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## EDITORIAL

The Club has begun 1948 in good fettle. The numbers of active Walkers and Runners turning out each week are pleasing to behold and we need have no fear that we are not a flourishing Club. This year being Olympic Year, is an important one for all Athletes. We have nine official Olympic Possibles in all Athletic events, the third largest number from any club, only Achilles and Polytechnic have more. We are proud of this selection and our best wishes go out to these members. It must not be forgotten that besides these members there are one or two others who must be considered as unofficial possibles and who might spring something of a surprise on the Selectors. We hope they do!

For those of us who are not of Olympic standard there are the usual Club races, over the Country or Road and on the Track, to support with our wholehearted efforts. The Popular Press, which normally takes so little interest in Athletics, will undoubtedly create its own Olympic legends and stories; most of this will only be concerned with individuals and how fast they can move or throw. It will be most unlikely that the sheer sportsmanship of losing, as well as of winning, will come into any of this, for such things can only be properly understood by the man who has played the game in the hard and clean school of English Club Athletics. We know that it is from these that our champions grow and our spirit springs with such fertility. To represent one's Country is a matter of some pride, but the running of a good race for the honour of one's Club can also give one claim to a measure of modest pride in something well done. No true Belgravian can afford to forget this.

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Our last issue came too early for us to include Christmas Greetings to all members and friends. This issue arrives a little late for New Year Greetings but, nevertheless: To All Our Members and Friends

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

## OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of Past President A. F. W. Macher, on November 13th, 1947. Our sympathy goes out to his sons Albert (a former Club Hon. Treasurer) and Gus Macher, and other members of his family on their great loss.

The late Mr. Macher presented our 10 Miles Cross Country Championship Shield for competition many years ago and there can be little doubt that this gift served to emphasise the importance of running the full Cross Country Championship distance of 10 miles within the Club and laid the foundations of later Southern and National successes. We mourn his passing.

## BELGRAVE'S OLYMPIC POSSIBLES

M. H. Broadbent, 100 metres. L. M. Marchant, 800 metres. G. W. Nankerville, 800 and 1,500 metres. D. R. Burfitt, 1,500 metres. L. W. Herbert, 5,000 metres. G. F. Lucas, 5,000 metres. J. C. Smart, 10,000 metres. H. G. Churcher, 10,000 metres walk. J. E. Rutland, 10,000 metres walk.

Nine members for ten events.

Comparison with other Clubs as follows:—Achilles, 22 members. Polytechnic H., 10. Belgrave H., 9. South London H., 9. London A.C., 8. Herne Hill H., 6. Thames Valley H., 4. Reading A.C., 4. Blackheath H., 3. Birchfield H., 3.

It will be seen that our weakness lies in our lack of really good class field events men. There seems no reason why we should not have one Marathon runner or 50 kilo walker included, we have the men here if they could prove themselves.

It is interesting to compare this selection with Jack Crump's "How I Should Rank Them." Belgrave athletes are ranked here as follows:—

880 Yards. 5. Nankerville; 8. Marchant; 12. E. N. McKenzie.  
1 Mile. 2. Nankerville; 10. Burfitt.

3 Miles. 5. Smart; 7. G. F. Lucas; 8. Herbert.

6 Miles. 2. Smart.

2 Miles Walk. 1. H. G. Churcher; 7. R. D. McMullen; 10. Rutland; 11. J. Coleman.

7 Miles Walk. 1. Churcher; 4. Rutland; 8. McMullen; 9. Coleman.

Javelin. 10. C. A. Melchior.

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## OLYMPIC TICKETS

A note by the Club Hon. Secretary.

Nearly 200 Belgrave members are interested in £500 worth of Olympic Games tickets applied for in November last, and await anxiously details of the allocation of tickets. It is known that the membership and standing of the Club will be taken into consideration when tickets are allocated, and we hope for a hundred per cent. allotment. Members who have made application for tickets and paid deposits will be notified in due course of the news, good or bad; an immediate remittance of outstanding amounts will then be required.

## PRESIDENT'S THANKS

The President wishes to thank all those members and friends of the Club who sent him Christmas and New Year Greetings.

## NEW MEMBERS

A most sincere and wholehearted welcome is extended to those new members who have joined us since last April. Space does not permit the printing of all their names, but their welcome is none the less true for that.

# THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BELGRAVE HALL

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1947

There was a muster of over ninety, representing all sections of the Club, for this very important meeting. Our President, Harry Parker, was in the chair, and it was most pleasing to see many Past Presidents amongst us. The Hon. Secretary, Alf. Harley, read the notice convening the meeting, and then the Minutes of the last A.G.M., which were confirmed. The Hon. Secretary's report was adopted without it being read to the meeting, as it had been included in the notice of the meeting sent to members. He thanked the many Club officers and members for their loyal and unselfish help throughout the year, and announced that the Committee had decided to award the T. W. Green Trophy (for the best athlete of the year) to Harry Churcher.

The Hon. Treasurer, Bill Webb, then presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet. The expenses of a Club of our size are no small matter, especially in view of rising costs etc., but thanks to the heartening amount of subscriptions and donations he was able to give us an encouraging picture of our finances. Once again he praised and thanked Les. Cohen for his work in connection with the Supporters' Club, and paid tribute to the help given him by the Assistant Hon. Treasurer, Tommy Morrell, and by the Hon. Auditors. The report was adopted.

The next item was the alteration of some of the Club Rules. The Rules had been carefully examined by a special sub-committee and their recommendations were explained by the Hon. Secretary. He said that the proposed alterations were in the nature of a tidying up of the rules, which, incidentally, were drawn up in the Club's early days, when conditions were different. The proposed alterations were agreed to with two amendments, viz.: Rule 7, the proposal (new Rule 7c) requiring a quorum of twenty-five members for an A.G.M. was rejected. New Rule 11 was amended so as to include any new member from a distant club, who had qualified to represent us under the A.A.A. Hard Cases Rule, as eligible to compete in Club Championships.

The Committee's nominations for Life Membership were then considered. Joe Coleman, proposed by Syd. Roberts and Cyril Pateman, and Tommy Morrell, proposed by Harry Shields and Arthur Penny, were duly elected to this great honour. Both of these popular members have put in many years of hard work for the Club and have been loyal team men. Both made short speeches of thanks.

Then to the Election of Club Officers. Alf. Harley proposed that Harry Parker be re-elected Club President. This was seconded and the meeting approved with acclamation. The Vice-Presidents were re-elected *en bloc* with the addition of Dr. Christopher Woodward and Len. Rollins. The former, as our Hon. Medical Adviser, needs little introduction, and in a few words of thanks reiterated the importance of prompt and proper treatment for injuries, Len. Rollins's election will give much pleasure to his many old friends in the Club, he was a great club man in pre-war days, and is now "mine host" in South Kenkington. There were few changes in the other Officers. Alf. Taylor takes over as Cross-Country Captain. How many of our younger members know that

Alf. was in our first winning teams in the Southern (1934) and English (1935) Cross-Country Championships? He will be supported by Arthur Penny, triple Cross-Country International, British Empire Six Miles Champion (1934), etc., and Bert Smith, another who has been running for years, and is still improving, as Vice-Captains. Our Road Walking Captain, Charlie Churcher, will have Jack Bidgood, who has made a welcome reappearance on the road, and Joe Wilson, one of our coming long-distance men, to help him. Our Track Walking Captain, Joe Coleman, recommended that Harry Churcher be elected to this office for 1948, Olympic Games Year. This was carried and Joe was elected Vice-Captain. Charlie Jones, who has been Field Events Secretary and Captain stood down from the latter post, to which another member of several year's standing, Bill Sutton, was elected, with Geoff. Freestone as Vice-Captain. Harry Shields was re-elected Track Captain and will be helped by Frank Simmons and Jim Beaumont. One or two matters were raised under Other Business, and these will have the attention of the new Committee. The Meeting closed with a vote of thank to the Chair.

G.S.D.

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER AND DANCE

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1947

DUKE OF YORK'S HEADQUARTERS,  
SLOANE SQUARE, CHELSEA

This important occasion was very well supported by our members and their many friends. We all enjoyed the Dinner, we all enjoyed the Drinking and the Dancing, but the most interesting part of the evening was the speeches. These were begun by the President, who proposed the Health of The King and then of the Club. He was followed by our Hon. Secretary, who made a fine speech of thanks to the President and went on to speak of the well known Club spirit. He mentioned how successful we had been in fostering all branches of our sport and of our friendships with other clubs. He finished by saying how he was sure our success was not in the nature of a cycle of success, but that we should continue leading and fostering the sport of Athletics.

The speech of the evening was made by one of our new Vice-Presidents, Doctor C. Woodard, who proposed the health of our Guests. Dr. Woodard said that in his opinion British Athletics faced near disaster in 1948, through lack of proper food and either wrong attention or no attention of athletical injuries, from which so many of our Olympic prospects suffer. He stressed his points with considerable skill and force, and obviously his audience were behind him and listening with rapt attention. He went on to accuse the Athletic Officials of dilatoriness in obtaining food parcels from the Empire for Olympic possibilities. When he resumed his seat the applause was very warm and continued for some time. Mr. Jack Crump, who was one of the guests, replied to Doctor Woodard's accusations. He thought that the Doctor had exaggerated the state of things and that our Athletes were being looked after better than ever before. Food parcels would be coming in plenty and they had been obtained as early as was possible. Mr. Crump finished by appealing to the Clubs to help our Olympic prospects, he felt sure they would.

The speeches finished with a nice tribute to our President by the Hon. Treasurer, to which the President replied with all modesty.

Our thanks must go to the Hon Social Secretary for organising such a grand evening under the most trying and difficult circumstances. We all enjoyed ourselves and will remember the Belgrave Diamond Jubilee Dinner for a long time.

### COMMENTARY

It is proposed to include in our next issue Jimmy Belchamber's portrait of Bob Ricketts, which was published in the *Belgrave News Letter*, last April. This article, on one of our finest members, is well worth reprinting for it is a classic of its kind.

Our Wimbledon Headquarters have been placed at the disposal of, Mount Pleasant (G.P.O.) Sports Club, Wandsworth, Putney and Barnes Scouts, and London Business Houses S. and S.A., for the running of their championships. Similar hospitality will be extended to Surrey County A.A.A., County of London Cadet Sports Council and London Rover Scouts Association, during the weeks to come. This is just another way in which our Club helps Athletics along.

Allan Sexton represented the South of England against the North in the Schoolboys' Rugger International at Roslyn Park on 23rd December, 1947. Our congratulations Allan.

A Club Marathon Championship, under normal Club Championship conditions, has been instituted and will be contested for the first time this year. It will be held in conjunction with the Polytechnic Marathon on June 19th, which this year will also embrace the A.A.A. Championship. No Club Trophy, as yet, exists for this our latest Championship, but in the fulness of time it is hoped that a generous donor will help to provide a trophy worthy of this Club event, for perpetual competition.

Congratulations to Past President Oscar Horwood on his recent marriage, our best wishes are extended to him.

It is very interesting to hear that Past President Teddy Gordon was elected Deputy Mayor of Malden and Coombe, with Mrs. Gordon as Deputy Mayoress. Ted retired from business worries at Christmas and now intends to spend all his leisure time in civic duties. Our best wishes go to him.

Our President writes to remind me that little publicity has been given by the Club to the most important Cross Country event for many years in Southern England. He refers to the International Cross Country Championship to be run at Reading on April 3rd. One of our members, Wally Jewel, has been elected President of the Meeting and a special request has been made by the Southern Counties C.C.A. that all Southern Clubs endeavour to support this fixture. The Hon. Social Secretary is running a coach to this function, details will be announced later.

Members are reminded that to keep the Club address book up to date any changes of address should be notified to the Hon. Secretary. This does not apply to members in the Forces.

Running over a very hard five miles course, our "A" Team finished second in the South of Thames "Junior" Championship, held at Dartford in Kent. As we had won this race the two previous years we have every reason to feel proud with this year's effort. The best running was that of two of our under twenty-ones, Eddie Short and Mike Heard who finished fourth and twelfth respectively.

Harry Churcher is back on the Road again and so far unbeaten this year, although pulled out of the "Belgrave Open." Perhaps it is because we think he wins quite enough anyway! He was pulled in the same race last year.

That incredible old-timer Bert East is still walking better than ever and improving with every race. His latest effort is to beat Rutland, McMullen and Coleman in the Club 10. Bert is the Handicappers Headache, how they must love him!

That well known Club, Cadogan A.C., were third in the Middlesex C.C. Championship. Vic. Blowfield, second, and Tommy Clinton, fifth, ran exceptionally well and were both chosen for Middlesex in the Inter Counties C.C. Championship.

We won the Surrey C.C. title again and Len. Herbert won the individual prize. Frank Abberton and Bill Lucas were fifth and seventh and therefore also received their Surrey colours again.

In the Junior race we were second. Our boys ran well although narrowly beaten by a fine South London H. team. Eddie Short was second, Arthur Bruce, third, Martin Williamson, fourth.

Eddie Short was third in the London University Inter Collegiate C.C. Championship, held at Roehampton over five miles. He also finished third in the London Varsity Match against the Paris Varsities, held in Paris.

We must welcome another Varsity man in Martin Williamson, who is at Cambridge. Martin has shown great promise already, his sixth in the Club 7 C.C. Championship was a fine effort, as was his winning of the Junior Shield at first attempt. He is with good company in Belgrave and we are pleased to have him.

Vic. Blowfield has won both the Club C.C. Championships this season. He has also been tipped by the newspaper boys to win the National. Well, he can, with reasonable luck behind him.

Albert Frost, getting fitter, was fourth in the Hertfordshire C.C. Championship.

Eric Herbert ran an excellent race to finish third to Gosney and Barry in the Civil Service C.C. Championships.

After having had operations on both legs last summer, Tom Carter is running well again. We wish him the best of luck this season.

It must be noted here that Harry Shields won both the Handicap prize in the Club 10 C.C. Championship and the "Statue" prize at the social the same evening. Quite what this proves we are not very sure, excepting that Harry can both run fast and then stand very still when he wishes, in the right order!

The Socials resumed at Belgrave Hall have been fairly successful but we do need the support of our younger members and their girl friends. Please do come along next season, you will enjoy it.

The Hon. Social Secretary has arranged for a coach to take supporters to the Southern C.C. Championship at Aylesford on 28th February. Fare is 6s. 6d. Leaving from the "Granada," Clapham Junction at 12.30 p.m. Also three coaches are being laid on for the Brighton Relay on 10th April. Fare is 10s. Details to be announced later, but let the Hon. Social Secretary have names as soon as possible.

Past President Harry Hare sends his best wishes to all his many Club friends, through Frank Webb who met him the other day.

We had the following members representing their counties in the Inter County C.C. Championship—Len. Herbert, Frank Abberton, Bill Lucas, Surrey. Vic. Blowfield and Tommy Clinton, Middlesex. Albert Frost, Hertfordshire.

Vic. Blowfield finished eighth in the race. The rest have asked me not to mention their performances! I will not.

We have, with the exception of the Enfield Race, won every "Open" Walk so far this year. Our chances of winning the three R.W.A. Championships are quite high, although Bert East's illness might put him out of the Junior and will, therefore, weaken our team considerably.

## THE COUNTY C.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Middlesex race in which our members ran for Cadogan A.C., was held at Enfield, and Vic. Blowfield ran well to finish second in the individual race. Tom Clinton also showed a return to his old form in being fifth, and although Ted Stimpson had a damaged leg he ran well to finish 17th. With Dick Tobin 36, J. McDonald 37, and Ken. Stimpson 38th, our lads were third in the team race, and they sorely missed the help of Charlie Smart and Geoff. Pearson. Other positions were:—A. Smith 43, H. W. Shields 50, G. R. Chantler 64, S. Charlton 81.

Placings in the Surrey Senior race were:—

1. L. W. Herbert 43.22; 5. F. J. Abberton 44.32; 7. W. E. Lucas 44.38; 13. R. F. Towndrow 45.2; 15. C. T. Carter 45.31; 17. C. L. Stokell 45.44; 22. S. R. Eales 46.0; 25. A. F. Mitchell 46.11; 35. F. K. Blunden 47.4; 36. S. Davies 47.24; 54. G. S. Doubleday 49.34.

Teams: 1. Belgrave 58 points; 2. Mitcham 91 points; 3. S.L.H.

Placings in the Surrey Junior race were:—

2. E. A. Short 30.9; 3. A. H. Bruce 30.20; 4. M. Williamson 30.54; 13. L. C. Bishop 32.4; 18. E. M. Bishop 32.34; 26. L. A. Adams 33.29.

Teams: 1. S.L.H. 19 points; 2. Belgrave 22 points.

## THE BELGRAVE TRACK COACHING SCHEME

As mentioned by the Hon. Running Secretary in this issue, a Panel of Coaches has been set up to generally improve and help all our athletes running on the track this coming season. George W. Clay has been appointed Chief Honorary Coach and upon his appointment has addressed the following letter to the Hon. Editor.

Dear Editor,—Having been unanimously elected by the Committee, to the post of Chief Honorary Coach to the Belgrave Harriers, I feel it incumbent upon me to write something for the *Belgravian*, a little magazine with a big purpose.

I must say I hope to try my very best to fulfil a need which in my opinion, has always been with every Club. In my journeying round, I have found many good athletes, both ancient and modern, possessing opinions at great variance. This has often resulted in the bewilderment of the young athlete. So my first object will be, and indeed, has been, to have a chat with our very patient Assistant Coaches, in an endeavour to

enlist their co-operation and it is my pleasure to report at this stage, how willing they are and how unanimous are they in their views, of the necessity for a basic plan of training. Now during the last few weeks I have been working, devising schedules, for events in which I am convinced the Club's weaknesses lie, to wit, the sprints, the 440 yards and 880 yards.

The pace of the training will be based on actual times for the distances done by the athletes.

For instance, an athlete whose average time for 100 yards has been 10.6 seconds, if scheduled to run the distance at a three-quarter effort pace, he will do it in 11.4, at half effort pace, in 12.3 and so on.

I cannot give you here my complete "effort" tables. Incidentally, I have had some recourse to Webster and Hays, but my tables have been modified. In a month from commencing training an athlete will have a time trial and if in the trial he does the distance in 10.8, then his future training will adjust itself and his three-quarter effort will then come down to 11.7 and his half effort to 12.5.

So you can see the scheme I have set down will be a self adjusting one.

The Assistant Coaches will keep a record of each individual, on a card, which he will keep in alphabetical order. The information will then be available for the Track Captain, who collaborates with the Running Secretary.

I will personally take charge of the sprint relay training, as I have seen so many failures, with first class athletes in this event due entirely to differences of opinions on "change-over" methods and lack of ability to work out pace and distance.

I shall be guided in the selection of "Trainees" for this event by my Assistants, and I know I shall be able to rely on their choice. Now may I advise all of you to study my remarks on "starting" in the last issue of the *Belgravian*, and may I take this opportunity of asking you all to get away from the old orthodox method of starting.

Please turn up at the track promptly so not to interfere with the schedule of training, remembering all the good manners due by laws of etiquette, to your Coaches.

May I ask that the Coaches be not interfered with during their efforts, it is grossly unfair and has the tendency to reduce the confidence placed in them by the Committee in the minds of the trainees.

Good luck to 1948 track efforts.

Sincerely Yours,

GEO. W. CLAY, Hon. Chief Coach..

The Chief Hon. Coach can be contacted at 5, Windsor Avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

## WALKING NOTES AND RESULTS

Although our last issue appeared in November, owing to difficulties with printing its production was held up for some time and consequently a number of results for the latter end of the track season were not shown. As these included a number of Club successes which may by now have been lost to memory or passed unnoticed by some of our less active members, the results in this issue will carry on from where I left off, viz. the 50 kilometres Championship at Eastleigh.

Continuing with the 10,000 metres trials which were held during the summer, on 21st July, Harry Churcher led the field at Motspur Park, to put up the very fine time of 46.22.4, with Jack Rutland second in 49.48. A few weeks later Harry further improved on this time when, again at Motspur Park, he returned the fast time of 46.10.6, half a minute in front of Jim Morris, S.A.C. In our own promotion at the Olympic distance, Harry was not on his best form and after a tussle with Jim Morris eventually finished second. The crowning light, however, of Harry's track performances was on his visit to Paris when he set up a new French record, his time of 45.31 being 23 seconds faster than the previous best. We reproduce here the report on the race by Freddie Blackmore, Chairman of the I.A.A.F. Commission on Walking:—

Paris, 7th September.

Johansson's time (45.36 returned a week before at Stockholm) was much in mind as Harry Churcher and Jim Morris prepared to take on the Frenchmen Maggi and Courron at 10,000—and thus it was a great thrill to watch Harry win very comfortably in 45.31. Always within himself, he could have reduced this by 10—15 seconds and it would have been faster but for a misunderstanding at the half hour stage. It had been arranged to fire a pistol and mark the distance covered by the leader at this point, but unfortunately, the steward ran beside Harry for about 50 yards and when he actually fired the pistol Harry concluded that he was being cautioned and no doubt hoped he wouldn't feel any worse. He broke stride, eased up and took a lap to settle down again. Up to this point he had gone round with a maximum variation of 2 seconds in his lap times. After he had recovered from the shock he resumed this consistency, 1.49; 1.49; 1.50; 1.49, and so on.

Meanwhile a battle royal was proceeding between Maggi and Morris with the big excited crowd on its feet. It was Churcher—Hindmar over again, only more so. Jim kept the Frenchman from getting inside, but when he concluded the Frenchman had had enough Maggi proved him wrong, got in front and stayed there to set up a new French record in two minutes faster than his previous best.

Finishing times were:—

H. Churcher 45.31; Maggi 45.49; Morris 46.12; Courron 46.29.

Previous record 45.54.8 by Huard.

In a second visit to Dublin on 20th September, Harry had a double success, winning both the mile and 2 miles. Added to all these sterling performances he won the Club Championship in a new Championship time of 14.11.2 and the Inter Counties 7 miles Championship at White City on August Monday.

In the veteran class Bert East appears to have been quite prominent. On 31st July, he finished third in a Veterans A.C. Handicap, and a month later in a similar race gained first place.

The Track Season terminated with our usual Club Handicap Meeting which immediately followed the 10,000 metres reported above. Bert East, still showing improvement, made his way to the front, with Harry Rouse and Reg Elson filling the other places.

In the London to Brighton race which marks the end of the summer season, we encountered the same bad luck which had befallen us in the other distance races. Ten of our walkers went off at the strike of seven, and we certainly hoped for a place at least. Colin Sutton, however, failed to please the judges at 22 miles and was ruled out. Although our other men walked up to expectations we could get no better than fourth place. Jack Baker, our first man home, was the only one to get inside nine hours. Gordon Doubleday, who completed the course in 47 minutes less time than last year, won a handicap prize presented by Charlie Poulter. The race was well supported by Club members and friends and with the weather in our favour, a good time was had by all.

And so we come to the beginning of yet another winter season. This opened on 4th October, with the usual Club Handicap. 28 of our walkers turned out and a match with the Police provided an added interest. Harry Churcher soon showed that he intended to produce the same speed on the road as he had been doing on the track and eventually won by over 1½ minutes from Young Mac. with Bert East third. With our walkers in the first seven positions we had an easy win over the Police.

The Novices walk on 18th October only attracted three entries and Jimmy Coates who is now developing into a nice walker won his first Club prize.

The opens started as usual with the Highgate promotion over the hilly course from Parliament Hill Fields. We were without the help of Harry Churcher who was taking a well-earned rest, but with our scoring four in the first 14 we took team honours with 38 points to Enfield's 49. George Bentley was second in the handicap and the B Team second in the Team Handicap.

A fortnight later in the Enfield Open, the local lads took advantage of their knowledge of the course and narrowly won from us by 3 points.

And so we come once more to our own club open. Then entry of 248 individuals and 31 teams is believed to be an all-time record for a road race. Of these, 206 walkers faced the starter. Harry Churcher, racing for the first time on the road since the Club opening walk, unfortunately met with disqualification. Our old friends Surrey W.C. were out in full strength, and although we managed to secure scratch team honours it was only by the very narrow margin of one point. In the handicap section our "C" team secured first place and Bert East tied for third in the individual handicap. Len Fletcher's return to the field of racing was very pleasing, his position being identical with that in last year's race. Bert Webb took the prize for the first Belgrave in the scratch race without other award.

The race once again received the support of many club friends whose donations to the prize fund enabled us to maintain our high standard of prizes. To them, to the R.W.A. officials, to the many club members who assisted as stewards and records, and to the clubs and individuals who supported the event we offer our most sincere thanks for their part in making the race a success.

Our next event, the Horwood Cup Race on 13th December attracted 17 juniors. All our possibles for the National Junior were competing. Bert East, walking faster than ever, headed the field, and in returning a time of 56.20 set up a new championship time. Bert Webb was an easy second and George Bentley, still improving, third. Alan Robins, walking above his usual standard, won the handicap.

The Boxing Day meeting produced a dozen walkers and a fine display was given by Harry Churcher and Bob McMullen. Gordon Doubleday walked well to take first place in the handicap, followed by Oliver second and Jimmy Coates third, taking his first handicap prize.

So we come to the end of 1947 and embark on yet another calendar year. This opened with the Cambridge Harriers promotion at Bexley, when we returned to our last year's road form and with our scoring four in the first six secured an easy win. Harry Churcher, walking in fine style, left the rest of the field to win by nearly two minutes. Joe Coleman's last-minute effort took him up to fourth position with Len Fletcher and Bob McMullen close on his heels. The superiority of our scratch team men was further emphasised by the fact that they were placed second in the handicap section.

In the M.P.A.A. Open at Imber Court a fortnight later our walkers once again cleared the board. An added interest to the race was provided by the fact that the starters included both Harry Churcher and Jim Morris. After the first stages, however, Harry went away from Morris and at the end of the first lap was nearly a minute in front. This lead he increased over the second lap to win comfortably by a minute and a half. This time we had our scoring four in the first seven, in fact we finished 11 men in the first 21, a remarkable achievement in a field of 160. Alan Robins walked well above his usual form to win the handicap, and although he had not been included in the handicap possibles, our "B" team won the team event with George Bentley third in the handicap.

The Club 10 Miles Championship a week later was well supported. Twenty-eight of our members turned out and with the addition of 15 policemen constituted a very fine field, a match having been arranged in conjunction with the championship. The outstanding feature of the race was Bert East's walking. After holding on to Bob McMullen for a considerable distance, he eventually left him and although finishing 2½ minutes behind Harry Churcher, who incidentally lost a little ground by taking the wrong road on the last lap, finished a minute in front of Jack Rutland to gain second place. Although we finished the first five, it looked obvious from the Police packing in mid-field that the match would be closely contested. Eventually, scoring 16 a side, we won by the narrow margin of 251 points to 277.

By the time this issue is published, the R.W.A. Junior Championship at Bradford will no doubt be over. On recent form we hope to do well and in fact, add one more success to our already good record.

Finally, our good wishes go to our "Olympic" possibles who we hope will annexe at least one title.

CLUB HANDICAP, WIMBLEDON, OCTOBER 4th, 1947

1	H. G. Churcher	32.11	18	S. King	38.40
2	D. McMullen	33.47	19	W. True	38.54
3	A. East	34.13	20	G. Becke	39.1
4	J. Rutland	34.33	21	R. Elson	39.13
5	L. Fletcher	35.18	22	G. Speechley	39.17
6	C. Churcher	35.20	23	J. Wilson	39.20
7	J. Coleman	35.41	25	P. Wilson	39.25
8	A. Readman	36.4	26	B. Knifton	40.8
9	G. Bentley	36.24	28	G. Atkinson	40.25
10	A. Webb	36.24	30	W. Snell	41.36
11	J. Baker	37.19	33	B. Shepherd	42.50
15	P. Sapcote	38.2	35	G. Boddington	43.4
16	J. Scamell	38.13	36	J. Coates	43.22
17	D. Heath	38.23			

Handicap.—1, G. Bentley, 8.20; 2, G. Becke, 8.45; 3, A. East, 3.0. Bel. 276 points, Pol. 465 points.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS OPEN, OCTOBER 25th, 1947

PARLIAMENT HILL

1	R. A. West	55.8	56	W. True	62.38
3	J. Rutland	55.37	60	D. Heath	62.48
9	C. Churcher	57.22	65	R. Frazer	63.06
12	J. Coleman	57.51	71	A. Robins	63.22
14	A. East	58.21	76	J. Wilson	63.35
21	H. Clayton	59.24	94	P. Wilson	64.48
27	A. Webb	60.02	97	J. Scamell	65.5
28	A. Readman	60.8	101	S. Spencer	65.29
30	G. Bentley	60.13	110	G. Atkinson	66.6
31	H. Rouse	60.19	117	G. Becke	66.36
39	J. Bidgood	60.57	125	W. Snell	67.11
41	P. Sapcote	61.17	129	G. Oliver	67.33
52	S. King	62.26	134	F. Herring	67.59

Individual Handicap.—G. Bentley 2nd (8.40).

Team Handicap.—"B" Team. Bentley, Sapcote, True, Rouse.

Scratch Team.—Belgrave "A" 38 points.

ENFIELD OPEN SEVEN MILES, ENFIELD

NOVEMBER 8th, 1947

1	R. West	55.48	38	W. True	61.17
3	J. Rutland	55.56	47	P. Sapcote	62.09
7	R. McMullen	56.50	52	S. King	62.41
9	A. Fletcher	57.04	58	D. Heath	63.06
10	C. Churcher	57.25	73	B. Knifton	64.39
13	A. Clayton	57.51	75	J. Wilson	64.59
17	J. Coleman	58.37	82	G. Atkinson	65.26
20	A. Webb	59.44	85	C. Speechley	65.41
23	A. Readman	59.53	88	G. Boddington	65.55
24	G. Bentley	59.56	91	P. Wilson	66.01
25	P. Wright	60.05	107	J. Scamell	67.48
26	H. Rouse	60.15	110	F. Herring	67.57
28	J. Bidgood	60.32	111	R. Elson	68.08

Scratch Team.—Belgrave H. 2nd, 29 points.

## BELGRAVE HARRIERS OPEN, WIMBLEDON

NOVEMBER 29th, 1947

1	W. Wilson .....	54.22	74	A. St. Wakeley ...	62.42
6	J. Rutland .....	56.50	89	J. Wilson .....	63.46
7	D. McMullen .....	56.58		P. Wilson .....	63.54
12	A. Fletcher .....	57.05	106	J. Robins .....	65.00
16	C. Churcher .....	57.37	108	G. Atkinson .....	65.08
19	A. Webb .....	57.58	113	G. Boddington ...	65.33
21	A. East .....	58.08	116	B. Knifton .....	65.40
25	A. Readman .....	58.33	120	J. Scamell .....	65.57
31	G. Bentley .....	58.50	124	G. Oliver .....	66.14
42	P. Wright .....	59.57	133	S. Spencer .....	66.42
43	J. Bidgood .....	60.01	134	R. Elson .....	66.44
46	C. Sutton .....	60.33	141	G. Becke .....	67.33
52	J. Coleman .....	61.20	143	F. Herring .....	67.48
53	H. Rouse .....	61.20	151	C. Speechley .....	68.23
57	S. King .....	61.44	172	J. Coates .....	70.42
58	P. Sapcote .....	61.52	180	W. Brunning .....	71.59
72	D. Heath .....	62.36			

Scratch Team.—Belgrave 41 points, S.W.C. 42 points.

Handicap Team.—Belgrave "C" 1st (Wilson, East, Bentley, Sapcote).

Individual Handicap.—Tied for 3rd, A. East.

## HORWOOD CUP RACE, WIMBLEDON, DECEMBER 13th, 1947

1	A. East .....	56.20	10	W. True .....	62.21
2	A. Webb .....	57.06	11	J. Wilson .....	62.25
3	G. Bentley .....	58.07	12	J. Baker .....	65.20
4	H. Rouse .....	60.41	13	C. Speechley .....	65.30
5	P. Sapcote .....	60.47	14	G. Atkinson .....	65.50
6	R. Frazer .....	62.02	15	P. Wilson .....	65.50
7	J. Robins .....	62.11	16	S. Spencer .....	67.30
8	A. St. Wakeley ...	62.17	17	G. Oliver .....	68.00
9	D. Heath .....	62.20			

Handicap.—1, J. Robins; 2, A. East; 3, A. Stirling Wakeley.

## CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS OPEN, BEXLEY, JANUARY 3rd, 1948

1	H. Churcher .....	53.35	42	W. True .....	61.50
4	J. Coleman .....	55.48	43	D. Heath .....	61.55
5	A. Fletcher .....	55.50	47	S. King .....	62.32
6	D. McMullen .....	55.58	48	J. Robins .....	62.38
7	J. Rutland .....	56.09	57	J. Wilson .....	63.19
9	A. East .....	56.58	61	G. Atkinson .....	64.12
10	A. Webb .....	57.25	64	P. Wilson .....	64.45
14	C. Churcher .....	57.59	65	P. Sapcote .....	64.47
21	C. Sutton .....	59.11	91	G. Oliver .....	67.42
25	J. Bidgood .....	59.57			

Scratch Team.—Belgrave "A" 1st, 16 points.

Handicap Team.—Belgrave "A" 2nd.

M.P.A.A. OPEN, IMBER COURT, JANUARY 17th, 1948

1	H. Churcher	51.43	50	P. Sappcote	59.47
5	J. Coleman	54.30	51	W. True	59.48
6	D. McMullen	54.34	66	A. St. Wakeley	60.46
7	A. Fletcher	55.02	68	D. Heath	60.55
14	A. East	55.39	69	S. King	60.56
16	H. Clayton	56.00	75	J. Wilson	61.32
17	A. Webb	56.06	78	J. Baker	61.43
18	J. Rutland	56.16	92	P. Wilson	62.55
19	C. Sutton	56.23	98	G. Atkinson	63.10
20	G. Bentley	56.27	103	S. Spencer	63.43
21	A. Readman	56.43	123	F. Herring	65.48
29	J. Bidgood	57.48	135	R. Elson	67.12
49	J. Robins	59.44	145	W. Brunning	71.31

Scratch Team.—Belgrave "A" 19 points.

Handicap Team.—Belgrave "B" (Bentley, Bidgood, Sappcote, True), 204.40.

Individual Handicap.—A. Robins, 49.44 (10.0).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (10 MILES) AND MATCH v. M.P.A.A.  
JANUARY 24th, 1948

1	H. Churcher	76.35	15	A. Robins	85.21
2	A. East	78.05	16	W. True	85.26
3	J. Rutland	79.04	18	S. King	86.15
4	D. McMullen	79.24	19	R. Frazer	88.15
5	J. Coleman	79.44	22	S. Spencer	89.28 P & B
6	A. Webb	79.50 P & B	23	G. Atkinson	89.58 P & B
7	G. Bentley	80.07 P & B	25	P. Wilson	91.11
8	A. Readman	81.18 P & B	27	G. Oliver	91.56
9	J. Bidgood	83.59 P & B	28	J. Scamell	92.12
11	P. Sappcote	84.42 P & B	34	R. Tasker	96.26 P & B
12	D. Heath	84.49	36	W. Ives	101.32
13	J. Wilson	85.01	37	G. Pink	102.42

Handicap.—G. Bentley, 7.10—72.57; P. Sappcote, 11.30—73.12; King, 12.55—73.30.

Match Result.—Belgrave H., 251 points; M.P.A.A., 277 points.

RUNNING RESULTS.

THREE MILES ROAD HANDICAP

Held on October 4th, and a record field was seen out. Len Marchant proved himself very fit by winning in fine style, and a newcomer in L. Bush was second with Ted Stimpson third. We hope that Ted will soon get back to his pre-war form which gained him an International vest. It was pleasing to see old-timers such as Arthur Penny, Cecil Mains, Bert Footer, and many others still turning out for this annual event, and if numbers are any sign of strength it would seem as if we are in for a good season over the country.

Position	Name	Hcp. Time	Start	Act. Time	Fst. Act.
1	L. M. Marchant	14.22	1.10	15.32	2
2	L. Bush	14.25	2.35	17. 0	17
3	E. E. Stimpson	14.29	1.15	15.44	4
4	C. Abberton	14.30	2.15	16.45	12
5	G. R. Chantler	14.41	2. 0	16.41	11
6	R. R. Minahan	14.49	1.40	16.29	8
7	S. Davies	14.49	2. 5	16.54	15

8	W. G. Isaac .....	14.51	3. 0	17.51	28
9	W. E. Lucas .....	14.52	0.35	15.27	1
10	A. W. Penny .....	14.54	1.45	16.39	10
11	C. Mains .....	14.57	2.35	17.32	24
12	J. McDonald .....	14.58	2.20	17.18	23
13	R. F. Towndrow ...	14.59	1. 0	15.59	6
14	A. Smith .....	15. 1	2. 5	17. 6	20
15	T. G. Clinton .....	15. 2	1.15	16.17	7
16	E. A. Short .....	15. 7	1.30	16.37	9
17	V. S. Blowfield ...	15. 7	0.40	15.47	5
18	B. Eglinton .....	15. 9	2.30	17.39	25
19	H. E. Footer .....	15.10	1.40	16.50	13
20	G. Durrant .....	15.11	1.50	17. 1	18
21	A. T. Jordan .....	15.12	2.45	17.57	29*
22	E. H. Herbert .....	15.17	1.40	16.57	16
23	J. W. Kennedy ...	15.23	2.20	17.43	26*
24	K. G. Stimpson ...	15.25	1.50	17.15	22
25	S. R. Eales .....	15.30	1.35	17. 5	19
26	L. A. Adams .....	15.33	2.10	17.43	26*
27	C. L. Stokell .....	15.33	1.20	16.53	14
28	G. F. Lucas .....	15.36	0. 5	15.41	3
29	T. F. Morrell .....	15.37	1.35	17.12	21
30	J. Hill .....	15.39	2.25	18. 4	34
31	G. S. Doubleday ...	15.47	2.10	17.57	29*
32	H. W. Shields .....	15.59	2. 0	17.59	31*
33	F. A. Walker .....	15.59	2. 0	17.59	31*
34	V. D. Wynyard ...	16. 8	1.55	18. 3	33
35	D. P. Woodhead ...	16. 9	2.25	18.34	38
36	D. R. Laing .....	16.12	2.50	19. 2	41
37	S. Charlton .....	16.13	2.25	18.38	39
38	F. G. White .....	16.17	2.10	18.27	37
39	R. B. Thomas .....	16.28	1.55	18.23	36
40	A. S. Lindsey .....	16.33	2.30	19. 3	42
41	C. N. Collis .....	16.40	2.35	19.15	45*
42	A. M. Whincup ...	16.45	2.30	19.15	45*
43	A. J. Beaumont ...	16.53	2. 5	18.58	40
44	E. N. McKenzie ...	16.53	1.25	18.18	35
45	W. J. Reddin .....	16.54	2.10	19. 4	43
46	R. Garwood .....	17. 5	2.20	19.25	48
47	B. Oliver .....	17. 7	2.20	19.27	49
48	F. R. Webb .....	17. 8	2.15	19.23	47
49	L. Dally .....	17.25	1.40	19. 5	44
50	J. W. Cook .....	17.47	3. 0	20.47	50

\* Dead heat.

#### FIVE MILES C.C. HANDICAP

Held on October 25th, and again a very large field turned out including our G.O.M. of the country, George Still. George is now turned 70 years of age yet each Saturday he can be seen running over the Common, and he usually takes along a school of junior runners with him. Coming to the scratch race, this was won by Vic Blowfield with Dick Towndrow second and Ted Stimpson third. To beat the half-hour over our course is quite good running, so it can be seen that Vic put in some really fast running, which should gain him many honours before the season is over. Ron Minahan, Eric Herbert, George Chantler, and Mike Heard also ran well, and an interesting entrant was Colin Sutton, the well-known walker. The handicap was won by J. McDonald with K. R. England second and Bert Smith third.

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	V. S. Blowfield ...	28.23	1.20	27. 3	10
2	R. F. Towndrow ...	29.14	1.15	27.59	22*
3	E. S. Stimpson ...	29.43	1.20	28.23	31
4	T. G. Clinton .....	29.48	1.50	27.58	21
5	R. R. Minahan ...	30. 9	3.15	26.54	9
6	W. E. Lucas .....	30.20	1. 0	29.20	45
7	G. F. Lucas .....	30.21	0.30	29.51	46
8	E. H. Herbert .....	20.32	3. 0	27.32	16
9	G. R. Chantler ...	30.38	4.15	26.23	5
10	M. E. Heard .....	30.48	3.30	27.18	14
11	S. R. Eales .....	30.50	2.30	28.20	29*
12	C. L. Stokell .....	30.50	2. 0	28.50	39
13	C. Abberton .....	31. 0	4.15	26.45	6*
14	J. McDonald .....	31. 3	5.30	25.33	1
15	A. H. Bishop .....	31. 5	3.45	27.20	15
16	F. K. Blunden .....	31.14	3.15	27.59	22*
17	K. R. England .....	31.16	5.15	26. 1	2
18	H. W. Shields .....	31.22	3.20	28. 2	24*
19	A. Smith .....	31.23	5.10	26.13	3
20	G. Durrant .....	31.24	4.15	27. 9	11
21	C. T. Carter .....	31.36	1.25	30.11	48
22	A. F. Mitchell .....	31.38	2.50	28.48	37*
23	K. G. Stimpson ...	31.45	4.30	27.15	12
24	N. P. Walker .....	31.47	3.45	28. 2	24*
25	T. F. Morrell .....	31.49	2.45	29. 4	43
26	L. C. Bishop .....	31.55	3.15	28.40	35*
27	S. Charlton .....	32. 9	5.50	26.19	4
28	L. A. Adams .....	32.15	5.30	26.45	6*
29	C. Mains .....	32.23	5.35	26.48	8
30	B. Eglinton .....	32.32	5.15	27.17	13
31	J. W. Kennedy .....	32.33	4.45	27.48	19
32	L. Bush .....	32.44	4.15	28.29	33
33	G. S. Doubleday ...	32.45	4.20	28.25	32
34	A. H. Orton .....	32.59	4.40	28.19	28
35	W. Spencer .....	33.20	5.30	27.50	20
36	A. M. Bassett .....	33.35	5.15	28.20	29*
37	V. D. Wynyard ...	33.39	4.45	28.54	41
38	F. S. Bradnum .....	33.43	6. 0	27.43	18
39	E. G. Poplewell ...	33.51	5.45	28. 6	27
40	D. G. Woodhead .....	33.54	5.50	28. 4	26
41	F. R. Webb .....	33.55	5.15	28.40	35*
42	A. J. Beaumont ...	34.22	5.30	28.52	40
43	W. G. Isaac .....	34.33	5.45	28.48	37*
44	A. S. Lindsey .....	34.44	5.45	28.59	42
45	A. E. Taylor .....	34.44	4.45	29.59	47
46	L. Cole .....	35. 3	5.45	29.18	44
47	A. D. Pyer .....	35.34	8. 0	27.34	17
48	F. Jeffries .....	36.10	3.15	32.55	52
49	J. W. Cook .....	37. 1	8.30	28.31	34
50	D. S. Boothman ...	37.12	6.15	30.57	49
51	E. T. Bateman ...	37.58	6.30	31.28	51
52	C. F. Sutton .....	38.26	5.15	33.11	53
53	G. Still .....	40.45	9.30	31.15	50

\* Denotes dead heat.

## MATCH v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Held at Wimbledon on November 1st, and we were very pleased to welcome the University runners on their first visit to our headquarters. They had sent a mixed team of first and second string runners, but proved no match for our lads, who filled the first four places. The placings in our club five miles were repeated with Vic Blowfield once again leading the field home. Scoring six aside the team result was: Belgrave H. 28 points, Oxford University 50 points. Actual placings were: 1, Blowfield 29.14; 2, Towndrow 29.20; 3, E. Stompson 29.25; 4, Clinton 29.33; 5, Pollard (Ox.) 30.19; 6, Green (Ox.) 30.25; 7, Pearson 30.36; 8, Hearn (Ox.); 9, Cartwright (Ox.); 10, Lumb (Ox.); 11, Mitchell; 12, Carter; 13, Frost; 14, Haydock (Ox.); 15, Donovan (Ox.); 16, Shields; 17, Ingham (Ox.); 18, Eales.

## SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE

Held at Dartford on November 8th, and a record number of teams had been entered. As winners of the previous year we had to find a new scoring team, and were pleasantly surprised to find our lads running so well that they secured second place in the team race. Eddie Short was our first man home in fourth position, and was well supported by Mike Heard 12th, Ron Minahan 19th, and Eric Herbert 27th. We fielded four teams and all closed in, our other placings being: F. K. Blunden 37, G. R. Chantler 41, J. McDonald 45, K. G. Stimpson 47, A. H. Bishop 59, A. Smith 64, C. Abberton 74, J. W. Kennedy 79, K. R. England 81, E. M. Bishop 84, G. Durrant 87, L. Bush 112, A. H. Orton 114, A. M. Bassett 116, W. Spencer 120, F. S. Bradnum 127, E. G. Popplewell 134, G. S. Doubleday 142, S. Charlton 166, D. P. Woodhead 178, W. G. Isaac 189, F. Jeffries 204, J. W. Cook 228, J. E. Shields 230.

253 runners closed in and 36 teams, and our "B" team was 13th, "C" team 22nd, "D" team 32nd.

Leadings positions were: 1, Dartford H. 41 points; 2, Belgrave "A" 62; 3, Walton "A" 65(3); 4, South London H., 92; 5, Reading A.C. 93; 6, Cambridge "A" 126; 7, Surrey A.C. 132.

## MATCH v. T.V.H. AND EASTLEIGH A.C.

Held at Cranford on November 29th, we took along a fair crowd of runners and had the satisfaction of winning this triangular match. Scoring 8 a side the points were: 1, Belgrave H. 76; Thames Valley H. 95; Eastleigh A.C. 147.

Gosney of Eastleigh beat Olney the local "crack" in the individual race, but our lads packed well with Tom Clinton 4th, Dick Towndrow 5th, Ted Stimpson 6th and Frank Abberton 7th.

Other club placings were: Eric Herbert 10, Les Stokell 12, Stan Eales 14, A. E. Frost 18, A. F. Mitchell 20, Tom Carter 21, S. Charlton 24, Ken Stimpson 27, G. R. Chantler 34, F. A. Walker 40, Alf Taylor 41, F. Price 42, B. C. Lulham 43, and Frank Webb 45.

## "B" TEAM v. EALING HARRIERS

Held on the same day as the above fixture, as owing to the club "Open" walk, no runners are allowed at Wimbledon, our vice-captain Bert Smith took along a mixed team to run against the local club at Perivale. Arthur Bruce was our first man home in second position, with Con Abberton 6, Bert Footer 7, Bert Smith 8, K. R. England 9, J. McDonald 11, J. W. Kennedy 14, F. S. Bradnum 16, V. D. Wynyard 18, E. G. Popplewell 20, W. G. Isaac 23, and R. Garwood 24. However, with four men in the first five home, the locals beat us in the team race by 63 points to 73.

## "BLACKSTAFFE" SHIELD C.C. RACE

Our club seven miles championship was held over Wimbledon Common on December 13th, and another large field turned out.

Len Herbert, the holder, was defending his title, but in a fast run race he was beaten on the run-in by Vic Blowfield.

Dick Towndrow gained his first club championship award in being third, with a past-holder in Arthur Penny fourth, and Tom Clinton fifth. The next two positions were filled by two junior members in Martin Williamson and Mike Heard. The former is up at Cambridge University while Mike has just been demobbed from the Royal Navy. These two youngsters should be a great help to our teams for many seasons to come, and to beat such experienced runners as Tom Carter, Albert Frost and Bert Mitchell was a really grand performance.

The sealed handicap resulted in a win for S. Charlton, who showed much improved form, with B. Eglinton second and W. Spencer third. Eglinton is a Derby and County member who is in the R.A.F. stationed down this way, while Spencer is one of our numerous Police members.

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	V. S. Blowfield ...	39. 2	1. 0	38. 2	21
2	L. W. Herbert .....	39. 6	Scr.	39. 6	27
3	R. F. Towndrow ...	39.23	1.30	37.53	20
4	A. W. Penny .....	40. 2	2.45	37.17	15
5	T. G. Clinton .....	40.14	2. 0	38.14	24
6	M. Williamson .....	40.23	3.30	36.53	10
7	M. E. Heard .....	40.25	3.45	36.40	5
8	C. T. Carter .....	40.25	2.15	38.10	23
9	E. H. Herbert .....	40.48	4. 0	36.48	8
10	C. L. Stokell .....	41.12	2.15	38.57	26
11	A. E. Frost .....	41.35	1.50	39.45	31*
12	A. F. Mitchell .....	41.43	4.20	37.23	17*
13	F. K. Blunden .....	41.53	4.30	37.23	17*
14	S. Charlton .....	42. 2	6. 0	36. 2	1
15	G. F. Lucas .....	42.13	1.15	40.58	38*
16	H. W. Shields .....	42.14	4. 0	38.14	24
17	S. Davies .....	42.14	5.15	36.59	11*
18	G. Durrant .....	42.27	5.40	36.37	4
19	J. McDonald .....	42.30	5.30	37. 0	13
20	K. R. England .....	42.31	5.45	36.46	7
21	G. S. Doubleday ...	42.35	5.50	36.45	6
22	A. Smith .....	42.42	5.50	36.52	9
23	C. Abberton .....	42.50	5.30	37.20	16
24	A. H. Bishop .....	42.53	5.45	37. 8	14
25	S. R. J. Eales .....	42.56	3.30	39.26	28
26	K. G. Stimpson ...	43. 3	5.15	37.48	19
27	B. Eglinton .....	43. 3	6.30	36.33	2
28	W. Spencer .....	43. 6	6.30	36.36	3
29	R. W. Tobin .....	43.28	2.30	40.58	38*
30	G. R. Chantler ...	43.41	5.35	38. 6	22
31	F. S. Bradnum .....	43.49	6.50	36.59	11*
32	T. F. Morrell .....	43.49	4.10	39.39	30
33	F. A. Walker .....	45. 9	4.45	40.24	36
34	A. E. Taylor .....	46. 0	5.45	40.15	34*
35	L. Bush .....	46. 0	5.45	40.15	34*

36	F. R. Webb .....	46.25	6.40	39.45	31*
37	A. Whitehead .....	46.50	7.15	39.35	29
38	W. G. Webb .....	49.2	9.15	40.47	37
39	A. D. Pyer .....	49.43	9.30	40.13	33
40	K. W. Millington...	56.2	12.0	44.2	41
41	G. Still .....	56.6	15.0	41.6	40

\* Denotes dead heat.

### "SAVAGE" SHIELD JUNIOR RACE

The holder of the title, Derrick Burfitt, was a non-runner as Derrick is not doing anything over the country this season in view of the coming Olympic Games, in which he is on the list of "possibles." A very close and interesting race was seen between Eddie Short, Martin Williamson and Arthur Bruce.

Eddie led for most of the way but was beaten on the run-in by Williamson, who thus won a club title in his first season with the club. We wish him long and continued success in our colours and our junior strength gives us great hopes for the future success of the club over the country.

Mike Heard was unlucky in being a sufferer from that bug-bear of all cross-country runners known as "stitch," and also went off the course near the end of the race and so did not finish.

Complete results hereunder:—

		Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	M. Williamson .....	29.47	2.0	27.47	1
2	E. A. Short .....	29.48	1.45	28.3	2
3	A. H. Bruce .....	30.10	1.30	28.40	3
4	E. M. Bishop .....	33.24	4.30	28.54	4
5	R. Garwood .....	34.54	5.0	29.54	6
6	J. W. Cook .....	32.25	6.15	29.10	5

### CLUB YOUTHS C.C. RACE

This race was a new addition to our winter programme, and was put on to give those lads who are between the ages of 15 to 17 a chance of showing what they can do in actual competition.

It was held at Wimbledon on January 17th, and a good field of 12 lads turned out, and we hope this will be the forerunner of a good school of youngsters turning up at Belgrave Hall each Saturday for training purposes.

As form was an unknown quantity it was decided to make it a handicap race (pity the poor old handicapper), and the race resulted as under:—

		Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	P. F. Street .....	14.32	1.15	13.17	1
2	R. J. Wolton .....	14.34	1.0	13.34	2
3	K. J. Hill .....	14.41	Scr.	14.41	7
4	G. A. Simpson .....	14.55	1.20	13.35	3
5	P. A. Smith .....	15.33	1.40	13.53	5
6	R. Durban .....	15.49	1.10	14.39	6
7	A. C. Hanlon .....	15.57	2.10	13.47	4
8	M. C. Marshall ...	16.15	0.40	15.35	10
9	G. Bushell .....	16.54	1.50	15.4	8
10	J. Tutton .....	17.0	1.30	15.30	9
11	E. J. Upton .....	17.31	1.45	15.46	11
12	A. J. Longhurst ...	19.11	2.15	16.56	12

## "MACHER" SHIELD C.C. RACE

Held on January 24th, this race for the club 10 miles cross-country was started, in the absence of our President, by Albert Macher. A good field of 32 runners faced the starter, including the holder Vic Blowfield, while Len Herbert and Tom Carter, 1946 winner, and Arthur Penny, winner in 1934, 1936, 1938 and 1939, also turned out. The weather was far from ideal, which is not unusual for this race, and at the half-distance Tom Clinton was leading Vic Blowfield and Frank Abberton with Len Herbert and Bill Lucas running together.

When they came in sight of the finish Vic Blowfield was out in front followed by Frank Abberton, who had run a fine race, and Len Herbert beat Tom Clinton on the run-in for third position. Although Lea Herbert is recognised as our best distance runner, he has yet to win this championship, and we hope he will carry on to lead our runners in the District and National races, although at the time of writing this appears doubtful.

The sealed handicap was won by that "old war-horse" Harry Shields, who battled through to the end, with Eric Herbert, maintaining his recent improved form, taking second award, and Con Abberton beating his brother Frank for third prize.

Position	Name	Act. Time	Start	Hcp. Time	Postn. in Hcp.
1	V. S. Blowfield ...	59.59	1. 0	58.59	15
2	F. J. Abberton ....	60.15	2.30	57.45	4
3	L. W. Herbert .....	60.42	Scr.	60.42	20
4	T. G. Clinton .....	60.44	2.30	58.14	7
5	W. E. Lucas .....	61.11	2.45	58.26	10
6	E. S. Stimpson .....	61.29	2.40	58.49	13
7	A. E. Frost .....	61.40	3.15	58.25	9
8	C. L. Stokell .....	61.54	3.15	58.39	11
9	E. H. Herbert .....	62. 9	4.45	57.24	2
10	C. T. Carter .....	62.26	2.45	59.41	17
11	S. R. J. Eales .....	63.17	4.15	59. 2	16
12	R. F. Towndrow ...	63.24	1.45	61.39	23
13	H. W. Shields .....	63.34	6.15	57.19	1
14	A. F. Mitchell .....	64. 1	5.15	58.46	12
15	G. M. Pearson .....	64.19	3.10	61. 9	21
16	R. W. Tobin .....	64.24	4.30	59.54	18
17	C. Abberton .....	64.27	7. 0	57.27	3
18	S. Charlton .....	64.57	6.50	58. 7	6
19	S. Davies .....	65. 4	6.45	58.19	8
20	G. R. Chantler ...	65.49	7.45	58. 4	5
21	A. Smith .....	65.58	7. 0	58.58	14
22	W. Spencer .....	67.40	7.30	60.10	19
23	G. S. Doubleday ...	68.46	7.15	61.31	22
24	J. McDonald .....	69.18	6.30	62.48	25
25	A. T. Jordan .....	71.15	9.15	62. 0	24
26	W. G. Isaac .....	76.34	12.30	64. 4	26

The following retired: A. W. Penny, G. F. Lucas, T. F. Morrell, K. G. Stimpson, F. K. Blunden.

## CLUB BOXING DAY MEETING

Our annual track meeting was held at Tooting Bec, and although it was a really glorious morning our members were evidently still recovering from the effects of the night before, judging by the limited number who turned up.

We managed to make up three heats for the 100 yards handicap, which resulted as follows: Heat 1—1, G. R. Lowers (2 yards); 2, A. C. Allen (8 yards). Heat 2—1, A. D. Sexton (3 yards); 2, W. D. Brown (2½ yards). Heat 3—1, L. G. Christmas (5½ yards); 2, F. Simmons (11 yards).

The final was a grand race between the three heat winners, and in a "blanket" finish Alan Sexton was adjudged the winner with Les Christmas second and George Lowers third.

The field for the two miles run was more numerous, although both Len Herbert and Derrick Burfitt were non-starters. The eventual winner was J. W. Kennedy off 350 yards, who put in a storming finish to beat Alan Bishop (260) with Eric Bishop (350) third.

The three miles walking handicap was won by Gordon Double-day, who turns out over the country and yet still manages to put up good performances when he switches over to walking events.

## REVIEW OF COMING TRACK SEASON

The thoughts of our club members will now be turning towards training for the track season, and they will be pleased to know that your committee have gone into the question of coaching, and have appointed a panel of coaches under the supervision of George Clay. George is well known to those of our members who train at Motspur Park and club members will also recall his son Fred, who was a very good sprinter and later took up the 440 yards. Fuller details will be given to members at a later date, but I can assure you that George is going into the question of training schedules very thoroughly and will be only too pleased to help any member who wishes to improve his performance by training to a definite schedule.

This being Olympic Games year, we are all hoping to see some of our members in the English team, and in view of the date of the Games, we have put our club championships earlier in the season than is usual.

They will be held at Tooting Bec Track on Saturday, June 5th, and it is hoped that members will "book" this date and support the championships to their utmost.

For members' guidance a provisional list of club fixtures can be seen at the end of the Gazette, although we hope to arrange further fixtures as the season approaches.

We have arranged our usual Junior match with the Whitgift Middle School at Croydon, and have also accepted invitations to take part in Junior inter-club contests with the Polytechnic H. and Highgate H.

The "Gordon-Stewart" Trophy contest, of which we are the holders, is being held at Drayton Green Track on Saturday, May 8th, and we have also arranged matches with the L.A.C., Cambridge H., Shaftesbury H., Highgate H., Mitcham A.C., and the Metropolitan Police A.C.

The club have booked Tooting Bec Track for several dates, and we have had to take some Monday dates, in view of the number of clubs now using Tooting for meetings, but I trust this will not deter our members from turning up in better numbers than they did last season.

With the Olympic Games being the highlight of the season, I think the usual club programme will rather be overshadowed, but with all the "cracks" concentrating on that vital period from Friday, July 30th, to Saturday, August 7th, when all the athletic events are being held, this should give some of our less prominent members a chance of proving themselves.

All entries and enquiries should be sent to the Running Hon. Secretary, as under:

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#### PROVISIONAL LIST OF TRACK FIXTURES, 1948

- May 1 (Sat.) Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track.  
8 (Sat.) Inter-Club match at Drayton Green Track.  
10 (Mon.) Junior match v. W.M.S. at Croydon.  
19 (Wed.) Match v. Highgate H. at Parliament Hill Track.  
24 (Mon.) Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track.  
29 (Sat.) County Championships.
- June 5 (Sat.) Club Championships at Tooting Bec Track.  
7 (Mon.) Inter-Club Walks at Tooting Bec Track.  
9 (Wed.) Match v. Mitcham A.C. at News of the World Track.  
19 (Sat.) "Kinnaird" and Junior Inter-Club at Chiswick.  
23 (Wed.) Match v. L.A.C. and Cambridge H. at Tooting Bec Track (also three miles Championship and Hop, Step and Jump Championship).
- July 5 (Mon.) Match v. Shaftesbury H. at Parliament Hill Track.  
10 (Sat.) "Victory" Relay at Motspur Park Track.  
12 (Mon.) Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track.  
24 (Sat.) Junior Inter-Club at Parliament Hill Track.  
28 (Wed.) Match v. Cambridge H. at Charlton Park Track.  
30 (Fri.) Olympic Games at Wembley Stadium.
- Aug. 7 (Sat.) Finish of Athletic events at Wembley Stadium.  
11 (Wed.) Club meeting at Tooting Bec Track.  
21 (Sat.) Match v. Met. Police A.C. at Imber Court.
- Sept. 18 (Sat.) Final club meeting at Tooting Bec Track.