3.Mitcham AC 'A'.....	48:45	Richard Moody.....	13:32
4.Shaftsbury H	49:10	Philip Gee.....	13:17
5.Aldershot/Farnham AC.....	49:37		
6.Horsham Blue Star H.....	49:44		
15.BELGRAVE HARRIERS	53:36		

(24 teams finished)

Day's fastest times:- G.King (Wind) 11:13, D.Bedford (Shaft) 11:27,
M.Woods (Ald) 11:42, D.Pellett (B'ton) 11:44, I.Ryan (Wimbledon Coll) 11:45

MEDAL COMPETITIONS

BOYS COMPETITION

1. Paul Priest.....	99 points
2. John Lewis	98 points
3. Peter Dunn	97 points
Merit Medal. S.Williams.....	

YOUTHS COMPETITION

=1. R.Laidler.....	96 points
=1. A.Bent.....	
3. A.Chandler.....	92 points

(Cont'd from opposite page)

Teams

1. Surrey W.C.	(5,8,9,24).....	46points
2. Trowbridge A.C	(14,15,19,20).....	68points
3. BELGRAVE H.	(3,7,26,45).....	81points

From 'The BELGRAVIAN'

25 YEARS AGO

..... "On Saturday, 13th September 1941, the third meeting of the teams representing the North and South of Thames took place at the Enfield F.C. Stadium. The meeting had been billed as "Grand Display and Sports" and was in aid of the National Air Raid Distress Fund, sponsored by the Lord Mayor of London, who was present at the meeting. The Lord Mayor had very graciously presented a trophy to be held by the winning team for 12 months.

As the Belgrave and Shaftsbury Clubs were responsible for the idea, they have agreed that this competition shall be confined to clubs in membership to the North and South of Thames Cross Country Associations". (Eds: It would be interesting to know what happened to this trophy! Does anyone know?)

. . . . and 40 YEARS AGO

..... "The first Inter-Club cross country race of the season, with T.V.H. and Ashcombe A.C., was anticipated with more than usual interest... in addition the move of the Thames Valley H. from Isleworth to Feltham, was expected to provide a true run race which unfortunately has not always resulted previously over the old course.

Anticipations were not realised, for the distance covered proved much shorter than expected, with the consequence that some who had been reserving their energies for the full 5 miles found them wasted when sighting the finish a full mile short.

Result: 1.A.Clark (Bels) 2.P.V.Bicknell (TVH) 3.H.E.Footer (Bels)
Belgrave H 158pts, TVH 220pts, Ashcombe AC 337pts.

. . . . even 58 YEARS AGO

..... From the "Club Circular" October 1908: "The opening boxing show will be held in the large hall at Headquarters on the third Tuesday in October and all members should turn up as Mr.Lambert has arranged some very interesting contests. In addition Mr.G.de Relwyslaw, the Olympic Champion, will give an exhibition of wrestling.

We are pleased to see both the Captain and Vice-captain of boxing attending club nights and assisting Mr.Lambert and only hope the running captain would follow their example.

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P R I O R Y R E L A Y S

November 5th - Reigate Priory

The Youth's race was the first of the afternoon. At present we have a very keen Youth section which will certainly improve under the training of Tom Carter and Reg Hopkins but their performances were not good enough to obtain a higher place than 14th out of the 22 teams that finished. John Kelly was our best runner with a time of 8:54.

RESULT:

1.Windsor & Eton	33:17	3.Dorking St.Pauls	35:25
2.T.V.H.	34:18	14.BELGRAVE H	36:59

In the last issue of the 'Belgravian' we mentioned that Derek Thorogate's discus throw of 139'7", during the Surrey Youth Championships, was a Youths Club Record. In actual fact John Martin threw the implement 140'7½" during a match with Polytechnic H and London AC back in June 1964.

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* BELGRAVE HALL will now be open on Sunday mornings from *
* 10:00am until 12:30pm with the exception of December 11th *
* when a coaches convention is being held. *
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This is thought to be the start of the Club '10' of 1926. Of the 11 starters, 9 finished. Winner was the smartly turned-out Bert Footer (3rd from right) alongside of whom is the bespectacled Wally Bayliss who was to become our President, but probably retired from this race. Runner up to Footer was Micky Pyer (extreme left) who won in 1923 and 1924; with George Still (extreme right) 3rd. A.E. Smith (second from left) was 5th and J.G. Flatt (fourth from left) 6th.



This photo shows some of our walkers from the same era.

REAR (1 to r): J.N. Thomas, ---, ---, W.H. Hare, J. Rathbone, -Chalk, A.P. Spendlove, R.E. Wills, Tom Eaton.

FRONT (1 to r): F. Rickards, E. Wall, R.W. Ricketts, E.G. Cooper, R.D. McMullen.

A COUNTRYMAN'S JOTTINGS

..... It is with a sense of real purpose that the cross-country runners enter the 1966/7 season. For the fourth successive year they approach our main fixtures with a team even stronger than last years. Our depth, always good, is now the strongest in the land and it would not surprise me if our 12th man was inside the first 90 in the Southern Championships at Parliament Hill Fields on February 11th. The premier event is of course the National Championships, to be held this year at Norwich. This surely must be our year to make the first three. Just look at our progression over the last five years:-

1962	.....	17th	(1218 points)	.....	6	in	426
1963	.....	11th	(706 points)	.....	6	in	231
1964	.....	8th	(607 points)	.....	6	in	160
1965	.....	6th	(484 points)	.....	6	in	140
1966	.....	4th	(447 points)	.....	6	in	134

Could there be a better challenge for 1967? Our runners have enough time to condition themselves both physically and mentally to go out with the confidence needed to lift the title. Six in 100 and nine in 150 is a distinct possibility. This could be the year!

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 What of our rivals for the main events of the season? Well Portsmouth, 3rd in the last National, appear to have the strongest potential with only six to score. Their performances will greatly depend on how injury free they can keep their teams. They finished 5 in 37 in the 1966 National but had to wait until 173 for their sixth scorer. Since then Ingleton has joined them and, on his day, could well make the first 50. The two Cookes are both in trim again after lay-offs and should reach peak just at the right time. With Johnstone and Tulloh to lead them and Hyman marshalling the remainder Pompey could well be the biggest threat unless..... unless the holders North Staffs and Stone think otherwise. They will not let their title go easily. Their rise to fame has been little less than meteoric, with National placings over the last four years of 41st, 12th, 5th, and 1st. Their depth is questionable, but with the stalwart Fowler, Shelley and Walker to boost runners with flair such as Jackson, Dean and Boyden they have a powerful half dozen - and there is always Billington on the fringe.

As good as these two teams are there is another that commands more respect than all our rivals put together, and that is Coventry Godiva Harriers. With one first, one second and two thirds in the last four years their consistency makes them the most formidable team of all. Basil Heatley, although "retired" from representative running, is still a very consistent performer and provides the Godiva team with the stability it sometimes needs. Dick Taylor, their fast improving 5,000 metres runner will be a useful pace-maker for those marathon medallists Adcocks and Kilby. In addition, there is every chance that their cross country internationals Juan Taylor (only once outside the 'teens in the last four Nationals) and John Hammond will be well to the fore. This is a formidable sextet, and they still have Horne, Lancaster and Dowall to provide strong support. This is the team that needs watching most of all.

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 What good news it is that Bill Kerr is running into form again. After showing tremendous promise in his early days with us - he was our No.1 before Gerry North arrived on the scene - he has since had his ups and downs and many thought we had seen the last of him. But you can't keep a good Scot down and Bill's present form suggests he could be a real threat to the opposition in the New Year.

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 Talking of Scots, we have had the pleasure of Albert Smith's company during the latter months of 1966. Albert is a friend of Bill Kerr and Hugh Barrow. He ran for us in the Banks match at Epsom, splitting Bicourt and Dance, and displayed a keenness that we were sorry to lose so soon.

We were, indeed, even sorrier to lose that other Scotsman Joe Reilly. Joe has turned in some excellent performances for Belgrave and his support for the club was always greatly appreciated. He is now studying and training at Liverpool University to become a P.E. teacher. We wish him all the success possible and trust he will spread forth the gospel of Belgrave Harriers.

No club can easily afford to lose someone of Reilly's calibre and it was fortuitous that within days of his departure we had the pleasure of welcoming Brian Buxton to our ranks. Brian (formerly of Grafton AC) has led something of a lone-wolf existence to date. This has not deterred him from turning in some good performances though, and he has shown himself to be in the 9 minute 2 miler class. He ran very well in the South of Thames Junior race at West Wickham to gain 3rd place and he is very likely to revel in the competition our fixture list provides.

David Davies, a City of London Policeman and son of Stan Davies, took part in the recent Barking - Southend 3/4 miles walk. In only his second appearance he finished 25th of the 139 starters. But walking, apparently, is no longer for him and he has set himself the initial target of a Belgrave running handicap. Not content to "go it alone" he has cajoled two of his police colleagues Joe McMahon and Peter Cooper into becoming Belgravians and presented two others with membership forms, all interested in running - hard luck walking section!

Those that take "Athletics Weekly" will have read the letter written by Portsmouth's secretary Andy Gibb following our Open Relay promotion. This year the Southern AAA gave official backing to our race so that it could be used as a qualifier for next year's new National Relay. The aim was to get the strongest teams in the South together. This it achieved. What was overlooked by both Southern and Belgrave officials was that by giving the race Championship status the rules for S.C.A.A.A. track applied and that individuals who had competed in other area track championships in the previous 12 months were ineligible. This defeated the whole purpose of the support and resulted in the declaration of an Open result and a Southern result. No one really minded, least of all the athletes and officials, and every runner was eligible for the National event anyway.

However, Andy Gibb was prompted to write "..... I am amazed that the officials running these two clubs (Belgrave and TVH) should see fit to cheapen the Championship by fielding teams not qualified to compete in it and seem to be so parochial minded about the prestige of their clubs that they have slighted the officials of the Area Association....."

Hmm! Sounds like sour grapes to me!

Although few details are yet to be had there is certain to be an official inaugural National Relay Championship at Leicester on April 1st. There will probably be 12 stages, alternate long and short as in our own event, and the course is likely to be over a relatively traffic free circuit. The idea is for the Championship to be held at the same venue each year, thus enabling all clubs to make it a one day outing

It is 10 years since Gerry North won the National Junior title at Parliament Hill Fields by more than a minute. His career as a Senior, apart from those early years when he was dogged by stomach trouble, has been a model of consistency. Since that great Junior win he has run in eight consecutive Senior Nationals, finishing in the first twelve on every occasion. His record is One 1st, one 3rd, two 4ths, one 6th, one 10th and two 12ths - a run that will take a lot of beating.

Geoff North proved this summer that he is no longer running in the shadow of his brother. His international vest on the track could be a prelude to one on the country. Bearing in mind that Geoff was 12th in the 1962 National that Gerry won, he stands every chance in 1967 of an E.C.C.U. vest at least.

Countryman

Match v Combined Banks - Epsom, 15th October.

A friendly atmosphere prevailed in our opening match of the season at Epsom, with our opponents having a Belgravian flavour in the form of Alan Morrison, Geoff Pearson and Stan Bradshaw.

The match had several interesting features, none more than the appearance of Albert Smith - a 23 yrs old Scot who should prove to be in the Barrow/Reilly mould. Albert split our first team men Bicourt and Dance easily but found John in scintillating form. The winner was in a class of his own and has the prospect of a great season before him.

Don Maclean started about 12 minutes behind the field but was unable to catch any tail-enders in the next 42 minutes. At least he must have enjoyed it more than Bob Glover and Peter Wrench who went off course and were not recorded in!

RESULT:

1. J. Bicourt (Belgrave H)	33:37	8. C. Keavey (Bels)	37:02
2. A. Smith (Bels)	34:22	9. E. Penny (Bels)	38:12
3. J. Geoghegan (Banks)	34:35	10. G. Pearson (Banks)	39:20
4. W. Dance (Bels)	36:04	12. C. Henn (Bels)	40:02
5. A. Morrison (Banks)	36:19	13. H. Satchell (Bels)	40:15
7. L. Mann (Bels)	36:55	14. W. Laws (Bels)	40:18

Teams:-

1. BELGRAVE H (1,2,4,7,8,9,12,13,14,16).....	86 pts
2. Combined Banks (3,5,6,10,11,15,18,19,21,22).....	130 pts

NORTH SURREY LEAGUE

RACE No.1 - Wimbledon, October 22nd

Belgrave got off to a bad start in the 1966/67 4-match programme finishing only 4th of the seven teams. Granted we had our best eight competing in the Bristol/Weston Relay, but there were still several good class runners who failed to appear. As last year, we shall now have to pull all the stops out to retain our title - perhaps we like it tough!

Of the 130 starters, 39 were Belgravians competing for the Club Handicap prizes, giving our runners an added incentive. Charlie Dabbs was always well placed and ran to form, and Pat Newell produced his usual reliable performance. Bob Holt of Hercules led Presland (Surrey) and Smallbone (Mitcham) at the half-distance with the Hercules and Mitcham teams pressing hard. There was virtually no change over the second lap, and with Belgrave well out of the running all that remained of interest was the handicap result. This resulted in a good win for Howard Satchell with John Martin, who ran exceptionally well, second and the fast improving Alan Morrison third.

RESULT:-

1. R. Holt (Hercules)	27:21	6. S. Badgery (Mitcham)	28:25
2. L. Presland (Surrey)	27:39	7. C. Dabbs (Belgrave)	28:28
3. G. Biscoe (Mitcham)	28:09	8. J. Halliday (Hercules)	28:31
4. D. Smallbone (Mitcham)	28:09	9. R. Symons (Hercules)	28:37
5. J. Offord (HHH)	28:14	10. A. Sawyer (Surrey)	28:57

TEAM RESULT:

1. Hercules AC (1,8,9,11,17,19,22,23,29,35).....	174 pts
2. Mitcham AC (3,4,6,14,25,27,31,40,45,55).....	250 pts
3. Surrey AC (2,10,13,15,18,20,26,43,56,59).....	262 pts
4. BELGRAVE H (7,16,32,37,38,39,44,51,53,57).....	374 pts
5. Herne Hill H (5,24,28,30,34,42,49,62,66,67).....	407 pts
6. Croydon H (12,36,41,48,54,60,61,63,64,65).....	504 pts
7. Walton AC (21,33,46,47,50,52,58,68,69,70).....	514 pts

BELGRAVE RESULT:

1. C. Dabbs (0:50)	28:28	20. J. Martin (8:00)	34:45
2. P. Newell (1:30)	29:14	21. P. King (5:45)	35:00
3. J. Dear (2:10)	30:09	22. B. Merry (6:30)	35:44
4. A. Major (1:40)	30:17	23. G. Piddington (6:00)	35:59
5. A. Morrison (3:00)	30:25	24. P. Sutton (7:30)	36:05
6. C. Walker (2:45)	30:34	25. E. Pallant (8:30)	36:32
7. H. Satchell (4:00)	30:52	26. D. Newell (7:30)	36:34
8. L. Mann (3:15)	31:17	27. D. Davies (7:00)	36:34
9. C. Keavey (3:15)	31:27	28. J. McDonald (7:15)	36:35
10. R. Glover (3:30)	31:48	29. J. Plummer (8:15)	36:44
11. D. Brew (4:00)	31:59	30. C. Manning (9:00)	37:02
12. P. Hilliar (4:30)	32:12	31. J. Effleck (9:00)	37:12
13. E. Penny (4:30)	32:25	32. A. Mead (7:00)	37:31
14. C. Henn (6:00)	33:32	33. K. Stimpson (5:45)	37:31
15. D. Cocks (3:30)	33:53	34. J. Heathfield (9:00)	38:00
16. D. Maclean (5:00)	34:03	35. P. Wrench (7:00)	38:07
17. G. Pearson (5:00)	34:06	36. J. Baker (9:30)	38:50
18. W. Laws (7:00)	34:37	37. R. Houghton (9:00)	40:59
19. P. Smith (6:30)	34:39		

PRIORY RELAY

November 5th

In past years we have not been able to field a really strong team at Reigate but this year it should have been good enough to get first place. Unfortunately we found Windsor & Eton at their very best and we followed them home 9 seconds behind.

John Bicourt gave us 6th place on the first leg (13:41) and Chris Steer moved us up to 5th with 13:39 just to prove to John that he cannot always do better times. Bill Dance kept us in 5th place but closed up on the leaders with 13:36. Then came Tony Fairclough to prove that the Bristol - Weston relay was all a bad dream with a great run of 13:20 which took us up to 3rd leaving our captain Gerry North in a good position for an excellent performance, as always, in which he just beat 13 minutes (12:59) and brought us into 2nd place. Laurie O'Hara tried valiantly to catch Barton of Windsor but running on tricky ground in almost darkness (due to the race starting half an hour late) is not conducive to fast times and he could not get us into the lead. On the whole a satisfactory performance but being beaten is always disappointing - we no longer expect this to happen to us

Olympian

RESULT:

1. Windsor & Eton..... 80:44
 2. BELGRAVE H 'A'..... 80:53
 3. Hercules AC 81:32
 'A'

J. Bicourt 13:41
 C. Steer 13:39
 G. Dance..... 13:36
 A. Fairclough 13:20
 Gerry North 12:59
 L. O'Hara 13:38
 'C'

J. Martin..... 16:55
 P. Smith 16:29
 D. Hurd 16:34
 D. Brew 14:59
 R. Glover 15:20
 R. James..... 16:29

9. BELGRAVE H 'B'..... 84:44
 35. BELGRAVE H 'C'..... 96:46
 36. BELGRAVE H 'D'..... 96:52
 'B'

A. Major..... 14:02
 W. Kerr..... 13:46
 C. Walker 14:28
 J. Dear 14:30
 A. Black 14:04
 T. Hart 13:54
 'D'

P. Hilliar..... 15:31
 H. Satchell 16:19
 E. Penny 15:21
 D. Jones 15:57
 B. Laws 16:20
 G. Piddington 17:24

HART NEAR ZATOPEK'S BEST

November 12th - 30 Kilometres Track Race - Walton-on-Thames

Peter Hilliar reports:-

On a mild autumnal day in mid-November the scene was set for the inaugural promotion of the Lauriston Runners Club at Stompond Lane track, Walton. Among the eight starters who toed the line was Trevor Hart. It was on this track last year that Tim Johnston (Ports) set the world record for 30 kilos.

After an opening lap of 76 seconds Jim Hogan, the European Marathon Champion, took the lead followed by Graham Taylor, the Polytechnic marathon victor, and the rest of the field. A first mile of 4:53.6 saw Taylor leading with the rest of the field splitting up. At 2 miles, reached in 9:42, Hogan was in the lead never to be challenged again. At 10 miles, times were Hogan 48:46 (Johnston 49:01), Taylor 50:17, Smallbone 51:16, Hart and Watson 51:36.

Hogan continued inexorably on to 15 miles in 1hr13:52 (Johnston 1hr 13 55) and by this time had lapped the other four competitors still in the race at least once. It was abundantly clear that a well merited world record was his if he could keep going. This he did, finishing 9.2 seconds faster than the present mark.

Trevor Hart's effort in finishing 4th was quite outstanding. His time was under 2 minutes slower than an erstwhile world record set by none other than Emil Zatopek; and this in his first race over 10 miles!

Trevor ran through three miles in 15:18, six in 30:35, ten in 51:36, approx. 11 miles 1,040 yds in one hour, fifteen in 78:15 and eighteen in 94:54.

RESULT:

1. J. Hogan (Poly H & Lauriston RC) 1hr.32mins.25.4secs. (WR)
 2. G. Taylor (Cambridge H) 1hr.34mins.23.6secs.
 3. B. Watson (Bournemouth AC)..... 1hr.37mins.45.2secs.
 4. T. Hart (BELGRAVE & Lauriston RC)..... 1hr.38mins.29.8secs.
 5. D. Smallbone (Mitcham AC & Lauriston RC). 1hr.42mins.24.8secs.

Eight started.

BELS WIN SOUTH OF THAMES

November 12th - West Wickham

Although a day late, November 12th will be Bill Lucas's remembrance day in future years. 1966/67 season is his year of office as President of the South of Thames C.C.A. and his election must have seemed especially rewarding on this occasion for, as a previous winner himself, he had the pleasure of presenting third individual medal to Brian Buxton and team winners medals to Belgrave Harriers. It would be interesting to know when a S.T.C.C.A. President last presented 5 of the 8 medals to his own club.

It was at 3-15 pm that Bill Lucas sent over 300 runners on their way over the 5 mile course at Sparrows Den, West Wickham, and it was with some surprise that after a small lap of 1 mile Brian Buxton was seen to be leading the field followed closely by Bill Dance, Mel Thorpe, Adrian Major and John Dear. It is many years since we had 5 in the first 20 at this stage.



Photos: R. Linstead

LEFT: Brian Buxton approaches the finish in 3rd place.

RIGHT: Bill Dance making ground on the second circuit.

At the half way mark Brian had slipped to 3rd with Mitcham's Badgery out in front, a clear leader. Bill Dance had taken a fall and dropped back to the 20 mark with Mel alongside. Adrian was fading and John Dear had completely blown up - the picture was no longer so rosy. Windsor had 2 in 6 and Hercules 3 in 20.

In the final stages of the race Bill recovered very well to reach 8th position and his re-vitalisation went a long way to securing us a team win. Brian held on doggedly to his forward position and a strong finish secured him the 3rd place he thoroughly deserved. Mel was not at his best (he was 2nd last year) but fought well all the way and Adrian Major, only just getting back to form after a bad foot injury, suffered a recurrence of the trouble, but despite the physical and psychological effects of such a setback grimly continued on to close in our scoring four.

Of our other runners, and we had 25 out all together, the bouquets went to Bob Glover and Eric Penny. Bob was showing some of his old fire again and moved very well to finish 96th, and Eric continued his steady improvement to record a best ever placing of 118th.

The Editors will be very pleased to hear from any of our older members who can loan us old photos of interest, or have interesting anecdotes to relate.

RESULTS:

1.S.Badgery (Mitcham)	142.C.Keavey (BELS 'B')	220.W.Laws (BELS 'C')
2.M.Fuller (Wimbledon)	150.H.Satchell "	231.P.Smith (BELS 'D')
3.B.Buxton (BELS 'A')	163.P.Hilliari (BELS 'C')	232.B.Merry "
8.G.Dance "	173.R.James "	252.D.Newell "
23.M.Thorpe "	180.D.Jones (BELS 'B')	258.J.Martin "
42.A.Major "	193.D.Brew "	262.R.Hopkins(BELS 'E')
96.R.Glover (BELS 'B')	200.P.Blair-Fish(BELS 'C')	272.C.Manning "
112.J.Dear (BELS 'A')	204.C.Henn "	274.R.Plummer(BELS 'D')
118.E.Penny (BELS 'B')	210.D.Hurd "	286.A.Mead "

<u>Teams:-</u> 1.BELGRAVE H (3,8,23,42)	76pts	4.Surrey AC	128pts
2.Hercules AC(12,17,19,46)	94pts	5.Canterbury AC	138pts
3.Windsor & Eton (4,6,40,60)	110pts	6.Wimbledon AC	146pts

Belgrave all the wayNovember 12th - Comfortable win in Essex Beagles X-city Relay

Whilst our South of Thames team was winning a hard fought battle at West Wickham, six of our best runners were having a comfortable outing at Chigwell.

As usual, Laurie O'Hara did all that was expected of him - and more - by winning the first stage. This provided a real test for Bill Kerr, who has just got back to fitness after a long lay off, but he displayed quite a large slice of his old form and had little difficulty in holding our lead. Our Captain decided to run in the first half of the race for a change, but found the position very much as usual in these smaller relays - Belgrave in front. Gerry built a 1½ minute lead and Bicourt and Steer found it difficult to show their normal sense of urgency, allowing over half the margin to slip back to our opponents. Although the race was never really in doubt Tony Fairclough stepped up the pace just to make sure, giving Belgrave a winning margin of 42 seconds.

RESULTS:

1.BELGRAVE H	84:21	L.C'Hara.....	13:46
2.Ealing & Southall	85:03	W.Kerr	14:17
3.Thames Valley H	85:09	Gerry North	13:17
<u>Day's fastest times:</u>		J.Bicourt	14:35
1.Gerry North (Bel).....	13:17	C.Steer	14:29
2.S.Purkiss (Romford).....	13:28	A.Fairclough	13:57
3.M.Barratt (Ealing).....	13:38		

G.L.C. ChampsGerry Wins Individual Title---Parliament Hill Fields, November 26th.

With Parliament Hill living up to it's reputation for tough conditions with even more sticky muddy going than usual, one was reminded of those days when our runners succumbed to such testing courses. Not any longer though. Running with the right kind of fitness and confidence our scoring quartet forged their way through the mud, leaving their rivals well and truly bogged down.

Gerry North ran with Enfield's T.J. Briault for the first of the two 3 mile laps, but when he decided to go it alone the Enfield runner was unable to respond, leaving Gerry to build up a full half minute's lead. Tony Fairclough showed great determination. Hard pressed in 6th place after the first circuit he fought off the opposition to move into a final 4th placing.

Meanwhile Laurie O'Hara and Trevor Hart were providing excellent support, running together the whole way with the team result in their pocket.

RESULT

1. Gerry North (Belgrave)	29:42	<u>Teams</u>	
2. T.J. Briault (Enfield)	30:11	1. BELGRAVE 'A'(1,3,7,8)-----	19pts
3. R. Ellis (TVH)	30:51	2. Blackheath H-----	51pts
4. A. Fairclough (Belgrave)	31:10	3. TVH-----	82pts
10. L. O'Hara "	31:35	- BELGRAVE 'B'(22,38,63,89)---	212pts
11. T. Hart "	31:38	- BELGRAVE 'C'(78,109,129,160)	476pts

Best Performances (field) 1966

<u>Long Jump (23'2½")</u> 23'5½" R. Jones 22'10" J. Mitchell 21'7" C. Brooks 21'6¾" R. Couillaut 21'2¼" D. Wade 21'1" L. Moar 20'10" B. Townsend 20'6½" A. Bent (Y) 20'6½" R. Bennett 20'4" D. Boosey 20'3¾" A. Brooks (J) 20'0" D. Ansell 19'9" A. Mills 19'4½" S. White (Y) 19'0½" J. Carton 15'2½" K. Coolman (B) 14'1" S. Beadon (B)	<u>Triple Jump (50'2¼")</u> 50'1¼" D. Boosey 44'4" R. Couillaut 43'8½" L. Moar 43'0½" R. Jones 42'9¾" B. Townsend 42'7" R. Bennett 40'5" A. Brooks (J) 38'6¾" D. Ansell 37'8¾" J. Martin <u>Javelin (210'2")</u> 210'2" C. Clair 185'2" B. King 165'0" B. Townsend 154'9¾" W. Couzens 141'6¾" J. Martin 138'6" R. Jones 130'3" D. Thorogate (Y) 128'3" J. Carton 120'4" J. Kelly (J) 119'0" D. Boosey 118'4" D. Westaway 113'6" J. Rimmer 106'2½" A. Brooks (J) 103'9" W. Sampson	<u>High Jump (5'6")</u> 6'0" B. Townsend 5'8" A. Bent (Y) 5'8" D. Wade 5'4" E. Stanghon 5'3" C. Brooks 5'3" K. Agunbiade 5'2" R. Raffan 5'0" L. Moar 5'0" D. Boosey 4'11" J. Martin 4'3" S. Beadon (B) <u>Shot (40'7¾")</u> 38'6" C. Clair 36'11" J. Martin 34'4" W. Couzens 33'5" B. Townsend 33'0" D. Boosey 31'8" R. Jones 31'3" B. King <u>12 lb (J)</u> 42'1" D. Thorogate (Y) 37'3" A. Gray <u>10 lb (Y)</u> 47'9½" D. Thorogate
<u>Discus (108'3½")</u> 124'0" C. Clair 104'4" B. King 102'9" J. Martin 99'8" B. Townsend 97'8" R. Jones 95'5" W. Couzens 93'0" D. Boosey 92'7½" A. Bent (Y) 88'8" A. Gray (J) 83'0¾" J. Kelly (J) <u>1.5 Kilos (J)</u> 125'3½" A. Bent (Y) <u>1 Kilo (Y)</u> 139'7" D. Thorogate	<u>Pole Vault (10'6")</u> 11'6" B. Townsend 10'4" D. Rees 10'0" E. Stanghon 8'4" D. Boosey	<u>Pentathlon (2816pts)</u> 2683 R. Jones 2527 A. Brooks (J) 2430 B. Townsend
	<u>Hammer (-)</u> 104'7" W. Couzens 67'2" B. King	<u>Decathlon (-)</u> 5403 B. Townsend 5102 D. Boosey

CLUB 7½ -----December 3rd

Although the margin was only 7 secs, Gerry North's win over brother Geoffrey was quite an easy affair. After John Thresher had led for the first of the 3 laps the North brothers moved 50 yards clear and ran shoulder to shoulder for the rest of the race; but Gerry had plenty in hand and had no desire to over extend himself. Thresher stuck doggedly to the Norths' trail and, but for Gerry's presence, would probably have joined Geoff on the last lap. Hart ran solo throughout and Fairclough, O'Hara and Dance had "easys", finishing together.

RESULT

1. Gerry North (SCR)	41:53	17. C. Keavey	6:00	51:10
2. Geoff. North (0:30)	42:00	18. D. Newall	11:00	53:00
3. J. Thresher (0:45)	42:05	19. P. Smith	10:00	53:04
4. T. Hert (1:20)	43:24	20. W. Laws	10:30	54:01
5. A. Fairclough (1:10)	44:50	21. G. Piddington	10:30	55:05
6. L. O'Hara (1:15)	44:50	22. K. Stimpson	8:45	55:15
7. W. Dance (1:45)	44:50	23. J. Walker	11:15	55:29
8. C. Walker (4:00)	46:37	24. J. Plummer	12:30	55:59
9. D. Brew (6:30)	46:46	25. J. Macdonald	11:00	57:15
10. J. Dear (3:30)	48:00	26. E. Pallant	13:00	57:15
11. P. Hilliar (7:00)	48:05	27. D. Gordon	11:00	57:15
12. J. Kelly (7:30)	48:13	28. W. Matthews	10:00	57:58
13. A. Bruce (5:00)	48:30	29. R. Hopkins	13:00	58:31
14. R. Glover (6:20)	48:43	30. P. Sutton	10:45	59:37
15. L. Mann (6:00)	49:38	31. D. Maclean (8:00)		60:30
16. G. Biscoe (7:00)	50:03			



BACKPIECE (Photo by Stanley Devon) ————— The ruck of the G.L.C. field splash past the mile mark at Parliament Hill, with John Dear (16) and Bill Kerr (17) in the thick of it.

Best Performances (track) 1966

* Denotes conversion from metric distance. Figures in brackets are last year's best performances.

Senior Club Records were set by John Thresher (2m), Barry Townsend (Decathlon), Malcolm Robinson (3m), Geoff North (3m), John Bicourt (3000mSC) and equalled by Colin Clair (Jav).

Youth Club Record was set by Arnold Bent (HJ) also equalling the Junior mark.

<u>100 yards (9.9)</u> 9.9* D.Boosey 10.1 J.Vivian (J) 10.2 C.Brooks 10.3 C.Martin 10.3 J.Mitchell 10.4 A.Mills 10.6 A.Brooks (J) 10.7 T.Derham 10.8 P.Gee (J) 10.8 S.White (Y) 10.9 D.Gleeson 10.9 P.Smith w/a 9.9 J.Mitchell 10.7 P.Smith	<u>220 yards (22.2)</u> 22.2 C.Martin 22.3 J.Vivian (J) 23.0 J.Mitchell 23.4 P.Gee (J) 23.5 A.Brooks (J) 23.8 C.Brooks 24.0 R.Nelson 24.0 S.White (Y) 24.1 D.Gleeson <u>1 mile (4:02.7)</u> 4:03.3 J.Thresher 4:06.7 Geoff North 4:06.8 W.Barrow 4:14.3 A.Smith 4:15.1 D.Ferne 4:15.8 L.O'Hara 4:17.0 J.Bicourt 4:17.7 A.Heath 4:19.0 A.Black 4:20.6 G.Dance 4:22.1 A.Major 4:24.0 P.Newell 4:26.2 Gerry North 4:27.1 J.Leaver 4:27.5 R.Bhatia 4:28.0 J.Dear 4:28.0 A.Morrison 4:29.2 H.Satchell 4:30.2 J.Reilly	<u>440 yards (51.1)</u> 50.6 A.Brooks (J) 51.1 C.Martin 51.2* D.Boosey 52.2 R.Nelson 52.4 P.Smith 52.5 D.Wiseman 52.7 A.Mead 53.1 D.Gleeson 53.2 P.Gee (J) 53.5 J.Cartan 53.8 J.Kelly 54.0 D.Wade 54.7 J.Mitchell 55.8 J.Hamilton (Y)
<u>880 yards (1:52.2)</u> 1:54.7 J.Thresher 1:56.9 R.Calderwood 1:57.1 W.Barrow 1:58.4 Geoff North 2:00.0 J.Kelly (J) 2:00.2 J.Bicourt 2:00.3 D.Ferne 2:00.4 L.Mann 2:00.4 A.Morrison 2:01.0 A.Major 2:01.0 A.Heath 2:02.0 A.Mead 2:02.6 A.Brooks (J) 2:03.0 P.Walsh 2:03.0 D.Cocks 2:03.1 J.Rimmer 2:03.5 A.Fairclough 2:03.8 J.Tappy (J)	<u>6 miles (28:19.0)</u> 28:27.6 Gerry North 29:04.8 M.Robinson 29:55.0 W.Barrow 30:02.0 J.Reilly 30:02.0 A.Black 30:06.6 T.Hart 30:11.0 A.Fairclough 30:14.8 L.O'Hara 30:36.0 M.Thorpe 31:11.0 J.Brown 31:23.0 R.Bhatia 31:24.0 G.Dance 31:40.0 A.Major 31:41.0 A.Morrison 32:55.0 M.Simms	<u>2 miles (8:43.0)</u> 8:42.2 J.Thresher 8:52.2 Geoff North 8:56.6 M.Robinson 8:58.8 Gerry North 9:08.2 L.O'Hara 9:16.0 P.Newell 9:17.0 W.Kerr 9:18.0 J.Bicourt 9:19.0 A.Major 9:20.7 G.Dance 9:22.4 A.Smith 9:25.4 D.Ferne 9:26.8 J.Reilly 9:32.6 A.Fairclough 9:35.0 M.Thorpe 9:45.0 C.Steer 9:47.0 J.Dear 9:47.0 A.Morrison 9:48.0 J.Leaver 9:50.0 H.Satchell 9:53.0 M.Simms 9:58.8 D.Maclean
<u>3 miles (13:33.0)</u> 13:18.8 Geoff North 13:27.4 M.Robinson 13:35.8* J.Thresher 13:41.6 Gerry North 14:06.0 L.O'Hara 14:13.0 W.Barrow 14:19.2 A.Major 14:20.0* W.Kerr 14:27.0 A.Black 14:36.2 J.Bicourt 14:36.4 G.Dance 14:42.0 M.Thorpe 14:54.0 J.Reilly 14:55.0 J.Dear 14:57.0 C.Steer 15:10.0 T.Hart 15:29.0 M.Simms 15:29.0 L.Mann	<u>120yH (15.7)</u> 16.0 P.Pepe 16.5 B.Townsend(110m)	<u>3000mSC (9:27.0)</u> 9:09.6 J.Bicourt 9:29.8 A.Black 9:44.0 J.Reilly 9:49.4 J.Dear 10:00.0 G.Dance 10:26.8 D.Maclean
For Belgrave Field Event Ranking List see page 42.	<u>4 x 220 yards (1:32.4)</u> 1:31.9 J.Mitchell,P.Nelson,C.Martin,J.Vivian(J) 1:36.0 G.Hale,K.Finn,P.Gee,A.Brooks (Jnrs)	<u>2000mSC (6:02.2)</u> 6:06.8 J.Bicourt 6:10.0 J.Dear 6:15.8 A.Black
	<u>4 x 110 yards (42.8)</u> 44.3 K.Finn,P.Gee,A.Brooks,J.Vivian (Jnrs) 45.0 S.White(Y),A.Brooks(J),C.Martin,J.Mitchell	