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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

It has already been said that this year, with the purchase of the freehold of our Hall, another *page in the history of the Club* has been turned. But in the flush of this new era let us not overlook a page which has recently been turned, one full of the hazards and hard work that made it possible for the first-mentioned page to be turned.

We refer to the page of W. G. Webb, which, in the process of turning, has given us first a Treasurer and then a President.

To many of us who have served long on your committee a great change has now taken place. A familiar face is missing from the head of the table at all our meetings, a face that for over fourteen years took its place on the right of the President and for the last two years has occupied the Presidential chair. How strange not to see him there now. By this we do not suggest he is taking it easy, by no means. Bill has been a really hardworking Treasurer and a popular President. His page may have been turned, but we know you will continue to see the name of W. G. Webb in future pages, and we hope, too, Bill, for many years to come.

As for our new President, Alf Harley, it is difficult to find any page in the Club history over the past 20 years that has not some reference to him and certainly in our recent progress Alf's name figures most prominently.

We know as a President he will be relentless in getting the best out of everybody for the good of the Club, and were we not good clubmen and eager to serve one who has served us so well, we should view the coming year with a certain amount of apprehension, for the amount of work which Alf will certainly undertake and the amount he will expect us to do. That we will serve both him as the President, and the Club as a whole, he has no doubts, and so he may command.

May we hope that his term of office will see the *turning of yet more vital and successful pages in our Club history.*

And just by the way. This issue will, of course, be the last one of 1950, so we, your Editors, take this opportunity, perhaps rather early, of wishing you all — and that includes all our supporters and friends — A **VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

YOUR EDITORS.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

May I express my humble thanks to Club members for electing me to the proud position of President of the Belgrave Harriers. It is with pride, and at the same time humility, that I follow in the steps of a distinguished and hard-working line of Belgrave Presidents, every one of whom has served the Club in a variety of ways and honoured the Club in accepting the honour bestowed on him.

I think of the late Bob Ricketts, President when I joined the Club in 1926; and I know his influence and personality to be with us still. Harry Hare succeeded him. Here was a young man who was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer within 12 months of joining the Club, the first Hon. Editor of a printed "Belgravian," the prime mover in initiating our Building Fund and a leader and guide in so many club activities, yet still finding time to win a Club championship and score in winning National Championship teams.



Jimmy Bellchamber, an Hon. Auditor since 1912 and a Walking Captain with personality and real leadership, added lustre to the Chair, as did Jock McKay, our Hon. Treasurer for many years and later an auditor; and Ted Gordon, a tower of strength in so many ways since he joined in 1911, particularly in regard to our Building Fund. Oscar Horwood had been Hon. Secretary of the Club in the difficult days when the club's finances were very meagre and Belgrave had only been kept in existence by constant recourse to one's own pocket and hours of toil, often unrewarding. It was fitting, therefore, that he should become President in happier days. Wally Bayliss, as Captain, Assistant Hon. Secretary and Hon. Secretary, served the club supremely well for many years, and of undisputed right became our President.

Harry Evans, bringing walking honours to the Club name as far back as 1909, worthily held the Presidential reins, as has Frank Thompson (elected a Life member in 1897), a former Hon. Secretary and the Club's representative on A.A.A. Committees and the man who put in more attendances at Battersea Park Track, all in the Club's interest, than any other — alive or dead.

We now come to the more recent years, when the office of President has been upheld in its dignity by Dick Savage, Harry Parker, whose 38 years of Club work have most unfortunately been cut short recently, as we all know to our sorrow, and Bill Webb, 14 years an Hon. Treasurer, a former Cross Country Captain, a Trustee and our President for the last two years, to whom we offer our sincere thanks for a job well done and in line with the traditions of the past.

I can only say that I am deeply conscious of all that has gone before; and with your help will try hard not to let my predecessors down. Let us all find in the traditions given us by our former Presidents, which I have tried to outline (most inadequately and in the sketchiest form only) an inspiration to go forward to even greater things than this great Club of ours has yet achieved.

A. A. HARLEY,
President.

FROM THE HON. TREASURER

Those who were at the A.G.M. will need no telling of how important the matter of £ s. d. is to the Club. Running a club of our size and scope entails a continuous drain on our finances. A glance at the balance sheet will show how much is spent on items, such as team expenses, printing, postage and prizes. Throughout recent years the Club has maintained its high standard without increasing subscriptions by any large amount and by keeping Club handicap and championship fees at their pre-war level of one shilling. So it is up to everybody to make sure that they are up to date with their subs and to pay all race fees promptly.

How else can you help the club finances? Are you acquainted with the Supporters' Club, which has raised so much money over recent years? Any Club official will be pleased to furnish particulars of the scheme, or Les Cohen, Hon. Secretary of the Supporters' Club, will be pleased to oblige. It is hoped that many more members will be participating in the scheme. No doubt reference is made elsewhere to Club social functions. These deserve fullest support and if you don't get value for your money it will be your own fault.

If we may return to the subject of the A.G.M., my predecessor, Syd King, said that I would fill the bill for treasurer, he did not say "*foot the bill*," that's your job.

Thank you for reading this and thank you in anticipation.

G. S. DOUBLEDAY.

219, West Barnes Lane, New Malden, Surrey.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 7th, 1950

The writer of these notes was waylaid by the Editor shortly before the meeting was due to begin and asked if he would produce an account of it for the *Belgravian*. He was too surprised to think of a suitable excuse before the meeting started, hence this contribution.

Bill Webb took the chair and opened proceedings by asking members to stand for a moment to the memory of the late Harry Parker.

Minutes were read and approved and the Hon. Secretary's report, which had been previously circulated to members, was taken as read. Then came a very important item on the agenda, the presentation of the balance sheet by the Hon. Treasurer, Syd King.

The balance sheet this year appeared in a most businesslike form, due, our Treasurer told us, to advice and assistance from some of our accountant members. It was so well made out that further explanation was not really necessary. The present satisfactory state of the funds is chiefly due to the efforts of the Supporters' Club. A gentle (?) reminder was given to those who had forgotten, or failed to pay their subscriptions.

One or two interesting facts emerged from the balance sheet; Belgrave could run a highly successful "Open" walk and make a profit of 2/1 on it. The increased "Standards" had reduced expenditure on medals.

After this came the election of Life Members. Syd King and Syd Roberts were elected. The former was proposed by Ernie Duffett and seconded by Les Cohen, and the latter proposed by Frank Elson and seconded by Gordon Doubleday. As Doub remarked, the only thing that Frank had left him to say was his ability to collect subs from walkers!

The proceedings were interrupted for the President to award the "Belgrave" Cup for the Brighton Walk to A. J. Stirling Wakeley, who had to leave early.

It has been customary for the retiring President to nominate his successor. Bill Webb conformed to custom and nominated Alf Harley to carry the reins for the year 1950-51. For the information of newer members, Bill gave a resumé of Alf's activities as a *Belgravian* since joining the Club in 1926. We were told, amongst other things, that the financial stability of our magazine in the days when Alf was Editor was ensured on the profits made on the Club ties he sold! We learnt, too,

that Alf, before he retired from running (?) was the forerunner of Wint. It is, perhaps, indicative of our new President's nature that he took up walking and left Wint a clear field.

The existing Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc, together with H. W. Elsey, C. Munroe and F. H. Elson.

The question of who should be Club Hon. Secretary for the coming year had already been discussed in committee, and Ernie Duffett rose to propose Alf Harley, who was duly elected. Alf will continue to control the policy, but will be assisted in the more routine matters by the Assistant Hon. Secretary and various Club members.

The retiring Hon. Treasurer proposed G. S. Doubleday to succeed him. Doub was unanimously elected and was seen in action during the tea interval.

Election of other officials followed.

J. B. Bellchamber gave some interesting details of Club finances. His first balance sheet for the year 1911-12 showed a slight deficit, which members made up. He told how Harry Hare, the originator, Tom Cotton and Frank Elson had started what, in more recent years under "Sir Stafford" Cohen (who apparently has a natural affinity for money), has developed into the Supporters' Club.

Tom Carter was re-elected Hon. Social Secretary, after which names of those proposed for elected members of the committee were read out. Ballot papers were completed and handed in and whilst the count was being taken, members adjourned for tea. After tea, the "Tommy Green" cup for the year's outstanding performance by a Club member was presented to Bill Lucas for his fourth place in the A.A.A. three-mile Championship, where he returned the fastest time (14 mins. 1.6 sec.) ever done by a Club member.

The meeting proper was over now and it was only a matter of waiting for votes to be counted. Whilst waiting, and in lighter vein, various questions were asked and answers given. It is encouraging to know that at some future date there will be garages available for members' cars. However, in the immediate present, accommodation for bicycles is causing the committee some concern.

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m., and I am sure the members present went away from this A.G.M. with a very satisfied feeling in the knowledge that the hall was at least 100 per cent. ours and that the Club had taken another decisive step forward in the last 12 months.

THE CLUB DINNER

An impression by one of our guests, Insp. G. Malkin, Hon. Secretary of the M.P.A.A.

Whoever decided that the Belgrave Club Dinner should be held on Friday, 13th October, was obviously not superstitious. As events proved, their optimism was well founded, for the evening was a great success.

When I arrived at the Corner House, Coventry Street, Piccadilly, I was immediately struck by the large gathering, far more than I had ever seen at a club dinner. Squeezing my way through the crowd near the bar, I noticed many well-known figures in the athletic world, too numerous to mention individually. There was, however, something rather strange about them, until I realised that I was seeing them behind cocktail glasses instead of the more usual pint pots.

The speeches were entertaining and just the right length. The standard was set by the first speaker, Alf Harley, in proposing the toast of the "Club," and the response by H. Shields. Other speakers, Syd Roberts, who proposed the toast of the "Guests," followed by Ernie Clynes and the new President of the R.W.A., E. Kennell, all paid tribute to the ladies, rather diplomatically, I thought. Evidently with an eye to the future.

Dancing which followed was to the music of Les Reeves and his band, with the M.C., H. Ellsey, doing his job most admirably.

I believe that it is an axiom of the entertainment world that the

customer should go away wishing the show had been a little longer. Judging by this, the whole function was one of the best, for when it was time to go, I think we all wished it had lasted another half hour.

Altogether a very pleasant evening, which I shall remember for a very long time.

I very nearly forgot, the meal was excellent, too.

G.J.M.

To add to the above report, it was unanimously voted a grand night by those attending; but we were disappointed that so many chose to stay away.

To those who enjoyed this delightful evening we say "*You lucky people.*" To those who didn't, either through superstition or apathy, we say "*You silly people,*" and to those who found the financial aspect or other circumstances too pressing, we say "We hope you will come along next year and enjoy yourself with Belgrave Friends, as we did."

WATCH OUT FOR OUR SOCIALS !!!

WHAT SOCIALS ? WHY, BELGRAVE SOCIALS !!!

The next Social will be held at Belgrave Hall on Saturday, December 9th. That you will enjoy yourselves, again with the Belgrave fraternity — is without doubt.

Your Social Committee are C. T. Carter, Hon. Secretary, C. Churcher, L. Adams, J. Lacey, H. Footer and D. Martin Shepherd. They are anxious to arrange social activities to please all, so if you have any suggestions, good or bad, but er — not doubtful, please do tell them.

Another Social will be held at Belgrave Hall on Saturday, January 27th. Let's have your ideas for this night — NOW.

A.A.A. MARATHON

At Reading on July 22nd our first man home was Syd Ring, who finished 28th. Dick Towndrow, Dick Tobin and George Chantler did not finish the course and our actual finishers and times were as under:—

28. S. T. Ring, 2.52.50; 47. G. M. Pearson, 3.6.20; 49. A. Smith, 3.9.55; 52. J. McDonald, 3.12.15; 55. G. S. Doubleday, 3.12.55.

The arrangements after the race were far from good for a race of this calibre, the washing facilities were very poor and the competitors were also unable to obtain any tea or refreshments by the time they had finished.

We do think that to ask chaps to run 26 miles and then not to make any arrangements for their comfort is not very helpful as regards future entries for this race.

MATCH v. CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS

At Charlton Park Track on July 26th there were junior and senior events and these took the form of triangular matches between Blackheath H., Cambridge H. and ourselves.

We did fairly well in the senior match and Lowers won the 100 yards, while Basil Walden won the 220 1st string, with Des Mullen third in the 2nd string race at this distance.

Odde was third in the 440 and Jack Brown won the 880 yards in 2 mins. 1.3 secs., with Archie Bedford in fourth place.

Len Bishop was third in the 1 mile, but Charlie Smart surprised the locals by winning the 2-mile race, in which he beat Broughton, of Blackheath, in the fast time of 9 mins. 29.6 secs.

Bergvalds, our Latvian member, won the Discus and was second in the Shot Putt, with Bill Sutton in third place.

Total points in the senior match were:—Cambridge H. 37½; Belgrave H. 34½; Blackheath H. 31.

In the Junior match, Frank Kemp scored a good double by winning the 100 and 220, and Bob Wolton was second in the 440, while Maclean won the 880 yards and Ray Tooby the mile.

Once again the field events saw us well behind on points scoring and the final result of the match was:—Cambridge H. 47; Belgrave H. 36; Blackheath H. 12.

COMBINED MEETING AT TOOTING TRACK—JUNE 19th

This was a combined meeting with the London Olympiades A.C. and we decided the club Hop, Step and Jump championship together with some club handicap events.

There was a disappointing turn-out for the 100 yards (under 19) race and only four runners faced the starter. The winner was a newcomer to the club, H. Oulton, late of Preston Harriers.

The 440 yards handicap saw three heats and the final was won by N. F. Gibson, better known as a high-jumper, with Len Bishop second and young A. C. Hanlon third.

Brian Shepherd won the 2 miles walk with E. Jeffery reaping the reward of his perseverance by being placed second and Sid Jarlett who has now gone over to walking, securing third place.

In the 2 miles run, Bill Lucas ran well off the back mark of 20 yards to go through his field to win in the good time of 9 min. 19.4 secs. Arthur Bruce was second with Jack Brown third.

A. Machell won the Shot Putt handicap and Charlie Jones got away with first place in the Javelin event and it was interesting to see that Tom Underwood secured a couple of placings in these events whereas he does not seem to be having a very good season from the running point of view.

The Hop, Step and Jump championship was won by P. Lowe with 41 ft. 4½ in., which is quite a good effort, but we are in dire need of some jumpers in the club ranks for the Triple, High and Long Jumps.

So often do we take part in these Inter-Club matches and yet have the greatest difficulty in turning out men for the jump events and we hope that members will bear this in mind when signing on any new members.

Full details are given below:—

100 yards (under 19).—1, H. Oulton (4); 2, F. W. Kemp (1); 3, P. Quinton (7). Time 10.6 secs.

440 yards.—Heat 1: 1, Gibson (18); 2, Hanlon (20). Heat 2: 1, L. Bishop (22); 2, M. F. Jones (30). Heat 3: 1, R. Bartlett (12); 2, I. W. Odde (16). Final: 1, N. Gibson; 2, L. Bishop; 3, A. Hanlon. Time 52.4 secs.

2 Miles Run.—1, W. E. Lucas (20); 2, A. H. Bruce (230); 3, J. W. Brown (60). Time 9 min. 19.4 secs.

2 Miles Walk.—1, B. Shepherd (375); 2, E. Jeffery (560); 3, S. Jarlett (470). Time 13 min. 57.6 secs.

Triple Jump.—1, P. Lowe; 2, D. Childs; 3, G. Barker. Distance 41 ft. 4½ in.

Shot Putt.—1, A. Machell; 2, T. Underwood; 3, P. Murray. Distance 39 ft. 10½ in.

Javelin.—1, T. C. Jones; 2, W. Hadley; 3, T. Underwood. Distance 156 ft. 1½ in.

JUNIOR MATCH AT CROYDON

At the Whitgift Middle School's ground on June 22nd, the School were winners by 28 points to our 17.

Dave Marshall, who is also a member of our own club, won both sprint events for the W.M.S. and they also won the 880 yards and Mile.

Bob Wolton won the 440 yards for us and this was our only win of the evening.

Although there were some field events on the programme, we had no one turn up for these, which is not unusual these days and so we had to default from the Shot and Discus, but turned out a couple of members in the two jumps.

Placings of our lads were as under:—

100 yards.—2, H. Oulton. Time 10.8 secs.

220 yards.—2, H. Oulton. Time 24.5 secs.

440 yards.—1, R. J. Wolton. Time 56.6 secs.

880 yards.—2, G. Trower; 3, M. F. Jones. Time 2.6 min.

1 Mile.—2, D. G. Maclean; 3, E. S. Udall. Time 4.45 min.

Long Jump.—3, P. Martin. 17 ft. 11 in.

High Jump.—3, A. Hanlon. 5 ft. 2 in.

Sprint Relay.—1, W.M.S.; 2, Belgrave. Time 48.4 secs.

SENIOR MATCH AT ALPERTON

On July 1st we did not have a very good turn-out against our old friends and rivals Thames Valley Harriers. In fact one club member described it as "disgusting" and so the home club were easy winners by scoring 72 points to our 34.

Geoff. Osmint and Des. Mullen turned out in the sprint events but had to be satisfied with minor placings against the local runner, E. Purver.

Arthur Bruce was second in the 880 yards and Stan Davies had to run a quarter in order to gain a point for third place.

Our bright "spot" was the 1 mile win of Bill Lucas in 4 min. 29 secs. and that of Les. Stokell in the 2 miles run in 9 min. 54.8 secs.

The six field events were all wins for T.V.H. and although we had N. F. Gibson in the two jumping events we were poorly represented in the others and you cannot expect to do well in this class of match unless you have equal representation in both the running and field events.

ENFIELD A.C. OPEN WALK—ENFIELD, JULY 1st

Six of our walkers competed in this event in which competitors start off their marks. Ron Kemp, who is still not eligible to represent us in teams, walked well to finish third to E. Barnes, of Highgate. His time of 40 min. 29 secs. was second best to Harry Churcher, who went well through to finish sixth. Placings and times as follows:—

3.	R. Kemp.	3.0	37.29
6.	H. Churcher	Sc.	38.31
20.	G. Oliver	4.20	39.42
24.	J. Baker	5.0	39.59
28.	A. East	2.30	40.44
35.	A. Readman	2.45	41.08

10,000 METRES WALK—WHITE CITY, JULY 5th

Four of our walkers were invited to compete in the 10,000 metres track walk at the White City which was a trial for the forthcoming European Games. The race was eagerly looked forward to, to see how the two Northerners, Allen and Hardy, would shape against Harry Churcher. Hardy soon went into the lead followed by Harry and Allen. Harry continued in second place for 3½ miles, when Hardy had a lead of three seconds and Allen drew level with Harry. At 4 miles Hardy's time was 28.31, with Allen 2 seconds behind and Harry third, another 2 seconds behind. Over the next mile, Harry lost a little ground and in the 21st lap Allen was disqualified. Hardy continued to increase his lead and eventually won in the very fast time of 43 min. 13 secs. Harry's time of 43.54, however, is his fastest for the distance. Bob McMullen was 4th in 48.52 and G. Gregory 9th in 50.17.

TWO MILES TRACK WALK MATCH v. SURREY W.C.—JULY 5th

Our usual mob match with Surrey Walking Club coincided with the A.A.A. 10,000 metres walk at the White City and in addition to Harry and Mac being invited to compete, a number of our other members were anxious to see how Hardy and Allen, of Sheffield, would shape against our 5 miles World Record Holder. However, nine of our walkers turned out and, considering that Surrey Walking Club were out in fairly good strength, gave a good account of themselves. Syd James was first home, in 3rd place, with Syd Jarlett 6th and George Oliver 9th. Scoring 9 a side, Surrey won by 65 points to 106.

CLUB MEETING ON JULY 5th

At Tooting Track this was a senior and junior match against Mitcham A.C. with some club handicaps also being decided.

We did quite well in the junior match and supplied the individual winner in all but two of the seven events.

In the senior match the same happy state of affairs prevailed and we had six winners to Mitcham's two.

The club handicaps saw a new innovation in the club by the holding of a 220 yards low hurdles race and the final of this resulted in a very close finish.

Full details of the result and placings are given below :—

Junior

- 100 yards.—1, Kemp (B.H.); 2, Oulton (B.H.). Time 10.8 secs.
220 yards.—1, Marshall (B.H.); 3, A. Law (B.H.). Time 24.2 secs.
440 yards.—1, D. Godfrey (B.H.); 3, R. Wolton (B.H.). Time 55 secs.
880 yards.—1, Hewson (M.A.C.); 3, Maclean (B.H.). Time 2 min.
3.2 secs.
1 Mile.—1, R. Tooby (B.H.); 3, G. Trower (B.H.). Time 4 min.
33 secs.
High Jump.—1, Gathercole (M.A.C.); 3, M. Steiner (B.H.). 5 ft. 6 in.
Sprint Relay.—1, Belgrave H.; 2, Mitcham A.C. Time 47.5 secs.
Points Score.—1, Belgrave H. 22; 2, Mitcham A.C. 17.

Senior

- 100 yards.—1, Lowers (B.H.); 2, G. Barker (B.H.). Time 10.5 secs.
220 yards.—1, B. Walden (B.H.); 2, A. Picton (B.H.); Time 23 secs.
440 yards.—1, Trendell (M.A.C.); 2, I. W. Odde (B.H.). Time 54.6 secs.
880 yards.—1, A. Bedford (B.H.); 3, W. Lucas (B.H.). Time 2 min.
2.6 secs.
1 Mile.—1, C. Walker (B.H.); 2, Bolam (B.H.) and Oakes (M.A.C.)
Time 4 min. 37 secs.
Weight.—1, Bergvalds (B.H.); 2, Childs (B.H.). Distance 37 ft. 11 in.
Discus.—1, Bergvalds (B.H.); 3, Childs (B.H.). Distance 124 ft. 5 in.
Long Jump.—1, Wallis (M.A.C.); 2, Gibson (B.H.); 3, Lowe (B.H.).
20 ft. 6½ in.
Points Score.—1, Belgrave H. 32½; Mitcham A. C. 15½.
100 yards Handicap (Heat 1).—1, Holtum (5); 2, Barker (6½). Time
10.5 secs. ...
100 yards Handicap (Heat 2).—1, Walden (2); 2, Gibson (7½). Time
10.2 secs.
100 yards Handicap (Heat 3).—1, Lowers (3); 2, Hewitt (9). Time
10.0 secs.
Final.—1, K. Hewitt; 2, G. Lowers; 3, R. Holtum. Time 10.0 secs.
880 yards Handicap.—1, R. Taylor (60); 2, C. Henn (70); 3, M. F.
Jones (100). Time 1 min. 55 secs.
2 Mile Run.—1, G. Durrant (260); 2, W. Paine (490); 3, L. W. Herbert
(scr.). Time 9 min. 15.8 secs.
220 yards Hurdles.—1, L. Christmas (16); 2, P. J. Briggs (20); 3, A.
Simpson (6). Time 30.5 secs.

SENIOR MATCH AT DORKING

Held on July 8th at the pleasantly situated ground of the Dorking St. Paul's A.C. and after a very close and exciting match we finished up losers by the narrow margin of 2 points.

As usual we were minus any high jumpers, but Les Christmas and our new member, Odde, very sportingly filled in, in order to score points for the third and fourth places.

In the 100 yards we had first two places through Gordon Lowers and Basil Walden, and the latter also won the 220 yards with Alan Picton in second place.

The 440 yards saw I. W. Odde, a newcomer to the club, who reminds us very much of J. Cooper Clark, our old club champion, and we hope that with further experience Odde will gradually improve and he may yet find that a half-mile will be his best distance.

A. G. Steadman, another newcomer to our ranks, gained second place in the Long Jump and then proceeded to win the Hop, Step and Jump event.

D. Childs was second in the Shot Putt and third in the Discus Throw and Terry Bateman also helped us out in these events.

Alan Bishop and Archie Bedford were first home in the 880 yards and Archie also ran a good race to win the 1 mile in 4.34.

In the 2 miles our only two runners were Len Bishop and Ted Stimpson, whereas Dorking had J. W. Stone, the Surrey C.C. champion, and J. Butler, the well-known Surrey A.C. runner, representing them, and needless to say they finished well in front of our lads.

The last event was a four-lap relay race and our team of Underwood, Odde, Heathfield and Picton put up a fine show to win in 2 min. 44.8 secs., which was only a couple of seconds outside the ground record.

Final points scoring was: Dorking St. Paul's A.C. 70; Belgrave Harriers 68; and we thank the home club for providing our members with some refreshments after the match.

L.T. CENTRAL BUSES 5 MILES OPEN WALK—JULY 9th

A bare team of four started in this event, the only open race held on a Sunday, and Bert East walked well to finish third. Charlie Speechley, making one of his rare appearances, was our fourth scoring man and the team finished 4th in the scratch race.

3.	A. East	41.08
9.	G. Oliver	42.57
23.	J. Rutland	45.16
37.	C. Speechley	48.24

SENIOR MATCH v. HERNE HILL H.

This match, held at Tooting on July 10th, consisted of 12 events with 6 running and 6 field. To stand any chance of winning such a match you must have a sound bunch of field event performers and this is where we are lacking compared with other clubs that we meet.

In four of the six field events Herne Hill secured maximum points, thus giving them 8 to 1 margins in each, and the two others were 6 to 3 in their favour.

The 100 yards saw Basil Walden and Gordon Lowers in front and Basil also won the 220 with Alan Picton in third place.

Ches Walker won the 880 and Bob Taylor filled fourth place to score a point for us, but in the 440 yards Herne Hill had the first three home with Jim Heathfield first of our runners.

Len Herbert won the 1 mile in 4 min. 35.2 secs. and we also won the 4 x 110 yards relay in 46.1 secs.

Final points were: Herne Hill H. 70; Belgrave H. 43.

MATCH v. SHAFTESBURY HARRIERS

Held at Parliament Hill Track on July 12th and we are sorry to say that as none of our sprinters were in attendance the sprint races had to be cancelled.

Young D. G. Maclean ran for us in the 1 mile and did well to finish second to D. J. Thompson, the international runner, and "Mac" clocked 4 min. 33.8 secs., which is good going for a lad of his age.

Ches Walker won the 440 yards, with Odde in second place, and Jack Brown won the 880, with Archie Bedford fourth.

Bill Sutton, D. Childs and A. C. Allen helped us out in the field events and with the match being reduced to six events only, we came out winners with 30 points to Shaftesbury's 29.

Another startling feature was the fact that as we had no distance men present, the 2 miles race was also off, and we must apologise to the home club for our members' poor support of this fixture.

It may have been due to the fact that we had already had a match two nights earlier, but in a club of our size one would think that we could easily turn out teams twice in a week.

THE A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the White City Stadium on July 14th-15th, we had quite a number of members entered and, on the whole, they performed very creditably.

In the 100 yards heats we had M. H. Broadbent, G. R. Lowers, D. J. Merrett and B. F. Walden, and of these, Merrett was placed second in his heat and so qualified for the semi-finals.

G. H. Jarvis, our old member who is now first claim to the Milocarian A.C., won his heat in the 440 yards hurdles, and so qualified for the final of that event.

We had no entries in the 880 or 440 yards, which gives a clear indication of our present weakness at these distances.

In the 220 yards we had Walden and Merrett and the former was third in his heat won in 21.8 and the latter won his heat in the good time of 22.4 secs. Merrett thus qualified for both sprint semi-finals and I think it is a long time since we had a club member in this position.

The heats of the 1 mile saw Jack Brown and Ches Walker competing and a notable absentee was Derrick Burfitt. Brown ran quite well to finish inside the standard time of 4 min. 25 secs., and Walker also gained standard and actually finished a very close fourth in his heat with the first three only going forward to the final.

In the six miles race we had Charlie Smart as our only representative, but Charlie put up a fine display and gained as many cheers from the crowd as did the winner, F. Aaron. He was just beaten on the tape for 4th place by D. C. Birch, and as the second and third men home were foreigners, Charlie missed a fine chance of being the second Englishman to finish.

Our Latvian member, A. Bergvalds, competed in the Discus event but failed to reach the standard of 125 feet.

In the 7 miles walk Harry Churcher, the holder, was a non-starter and our only finisher was A. Readman in fifth place with a time of 56 min. 18.6 secs., which was just outside standard time.

The 3 miles saw Vern Blowfield, Bill Lucas, Len Herbert and Charlie Smart running in our colours and at one stage of the race the Belgrave vests were in the two leading positions. Len Herbert dropped back, however, but Bill Lucas still kept with the leading bunch and looked full of running. At the bell he was on the shoulder of Theys, the Belgian, but when the latter made his effort, Bill was forced to drop back and Olney then came by him to gain second place. Bill was striding comfortably down the home straight in third place when Ferguson, of Highgate, came with a late burst to beat him by inches and so another chance of being the second Englishman home was lost. Bill's time was 14 min. 11.6 secs., which is easily the fastest 3 miles ever run by a club member.

Len Herbert also beat the standard time of 14.50, as did Charlie Smart, who ran well after his previous effort.

On June 24th in the Southern Championships at Southampton, Derrick Burfitt was second in the 1 mile and Ches Walker third, which is the first time we have ever had two men placed in this event. At the same meeting we had the first three home in the 2 miles walk in Harry Churcher, Percy Wright and our new member, R. S. Kemp.

In the All-Ireland Championships at Dublin on July 8th, D. E. Mullen, running in our name, finished second in the 220 yards and so gained selection for the Triangular International.

The A.A.A. 2 miles walk championship was held at Reading on July 22nd and Percy Wright finished second, but as there were only two competitors it was rather an empty honour, although Percy is to be complimented on turning out against an opponent who evidently frightened all other opposition away.

INTER CLUB TRACK WALKS—TOOTING BEC., JULY 19th

The popularity of this meeting was clearly emphasised, both by the entries and the support it was given on the night. No fewer than 64 walkers competed in the four races, which were witnessed by a crowd of at least 2,000 people. Five clubs out of the ten entered, fielded a full team of eight walkers and after a close contest between Belgrave, Highgate and Surrey W.C. we came out on top nine points in front of Highgate and eleven in front of Surrey. Woodford Green, last year's winners, were fourth.

Mr. W. Atkinson, one of the judges at the meeting, has sent us the following comments on the evening:—

On July 19th I again had the pleasure of attending and acting as a judge at the Inter-Club Walking Contest promoted by Belgrave Harriers at Tooting Bec Track.

For those interested in walking I consider this one of the best events of the year. At most sports meetings we only see one walking event and that usually takes place late in the programme. Here we have four races, all walking events, and most if not all, the best walkers in the country can be seen. The organisers are to be congratulated on the manner in which the "show" was conducted. The events were well up to time and although it had to be a late evening meeting, we were able to get away before dusk. This was quite an improvement on the last time we had been asked to attend this track. We were timed to be there at 3.30 p.m., only to find that the 7 miles walk had started at 3.15 p.m. However, someone made up for this lost quarter of an hour a few days later when we were asked to be at Motpur Park at 3.30 p.m. for a meeting which was not timed to commence until 6.30 p.m. with the walk at 7.45 p.m.

The results of the four races are given below and very little comment can be made on them. The walking was good and most of the results as expected. After a flying start by one of the competitors in the five miles, the race developed into a procession and some of the walkers looked as though they were training for the Brighton. I think McMullen, in the four miles, walked the best I have seen him do. The three and two miles were interesting races and the results remained in doubt until the last lap. Some newcomers to walking were seen and with proper training should develop into good walkers next year. I will only mention one—B. Shepherd, of the Walton Club. I have seen this young man win two races recently and he improves each time he turns out.

I went away pleased to think that no walker had been disqualified but I now learn there was one offender. I always look upon disqualifications in walking as a serious matter and that you are telling the walker he is cheating. At the same time I would like to mention that I am strongly in favour of the English definition, i.e., maintaining contact with the ground. There are many walkers who appear to be running rather than walking until one carefully looks at their feet and the feet are all that should be looked at when judging. Provided the man is maintaining contact, he is complying with the definition, if not, he is running and should be disqualified. There can be no half way between the two.

W. ATKINSON.

Results

5 MILES		4 MILES	
1. H. Churcher	38.06	1. D. McMullen	30.57
5. J. Rutland	42.46	10. S. James	33.20
Bels. 36 points		Bels. 31 points	
3 MILES		2 MILES	
7. A. East	24.30	4. A. Readman	15.42
8. G. Oliver	24.38	6. S. Jarlett	16.10
Bels. 27 points		Bels. 32 points	
Results :			
1. Belgrave Harriers	126	points	
2. Highgate Harriers	117	"	
3. Surrey W.C.	115	"	

MATCH AT TADWORTH

At Tadworth Green on July 19th was held an Inter-Club affair, the clubs competing being Epsom & Ewell H., Banstead H., Redhill & Reigate A.C. and ourselves.

We had quite a good turn-out, the attraction probably being the "free" beer which had been promised after the meeting was over, and we were easy winners of the Inter-Club contest.

Basil Walden won the senior 100 yards and Frank Kemp followed suit in the junior event at this distance.

Odde was second in the quarter and Gerry Trower won the junior 880 in good style and Ches Walker was also first home in the senior half-mile.

The senior 220 was run in two races and we had first home in each race through Basil Walden and Alan Picton.

The junior 220 was run on similar lines and once again Belgrave had the two winners in Dave Marshall and Alan Law.

Len Herbert and Bill Lucas had a nice comfortable run in the 1 mile and came in together, but Bill was running for his second claim club, Redhill, and so we shared points in this event.

In the medley relay, Epsom were first home with the Bels. second and Redhill third, but our juniors proved best in the junior relay and so ended a very pleasant evening's sport.

We must thank the local Committee for providing the aforementioned "free" beer and eats afterwards and a good time was had by all, including the club officials.

MATCH v. VICTORIA PARK H.

This was held on the same evening as the Tadworth match and our numbers suffered accordingly, but we did not do so badly, and in a five-sided contest we finished in third position.

Gordon Lowers won the 100 yards and Mullen won the 220, while Stan Davies was third in the Mile and Bergvalds was second in the Shot Putt. R. D. Holtum and R. A. Bartlett also ran in the sprint races, while Archie Bedford and Arthur Bruce turned out in the half-mile. Jack Brown and Bob Taylor ran for us in the 440, and Ray Tooby did the half for us in the medley relay.

Final points were: Southgate H. 47; Victoria Park H. 45; Belgrave H. 33½; Polytechnic H. 24½; Woodford Green A.C. 24.

PERCY WRIGHT & CO.

Under the guidance of Percy Wright, our members residing in and about Hampshire and Wiltshire have been showing their paces over various distances. Although not often able to field full teams, they seem quite able to give a good account of themselves, as will be seen by the following results:—

G. Gregory scored his first Open Walk success in the Pewsey Carnival 7 miles road walk on July 5th and was also third in the handicap in 57.24. Percy Wright was fourth and Gerald Warr, in finishing fifth, won the Novice's prize.

Percy Wright, our only representative in the Poole to Wareham and return road walk on September 2nd, finished second to Johnny Henderson in 3 hrs. 7 mins. 36 secs.

In the Basingstoke 2 miles Open Walk on July 1st, Gerald Warr was second and Percy Wright third.

WALKING MATCH v. LATYMER UPPER SCHOOL, JULY 20th

A sporting little fixture over one mile was arranged for our Junior walkers against the very enthusiastic Latymer boys, who can boast some very fine walkers. Four of our juniors turned up to represent the club and apart from their own race, they enjoyed a good evening's sport which included members of the Gold Coast team. Scoring four a side, Latymer

beat us by 4 points.

1. Hutchinson	7.28	5. E. Hall	7.59
3. G. Warr	7.39	7. H. Jeffery	8.14
4. G. Beecham	7.57		

Really worthy of mention was Gerald Warr's team spirit in turning up for this race. He had to travel from his home in Basingstoke and returned directly after the race.

DE VIERDAAGSCHE, 1950 (The four days)

Two members of the club, Bert Clayton and Jack Stirling-Wakeley, took part in this year's Nijmegen Marches and we produce some extracts from an article by Bert Clayton published in an Eastleigh newspaper.

Three British teams took part in the Marches this year, two from the R.W.A. and one from the R.A.F., the latter walking in full kit with rifles.

At 5 a.m., on Tuesday, July 25th, the two R.W.A. teams moved off for the first day's journey. Before the 10 miles mark had been reached, I was suffering from blisters rather badly, so Harold Whitlock stopped behind and doctored. By the end of the day we were just beginning to appreciate the difference between racing and marching. We passed all the other teams and finished an hour ahead on each of the four days, because our natural pace was faster, although 11 hours were allowed to cover the distance. The remarkable feature of the whole affair was the terrific enthusiasm shown by spectators all along the routes. At one village we were hailed as "liberators."

The second and third days were a repetition of the first, but the routes being different we saw quite a lot of Holland. At one point we marched along a road, the right side being Germany and the left Holland. At another time we had a good look at the Reichwald Forest, where so many violent tank battles were fought. On the second day we passed by the scene of the Arnhem conflict.

Friday was a grand day and for the English team a most welcome one. Beginning at 5 a.m., the crowds were already then forming and about 6 miles from the finish the roads were packed on both sides with 300,000 people all armed with bouquets and floral gifts to present to the marchers. Various bands were coming out to escort marchers and the general effect of flowers and music was reminiscent of the "Battle of flowers."

At the conclusion of the marching on Friday the medals were presented and on Friday evening a grand dance was held at the Town Hall. Most of the English team were there, not because the dancing in such a huge crowd was enjoyable, but because the ability or willingness to dance after four days marching was an unofficial test of further endurance.

BANSTEAD HOSPITAL TROPHY

On July 29th, at Banstead Hospital, there were seven competing clubs with nine events to be decided.

Gordon Lowers gave us a good start by winning the 100 yards, with Dicky Barlett in fifth place.

Basil Walden won the 220 yards with "Ginger" Holtum in third place and then Alan Picton won the 440, beating Ede of Epsom, the international runner.

Derrick Burfitt and Ches Walker were first and second in the 880 yards, and Bill Lucas won the 1 mile with Vern Blowfield in third place.

Len Herbert won the 2 miles race in 9 min. 34.4 secs., but we were beaten in the team race by S.L.H.

Thus from the running events we were well in front on points and although we only managed to score a fourth place in the Weight and a similar position in the Long Jump with no competitor in the High Jump, we still managed to come out on top.

Final points for the Trophy were: 1, Belgrave H. 55; 2, Walton A.C. 41; 3, Kent A.C. 28; 4, South London H. 25; 5, Surrey A.C. 20; 6, Epsom & Ewell H. 19; 7, Sutton & Cheam H. 1.

MATCH v. SOUTH LONDON H. & SURREY A.C.

A triangular match was held at Tooting on August 2nd between S.L.H., Surrey A.C. and ourselves.

Gordon Lowers once again won the 100, beating such men as Grieve, of S.L.H., and D. J. Merrett, of our own club.

Ches Walker won the 880, with Alan Bishop in fourth place, and I. W. Odde was second in the 440, with Jim Heathfield third.

Reg Bolam was third in the mile, with Bob Taylor fourth and Basil Walden was second to Pugh, of S.L.H., in the 220, with Des Mullen in third place.

Bill Lucas won the 2 miles race and D. G. Maclean ran well to finish fourth in such company.

A. C. Allen won the Weight, with Bill Sutton second and Maclean and Holtum "obliged" in the High Jump in order to score points for third and fourth places.

Final result of the match was: S.L.H. and Belgrave H. each 46 points, with Surrey A.C. 16.

THE CLUB TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS—TOOTING, AUGUST 5th

A large crowd was present to witness (although we say it) a well-conducted meeting.

The 100 yards senior event saw two heats with the holder, M. H. Broadbent, not competing, and the final was won by D. J. Merrett, with Lowers second and Alan Sexton third.

In the 100 yards (under 19) we only had five runners and Frank Kemp was the winner in the good time of 10.4 seconds.

We made up two heats in the 100 yards Boys (under 16) race and the final was won by Don Clements from Malden.

Mike Stearman was present to defend his 880 yards Junior title, but he was beaten by a newcomer to our ranks in Gerry Trower, with Bob Wolton third.

In the 880 yards senior race the holder, J. T. Cope, was not competing, and Ches Walker won a good race from Archie Bedford, with Len Bishop running well for third place.

Frank Kemp made a double of it by winning the 220 yards Junior race, beating Dave Marshall, who is the Surrey champion at this distance.

Alan Sexton was defending his 220 yards senior title, but owing to his service in the R.A.F. was not up to last year's form and was beaten into second place by D. J. Merrett, with Alan Picton a good third.

The 440 yards Junior is a new club championship and we are indebted to Mr. Plummer for a very fine trophy for this event, and the first holder proved to be young Dan Godfrey who looks a most promising prospect at this distance.

The holder J. T. Cope was not defending his 440 Senior title and Jim Heathfield proved the new champion with I. W. Odde second and Tom Underwood third.

Ray Tooby beat the holder M. J. Stearman in the 1 mile Junior as did D. G. Maclean and Ray's time of 4 min. 28 secs. beat the old record by no less than 20 seconds.

Derrick Burfitt was not defending his 1 mile Senior title and Jack Brown ran a good race to beat Len Herbert with Bob Taylor gaining his first club championship medal in third place.

Dave McMullen retained his 2 miles walk title with A. Readman second and G. Oliver third.

A. Bergvalds retained his Weight and Discus titles and Charlie Melchior once again won the Javelin Throw.

A new member in P. Luxon won the Long Jump and young R. Cooper won both the Junior and Senior High Jump titles.

The members' children's races provided some good fun for the proud

parents not forgetting "Uncle Ernie" and among the prize-winners were such well-known club names as Alan Botwright, Martin Webb, Raymond Lacey, David Cook, Christopher Smart, Susan Davies, Ann Jarlett, Rita Wilson and G. Chantler.

Complete results and times are given hereunder:—

- 100 yards Senior.—1, Merrett; 2, Lowers; 3, Sexton. Time, 10.3 secs.
100 yards Junior.—1, Kemp; 2, Marshall; 3, Forrester. Time, 10.4 secs.
100 yards Boys.—1, Clements; 2, Eales; 3, Graves. Time, 11.1 secs.
880 yards Junior.—1, Trower; 2, Stearman; 3, Wolton. Time, 2 min. 5 secs.
880 yards Senior.—1, Walker; 2, Bedford; 3, L. Bishop. Time, 2 min. 1.8 secs.
220 yards Junior.—1, Kemp; 2, Marshall; 3, Martin. Time 23.3 secs.
220 yards Senior.—1, Merrett; 2, Sexton; 3, Picton. Time, 22.7 secs. (equals record).
440 yards Junior.—1, Godfrey; 2, Wolton; 3, Hunt. Time, 53.6 secs.
440 yards Senior.—1, Heathfield; 2, Odde; 3, Underwood. Time, 54.4 secs.
1 Mile Junior.—1, Tooby; 2, Maclean; 3, Stearman. Time, 4 min. 28 secs. (new record).
1 Mile Senior.—1, Brown; 2, Herbert; 3, Taylor. Time, 4 min. 24.2 secs.
2 Mile Walk.—1, McMullen; 2, Readman; 3, Oliver.
Weight Put.—Bergvalds; 2, Sutton; 3, Allen. Distance, 38 ft. 2 ins.
Javelin Throw.—1, Melchior; 2, Bateman; 3, Holtman. Distance, 154 ft. 2 ins.
Discuss Throw.—1, Bergvalds; 2, Sutton; 3, Melchior. Distance, 125 ft. 7 ins. (new record).
High Jump Junior.—1, Cooper; 2, Maclean. Height, 5 ft.
High Jump Senior.—1, Cooper; 2, T. C. Jones. Height, 5 ft. 5 ins. (equals record).
Long Jump.—1, Luxon; 2, Lowe; 3, Machell. Distance, 20 ft. 2 ins.
Standards:—
220.—Osmint. Mullen. Lowers. Holtum.
440 Junior.—Hanlon. 440—Nil.
880 Junior.—Nil. 880—Nil.
1 Mile Junior.—Godfrey. Goode. 1 Mile.—Adams. Bragginton.
2 Mile Walk.—2nd Class. Warr.
Weight.—Carnell. Melchior.
Javelin.—Powell.
Discus.—Nil. Long Jump.—Nil. High Jump.—Nil.

AUGUST ROAD RACES

Held at Swindon on August 5th over a 15-mile course. Les. Stokell finished second to A. A. Robertson the well-known International runner in the good time of 1 hr. 24 min. 20 secs.

We were second to Reading A.C. in the team race and our other finishers were:—7, A. Smith, 1.33.51; 8, R. W. Tobin, 1.34.49; 12, J. McDonald, 1.38.48; 14, A. Penstone, 1.40.59.

On Bank Holiday Monday at Oxted there was a 7 miles road race in which the runners started off their handicap marks, and our first man home was A. Penstone in sixth place followed by Bert Smith and Jack Lacey who came in together in ninth place.

We were second to the local club in the team race and other of our club members to finish were:—12, C. Abberton; 13, R. Patience; 18, R. G. Savage; 20, A. T. Jordan; 26, W. Paine.

On the same day at Chertsey, Charlie Smart won an open 5 miles road race and with Steve Charlton fifth and Roy Minahan eighth, we beat Reading A.C. in the team race and so won another trophy.

MATCH AT AYLESBURY

On August Monday we were competing for the Hazell Challenge Cup with five other leading clubs.

D. J. Merrett was third in the 100 yards and Ches. Walker third in the 880, while Jack Brown finished second in the 1 mile.

Len Herbert won the 2 miles event beating such runners as Lillikas, Doug. Wilson and Jimmy Wood of the Poly, in the fast time of 9 min. 12.8 secs., which was a new ground record.

We finished second in the team race to the Poly and final points for the trophy were:—1, Poly H., 31; 2, Walton A.C., 30; 3, Belgrave H., 20; 4, Finchley H., 16; 5, Thames Valley H., 12; 6, Highgate H., 5.

There were some Junior events on the programme and in these Gerry Trower was fourth in the 880, and in the 1 mile which was run in two sections, J. E. Godfrey was third in the 1st race and Ray Tooby won the 2nd race in the good time of 4 min. 29.6 secs., with D. G. Maclean in second place. Our team was also second in the Junior 1 mile Medley relay and final points for these events were:—1, Thames Valley H., 19; 2, Belgrave H., 18; 3, North London H., 12; 4, Poly H., 11; 5, Woodford Green A.C., 10.

In the open handicap events "Ginger" Holtum was third in the 100 yards final while Arthur Bruce was second in the 1 mile and George Oliver won the 2 miles walk off a generous mark.

JUNIOR MATCH v. HERNE HILL HARRIERS

This match was held at Tooting on August 9th and once again, although we did well in the track events, we scored very few points in the field events and so lost the match by a margin of 14 points.

Frank Kemp won the 100 yards in 10.5 and the 220 in 23.3 which is good running for a Junior and Frank seems destined for the highest honours when he competes as a Senior.

Ray Tooby running his last race before being called up for National Service, was second in the 880 yards to A. E. Hine, the Herne Hill youngster.

D. G. Maclean was second in the Mile to J. Heywood of Herne Hill, J. E. Godfrey was fourth.

The final scores in the triangular match were:—Herne Hill H., 44; Belgrave H., 30; Blackheath H., 14.

CLUB MEETING ON AUGUST 14th at TOOTING

This took the form of Club handicap events and the 100 yards was won by a new member in P. Cornish with Frank Kemp second and Alan Law third.

The 880 yards (under 19) saw only four starters and Maurice Jones put in a good finish to beat Maclean, much to the latter's surprise.

Ches. Walker ran a fine race in the 1 mile off a back mark and must have run his fastest mile of the season to get through his field to win. Bob Taylor continued his recent improvement to gain second place with Arthur Bruce third.

The 300 yards saw a fine finish between Dicky Bartlett and Frank Kemp and the former just managed to hold on to his lead.

In the 2 miles walk George Oliver made good use of his long mark to win in very fast time with young E. Hall second and our old friend Sid Jarlett in third place.

Full results are given below:—

100 yards.—Heat 1: 1, A. Law (9); 2, F. Kemp (4). Time, 10.3 secs. Heat 2: 1, Cornish (8); 2, A. Barker (6). Time, 10.4 secs. Heat 3: 1, Clements (9); 2, Ayling (6). Time, 10.3 secs. Final: 1, Cornish; 2, Kemp; 3, Law. Time, 10.2 secs.

300 yards.—Heat 1: 1, Beaumont (16); 2, Odde (12). Time, 33.1 secs. Heat 2: 1, Kemp (10); 2, Underwood (16). Time, 32.7 secs. Heat 3: 1, Bartlett (14); 2, Holtum (11). Time, 33.2 secs. Final: 1, Bartlett; 2, Kemp; 3, Underwood. Time, 31.8 secs.

880 yards Junior.—1, M. F. Jones (60); 2, D. Maclean (15); 3, J. Godfrey (25). Time, 2 min. 2 secs.

1 Mile.—1, C. Walker (30); 2, R. Taylor (100); 3, A. H. Bruce (115). Time, 4 min. 16.8 secs.

2 Miles Walk.—1, G. Oliver (425); 2, E. W. Hall (530); 3, S. Jarlett (440). Time, 13 min. 45.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, M. Steiner (3 in.); 2, I. W. Odde (4 in.); 3, T. C. Jones (4 in.). Height, 5 ft. 5 ins.

MATCH AT UPMINSTER

On August 19th we were to have had a match at Wolverton but owing to lack of support by the members we had to withdraw from the Midland trip.

On the same day our team for Upminster was quite a good one and for the eight running events we scored 23 points, with Herne Hill 21 and Sutton and Cheam 20.

There were, however, three field events and from these Herne Hill scored 10, Sutton and Cheam 7, and ourselves 2, which shows where the weakness in the club lies.

Gordon Lowers won the 100 in 10.3 secs. on grass, and D. J. Merrett the 220 in 23 dead; Lowers also won the 100 yards open handicap at the same meeting.

Odde could only finish fourth in the 440 and seems to lack strength over the finish but no doubt this will come with more training and experience of scratch racing.

Vern Blowfield won the 1 mile match and also finished third in the open mile handicap which was won by Bill Lucas with Bob Taylor second, did I hear someone say what a Handicapper?

D. G. Maclean was second in the 880 Junior event and Frank Kemp unfortunately arrived just too late for the Junior 100.

Alan Bishop was second in the 880 and P. Luxon was fourth in the Long Jump and we had no competitor in the High Jump.

Bill Lucas won the 2 miles race in 9 min. 48.9 secs. and as this came after his win in the open mile he thus had a busy afternoon.

Final points for the "Legion Cup" resulted as under:—

1, Herne Hill H., 31; 2, Sutton and Cheam H., 27; 3, Belgrave H., 25; 4, Ilford A.C., 18; 5, Essex Beagles, 8.

UPMINSTER ROAD RACE

Held on August 19th, this was a 10 miles affair run over a two-lap course.

The individual winner proved to be J. W. Stone the Surrey cross-country champion and our first man home was Roy Minahan in eighth place.

With the individuals being deleted we managed to come out on top in the team race but only by the narrow margin of one point over Wadham Harriers, with Thames Valley third.

Our runners actual positions and times were as under:—

8, Minahan, 62.44; 10, Smith, 63.59; 11, McDonald, 64.25; 12, Tobin, 64.40; 15, Penstone 67.14; 19, Fairman, 72.41; 20, F. Mitchell, 72.41.

BEXHILL ROAD RACE—August 26th

Once again J. W. Stone was the individual winner over the 16 miles course.

Our first man home was Dick Tobin who had been troubled by cramp in the Upminster race and then followed Bert Smith and Syd Ring who came in together.

We could only finish fourth in the team race and there does seem to be two schools of thought over the question as to whether or not individual runners should count in the team scoring which in some cases can make quite a difference.

The actual positions and times of our runners were:—13, Tobin, 1.41.0; 17, Smith, 1.42.30; 18, Ring, 1.42.30; 25, McDonald, 1.47.41; 26, Penstone, 1.47.45; 32, F. Mitchell 1.54.40; 33, T. Mitchell, 1.55.45.

LONDON VIDARIANS WALKING CLUB—FIRST OPEN 25 MILES

The inaugural race for this event was held on Saturday, August 26th, 1950, on an out and home course from Mitcham to Lower Kingswood and back.

The course, which is a fair give-and-take one, and has plenty of turns, takes a route via Carshalton, Woodmansterne, Banstead and along the old Brighton Road to Burgh Heath and Tadworth Common, gave the competitors some good preparation for the forthcoming Brighton.

The club fielded two teams and some individuals, all of whom intended to compete in the "Brighton." The weather at the start of the race was rather unsettled and soon after the start competitors had quite a downpour of rain to contend with, but this did not deter Jack Rutland who set up quite a fast pace and led the field for the first twelve miles when he was caught and passed by Cowley (S.W.C.) who from that point was never headed. Our team in the meantime had got themselves into a scrap with Surrey Walking Club and it soon looked like developing into a battle royal. At half distance we had a four point lead, with the "A" team scoring: Jack Rutland 2, Jack Bidgood 4, Jack Wakeley 9, Bert Clayton was close behind but was having an off day owing to a badly bruised heel. On the return journey some tired and lost places, but in the main, most of the "Bels" gained ground. The team race did develop and we eventually got home by two points. In watching the race over the closing stages, it was pleasing to note that our men looked very fit and well trained, a good omen for the future event. The prize list turned out to be a Belgrave "Benefit."

J. G. COLEMAN.

h. m. s.			h. m. s.		
1. W. Cowley, SWC	..	3 45 33	21. J. Wilson	..	4 05 40
3. J. Rutland	..	3 48 51	22. R. Frazer	..	4 05 45
6. J. Bidgood	..	3 54 47	25. D. Heath	..	4 08 36
10. J. Stirling Wakeley	..	3 56 34	31. G. Doubleday	..	4 21 32
14. H. Clayton	..	4 00 15	33. W. Urry	..	4 22 6
16. H. Shields	..	4 01 37	38. S. Spencer	..	4 28 32
19. H. McGreechan	..	4 05 17			

Individual Handicap: J. Rutland, third. (Allowance 4 mins.)

Scratch Team: 1, Belgrave H., 17 points.

Handicap Team: 2, Belgrave H. "A" Team, 10.42.04. Bidgood, Shields, Wilson.

Handicap Team: 3, Belgrave H. "B" Team, 10.48.08. McGreechan, Frazer, Urry.

BRIGHTON WALK, September 9th, 1950

IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY!!! Fifteen of our walkers lined up in a field of over 100 to await the first stroke of Big Ben, we being the only club to start two teams. Our only non-starter was Bert Clayton who has been having some foot trouble and without Bert our chances were not quite so rosy. However this did not deter the others who all got going in nice fashion. The weather was pretty bad, with a steady fall of rain, but there was very little wind and it was fairly mild. Jack Bidgood started going up towards the front quite early with Jack Wakeley and Jack Rutland not too far back. Then there followed all in quick succession the remaining five of the "A" Team, Don Heath, Hugh McGreechan, "Sir" Harry Shields, Joe Wilson and Dick Frazer. Quick checks on the scoring over the first 20 miles showed that Enfield, last year's winners, were in a very strong position with Surrey W.C. also well placed. By the time Crawley had been reached, Ruffell of Enfield had retired and Jack Rutland who had been having foot trouble changed his shoes, but in the process fell back quite a good way. Jack Bidgood was still our first man in 9th position with Jack Wakeley walking very strongly in 11th. A little further back, Hugh McGreechan and Harry Shields, both doing their first Brighton, were coming through the field like steam engines. At Peas Pottage, 31 miles, the situation was much about the same and a check of placings showed that Highgate were in the lead with Met. and ourselves second and third.

A further check at 40 miles showed that Jack Wakeley was still improving, Jack Bidgood, who although he had lost no positions, was a little slower, and Mac and Harry were still holding their places. The scoring here showed that Highgate were 55 points, Met. 59 and us 60 and it was here that the whips began to put the pressure on. Our 4th man was in 22nd position whilst Highgate and Met. 4th men were 34th and 35th respectively and in the intervening gap were the non-scoring half of our Team, Don Heath, Joe Wilson, Dick Frazer and Jack Rutland, not fully recovered from his earlier trouble. These last four were then given strict instructions to keep the Highgate and Met. men pegged back and right well did they do the job. At the same time Jack Wakeley was putting on the pressure and although Jack Bidgood fell back two places, the other Jack was there to take his place. Coupled with this, Mac and Harry, over the last 12 miles, made up an additional 5 points, whilst the back four maintained their positions, thus preventing Highgate and Met. from lessening their points on the 4th man. McSweeney of Highgate, however, during the last few miles, caught and passed Jack Bidgood, thus knocking four points off their score, but this was more than wiped out by the efforts of our lads. Great was the excitement at the finish of the race, Highgate with three men in were 17 points, Met. with three men in were 24 points whilst Mac and Harry having finished in 16th and 20th positions, our score for the full team was 50 points. Highgate's 4th man must still be in 34th position for us to win and so we waited for what seemed an eternity as the finishers came in, 28th Stroud of Poly, 29th Hart of the Beagles, 30th Rutland, 31st Frazer (our 8th "A" Team man) 32nd Everard, Beagles, if the next man was Longshaw of Highgate it would be a draw, and then, round the corner came Shepherd in the maroon colours of Poly and we knew we had won, but only just, for Highgate filled the next position which gave them 51 points to our 50.

Once again then and for the sixth time (once more than Surrey W.C.) we hold the Brighton Trophy. But great as were the performances of our scoring four, so equally great were those of the other half of the team, on them rested our success or failure and it was their effort which brought success.

Having so far mentioned only the "A" Team, let us now take a look back at the slower men. Unfortunately Jack Baker and Gordon Doubleday were compelled to retire owing to foot trouble before the halfway stage was reached and later, at 40 miles, Bill Urry was forced to give up. This still left us a full scoring four in the "B" Team and even if they were some way behind, they finished and we are just as proud of them as the winners.

A very good crowd of supporters accompanied the walkers and many Club members and friends were seen on the road including Stan Manning and Jim Chalk. The cyclist attendants deserve a very hearty vote of thanks for their untiring attention to the walkers despite the uncomfortable journey they had in the pouring rain.

A Club handicap, for which prizes were given by Jack Wakeley, was won by H. Jeffery, also doing his first Brighton with an allowance of 1 hour 40 minutes, with Hugh McGreechan, allowance 1 hour, second.

Placings and times as follows:—

		h.	m.	s.			h.	m.	s.			
1.	G. B. Whitlock	..	8	19	13	32.	J. Rutland	..	..	9	21	25
3.	P. J. Reading	..	8	36	55	33.	R. Frazer	..	..	9	24	20
6.	A. J. Stirling Wakeley	..	8	49	20	37.	H. Jeffery	..	..	9	30	2
11.	J. C. Bidgood	..	8	54	4	40.	W. Wesson	..	..	9	38	35
18.	H. McGreechan	..	9	2	54		S. Spencer	..	..	10	3	51
22.	H. Shields	..	9	9	53		F. Jarvis	..	..	10	34	45
24.	J. Wilson	..	9	16	22		R. Fairman	..	..	11	14	35
28.	D. Heath	..	9	19	57							

Scratch team race. 1, Belgrave H. (J. Wakeley, J. Bidgood, H. McGreechan, H. Shields), 50 points.

50 GLORIOUS YEARS ON THE BRIGHTON ROAD

Our history on the Brighton Road in both walks and Relay Runs is a very worthy one and we now give some account of Belgrave's performances (as far as they are available) in Brighton Walks over the years.

The first London to Brighton Walk took place in 1886—a year before our Club was founded. The next promotion in 1897, organised by Polytechnic Harriers, had at least two Belgrave competitors, Miles, who was sixth, and Poole, 7th, and the third open race over this course was held in 1903 when the now defunct Hairdressers' A.C. were the promoting body. In this race the then Belgrave Hon. Secretary, H. A. Smith, finished 6th in 9 hr. 33 mins. 8 secs.—a very worthy performance over the rough and dusty road of that period. Further races to Brighton were promoted by the Polytechnic Harriers in 1906, 1909, 1911 and 1913 but our scanty records do not enable any information to be given concerning Belgrave competitors, although it is quite certain the Club was represented. The writer would welcome information from anyone able to fill in these gaps in our records.

In 1914 a young Belgravian named Jimmy Bellchamber determined that the Club's colours should be prominently carried over the 52 miles of road that year, but the outbreak of war caused a postponement of plans. In 1920, however, Jimmy was down to it again and finished third. Jimmy Bellchamber's attendant in the Brighton of 1920 had been Bob Ricketts and Jimmy persuaded him that Belgrave could compete with distinction in such events. As a result, in 1921 we had J. H. Allen finishing 3rd, Jimmy Chalk 5th, Bob Ricketts 8th, W. J. Hawker 9th, F. M. Stone 12th, and two others to finish in S. H. Miller and W. Fuller. The race had been won by Pavesi of Italy, but it was Belgrave's team race with 12 points (3 to score) and our popular Vice-President, Mark Stone, won the open sealed handicap. So Belgrave had really made their mark in Brighton Walks. Bellchamber did not take part in this race as he had competed in the Brighton and back race earlier in the year, finishing 2nd.

In 1922 Jimmy was our first man home in the now annual Brighton Walk in fourth position. The winner was Edgar Horton of Surrey W.C., followed by two Italian entrants, Guisto and Pavesi. Then came Bellchamber, followed by J. H. Allen in 5th position and Bob Ricketts 18th, our team losing on this occasion to Surrey W.C. by three points.

Two Brighton Walks were promoted in 1923 and in these events Bellchamber finished 4th and 5th, so maintaining a very fine sequence of placings which was further continued in 1924 with 4th position. Our gratitude is due to Jimmy for his enthusiasm, persistence and example. He is truly the father of distance walking in our club, and he has had the pleasure of seeing his own fine walking succeeded by that of others, until a great Belgrave tradition has been built up.

In 1923 our late President, Bob Ricketts—himself a more than useful performer—presented the "Belgrave" Cup for a Club Long Distance Walking Championship to be held each year in conjunction with the Surrey W.C. Open Race. Some excellent walking has been witnessed and some very distinguished walkers have taken the Club Championship medals, as is shown in the summary given below:—

CLUB LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP—"BELGRAVE CUP"

Year	Winner	Time			Second	Third
		h.	m.	s.		
1923	J. Miles	8	53	39	J. Bellchamber	J. Rathbone
1924	E. Wall	9	11	33	J. Bellchamber	S. Manning
1925	J. Rathbone	8	57	46	S. Manning	E. Wall
1926	E. Cooper	9	17	16	S. Manning	J. Thomas
1927	T. Green	8	26	44	J. Rathbone	S. Manning
1928	F. Rickards	9	20	52	C. Wattam	A. Martin
1929	T. Green	8	15	41	F. Rickards	J. Bidgood
1930	T. Green	8	2	55	F. Rickards	A. White
1931	T. Green	8	5	43	R. Hillier	A. Field
1932	T. Green	8	14	59	F. Rickards	F. Bentley
1933	T. Green	8	1	19	R. Martin	J. Bidgood

1934	F. Bentley	.. ..	8	28	34	R. Martin	P. Khlopin
1935	F. Bentley	.. ..	8	28	17	F. Rickards	R. Martin
1936	R. Martin	.. ..	8	47	12	J. Bidgood	L. Spooner
1937	F. Rickards	.. ..	8	25	2	C. Sutton	W. Urry
1938	C. Sutton	.. ..	8	44	52	W. Urry	H. Thaxter
1939 to 1945 no contests							
1946	C. Sutton	.. ..	9	12	2	A. Readman	J. S. Wakeley
1947	J. Baker	.. ..	8	59	53	J. Wilson	J. S. Wakeley
1948	J. Wakeley	.. ..	9	6	0	G. Oliver	D. Heath
1949	F. Bidgood	.. ..	9	0	49	H. Clayton	J. Wilson
1950	J. Wakeley	.. ..	8	49	20	J. Bidgood	H. McGreechan

It is interesting to note that J. Miles, the first "Belgrave" Cup holder, was the son of the 1897 Brighton walker mentioned above. Much could be written of Tommy Green's magnificent performances and those of Fred Rickards, Fred Bentley and others, but space does not permit. In the 1932 race Tommy Green's time 8 hrs. 14 mins. 59 secs., Rickards did 8.23.16 and Bentley 8.33.54 and our team scoring was 1, 2, 3, some walking!

Eight and a half hours has been beaten by Belgrave men on ten occasions as follows: Green (6 times), Rickards (twice), Bentley (twice). Those to have finished the distance inside 9 hours and excluding the performances just quoted are Bellchamber (twice), Miles, Rathbone, Bentley, Martin (R.) (4 times), Bidgood (3 times), Rickards (twice), Urry (twice), Sutton (twice), Baker and Stirling Wakeley.

Others, not previously mentioned in the foregoing, to have completed the distance inside 9 hrs. 30 mins. on one or more occasions include: J. Allen, E. Wall, J. Chalk, S. Manning, E. Cooper, A. White, W. Hare, A. Field, P. Khlopin, H. Thaxter, A. Readman, J. Wilson, G. Oliver, D. Heath, H. Clayton, H. McGreechan, H. Shields, R. Frazer, J. Rutland. In all there have been seventy Belgrave performances inside 9 hrs. 30 mins.

Our positions in the team races from 1921 to 1950 have been as follows: 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 1, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1, 2; unplaced: 1, 3, 4, 4, 4, 1, truly a record of which we can be proud. In 1929 four a side team scoring was introduced and the "E. Knott" Memorial Shield first awarded and we have now won this trophy on more occasions than any other club.

This is our record in Brighton Walks of which we may be justly proud, and with this year's encouraging performance of eight walkers inside 9½ hours, we may well face the future with confidence and anticipate more honours in ever increasing measure on the Brighton Road.

A.A.H.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER RECEIVED

The urge to write this will at least have proved the truth of my old saying which I thought I coined long ago, but as all of us old members feel that the "Club" gets us alike, several may challenge its originality when I repeat "Once a 'Bel,' always a 'Bel,' as long as life lasts." . . . Just as the letters "R.N." are as mystic and powerful a draw to many of us for life, so is to be a "Bel," tradition in each case being the magnet. I have no intention of mentioning any names, but I do know that to young and old members alike, those we read of as Presidents, Life Members, Officers and Committeemen, fire us with ambition, hopes and respect, and if later in life we find that our lesser abilities or greater disabilities prevented us joining those illustrious lists, we read those names with even greater respect than when we first joined the Club. . . .

Good health and success to all connected with the Club.

Sincerely yours,

*STAN MANNING
(whose membership dates from 1920).*

L.C.C. TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our members that had qualified at the various area championships, did quite well in the finals of these All-London events.

Gordon Lowers retained his 100 yards title in the good time of 10.6 secs, on a very heavy track, and then Ches Walker won the 1 mile in 4 mins. 28.8 secs. with Bob Taylor in second place.

Jack Bragginton was third in the 3 miles run which was won in a new record time, while in the Junior events we had D. G. Maclean 2nd in the 1 mile with Ray Tooby, now in the Army, finishing third.

Maurice Jones, perhaps better known as "Glimpy," finished third in the Junior 880 yards with his usual strong burst down the straight and should do well next season.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS ONE HOUR WALKS, Parliament Hill, September 23rd, 1950

Thirteen of our members competed in the hour walks at Parliament Hill Fields on September 23rd, 1950, five of them gaining seven miles stars and the remaining eight completing six miles or more. Most of these, however, had already qualified for badges. In the team race we were placed fifth. Distances as follows:—

S. James	7 miles 375 yards	E. Hall	6 miles 1159 yards
G. Oliver	7 " 330 "	G. Doubleday	6 " 1077 "
B. Shepherd	7 " 316 "	J. Wilson	6 " 982 "
G. Waddingham	7 " 246 "	J. G. Scamell	6 " 736 "
A. East	7 " 15 "	D. Skinner	6 " 680 "
G. Warr	6 " 1517 "	S. Spencer	6 " 538 "
	F. Rolfe 6 miles 167 yards		

THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1950

by A. H. Bruce

Having returned from an exciting week at the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, it is good to reflect upon some of the outstanding events during the Games.

The organisation, overburdened with too many officials, functioned reasonably well apart from the Walk in which we were definitely robbed of a title, and of a bad slip in the lap numbering in the 10,000 metres.

The track events proved most encouraging for Great Britain and our team, supported by a very noisy British contingent in the Stadium, rose to the occasion in practically every event.

Highlights were Shenton's wonderfully improved running in the 200 metres, in which he never looked like being beaten, Derek Pugh's lion-hearted win in the 400 metres and his equally fine 46.2 flying start quarter in the relay.

For the British contingent in the Stadium, however, the 800 and 1,500 metres were the biggest revelation. After the 800 metre heats the Belgian newspapers said that we only had a chance if it was a slow-run race, to which I must say "some slow race!"

In the 1,500 metres both our men ran above themselves. Bill Nankeville running especially well as he always does on the big occasion and with a little luck he might have been second.

For the cross-country enthusiast perhaps Frank Aaron's run in the 10,000 metres was the most interesting. Running in his usual dogged style he returned a time equivalent to 29.25 for six miles, which is some running!

After reading Geoff Dyson's reply to his critics with regard to John Disley's running in the A.A.A. Championships, it seemed strange to see Disley forcing the pace in a much higher class race—with the inevitable disastrous result.

The two Hurdle races gave us two very welcome third places with Angus Scott very unlucky in not reaching the final.

The field events were, as expected, the weakest part of our team's performances, although Paterson's high-jumping was magnificent and Savidge in the shot, Geoff Elliott in the decathlon and McDonald Clark in the hammer, all performed well.

Our girls showed that they can hold their own with the rest of Europe and only Blankers-Koen and the Russian "heavy" brigade prevented us winning more titles than we did.

Probably all these successes were helped in no small measure by the great win of Jack Holden in the Marathon on the first day of the meeting, and it must have acted as a great morale-raiser to the rest of the team, so perhaps we can now look forward to Helsinki with a certain degree of confidence.

As a matter of interest to any statisticians, if all the 5,000 metre finalists had run the last 5,000 metres with Zatopec in his epic 10,000 metre "gallop," only three would have beaten him!

SURREY COUNTY ROAD RELAY

At Old Woking on September 23rd once again our team proved too good for the opposition and thus we won the "Underwood" Trophy for the third year running.

Ches Walker went off first for us and he beat Stone of Dorking and Martin of Walton A.C. to give Jack Bragginton a useful lead, and his time of 14 mins. 12 secs. beat the previous course record.

Bragginton did 14.38 to further increase our lead and then Len Adams returned 14.48 and when he handed over to Stan Davies the next team was not in sight.

Stan did 15.16 but can feel very satisfied with the thought that he is our only runner to have been in all three of our winning teams.

Archie Bedford was our next runner and he returned a time of 14.26 which beat the old record of 14.30 and then Bill Lucas took over for the final "leg" and he did 14.11 which was only beaten by Chataway of Walton, who put up a new record time of 14 mins. 2 secs. for this course of 2.94 miles.

We thus led throughout and with Len Herbert, Derrick Burfitt, Vern Blowfield and Jack Brown to call on, it is a pity that the "National" Brighton Relay has been put off until April, 1951.

The leading teams and times in the above race were: 1, Belgrave H., 1 hr. 27 mins. 31 secs.; 2, Walton A.C., 1.28.6; 3, South London H., 1.28.38; 4, Herne Hill H., 1.29.21; 5, Surrey A.C., 1.31.28; 6, Dorking St. Paul's A.C., 1.32.29; 7, Mitcham A.C., 1.32.31.

THREE MILES ROAD RUN HANDICAP

At Wimbledon, on October 14th, there was a field of 68 runners. This was not so good as last year but Bert Footer saw fit to take out a training pack over the country and we can only assume that the chaps concerned were not interested enough to support the club race.

George Still, who joined the club in 1899 was the first man away, followed by Jimmy Flatt and our past-president Bill Webb, but once they were caught they soon dropped to the rear of the field.

The winner was a very promising youngster, G. J. Goode, who is just turned 16 and bearing in mind that Derrick Burfitt won this race when about the same age, we hope that Goode will prove to be as good a runner as Derrick turned out to be.

The second man home was another youngster in R. Linstead, who first started as a walker but has now changed over to running and promises to develop into a very useful member of our teams.

Dick Tobin, now almost in the veteran stage, was third and was followed by S. G. Brooks, Arthur Bruce, who put up the 4th fastest actual time, and another veteran in Tom Morrell.

Bill Lucas was "clocked" at the fastest actual time of 15.20, which was five seconds outside the record set up by Len Marchant.

Times and placings are given hereunder and in view of the size of the field and also the manner in which they arrive at the finish, the ideal handicap is, of course, for them all to finish in a straight line, it would seem that we may have to arrange for a "funnel" finish as is done in the open cross-country races.

Position	Name	Hcp. Time	Start	Act. Time	Fst. Act.
1.	G. J. Goode	13.21	3. 5	16.26	11
2.	R. Linstead	13.49	3. 0	16.49	17
3.	R. W. Tobin	14. 3	2.50	16.53	19
4.	S. G. Brooks	14.19	2.55	17.14	24
5.	A. H. Bruce	14.20	1.25	15.45	4
6.	T. F. Morrell	14.22	2.50	17.12	22
7.	A. Penstone	14.23	3.20	17.43	33
8.	E. M. Bishop	14.25	2. 5	16.30	14
9.	E. Gebbett	14.27	2.55	17.22	28
10.	G. Durrant	14.28	2. 0	16.28	13
11.	R. F. Bolam	14.30	1.35	16. 5	7
12.	S. Charlton	14.33	1.35	16. 8	9
13.	R. S. Fairman	14.36	3.35	18.11	46
14.	J. H. Bragginton	14.36	1.10	15.46	5
15.	A. P. Whitehead	14.38	2.35	17.13	23
16.	G. Lines	14.39	3.15	17.54	38
17.	K. G. Stimpson	14.40	1.55	16.35	15
18.	P. P. Courtney	14.41	2.45	17.26	30
19.	R. G. Savage	14.42	3.15	17.57	40
20.	R. J. Wolton	14.43	2.35	17.18	25
21.	J. McDonald	14.44	2.35	17.19	26
22.	K. A. Cuff	14.45	2.10	16.55	21
23.	E. S. Stimpson	14.46	1.20	16. 6	8
24.	L. C. Bishop	14.47	1.40	16.27	12
25.	A. H. Bishop	14.47	2. 5	16.52	18
26.	C. W. Walker	14.48	0.40	15.28	2
27.	R. J. Mitchell	14.49	2.40	17.29	31
28.	S. Davies	14.50	1.30	16.20	10
29.	R. C. Tooby	14.50	1.10	16. 0	6
30.	A. W. Bedford	14.51	0.50	15.41	3
31.	D. R. Laing	14.52	3.10	18. 2	43
32.	J. A. Charman	14.53	2. 0	16.53	19
33.	A. Housego	14.55	3. 0	17.55	39
34.	W. Paine	14.56	2.50	17.46	34
35.	A. J. Heathfield	14.57	2.45	17.42	32
36.	H. Wild	14.58	2.55	17.53	37
37.	D. S. Boothman	15. 0	2.25	17.25	29
38.	F. T. Sammes	15. 1	3. 0	18. 1	41
39.	J. G. Flatt	15. 4	5. 0	19. 4	56
40.	G. S. Doubleday	15. 5	3. 5	18.10	44
41.	A. W. Saville	15. 7	3.10	18.17	47
42.	A. W. Taylor	15. 9	3.25	18.34	49
43.	M. Tween	15.10	3.25	18.35	50
44.	F. R. Webb	15.13	3.30	18.43	52
45.	M. F. Jones	15.16	2.45	18. 1	41
46.	J. F. Gwynn	15.18	3.40	18.58	54
47.	W. G. Webb	15.20	5. 0	20.20	61
48.	W. E. Lucas	15.20	Scr.	15.20	1
49.	K. W. Millington	15.23	4. 0	19.23	60
50.	R. J. Cooper	15.25	2.25	17.50	35
51.	A. T. Jordan	15.27	3.20	18.47	53
52.	R. T. Taylor	15.28	1.15	16.43	16
53.	R. F. Towndrow	15.29	1.50	17.19	26
54.	J. A. Lacey	15.30	2.40	18.10	44
55.	P. M. Childs	15.37	3. 0	18.37	51
56.	H. Cornell	15.38	2.55	18.33	48
57.	W. G. Isaac	15.43	3.30	19.13	58
58.	S. Jefferson	15.50	3.20	19.10	57
59.	U. Peddle	15.56	3. 5	19. 1	55
60.	L. Bush	15.57	1.55	17.52	36
61.	G. C. Hewett	16.25	4. 0	20.25	62
62.	J. D. Midgley	16.25	2.55	19.20	59
63.	G. Still	16.32	7. 0	23.32	65
64.	E. T. Bateman	17.10	3.40	20.50	63
65.	J. Purdy	17.23	3.30	20.53	64

FIVE MILES CLUB HANDICAP WALK—WIMBLEDON, October 14th

In spite of the Chippenham-Calne Open in which we entered a team and the Police v. Stock Exchange Race which took all our Police members, we had a surprisingly large field of 24 for the race.

We were especially pleased to see four new members and we know they will develop into good clubmen. The scratch race was won by Syd James who promises to have a successful season. George Oliver showed that he will be among 'em, too, in the opens and Jack Rutland, who had been thinking of having a rest, finished third in great style and now thinks resting a waste of time. We were pleased to see Dick Frazer among the prize winners after his gallant effort in the "Brighton" and H. Jeffery who also performed so well in that race.

1. S. James	37.29	2.25	15. L. Bailey	43.36	6.30
2. G. Oliver	38. 8	2.30	16. S. King	44.13	7. 0
3. J. Rutland	38.45	2.30	17. W. Ives	44.31	7.45
4. C. Churcher	39.59	2.10	18. D. Hills	44.47	6. 0
5. S. Jarlett	40.22	3. 0	19. M. Abrahams	45.11	6. 0
6. R. Frazer	40.35	6. 0	20. J. Garwood	46.19	6. 0
7. E. Hall	40.42	5. 0	21. A. Clarke	46.20	7.30
8. J. Baker	41. 5	4.30	22. R. Fairman	47. 6	8.30
9. H. Jeffery	41.31	6. 0	23. W. Brunning	48.25	9. 0
10. H. Shields	41.47	6. 0	24. G. Powell	53.28	7.30
11. W. Wesson	41.50	5.45			
12. J. Wilson	42.21	6.15	Handicap: 1. R. Frazer		
13. W. True	42.58	5. 0	2. S. James		
14. F. Rolfe	43. 7	6.15	3. H. Jeffery		

CHIPPENHAM TO CALNE OPEN SIX MILES WALK, October 14th

Despite the fact that 24 of our walkers turned out at Wimbledon for the Opening walk and a further 7 police members, were engaged at Imber Court in their annual match with the Stock Exchange, a further 7 made the journey to Chippenham. Unfortunately, G. Gregory was ruled out just after the start whilst taking a very awkward bend, but continued to walk and finished second to Harry Churcher. Gerald Warr continued to show improvement and for the first time was in our scoring scratch team which was placed third. Details of placings and times are not yet to hand.

ONE HOUR TIME TRIALS

Sutton and Cheam Harriers at Sutton — July 27th.

Surrey Walking Club at Tooting — August 9th.

Walton Athletic Club at Esher — September 30th.

A number of our young walkers have taken part in the newly instituted one hour time trials for which R.W.A. Badges are awarded.

In the race promoted by Sutton and Cheam Harriers at Sutton on July 27th, three of our walkers, G. Beecham, E. Hall and F. Rolfe competed. Beecham walked exceedingly well to finish 2nd to an ex A.A.A. Track Champion, Vic Stone, in the time of 55 mins. 43 secs., with Eric Hall 3rd and Fred Rolfe 16th.

A fortnight later Beecham and Hall were again 2nd and 3rd in the Surrey W.C. race at Tooting Bec with H. Jeffery 4th..

A few weeks later, in the Walton A.C. promotion, Wally Ives was 3rd in 55.32, R. Rolfe 11th and R. Fairman 13th.

FINAL CLUB TRACK MEETING—TOOTING, September 16th

We had a varied programme of club handicaps, the 3 Miles club track championship, and an open race for Unattached Novices.

In the 3 Miles championship, the holder, Vern Blowfield, was not defending and with Bill Lucas and Len Herbert also absent, the race was a very open one.

Jack Brown, however, had other ideas and with a lap to go he went well ahead to win in 15 min. 19.2 secs., with Jack Bragginton just beating Archie Bedford for second place.

The 1 Mile run for the novices brought out a good field and the winner, Pte. Newell, who is stationed with Doug. Briggs, is a useful performer. Both the first two men home have now joined the club and we wish them every success in our ranks.

In the 100 Yards (under 19) handicap we had another poor turn-out and the winner was K. Hewitt, a new member who should prove very useful next season.

The 880 Yards handicap saw M. F. Jones produce another of his whirlwind finishes to catch D. P. Elliott who unfortunately collapsed a few yards from the tape and so was not placed.

In the 2 Miles walk, Gordon Waddingham, our recruit from Coventry Godiva H., proved a good winner with G. Oliver and Syd Jarlett once again gaining the minor placings

The 220 Yards handicap saw the scratch man Don Merrett run through his field in easy fashion to record 22.8 and he should be up with the best next season on the track.

We had a new innovation with a 120 Yards Low Hurdles handicap, and John Briggs the scratch man was just beaten by Les Christmas with Peter Hunt in third place.

Alan Law won the Shot Put handicap with the scratch man, A. Bergvalds, in second place and Bert Machell who was third also won the Hop, Step and Jump handicap.

Complete results and times are given below:—

100 yards (under 19).—Heat 1: 1, F. Kemp (scr.); 2, D. Godfrey (4) Heat 2: 1, K. Hewitt (4); 2, A. Law (4). Final: 1, K. Hewitt; 2, D. Godfrey; 3, F. W. Kemp. Time, 10.3 secs.

880 yards.—1, M. F. Jones (90); 2, A. H. Bruce (55); 3, J. Heathfield (50). Time, 1 min. 54.4 secs.

2 Mile Walk.—1, G. Waddingham (330); 2, G. Oliver (355); 3, S. Jarlett (410). Time, 14 min. 2 secs.

220 yards.—Heat 1: 1, D. Merrett (scr); 2, J. Heathfield (12). Heat 2: 1, A. Law (15); 2, A. Bergvalds (18). Heat 3: 1, K. Cuff (18); 2, F. W. Kemp (6). Final: 1, D. J. Merrett; 2, K. A. Cuff; 3, J. Heathfield. Time, 22.8 secs.

Shot Put Handicap.—1, A. Law (9 ft.); 2, A. Bergvalds (scr.); 3, A. Machell (11 ft.). Distance, 40 ft. 4½ ins.

Triple Jump Handicap.—1, A. Machell (3 ft. 3 ins.); 2, J. Purdy (4 ft. 9 ins.); 3, F. Simmons (5 ft. 6 ins.). Distance 42 ft.

120 yards Hurdles.—1, L. Christmas (3); 2, P. J. Briggs (scr); 3, P. D. Hunt (9). Time 16.1 secs.

1 Mile Novices.—1, Newell; 2, Cooper; 3, Evering. Time 4 min. 53 secs.

3 Miles Championship.—1, J. W. Brown; 2, J. H. Bragginton; 3, A. W. Bedford. Time, 15 min. 19.2 secs.

(Standards.—1st Class—Nil. 2nd Class—L. A. Adams, E. Stimpson, S. Davies, L. C. Bishop, D. G. Maclean, K. G. Stimpson).

MAIDENHEAD ROAD RELAY

Held on September 30th in bad weather, and times were consequently on the slow side. There was a field of 16 teams and our "A" team did well to gain second place behind the strong Reading A.C. side. Most of our "cracks" were not eligible to run owing to numerous barring clauses, but even so our team's time of 2 hr. 16 min. 2 sec. was well inside the old record of 2.17.44.

Archie Bedford ran well to give us the lead over the first "leg" but Len Adams had to relinquish this to the Reading runner although putting up third fastest time.

Reg Bolam went next and he kept us in second position doing the same time as the leader.

Arthur Bruce was our next runner and although he did second fastest time the Reading man increased his side's lead.

Jack Bragginton then went off and ran well to gain half-a-minute on the leader but our last runner, Ches Walker, had J. C. Green of Reading, to chase and never looked like catching his man.

Our "B" team finished eighth and our "C" team eventually failed to finish owing to their last man going off the course.

Here are the leading positions with the times and placings of our three teams:—

1, Reading A.C. "A," 2.14.52; 2, Belgrave "A," 2.16.2; 3, Walton "A," 2.21.14; 4, Aylesford P.M., 2.21.31; 5, Maidenhead "A," 2.21.34.

"A" Team.—A. Bedford, 22.14; L. Adams, 22.36; R. F. Bolam, 23.4; A. H. Bruce, 22.52; J. Bragginton, 22.31; C. W. Walker, 22.45.

"B" Team.—K. Stimpson, 23.33; K. A. Cuff, 24.5; A. Smith, 24.28; R. Minahan, 23.49; G. Stacey, 24.24; D. G. Maclean, 23.32.

"C" Team.—J. E. Godfrey, 23.51; A. W. Saville, 26.14; A. Jordan, 26.34; F. Mitchell, 25.51; R. G. Savage, 26.7; A. Penstone (off course).

OVER THE COUNTRY

With the cross-country season now upon us we welcome all members to Belgrave Hall and hope they will sample the enjoyment of a run over Wimbledon Common, with a hot bath to follow and a cup of tea and cake to round off the afternoon.

Our Club Championships are being held on the usual dates, a new addition this season being the 3 miles Youths Championship, which is due to be held on January 13th and we hope for a good entry to this race.

Many people have tried to explain the attraction of cross-country running but we think the following remarks from a recent issue of "Athletic Review" just about sum it up.

"Conditions for the competitor are frequently unpleasant, sometimes they are extremely severe. Yet remarkably few fail to turn out whatever the weather or the course may be like, and of those who start nearly all will go through to the bitter end with dogged perseverance or cheerful disregard as the case may be.

Nor do the spectators often find conditions in their favour. But hail, rain or snow, they are there squelching through the mud, facing the rigours of a biting wind, yet withal keeping astonishingly cheerful and maintaining a lively interest in the racing from start to finish. Many of them, probably the majority in fact, are runners of other days. They have been through it all themselves and long association with the sport has provided them with a philosophy which is proof against anything.

No! we do not think we are wrong in our assertion that cross-country running is a sport of true greatness. It receives scarcely any publicity in the press and still less 'over the air,' yet, because of the intense enthusiasm among all concerned, its popularity is growing as a comparison of our present day championship programmes with those of past years will confirm.

Sometimes we are apt to overlook the important part played by our loyal band of officials in the organising of cross-country running as a sport. Far more spare time goes into even ordinary club work than is generally realised. When the staging of big championships is undertaken it will be appreciated what a tremendous amount of work is called for, both before and on the day.

Just think of what it means to stand out in the open for a couple of hours on a cold, and perhaps wet, winter's day, putting down numbers or times with benumbed fingers, or standing out on one of the bleak outposts of the course acting as a marshal. The fact that there can be found men willing to take on such work voluntarily is in itself an indication of the fundamental greatness of this most amateur of all our winter sports."

Such words as these say far more than I can find to put into words in order to induce our members to sample the "enjoyment" of cross-country running and even those who cannot go out for a run will find a Saturday afternoon trip to Wimbledon Common well rewarded.

We are always pleased to receive assistance as regards officials for both running and walking events and can always find a job for you to do.

Entry fee to all club handicaps is 1s., payable on the day of the race, and all entries and any enquiries as to fixtures, etc., should be sent to our Running Hon. Secretary, as under:—

E. A. Duffett,

DID YOU KNOW THAT—



J.G. (Jovial Joe) COLEMAN first joined the Club as a runner!! in 1927. Not content with upsetting the handicapper he has participated in club events in every section and has won pots at everything except hurdling. The reason why he has not won a prize at hurdling is perhaps synonymous with his stylish walking, it would be difficult for a man of his build to "lift." Apart from his pot hunting, however, he has served the club as a grand team man and has to his credit a remarkable record, as follows:

1927. Joined Belgrave Harriers as a runner. Competed in handicaps on track, road, cross-country, field events (javelin, discus, shot put, long jump), and took prizes in all events, except hurdling. 49 prizes in all.
Represented Club in track and cross-country running road and track walking teams, field events teams since 1929.
1928. 3rd in 1 mile Club Open Novice Race.
1929. 3rd Surrey A.A.A. Junior 880 yards Championship.
1931. 2nd Team Surrey County Junior Cross-Country Championship.
1934. 1st Class Standard Club 2 miles Track Walk.
1936. 1st Class Standard Club 2 miles Track Walk.
1937. 3rd Surrey County 2 miles Track Walk.
3rd Belgrave Harriers 2 miles Track Walk.
2nd Horwood Cup 7 miles Road Walk.
6th Inter Counties 10 miles Road Walk.
1938. 3rd A.A.A. 7 miles Track Championship 53 mins. 23 secs. (First Englishman).
Standard A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship 14 mins. 23 secs.
2nd Surrey County 2 miles Track Championship.
1st Surrey County 10 miles Road Walk Championship.
1st (dead-heat with brother Len) R.W.A. "Garnett" Cup Championship. Also 1st team with record score of 16 points.
2nd Belgrave 2 miles Track Championship.
3rd Belgrave 10 miles Road Championship.
2nd Inter Counties 10 miles Road Championship.
Nijmegen Shield winning team (R.W.A. 20).
1939. 3rd A.A.A. 7 miles Track Championship. Fowler Dixon Style Prize
Standard A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship.
3rd Southern A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship.
1st Surrey County 2 miles Track Championship.
1st Belgrave 2 miles Track Championship.
2nd Surrey County 10 miles Road Championship.
Also 1st team.
2nd Inter Counties 10 miles Championship.
1940. 1st Surrey County 10 miles Road Walk.
- 1940-45. Served in R.A.F. Won and placed in Inter Service matches.
1946. Standard A.A.A. 7 miles Track Championship.
3rd Southern A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship.
2nd Belgrave 2 miles Track Championship.

1947. 2nd Surrey County 2 miles Track Championship.
 3rd Southern A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship.
 3rd Surrey County 10 miles Road Walk and st team.
 2nd Belgrave 2 miles Track Walk.
 4th Belgrave 20 miles Road Walk.
 2nd Belgrave 10 miles Road Walk.
 6th R.W.A. Senior 10 miles Road Walk and 1st team.
1948. 2nd Surrey County 2 miles Track Championship.
 3rd Belgrave 2 miles Track Championship.
 Nijmegen Shield Team, R.W.A. 20 miles.
 1st Team R.W.A. 10 miles Senior Championship.
 3rd Inter County 2 miles Track Championship.
 Standard Southern A.A.A. 2 miles Track Championship.
- 1937-38-39-47-48. Winning team Polytechnic Harriers Kinnaird 2 miles.
 Has been placed in individual scratch races in majority of Open 7 and 10 miles Road Walks. Has been in Bel's scratch teams in all but two races since 1937 which won all opens at 10 and 7 miles. Has won 9 open two mile handicaps. Won 1 mile race in Belgrave Inter-Club Track Walks 5 times—3 times inside 7 minutes. Second fastest recorded time in Surrey W.C. Croydon to Banstead and back, 11½ miles, in 96 m. 27 s.
- Joe has served the club in many official capacities. He has been and in fact still is, an official on many associations. He is one of our Walking Coaches and is ready to instruct any new member in the sport at which he was so adept. *He is insistent that a fair style is more important than a fast ragged one which often leads to disqualification and disappointment not only to the individual concerned but also to his team mates.*

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

GREETINGS FROM BELGRAVE TO CHILDREN

*A Yuletide gesture you'll agree ;
 To finish Christmas with a Bumper Tee.
 Belgrave's Boys and Girls we hope to see
 At our Children's Christmas Parlee !
 Now send along their names to me
 And we will try and give them glee
 In Belgrave Hall at half-past-three.*

BELGRAVE'S CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY SUNDAY, January 7th, 1950

*Prams and Attendants 3-30 for 4 o'clock. Children up to 12 ye. rs.
 Names to C. T. Carter, 43, Amerland Road, S.W.18.
 who will also be pleased to receive donations for the Children's Party*

Clothing Section

It is with regret that I have to announce that the stock of club vests at 10s. 6d. is fast disappearing, and possibly by the time this goes to press, no more will be available. As previously stated the new stock, sizes 34, 36, 38, will be 13s. (I remember when they were 2s. 6d.).

I have plenty of Club ties at 10s. 6d., coat badges 2s., vest badges 2s. 6d., sets of letters for track suits 5s. per set (sewn on 1s. extra). All these items are postage extra, 4d. on vests and 2½d. on other articles, or you can contact me at the "Hall" any Tuesday evening or Saturday afternoon.

Older members not now active may be interested to know that I can dispose of any gear they may not be needing, amongst the younger members who are keen to have the things that go to make a runner, but find present-day costs beyond them.

T. F. MORRELL, (Hon. Asst. Treasurer),

Belgrave Hall

You have no doubt read that after many years of struggling and saving, "Belgrave Hall" has now become the property of the Club.

Members visiting the hall will realise that a large sum of money has been spent on repairs and decorations for your pleasure and enjoyment, therefore I would ask all members to take care when using the property and its contents.

I regret the temporary continuation of the limited bathing and lavatory arrangements, but you have my assurance that a very live "House Sub-Committee" will be working throughout the winter drawing up plans for work to be carried out during the summer of 1951. It is our desire and hope that the hall will eventually be rebuilt with modern and improved amenities for the members of Belgrave Harriers.

The committee will be only too glad to consider any suggestions you may have to offer for your Club headquarters, so it's up to you to let us know what you want.

IT IS YOUR PROPERTY, LOOK AFTER IT YOURSELF AND SEE THAT OTHER MEMBERS DO LIKEWISE.

T. MORRELL,

House Sub-Committee.

Cycles at Belgrave Hall

We regret that owing to lack of accommodation and serious inconvenience to members and their supporters we find it necessary to disallow cycles to be parked at the rear of Belgrave Hall on Saturdays. However, Arthur Whitehead, one of our runners, has kindly offered to all members with cycles the use of the garage at his house which is situated at the top of Lauriston Road, some 300 yards from the hall. We are really indebted to Arthur for his kind offer, this is not the first time he has come to the rescue in the matter of accommodation. Our cyclist members should show their appreciation by accepting his kind offer and thus ending this serious encumbrance to fellow members. It should be noted that the question of cycle accommodation at the hall will be taken into consideration by the Building Sub-Committee when plans for the new hall are put in hand.

"Overseas" Trophy

A trophy will this year be presented for the Youths' Cross-Country Championship and will be known as the "Overseas" Trophy. Part of the cost of providing this trophy was the money obtained by Percy Wright during the war from the sale of Forces' "Airgraphs," the object being to have a trophy to commemorate our Club members serving abroad. Percy worked very hard on this scheme and we should all be happy with him now that his aim has been realised. The endeavour of our youths to win this new trophy will undoubtedly benefit the Club by encouraging and eventually producing good cross-country members.

"Athletic Review" Cross-Country Trophy

This well-known sports magazine has decided to put up a Trophy for annual competition to be awarded to "The Best Young Cross-Country Runner of the Year." This is the athlete who is adjudged the most outstanding in the Youths' and Junior ranks combined. There will also be a miniature Cup for the winner and Certificates for those gaining Honourable Mention.

The competition will terminate with the English National Cross-Country Championships and all clubs will be asked to keep a record of the performances of their outstanding young cross-country runners throughout the winter so as to be in a position to submit them for consideration immediately after the National race.

Here is a fine chance for the younger members of our Club and we hope that all our Youths and Juniors will make a determined effort to bring this trophy to our Club.

CLUB SPIRIT

By "Olympian"

The cross-country season is once again upon us and some indication of our future strength has already been shown by the results of races held during the past few weeks.

We have probably more runners turning out each Saturday than any other club in the country, as witnessed by the 68 starters in our road handicap on October 14th.

With such numbers there is no reason why those open championships which have eluded us in the past few seasons should not be quickly regained.

If clubs with fewer athletes to choose from can attain the highest team honours, it means that something is lacking in our own club that we should allow them to "put it across us."

Your Committee are fully convinced that we have the talent and that it only requires the revival of the keenness and team spirit which won us so many championships before the war, to return us to the "top of the tree."

Set your minds on that goal and nothing can prevent the name of Belgrave again being a power in the cross-country world.

It is not enough that a small body of your members should be left to attain this object. Every runner no matter what his present standard, should strive to increase his ability and make as his greatest ambition the membership of at least one of the teams which are eventually to win back those lost honours.

It may not be this year or even next, but as long as some improvement can be shown during this present season then it is a sound foundation for further achievement.

Set out to train more systematically and more frequently and keep before you the object of putting those "claret and gold" colours in the front.

Youths, Juniors and Seniors should set as their standards the winning of the respective County, District and National cross-country championships and do all in their power to attain the highest degree of physical fitness during the weeks ahead so that those standards may be achieved.

The road is hard and long and may at times seem hopeless but the pleasure that can be gained by team successes such as these is immeasurable.

Cross-country running calls for team spirit more than any other branch of our sport and the loss of keenness by even one of our members may deprive us of that improvement which we need so much to put us on the road back to the top.

Don't let it be said that you were that one who fell by the wayside. Take every chance possible to train either with the organised packs or by yourself and do not hesitate to approach your captain or vice-captains for advice if you are not sure of your training methods.

Do all the walking you can, you can even save money by walking to and from your work and this money will then assist with your expenses to away matches and you will also be attaining that fitness which is going to help both you and your club.

To those that can no longer be active we say "give us that moral and vocal support" without which we cannot press on to victory. Come along and provide that encouragement that you yourself enjoyed in your active days and by working together and showing that "club spirit" without which nothing can be attained, Belgrave can succeed—*make this your resolution from now onwards.*

HERE AND THERE

Jack Stirling Wakeley and Jack Rutland finished 4th and 5th in the Hastings—Brighton Walk on August 19th and Jack Wakeley was 3rd in the handicap.

Joe Scameil won a Veterans' mile handicap at Parliament Hill Fields on August 23rd off 22 yards.

Bert East won the Veterans' A.C. 2 miles Championship and was second in the Erith Open Mile on August 7th.

One of our latest police recruits, J. Tebbutt, introduced by Bob Readman, won the Police 6 miles novices race at Regents Park on September 30th in the very fast time of 53 mins. 31 secs. and should prove a great asset to our "Garnett" Cup team this season.

Welcome back to Ted Beesley who has returned to racing after a lapse of twelve months and has his eye on two or three young policemen at Ealing.

Wirral Athletic Club, Cheshire, write to say that for many years Harry Parker was a Vice-President of their Club.

They do not wish to lose the link of friendship with our Club and so they have great pleasure in electing Tom Carter to be one of their Vice-Presidents. They send a hearty welcome to anyone visiting their district and Norman Graves, one of our second claim members and a member of Wirral A.C. sends personal greetings to all Belgravians. Thank you, Wirral A.C., for your graciousness and the best of luck.

Harry Churcher was 2nd in an international match London v. Gothenburg.

We are happy to report that Ben Lulham, one of our A.A.A. Coaches is now out of hospital after an operation on a neck muscle and will soon be resuming his activities as Club Coach.

Len Bailey won the Stock Exchange 6 miles handicap at Regents Park.

Len Herbert represented London in the annual match at Gothenburg and ran well to finish 2nd in the 3,000 metres in 8 mins. 30.8 secs. Len also finished 2nd to F. Green of Birchfield in 9 mins. 17.2 secs. in the 2 miles race at the local club's floodlit evening meeting on October 4th at Perry Barr, Birmingham.

Geoff Pearson gained standard award of 3 hrs. 50 mins., his actual time being 3.39.28, in the S.L.H. 30 miles road race.

We congratulate Freddie Bradnum, now a B.B.C. producer in the Midlands, on finishing 12th in the recent Liverpool Marathon, and hope his duties will not prevent us seeing him at Belgrave Hall during the winter season.

At the A.G.M. of the Police Walking Section Syd Roberts relinquished his office as Hon. Secretary, and was elected a Vice-Chairman, joining Jack Bidgood who also holds that office.

It is interesting to note that there is a strong Belgrave contingent on the Southern C.C.C.A. new committee, for not only is Les Cohen the hon. secretary with Harry Shields as his assistant, but our club vice-presidents—Joe Turner, Bert Ellsey, Charlie Munro and Ernie Duffett are all members of the general committee.

This is quite a change to a few years ago when Harry Parker was our only representative and shows that we are now taking a strong part in the administrative side of the sport.

Ernie Duffett is also the president-elect of the South of Thames C.C. Association while Les Cohen is on the committee, and Charlie Munro and Bert Ellsey sit as past-presidents when members of the now defunct Ashcombe A.C.

We also continue to be strongly represented on the R.W.A. with Alf Harley as treasurer, and on the Southern Committee by Alf Harley, Syd Roberts, Jack Bidgood and Charlie Churcher.

Brian Rice our young Junior half-miler has now been called-up and sends his best wishes to his many friends in the club.

Percy Wright has now added a daughter to his family.

Fred Rickards sends best wishes to all and says he hopes to be on the road again soon.

In the Civil Service Championships, Jack Brown was second in the 1 mile and Charlie Smart gained a similar position in the 3 miles event. With G. Oliver being second in the 2 miles walk and Bob Jessop winning the Veterans' race our members were well to the fore.

Ray Tooby won the Junior Inter-Banks 1 mile title in the record time of 4 min. 30.4 secs. and we wish him the best of luck now he has been called up for National Service.

In the Triangular International at the White City on August 7th, Des Mullen was placed sixth in the 220 yards and Bill Lucas finished second in the 5,000 metres event.

On August 12 also at the White City, Bill Lucas ran for Great Britain in the match against the U.S.A. and Benelux Countries and after doing most of the leading in the 3 miles race, he eventually finished third to Ashenfelter of U.S.A. with Cosgul of Turkey runner-up. It is a pity that Bill lacks a really fast finish to his races but he is certainly running better now than at any time of his career.

At the same meeting Len Herbert was third to Wilson and Eyre in a special 2 miles race, and Len clocked 9 min. 12.2 secs., which is really fast running.

It is interesting to note that there is a strong feeling of unity among the members of the Southern C. O. A. new committee, and that it is a very successful one. The members of the committee are all men of high standing in the community, and their efforts are being most effectively carried out.

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