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THE XIth OLYMPIAD.

Berlin, August 1st to 16th.

Many of our members' thoughts are turning towards the Olympic Games. Some hope to carry the British vest on to track or road, some to attend as spectators, while the great majority will have to be content with the newspaper reports; but all will be interested to know of the preparations being made to receive the World's athletes.

Since the Games were revived at Athens in 1896 they have been held in different countries at regular intervals of four years. Berlin will act as host in 1936, and countless thousands will take advantage of the opportunity to pay a visit to the German capital.

On the opening day the teams of more than fifty nations will march into the Stadium with their national flags and take the Olympic oath of true comradeship.

A great relay of runners will carry the sacred fire from the ancient scene of the games at Olympia in Greece to Berlin, where the Olympic Flame on the tower of the Stadium will be lit while a salute of honour thunders forth. The great white flag with the five linked rings, symbolizing the five continents, will be hoisted on the mast of the arena before the eyes of a hundred thousand spectators. The Olympic Bell will be heard for the first time, summoning, as it is intended to do, "the youth of the world," and then the world championships in more than nineteen forms of sport will be carried out in the course of two weeks.

We are, of course, particularly interested in the Athletics part of the programme, and this will extend from August 2nd to

August 9th. The track will be at Grunewald, one of the western suburbs of Berlin, and is rapidly nearing completion.

Here on the former Race Course, in an area of 262 acres (about three-quarters of the space occupied by Hyde Park) 2,500 men are at work constructing one of the most magnificent sports grounds in the world.

Twenty minutes' journey from the centre of Berlin brings one to the South Gate of the Reich's Sport Field.

Entering the Field one is immediately confronted with the huge concrete-built Olympic Stadium. This has an outside elevation of 48 feet, while the arena itself is sunk 42 feet below the surface. There is accommodation for 100,000 spectators, most of whom can be seated on its 30 miles of seats. The South side of the Stadium is occupied by the tribune of honour, where the distinguished guests will be seated. At the western curve is an entrance for competitors, and at the eastern end lies the main gate, above which the Olympic Torch will burn throughout the Games. Two tunnel entrances in the west curve lead to the dressing rooms which are under the grandstands.

The athletic contests will be staged here, and also the finals of the football, handball and equestrian events.

The arena consists of a football field surrounded by a 400-metre track. In the semi-circular spaces between the ends of the football field and the curves of the track are javelin grounds, spaces for high jump and putting the shot, as well as arenas for the discus and hammer events. Outside the 30 feet wide track, down either "straight," are the grounds for the pole vault, the long jump, and the hop, step and jump.

Many visitors to the stadium have commented on the excellence of the turf on the infield. The secret is that it has been laid with ten-year-old turf taken from a neighbouring field.

North of the Olympic Stadium lies the Swimming and Diving Stadium, with room for 18,000 spectators. The diving and swimming pools are separated by a concrete wall so that it will be possible to hold both diving and swimming contests at the same time. A heating plant has been installed in order that the water may be kept at an even temperature. The International Swimming Association requires that this shall be 70 degrees Fahrenheit. A few inches below the level of the water a curved gutter has been built into the walls of the pool. This will break the waves caused by the swimmers, so that the water will always be comparatively calm.

To the East of the Swimming Stadium lie practice grounds, tennis courts, the hockey stadium, and basket ball grounds.

The women competitors will live in the Sports Forum during the Games. The men will be housed in the Olympic Village

which is being built at Döberitz, nine miles away along the main Hamburg road.

Immediately to the west of the main Stadium lies the Assembly Ground, presided over by the 220 feet high Führer Tower. From this Tower will peal forth the Olympic Bell to announce the opening of the Games on August 1st, 1936. A single peal of the bell will also precede the announcement of each result. The Assembly Ground will be used for Polo contests. South of this, occupying the extreme south-west corner of the Sports Field, in a delightful sylvan setting, lies the equestrian stadium.

In the north-west corner of the Field is the Dietrich Eckart Open Air Theatre. Here in a vast semi-circular natural arena, surrounded by woodland, the largest open-air theatre in the world has been built. It will seat 20,000 people. The gymnastic contests will be held here and a number of dramatic performances will be given during the Games. The Festival Play to be presented on the evening of the opening day of the Games will, however, be staged in the Olympic Stadium itself.

We are, of course, very hopeful that we shall have several members in the British team. It is with pleasure that we recall that Britain's only two winners at Los Angeles in 1932 were both Belgrave Harriers, and that both had carried our colours with distinction prior to their trip across the Atlantic. We trust that the shorter journey to Berlin will provide other Belgrave Harriers with their chance to emulate their club-mates of four years ago. And so, best of luck!

THIS AND THAT.

This is the second issue of our Gazette to be issued quarterly under the new arrangements passed by the Club at the Special General Meeting held on October 31st, 1935. Every member should automatically receive his copy, and members are requested to notify any change of address promptly.

It is also pointed out, once again, that this is *your* Gazette. Your suggestions and contributions are wanted. Team work is a very necessary part in the production of a journal such as this, and you are asked to do your bit. Please write to the Hon. Editor saying what you like about the "Belgravian," where you think improvements can be effected, and pass on any bright ideas likely to interest, help or amuse your fellow-members. Thank you!

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Your Hon. Treasurer would be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions (8/- Senior, 4/- Juniors, 1/- Boys) which became due in September. The business of spending the Club's money is quite arduous enough, without reluctant members causing extra work in the collection of subscriptions.

Members who have an account outstanding against their names in respect of "Belgravians" received up to our last issue, are asked to send this amount on to the Hon. Editors.

It is desired to close this matter as soon as possible, and your co-operation would be welcomed.

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Bill Rice continues to show slow progress, but we are glad to know that his health is improving, even though it will probably be many weeks before he is back to normal. His interest in Club affairs is as keen as ever, although he is unable to come along and enjoy our jokes and take his part in our Club affairs. When he does so, we can all assure him of a very hearty welcome.

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Congratulations and best wishes to A. O. Tookey, who has recently joined the married ranks.

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In October we bade Dan Patience and brother Rod *au revoir*, when they left England for Egypt, where they will be stationed for some time. Both had endeared themselves to us by their modest bearing and enthusiasm for the Club. We expect to have them out with us again when they return to England.

Meanwhile, news comes from Egypt that Dan has recently won the Egyptian Command Championship, upon which we most heartily congratulate him. An old friend in Cotterell was second.

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Writing of Dan Patience reminds us of his splendid running in last year's "Southern," when he had to stop in the early stages to adjust a shoe, losing dozens of places, and yet ran brilliantly to score in our team.

Since this race, one of the members of the winning team has been declared ineligible, and so Surrey A.C.'s margin over us was reduced to a bare point. It is as well, perhaps, that we were not made winners of the Championship by this adjustment. We would much rather regain it on our merits this year, although we do not minimise the strength of the opposition.

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The Southern Cross-country Championships are to be held from Sandown Racecourse on February 22nd. Both Junior and Senior events will be decided, and the nearness of the venue should enable many of our members to attend and help our men on.

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We are glad to know that Harry Verney's application to be considered a first-claim member of our Club without serving the usual qualifying period, has been acceded to by the special committee appointed to consider such cases. Verney, a former Civil Service Cross-country champion and Birchfield Harrier, has shown that he has real ability, and we wish him luck in his quest for a place in our championship teams.

The A.A.A. 10 miles running and 7 miles walking championships are to be held at the White City on April 11th—during the Easter holiday. No doubt we shall be well represented and it is whispered that Arthur Penny has his eyes on the 10 miles title.

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Our readers are requested to note that the date of the London—Brighton Relay has been altered. It is now intended to hold this event (probably starting from Mitcham) on April 25th. Please note your fixture list accordingly. It will probably be necessary to alter the date of our 5 miles road handicap in view of this change.

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The A.A.A. have recently circularised about 150 athletes, advising them that they are under consideration for Olympic selection, and urging them to take particular care in their preparation. Final selection will be made after the A.A.A. Championships (July 10th and 11th) and, of course, it is quite likely that there will be some “turn-ups” when the team is finally selected.

Our members to receive the official letter are: J. E. Flower (10,000 metres), J. Ginty (Steeplechase), J. Parker (5,000 and 10,000 metres), A. W. Penny (5,000 and 10,000 metres), G. H. Powell (Javelin), and T. H. Scrimshaw (800 metres). No walkers have been advised, but here the A.A.A. are acting in concert with the R.W.A., and there is little doubt that several of our men are on the “probables” list. Good luck to all our athletes in their quest for Olympic honours; those named above, and others!

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The Committee have decided to order a newly-designed tie for the use of members. This tie will have the inner portion of the Club badge (portcullis and cross keys) woven in gold on a dark red background; and will supersede the present striped pattern.

Many members have suffered the embarrassment, when wearing the old pattern tie, of being asked if they are an “Old Reptilian,” etc., and we do not doubt that many South London Harriers have been surprised (albeit flattered) when claimed as a Belgrave Harrier by those whose colour values are not their strong point.

The new design should obviate all this, and should, in addition, by reason of its better toning with the ordinary lounge suit, prove very popular and be much in evidence at Club functions and elsewhere.

This tie will sell at 3/- each and be obtainable from our Hon. Treasurer, so advise him of your requirements at once.

Some of the well-known rugby clubs have adopted such badge-woven ties which are sold at 6/6 to 8/6 each, but, as far as is known, we shall be the first athletic club to favour this new development in sports ties.

Among others we have welcomed to the Club recently are T. F. Goodale and J. W. Kemp. The latter has shown up prominently in Bank races, has been third in the Southern Junior Cross-country Championship, and generally given evidence that he will be an asset to our teams in due course. Goodale was third in the Southern Counties 880 yards Championship last season, and won the Army Championship at this distance. He has well-beaten two minutes for the distance on several occasions, and as he expects to settle down in the South before long, he, too, should add to our strength.

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Congratulations to our team in the Surrey County Cross-country championship on holding their title. Also to Arthur Penny on his success in the Surrey race; to Pat Parker upon winning the Sussex title; and to E. Simpson upon winning the Middlesex Junior Championship and so following in the footsteps of Harry Shields, with, of course, something to spare.

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One of our early races of the season was *versus* University of London A.C., at Coulsdon. We had a very easy win (98 points to 202), supplying the first seven men to finish. Parker, Penny and Cohen finished equal first, closely followed by Shaw, Williams and Verney.

We were obviously much too strong for our University friends, who lacked the assistance of Etheridge; but, nevertheless, the sporting match was greatly enjoyed by all.

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On the same day the remainder of our forces met Thames Valley Harriers over their Cranford course, and in a very exciting race we managed to win by four points (148 to 152, scoring 12 aside). Arthur Allum, followed by George Chantler, led the field home.

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Our encounter with Metropolitan Police A.C. at Imber Court on November 16th showed us in a very heartless mood, for we had no fewer than the first fourteen home! Then came W. D. Symes, for the Police (he is also a member of our Club); and final scores, twenty aside, were 220 points to 716 points by the Police.

Pat Parker was the actual winner of the race.

A visit to Imber Court is always most enjoyable, and many of our runners and walkers (the walk is described elsewhere) remained to tea, and for the dancing which followed.

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Track fixtures are at the moment the concern of the appropriate sub-committee; and they are busily planning our summer season. We have been able to book six Wednesday dates at Battersea Park for our evening meetings, and two Saturday afternoons, but

we are not yet sure of a Saturday fixture in May, with which we usually open the season.

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Our Championship Day has been arranged for July 25th. This is a week earlier than usual, and has been so arranged to allow those of our members who intend visiting the Olympic Games, either as competitors or spectators, to do so without missing the Club Championships.

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A final word. The Championship season is fast approaching. "South of the Thames Senior," "Southern," "Junior" Walk "National" (English Championship, strictly), and "Senior" Walk follow one another rapidly.

See that you do your little bit to help our teams along. Buy a new tie, and a packet of throat lozenges, and help things along!

THE HIGHGATE HARRIERS' OPEN WALK.

The first Open event of the season was promoted by the Highgate Harriers on the last Saturday in October. It was necessary to find a different course from that generally used, owing to road-work, and it would appear that the course chosen was well short of the advertised seven miles.

From the start our men were prominent, and at the half-way mark Harry Churcher led the field. He was forced to yield to Cooper and Stone before the end was reached, but this effort of Harry's must rank as one of his best. Tommy Green, young as ever, and Len Fletcher, who we were all glad to see on the road once again, and Bill Treacher, completed our team. Our score was the very low one of 19 points; and second came Surrey Walking Club, with 73 points. This win brought the "Berman Cup" back to our possession.

The form of our men was quite encouraging and we left the first race of the season, feeling confident of more successes to come.

Handicap awards eluded us, but Bill Snell won a special prize for the fastest handicap time from the Club providing the largest entry.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Allee.	H'cap Time
1	A. A. Cooper (W.G.A.C.)	49 28	...	49 28
2	V. W. Stone (Poly. H.)...	49 42	0 50	48 52
3	H. G. Churcher (B.H. "A")	49 45	1 40	48 5
4	T. W. Green ...	49 53	0 20	48 5
5	A. L. Fletcher ...	50 10	0 30	49 40
8	W. A. Treacher ...	51 30	2 0	49 30
12	C. H. Speechley ...	52 17	3 40	48 37
14	C. E. Churcher ...	52 53	3 0	49 53
32	A. A. Harley ...	55 18	3 50	51 28
40	P. G. Wright ...	56 3	7 20	48 43
42	W. H. Snell ...	56 18	9 0	47 18
44	J. G. Coleman ...	56 35	5 30	51 5

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap Time
63	F. Jarvis	58 23	9 20	49 8
72	W. Urry I	59 3	7 20	51 43
88	L. F. Bailey B	61 49	7 20	54 29

SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1	Belgrave H. ....19 pts.	3	Enfield A.C. ....75 pts.
2	Surrey W.C. ....73 pts.		

HANDICAP TEAM RACE.

	m. s.		m. s.
1	Southgate W.G. A.A. ...191 53	5	Belgrave H. "A".....195 45
2	Highgate H. ....191 57	6	Belgrave H. "B".....196 14
3	Dunlop W.C. ....193 35		

ENFIELD A.C. OPEN WALK.

Held on November 9th we once again provided a large proportion of the entry and considered our chances of another scratch team win very rosy. These hopes were duly realised, and this time Len Fletcher occupied third position, and led the team home. In fact, our seventh man was 14th in the race!

Bill Treacher took the special prize for the first man to finish, not gaining any other award, from the club with the largest number of starters, and our "B" team took the third team handicap prizes and consisted of A. Readman, D. Earle, G. H. Boddington and P. G. Wright.

Readman walked splendidly in his first Open race and promises to do well in the future; and the walking of our men generally gave great satisfaction.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap Time
1	A. A. Cooper (W.G.A.C.)	52 39	Scr.	52 39
2	V. W. Stone (Poly. H.)	52 43	0 40	52 3
3	A. L. Fletcher (B.H. "A")	53 48	0 20	53 18
4	T. W. Green	54 7	0 20	53 47
5	H. G. Churcher	54 23	1 20	53 3
6	D. E. Brown	54 36	1 30	53 6
8	W. A. Treacher	55 4	2 0	53 4
12	C. H. Speechley	56 18	3 40	52 38
14	C. E. Churcher	56 35	3 0	53 35
33	F. E. Bentley	59 14	3 10	56 4
34	A. A. Harley (B.H. "I")	59 32	3 50	55 42
35	A. Readman (B.H. "B")	59 33	7 20	52 13
42	P. G. Wright	60 21	7 20	53 1
43	D. A. Earle	60 39	7 10	53 29
44	C. F. Sutton	60 51	5 50	55 1
49	G. H. Boddington ..	61 18	8 20	52 58
52	B. H. Clark	61 59	7 40	54 19
64	F. Jarvis	63 45	9 20	54 25
70	W. Urry	64 30	7 30	57 0
81	S. R. Wood	66 35	7 10	59 25

103 finished.

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1	Belgrave H.18 pts.	2	Polytechnic H.66 pts.
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HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

		m. s.			m. s.
1	Highgate H.	208 16	3	Belgrave H. "B".....	211 41
2	Leicester W.C.	210 53	5	Belgrave H. "A".....	211 51

OUR OPEN WALK.

Our open 7 miles event—the sixteenth we have promoted—took place at Wimbledon on the last Saturday in November, as usual. Compared with other entries this season, ours was the best received, but, unfortunately, there were 31 fewer than last year. One hundred and fifty-eight names came in this year (19 teams) and these figures condemned us to a financial loss, despite the very generous support given by several friends.

Athletically, the event was the usual success, and our race with its by no means easy course seems to exercise a hold over the ordinary walker, which makes him come along year by year to see if he really can get up those hills without undue distress!

This year we saw one of the finest tussles ever for scratch team honours. The teams concerned were Woodford Green A.C. and ourselves. Up to the half-distance the advantage was ours, but shortly afterwards Green, in attempting to race Cooper, was ruled out. This levelled matters, and the team fight was on. Eventually, victory went to our Woodford friends. We finished our fourth man before theirs, but Woodford's 1 and 3 points for their first two men home gave them the advantage and a few points win. Well done, Woodford Green!

Meanwhile, Percy Wright, of our D team, was doing splendidly and with 19th position and 7 mins. 10 secs allowance, claimed the first handicap prize. Well walked, Percy!

Our "D" team (Wright, Readman, Goold and Earle) took the first handicap team prizes, and so we can consider we had our share. Other awards appear below. Len Fletcher took the prize for the first Belgrave Harrier not gaining any other award, and a special prize (presented by Mr. W. Allen) for the first man in the scratch race with an allowance of 7 mins. or over, and not gaining any other award, went to R. A. Staker, of Highgate Harriers.

We were particularly pleased to welcome teams from Dunlop W.C. and Leicester W.C., from the provinces; but they were unable to record any successes.

Our own Club entry was very good and four teams were entered.

In concluding, we should like to record our very sincere appreciation of the help given us by R.W.A. officials and others, and offer our thanks to the competitors who entered our race. We are also especially grateful to Messrs. Askew, Bayliss, Elson, Gordon and Thomson for their support of the Prize Fund, and to Mr. W. Allen for presenting a special prize.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Allee.	H'cap Time
1	A. A. Cooper (W.G.A.C.)	54 21	...	54 21
2	V. W. Stone (Poly H.)	55 4	0 30	54 34
3	A. H. Pope (W.G.A.C.)	55 14	0 20	54 54
5	A. L. Fletcher (B.H. "A")	55 30	0 30	55 0
6	H. G. Churcher... "	55 39	1 20	54 19
7	D. E. Brown ... "	56 13	1 30	54 43
10	C. E. Churcher ... "	57 24	3 0	54 24
16	C. H. Speechley ... "	58 6	3 40	54 26
19	P. G. Wright (B.H. "D")	59 29	7 10	52 19
30	J. C. Bidgood (B.H. "B")	60 20	4 0	56 20
33	A. Readman (B.H. "D")	60 39	6 40	53 59
34	J. E. Rutland (B.H. "A")	60 40	5 20	55 20
41	S. Goold ... (B.H. "D")	61 26	7 20	54 6
43	D. Earle ... (B.H. "D")	61 33	7 10	54 23
56	J. E. Field (B.H. "B")	62 34	3 0	59 34
59	F. W. Thorn (B.H. "B")	62 44	4 0	58 44
60	E. Saunders (B.H. "C")	62 47	3 30	59 17
70	W. Urry ... (B.H. "D")	64 7	7 50	56 17
72	R. F. Elson (B.H. "B")	64 10	3 40	60 30
76	B. H. Clark (B.H. "D")	64 24	8 0	56 24
91	R. G. Hillier (B.H. "C")...	66 4	6 50	59 14
108	A. H. East ... "	68 33	8 40	59 53
109	D. J. Heath ... "	68 40	8 40	60 0
110	D. Wills ... "	68 45	8 10	60 35
117	S. R. Wood ... "	69 39	7 30	62 9
127	W. G. True ... "	73 45	7 0	66 45

129 finished.

P. G. Wright (7 10) won Ind. H'cp.

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1	Woodford Green A.C.—1, 3, 8, 12	...	...	24 pts.
2	Belgrave H.—5, 6, 7, 10	...	...	28 pts.
3	Surrey W.C.	...	...	37 pts.

HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1	Belgrave H. "D".....214 47	4	Belgrave H. "A".....217 52
2	Woodford Grn. A.C.....216 25	16	Belgrave H. "B".....235 8
3	Polytechnic H. ....217 0	18	Belgrave H. "C".....238 24

AT IMBER COURT.

On November 16th we met the Metropolitan Police Walking Club, at Imber Court, over their usual seven miles course. We were without the two Churchers and one or two other stalwarts, but our team looked good enough to win.

From the command to start, Len Fletcher and Don Brown took the lead, which they gradually increased throughout, without ever distressing themselves. Places were changing continually among the rest of the field, and eventually we finished six men in the first eight home—and yet the complete team result proved a dead-heat! The reason for this was the splendid packing of our Police friends in the middle portion of the field—a factor which has led to our defeat in the past. Among those who enabled the Police to level-up the advantage gained by our earlier men were noticed several Police walkers who are also Belgrave men. Full details appear below.

RESULT.

		m.	s.		m.	s.
1	{ L. Fletcher .....B.H.	54	11	18	B. H. Clark .....M.P.	59 00
	{ D. E. Brown.....B.H.	54	11	19	F. W. Thorn.....B.H.	59 7
3	R. Sims .....M.P.	55	27	20	G. H. Boddington M.P.	59 11
4	A. Rayner .....M.P.	56	42	21	E. J. Toogood ...M.P.	60 57
5	L. Storey .....B.H.	56	55	22	W. Bryant .....M.P.	61 25
6	A. G. H. Pope ...B.H.	57	15	23	R. Sapwell .....M.P.	62 04
	{ P. G. Wright ...B.H.	57	20	24	W. H. Snell .....B.H.	62 05
7	{ A. A. Harley ....B.H.	57	20	25	C. Buxton .....M.P.	62 55
9	F. Jarvis .....M.P.	57	25	26	R. Rycraft .....M.P.	62 55
10	S. Goold .....M.P.	57	25	27	R. Atkinson .....M.P.	62 56
11	A. Readman ....M.P.	57	27	28	R. Wood .....M.P.	62 57
12	C. F. Sutton.....B.H.	57	32	29	R. Rocey .....M.P.	63 04
13	J. C. Bidgood ...M.P.	57	54	30	W. Grice .....M.P.	63 15
14	W. Oliver .....M.P.	58	19	31	R. E. Mann.....M.P.	63 24
15	R. Martin .....M.P.	58	29	32	W. Reeves .....M.P.	63 25
16	D. A. R. Earle...B.H.	58	30	33	R. E. Hodge ...M.P.	63 26
17	R. Aylen .....M.P.	58	41	34	R. Hillier .....B.H.	63 40

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave Harriers—1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 16, 19, 24, 34 134 pts.
 Met. Police W.C.—3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 134 pts.

THE 7 MILES "JUNIOR" WALK.

Competition to hold the "Horwood" Cup was expected to be very keen, and 14 competitors lined up to take their chance in championship and handicap. A terrific struggle was expected between the holder, C. Speechley and our Captain, C. E. Churcher. This was forthcoming from the first few yards. Charlie, the elder, tried his hardest to get away on the hills, but Charlie, the younger, had a very slight advantage on the flat—and this advantage enabled him to show slightly more speed over the finish, and to win by seven seconds. This reversed the result of last year's race, when Speechley gained a very narrow victory over Churcher.

P. G. Wright again showed improved form and the time he recorded was very creditable. He will certainly strengthen our "Junior" team. Rutland can do better than the time he recorded on this occasion. The fifth man, "Doug" Earle, with a 5-min. allowance, carried off the sealed handicap, with Frank Jarvis, who followed him in, and with the same allowance, second.

There were a few absentees from this race, which is, of course, confined to those members possessing the R.W.A. "Junior" qualification; and it would have been interesting to see how Storey, R. F. Elson, Brian, Readman, Goold and Boddington (to mention a few) would have fared, had it been possible for them to turn out.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act.		H'cap		H'cap	
		Time	Ser.	Time	Pos.		
1	C. E. Churcher...	57 27	...	57 27	...	5	
2	C. H. Speechley ...	57 34	...	0 30	...	4	
3	P. G. Wright ...	58 35	...	1 45	...	3	
4	J. E. Rutland ...	61 31	...	2 0	...	8	
5	D. Earle ...	61 35	...	5 0	...	1	
6	F. Jarvis ...	61 45	...	5 0	...	2	
7	W. H. Snell ...	62 35	...	5 0	...	6	
8	C. Sutton ...	64 0	...	2 0	...	12	
9	B. Clark ...	64 6	...	6 25	...	7	
10	W. Urry ...	66 28	...	6 25	...	9	
11	A. H. East ...	67 35	...	6 30	...	10	
12	D. Heath ...	69 50	...	8 30	...	11	
13	W. True ...	72 10	...	9 0	...	13	

WITH THE WALKERS.

The season has opened well for us, with scratch team wins in the Highgate and Enfield events, and a narrow and honourable defeat at the hands of Woodford Green A.C. in our own promotion.

Gratifying as it is to meet with success in such events, it is in the championships that we hope to demonstrate supremacy over other clubs, and to add the Belgrave name to the Championship trophies once again, in the year 1936—the year when a Belgrave Harrier holds office as President of the Road Walking Association.

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Our team win in the Highgate Harriers Open race carried with it the "Berman" Cup, which is annually competed for in connection with 7 mile events, and may be won outright by three successive wins. This is the fourth occasion on which we have been successful. Previous winners are as follows: 1927, Surrey A.C.; 1928, Belgrave H.; 1929, Herne Hill Harriers; 1930, Belgrave H.; 1931, Enfield A.C.; 1932, Enfield A.C.; 1933, Belgrave H.; 1934, Surrey Walking Club; 1935, Belgrave H.

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The R.W.A. "Junior" Championship is to be held on March 7th, from the Police quarters at Hendon. A give-and-take course has been planned and arrangements are well in hand. It is only necessary for our prospective team to train hard and conscientiously for success to be our lot in this event. We have talent available good enough to take the gold medals and "Garnet" Cup, and it is only a matter of those with the ability doing the very necessary strolling and training spins for their efforts to be crowned with success.

A Belgrave win is due. Our last was in 1933 (Birmingham: H. G. Churcher, D. E. Brown, A. H. Field, A. A. Harley), the one before that in 1930 (Enfield: F. H. Elson, E. Saunders, J. E. Field, S. L. King). Three years elapsed between these two

wins, and now we are in the third season since our last victory. So get to it, Belgrave Juniors! Shall we be able to write: 1936, Belgrave H. (Hendon: ———, ———, ———, ———)?

Our chances are undoubtedly bright. A third successive win by Surrey W.C. is most unlikely. Chief contenders should be Dunlop W.C., Sutton Coldfield W.C., London Vidarians W.C., and ourselves. We can do it; and I hope every member who can do so will come to Hendon on March 7th, and encourage our team.

Last year Surrey W.C. equalled our record of four wins in this event. It's time to draw away again!

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Writing of championships reminds me that the "Senior" 20 miles Championship is to be held at Leicester on May 9th, and the 50 kilos Championship, of which we are holders, at Derby on July 4th. This race will be of particular importance this year, in view of the Olympic race at this distance.

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In addition to the events, results of which are given elsewhere, we have had a race *versus* Surrey W.C. over their Croydon to West Wickham and back course. At least, it can hardly be termed a race, for, owing to dense fog, our numbers were very small. For some time a race at all was very doubtful, then a shortened course was discussed, but finally it was decided to carry through with the event.

Charlie Churcher walked splendidly to win the race, covering the 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles in 1 hour 20 mins. 51 secs. Jack Bidgood was 8th, Wright 10th, Saunders 14th, and Frank Elson 19th. Chief recollections are of terrible conditions, and of some fine walking by Churcher in spite of the foginess. And ironically enough, after the race had finished, the fog lifted!

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On Boxing Day, a weak team represented the Club in the Croydon to Godstone and back race (18 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles); and took third place to two teams from the promoting club.

Our walkers finished as follows: 12th A. A. Harley (2 hr. 53 min. 35 sec.); 14th, J. E. Field (2 hr. 56 min. 47 sec.); 15th, P. G. Wright (3 hr. 0 min. 24 sec.); 18th, W. H. Snell (3hr. 1 min. 4 sec.).

Jack Field was placed fourth in the handicap, the actual winner of the scratch race, H. A. Hake, taking third prize.

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On February 1st we shall support the London Transport Open 7 miles race at Bellingham; and on February 15th, the Ashcombe A.C. 10 miles Walk from Sheen. This latter event is not shown in our fixture list.

On February 8th, the Saturday falling between the above-mentioned dates, the Valentines S.C. promote a 10 miles race from their quarters at Chadwell Heath. We have yet to decide

whether it will be possible to support this event, in view of the large amount of racing to be done at this time of the year.

March 7th is, of course, "Junior" day, as mentioned above, followed by the County Championships a fortnight later, and the Inter-county race on March 28th.

Our Club 20 miles Championship is fixed for April 18th, and by this time all our distance men will be intent on gaining the Senior Championship for the Club. Last year we lost by one point, the previous year by two points. This year should give us compensation for these narrow disappointments, but come what may, our walkers may be depended upon to put up a good show and maintain the Belgrave reputation in this event, which includes four wins and six placings in the fifteen post-war years.

All entries and enquiries should be sent to—

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THE SOUTH OF THAMES "JUNIOR" RACE.

The South of Thames "Junior" team race was held at Epsom Downs on November 9th, the weather being ideal for running, and we looked forward to a good race.

E. H. M. Williams, of our club, proved an easy winner of the individual race. He led throughout, and after being with Hengle, of the Police, at half-way, came away from his field to win comfortably. E. G. Saunders ran finely to finish 10th, coming through strongly over the last mile; and K. N. Wood also did well in being 28th.

Then came what was for us an unfortunate happening. J. W. Chamberlain in his first open race, finished 38th, an excellent performance, but was running for our "B" team, and so of course could not count for our "A" team. We thus had to go back to 60th for our fourth man, J. C. Edwards, and so finished third in the team race with 99 points.

Reading A.C. "A" team secured first place with 50 pts., and the Metropolitan Police A.C. were second with 97 pts. It will be seen that with Chamberlain counting we should have been an easy second, but these little upsets are always liable in races of this description.

Of the other members who ran for us, A. H. Beaumont and W. F. Merryman both did well on their initial appearance in this race.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 E. H. M. Williams "A"	29	20	102 H. J. Fletcher ... "A"	31	58
10 E. G. Saunders	29	58	118 W. F. Merryman "B"	32	19
38 J. W. Chamberlain "B"	30	43	127 F. G. White	32	33
28 K. N. Wood	30	31	153 W. J. Ashford	33	23
60 J. C. Edwards	31	11	159 C. E. Brockwell	33	37
67 A. Smith	31	22	172 W. H. Applebee ..	34	15
70 A. H. Beaumont ... "A"	31	36	184 G. S. Doubleday ..	35	4
97 A. A. Bird	31	51			

RESULT.

TEAM SCORES.

1	Reading "A"—2, 4, 9, 35	...	...	...	...	...	50 pts.
2	Met. Police—13, 20, 21, 43	...	...	...	...	...	97 pts.
3	Belgrave "A"—1, 10, 28, 60	...	...	...	...	...	99 pts.

FIVE MILES HANDICAP.

On November 23rd we telescoped two events into one, viz., a Club five miles sealed handicap, and a match *versus* Ashcombe A.C. and Ealing Harriers. For the match event we nominated a team, as we had no desire to overwhelm our friends with our large numbers in a six aside to score match.

Edwards, of Ealing, was placed first in the match, followed by Martin, of ours, Shirley (of Ashcombe) and then Stimpson and Chantler, of ours. We ran out winners with 39 points, to Ealing's 54, and Ashcombe's 78.

In "our" race, Parker and Penny finished together, as the appended result shows. The handicap was almost a complete triumph for our "under 21" brigade. D. Martin took first place, with Stimpson second, and Merryman third (dead-heat). Frank Webb, snaky as ever, managed to spoil our juniors' exclusiveness by dead-heating for third place. Fifth (paired with F. A. Walker) came veteran George Still, well over the half-century, and still with plenty of energy, and a remarkable example of economy of effort in running to our youngsters.

Twenty-four men finished within 73 seconds of the winner in the handicap, which was not too bad in an attempt to satisfy everyone!

A glance at the attached result will show that we had a good entry and close racing.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act.		H'cap		H'cap	
		Time	...	Time	...	Time	Pos.
1	J. Parker	29 23	...	0 5	...	29 18	30
1	A. Penny	29 23	...	Scr.	...	29 23	32
3	A. Allum	29 35	...	0 25	...	29 10	28
4	C. T. Carter	29 36	...	0 30	...	29 6	27
5	H. G. Verney	29 43	...	1 30	...	28 13	10†
6	S. T. Ring	29 51	...	1 0	...	28 51	21
7	D. Martin	29 56	...	2 15	...	27 41	1
8	H. S. H. Cook	30 6	...	2 0	...	28 6	7
9	A. Taylor	30 20	...	1 45	...	28 35	17
10	F. A. Walker	30 20	...	2 25	...	27 55	5†
11	E. S. Stimpson	30 22	...	2 30	...	27 52	2
12	G. Chantler	30 27	...	2 15	...	28 12	9
13	H.E. Footer	30 27	...	0 35	...	29 52	37
14	F. Webb	30 39	...	2 45	...	27 54	3†
15	A. Patience	30 45	...	2 30	...	28 15	12
16	E. Saunders	30 45	...	2 25	...	28 20	13
17	J. E. Flower	31 5	...	1 30	...	29 35	35
18	K. N. Wood	31 6	...	2 45	...	28 21	14†
19	H. Shields	21 10	...	1 45	...	29 25	33

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	H'cap	H'cap Time	H'cap Pos.
20	C. Penny	21 10	3 0	28 10	8
21	W. G. Webb	31 25	3 0	28 25	15
22	A. Jordan	31 36	3 15	28 21	14†
23	H. J. Fletcher... ..	31 46	2 45	29 1	26
24	A. A. Bird	31 50	3 0	28 50	20
25	J. W. Chamberlain	31 54	3 0	28 54	23†
26	A. H. Beaumont	32 1	3 15	28 45	19
27	J. Edwards	32 8	3 15	28 53	22
28	A. Smith	32 9	3 15	28 54	23†
29	W. Merryman	32 39	4 45	27 54	3†
30	F. G. White	32 58	4 45	28 13	10†
31	C. E. Brockwell	33 29	3 15	30 14	38
32	J. Chantler	33 42	4 30	29 12	29
33	T. J. Flower	34 16	4 45	29 31	34
34	W. Applebee	34 36	5 15	29 21	31
35	J. Flatt	34 40	5 45	28 55	25
36	B. C. May	36 2	6 15	29 47	36
37	G. Still	36 25	8 30	27 55	5
38	G. Doubleday	38 7	5 0	33 7	39
39	G. Tyrer	42 37	14 0	28 37	18

† Dead Heat.

THE SEVEN MILES CHAMPIONSHIP.

BY C. T. CARTER.

In being given the honour of writing the account of our seven miles cross-country championship, I can only plead that I would rather have been running, if only to pass the honour on to a competent writer.

Unfortunately, the absence of Pat Parker and Jim Ginty and one or two others robbed the race of some of its interest. The start, I thought, was rather a fast one, with "Nutty" Penny leading the way.

After seeing the runners across to the Golf Course, I made my way to the Windmill. Here Penny was leading Les Cohen by 39 secs., with Allum a further 20 secs. behind in third place. Williams, Taylor, Ring, Shields and Flower followed. Then came a batch of runners, led by our Captain, H.E.F.

On reaching the Windmill the second time, the first three places remained the same, but then came Syd Ring and Alf Taylor, hard chased by Bert Footer. Our Captain must have been running a "snaky" race, as he was about the last out of the field at the start.

Congratulations to "Ding-Dong" on finishing the course—and not last, either! Also hearty congratulations to our junior runner, K. N. Wood, on taking the handicap prize; and to Alf Taylor and Syd Ring, who were placed second and third in the sealed handicap.

I believe most of the actual times recorded in the Championship were a shade faster than last year.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Club	Act.		Start	H'cap		Pos. in	
			Time	Scr.		Time	H'cap		
1	A. W. Penny ...	B	38 46 ...	...	...	38 46 ...	...	14
2	L. J. Cohen ...	B	39 36 ...	0 45 ...	...	38 51 ...	...	16†
3	A. Allum ...	C	39 59 ...	1 0 ...	...	38 59 ...	...	18
4	S. T. Ring ...	B	40 8 ...	2 15 ...	...	37 53 ...	...	3
5	H. E. Footer ...	B	40 9 ...	0 15 ...	...	39 54 ...	...	24
6	A. E. Taylor ...	C	40 12 ...	2 30 ...	...	37 42 ...	...	2
7	E. H. M. Williams	B	40 41 ...	2 0 ...	...	38 41 ...	...	11†
8	J. E. Flower ...	C	40 43 ...	2 15 ...	...	38 28 ...	...	8
9	H. W. Shields ...	C	40 47 ...	2 0 ...	...	38 47 ...	...	15
10	F. A. Walker ...	B	41 1 ...	2 45 ...	...	38 16 ...	...	7
11	G. R. Chantler ...	B	41 3 ...	3 0 ...	...	38 3 ...	...	5
12	H. S. H. Cook ...	B	41 21 ...	2 30 ...	...	38 51 ...	...	16†
13	K. N. Wood ...	B	41 21 ...	3 45 ...	...	37 36 ...	...	1
14	C. H. E. Penny...	B	41 52 ...	2 45 ...	...	39 7 ...	...	19
15	F. R. Webb ...	C	41 56 ...	3 15 ...	...	38 41 ...	...	11†
16	D. W. Martin ...	B	42 23 ...	2 30 ...	...	39 53 ...	...	23†
17	A. T. A. Jordan...	B	42 24 ...	4 30 ...	...	37 54 ...	...	4
18	W. W. S. Mitchell	B	42 33 ...	3 15 ...	...	39 18 ...	...	20
19	A. Patience ...	C	43 13 ...	3 15 ...	...	39 58 ...	...	26
20	J. C. Edwards ...	B	43 55 ...	5 15 ...	...	38 40 ...	...	10
21	A. Smith ...	C	43 56 ...	5 15 ...	...	38 41 ...	...	11†
22	K. B. O'Kell ...	B	44 20 ...	4 30 ...	...	39 50 ...	...	21
23	W. F. Merryman	B	44 22 ...	5 45 ...	...	38 37 ...	...	9
24	A. A. Bird ...	C	44 40 ...	4 45 ...	...	39 55 ...	...	25
25	F. G. White ...	B	44 41 ...	6 30 ...	...	38 11 ...	...	6
26	J. H. Chantler ...	B	46 5 ...	5 30 ...	...	40 35 ...	...	28
27	W. J. Ashford ...	B	46 44 ...	5 45 ...	...	40 59 ...	...	29
28	W. H. Applebee	C	46 55 ...	6 30 ...	...	40 25 ...	...	27
29	M. L. Bretherick	B	47 15 ...	2 15 ...	...	45 0 ...	...	35
30	T. J. Flower ...	C	48 10 ...	5 30 ...	...	42 40 ...	...	32
31	J. G. Flatt ...	B	48 20 ...	7 0 ...	...	41 20 ...	...	31
32	H. J. Fletcher ...	B	48 23 ...	4 30 ...	...	43 53 ...	...	33
33	B. C. May ...	B	49 37 ...	8 30 ...	...	41 7 ...	...	30
34	G. Still ...	B	50 22 ...	10 30 ...	...	39 52 ...	...	22
35	G. S. Doubleday	B	50 28 ...	6 15 ...	...	44 13 ...	...	34

† Dead Heat.

TEAM RESULT (Varsity Scoring).

Belgrave Harriers—1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12	...	...	...	52 pts.
Cadogan A.C.—3, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16	...	...	...	84 pts.

THE 5 MILES JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

On December 21st our "Junior" Championship was held to decide who should become the holder of the "Savage" Shield for the ensuing year; and the paucity of entrants was more than compensated for by the quality of the racing.

George Chantler (the holder), Dave Martin, Ed Stimpson and Ken Wood were always close together; but in the closing stages

Stimpson found a little extra speed to finish nine seconds ahead of Martin. Chantler followed three seconds later, with Wood another 12 seconds away. Thus the fourth man finished only 24 seconds behind the winner, and shows what a splendid chance we have of retaining the "Southern" Junior title in February. We have, of course, three members of last year's winning team still available, and backed up by Wood, Chamberlain, Quackenbos, Merryman and Pointer, they can scarcely fail to do well. It is a source of great satisfaction to us to know that we have such splendid talent maturing and fitting itself for the senior ranks in due course.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1 E. Stimpson.....	30 16	4 K. N. Wood	30 40
2 D. Martin ...	30 25	5 W. F. Merryman	33 9
3 G. R. Chantler	30 28		

BOXING DAY TRACK MEETING.

Our annual Boxing Day meeting was held at Battersea Park Track, as usual, and the track was very heavy, owing to the continuous rains.

The entries for the 120 yards sprint were much better than last year, and when the five heat winners lined up for the final, an expectant crowd awaited the result. T. H. Cannon (11) proved the winner off a mark he will certainly not see again, with F. W. Pritchard (8), second, and K. J. Crawford (10) third. Our young Junior Sprint Champion, B. Saunders, qualified for the final but was unplaced, as was Frank Webb.

The 2 Miles Run proved a good race and after George Still had shown the way in the early stages, A. T. A. Jordan (300) took the lead only to lose it in a thrilling struggle down the straight to A. A. Bird (250). J. C. Edwards (350) finished third, with A. H. Beaumont (280) 4th, G. Still (650) 5th. A. R. Shaw ran well off 95 yds. to finish 6th. A. W. Penny, our Empire Games 6 Miles Champion, turned out but was content to finish 12th, his time being 10 mins. 5 secs. The time of the winner was 9 mins. 43 secs., and considering the heavy going this was quite a sound performance.

In the 3 Miles Walk we saw a fine performance by Len Fletcher who, off 20 yds., finished second to L. F. Bailey (600). Charlie Speechley (275) gained third place with J. E. Rutland (300) 4th, Harry Churcher (65) 5th, and Colin Sutton (300) 6th.

The winner's time was 22 mins. 6 secs., while Fletcher clocked 22 mins. 18 secs., a remarkable effort in view of the state of the track.

THE COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Surrey race, held at Epsom, provided us with our fourth successive win, and once again we supplied the individual champion. We have expected to do both of these things, but Arthur Penny had a gruelling race with S. C. Belton (Surrey A.C.) in order to regain the Surrey title. Belton was a real thorn in Arthur's side, and it was only in the closing stages that our man was able to open up a small gap and hold it to the end.

Third came the old warrior, Bert Footer, running one of his "waiting" races, and showing that will be with the leaders when the "Southern" and "National" come along. Our third man was Tom Carter, in 8th position. He ran very creditably in view of his short preparation, following on a minor accident which had put him out of the game for nearly a month. Next for us came Syd Ring, striving to put every second possible between himself and the following men; then Bert Cook, the evergreen; and "Mick" Walker. We thus finished our six in the first 19 scoring positions. Surrey A.C.'s sixth man scored 21, so it will be seen that our win was by no means an easy one. Every man had to do his bit to enable us to score 53 points to the 77 of Surrey A.C.

It will be remembered that it was in this race last year that Arthur Penny fractured his meta-tarsial bone, which resulted in him being an onlooker until this season started. It was pleasing to see him re-assume one of his old titles and show that he is as good as ever.

RESULT.

		m. s.			m. s.
1	A. Penny	40 58	25	C. Penny	43 45
2	S. C. Belton (S.A.C.)...	41 2	34	A. T. Jordan	44 30
3	H. E. Footer	42 2	56	A. F. Mitchell.....	45 26
8	C. T. Carter	42 36	57	A. H. Beaumont	45 27
10	S. T. Ring.....	42 45	60	W. Mitchell	45 38
12	H. S. H. Cook.....	43 22	68	J. C. Edwards	46 35
19	F. A. Walker.....	43 28			
Belgrave H.—(1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 19)					53 pts.
Surrey A.C.—(2, 7, 11, 16, 20, 21)					77 pts.
South London H.					175 pts.

In the Middlesex race held from Enfield Lock, our members competing encountered a real cross-country course, with more than its share of hills and mud. In the last two years Cadogan A.C. (whose members are all first-claim Belgrave Harriers) had won the team title; but this time had to strike their flag, not altogether unexpectedly. The team was well-beaten by Southgate H. and Polytechnic H., and next year our lads will be all out to regain their lost title. In the absence of D. and R. Patience abroad on Foreign service we knew things would be more difficult, but with Ginty unable to run owing to ankle

trouble, and Saunders arriving late following a motor-cycle breakdown, Cadogan A.C. were certainly up against it! The course was certainly not to Arthur Allum's liking, and Alf Taylor took over Arthur's usual role of leading the team in. In all the circumstances third team placing must be considered creditable, and is sure to spur our men on to something better next year.

The Senior race had been preceded by the Junior event over five miles, and in this E. S. Stimpson distinguished himself by showing splendid form throughout, and winning comfortably. He should help our seniors along next year. Our only other runner in this was H. M. Quackenbos, who was placed 16th of the 51 starters—quite a good effort.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1 C. W. Griffiths	25	A. Allum	42 18
(N.L.H.)	39 57	A. Patience	42 55
11 A. E. Taylor	40 54	F. R. Webb	43 0
18 J. E. Flower	41 35	A. A. Bird	44 12
20 H. W. Shields	42 1	121 A. Smith	47 22
24 J. A. Kemp (Ind.).....	42 15		
1 Southgate H.	96 pts.	3 Cadogan A.C.	157 pts.
2 Polytechnic H.....	128 p.pts		14 teams finished.

Pat Parker carried off the Sussex individual title which was competed for at Hassocks, and Bert Shaw took fourth place in the Kent championship.

A week after the Surrey County Senior Championship, the Junior event was held from St. George's Services S. Club's quarters at Raynes Park. It must be confessed that our Juniors rather disappointed by only finishing third to South London Harriers, and Mitcham A.C.

However, no doubt they have something in reserve for the Southern Junior Championship. We can depend upon them to train on and do their utmost to retain this title for the Club.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1 A. E. J. Etheridge	18	J. W. Chamberlain ...	29 4
(S.L.H.)	27 1	25 K. N. Wood	29 38
6 D. W. Martin.....	27 55	40 W. F. Merryman	31 18
12 G. R. Chantler	28 16		
1 South London H.—(1, 3, 7, 11)	...	...	22 pts.
2 Mitcham A.C.—(2, 4, 9, 15)	...	...	30 pts.
3 Belgrave H.—(5, 10, 16, 22)	...	...	53 pts.

53 individuals finished. 8 teams closed in.

WINDING UP THE WINTER SEASON.

On February 1st we are visiting the Herne Hill Harriers for a social run from the Grandstand, Epsom Downs. The surrounding country will by now be quite familiar to our boys; but it is a fine, healthy spot for running, and I recommend it to any of our members who have as yet not sampled it.

On February 8th we have the South of Thames 7 Miles C.C. Championship which will be held at Dartford. The last time this race was held there, Bert Footer won the individual title, while our team was placed second in the team race. We hope to go one better this time by securing first place in the team event, although Reading A.C. appear to have an excellent chance of improving on their second place of last year. Unfortunately, most of our cracks are barred from competing, but we have some most promising talent in our junior ranks and know that our boys will not fail through lack of effort.

We have a fixture with St. George's Services A.C. on February 15th. Our Surrey Juniors have already been over the course, which is from the L.C.C. Technical School Playing Fields, Grand Drive, Raynes Park. Our team will be of Junior strength and this should give those who are not concerned with our Senior teams a chance of competition late in the season.

February 22nd is Southern Counties Day, and both the Senior and Junior races will be held at Sandown Park. The last time the race was held here was in 1886, when the field numbered 181 competitors. This year the field for the Junior race will exceed that number, while over 300 runners are likely to be seen in the Senior event, a sure proof of the growing popularity of cross-country running as a sport. The surrounding country should make for an interesting race and our lads should not be at a disadvantage over this type of course. It should be a most hectic fight between Surrey A.C., the holders, and the "Bels"; and with memories of our one-point defeat last year, our lads can be relied upon to go all out to avenge that reverse.

Our Junior team is if anything stronger than last year, and we should certainly retain our title of Southern Junior Champions. Ted Stimpson is running brilliantly, and with Dave Martin, George Chantler, K. N. Wood and J. W. Chamberlain to give their support, they should improve on last year's score.

Travelling arrangements will be published at a later date, and will also be placed on the notice board at the "Rising Sun." Spectators should have a fine view of both races and we hope our followers will make the journey.

For the following two weeks we have training runs at Wimbledon, when our team will be having their final preparation for the National race on March 14th.

THE ENGLISH C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP, of which we are holders, will be held over a 10 miles course in Alderley Park, Cheshire, on March 14th, at 3-15 p.m. I hope that many of our followers will make the journey. It is surprising how it helps to hear a word of encouragement every now and again, especially in a race over 10 miles. Birchfield Harriers will strain every sinew to regain their lost honours; while Surrey A.C. and Salford Harriers are also sure to be well to the fore. This race was held at Alderley Edge in 1933, and Bert Footer and Arthur Penny came in together in 4th position. If they can repeat that performance (and on present form it looks highly likely) we shall have made a good start for team honours. Jim Ginty has now commenced training, and although we shall miss Dan Patience, who is in Egypt; Tom Carter, Alf Taylor and Harry Shields are showing form that gives every promise of their repeating last year's magnificent performance. It is a pity that Pat Parker will not be eligible for our team, nor of course Les Cohen; but even so I am confident that our lads can show the athletic world that Belgrave are supreme over the country.

On March 21st will be held the Round Ilford Relay race, of which we are the holders, and at the time of writing it is uncertain what the composition of our team will be. I am sure our "B" team enjoyed their run last year and it may be decided to let them have a crack at the others on their own.

A fortnight later, April 4th, we are holding our usual end-of-the-season 5 Miles Road race at Wimbledon. We have a Sealed Handicap open to all members in conjunction with this race; and it serves for those who have kept in steady training all through the Winter season. The result of the scratch race is also used when selecting our team for the Brighton Relay race, which takes place three weeks later. All those who wish to be considered for this race should make a point of being at Wimbledon on April 4th.

On referring to the fixture card you will notice that the date of our Road Race has been altered, but this is owing to the Brighton Relay date being brought forward.

APRIL 25th, Brighton Relay Day. I had better not say London to Brighton, as according to what we hear the race is due to start anywhere between Mitcham and Dorking. One thing is certain, and that is that the Commissioner of Police has forbidden it to start from Westminster, as in years past. It seems rather a pity, as it robs the event of the interest taken in the carrying by the runners of a letter from the Lord Mayor of London to his counterpart at Brighton. I expect Joe Binks, with his usual slick publicity methods will soon get another to replace this, but at the time of writing all we know is that the race will be held, but that's about all.

Anyway, sailors don't care, so why should we? One thing we do know, that this race provides a good day's outing for both young and old; and I am sure all our lads look forward to it as one of the season's most sporting events. Incidentally, if our boys can win again this year they will put up a record by winning the event three years in succession. Birchfield have twice had successive wins but so far no club has done the treble, so up the "Bels," and do your stuff!

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"BELGRAVIAN NIGHTS."

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The third Social of the season was held on December 14th. A fair number stayed to tea and were supplemented later by others eager to dance, and to see the show which we were promised. Unfortunately, the band engaged was late, and things had to be got going; and this is where our Hon. Secretary, Wally, stepped up. He did some good work on the ivories, assisted with great gusto by the company present.

Eventually the band materialised, and after a short period of dancing we came to the attraction of the evening—"Belgrave Nights" or "East of Wapping."

The curtain rose (if one may use the term) depicting the splendour of the East, with Sheik El Red (A. A. Harley) reclining on a divan, looking a veritable Bluebeard all gone bloodshot. (Note: in our last presentation, "Love in Bloom," it will be remembered that our esteemed Hon. Editor was then only a back-row girl. Well done, Red!).

At the Sheik's side towered his Nubian (bleached) slave, Ali Ben Mai, a colossal heap of flesh, but none the less an honest fellow, who calls a blade a blade.

At the Master's bidding, Ali ushered in the Court musicians (Jack and Charlie) who gave a good account of themselves on the accordions, and were awarded long and uproarious applause.

Next came a slave girl (Percy Wright), a beautiful maiden from the East (End!), but with Ali it was a case of see blondes and bust! Sallying forth, he literally proceeded to knock the stuffing out of the maiden. After this bout (which Ali won by

three throws to nil), the slave girl entertained us with a snake dance; a string of best beef sausages taking the place of the snake.

To keep the Royal pot a-boiling, Ali, with a few passes of his (t)rusty blade, persuaded the Court singer (T. Cotton) to entertain. Of course, Tom always goes down well. Unfortunately, you can't keep a good man down for long!

After this, the Court musicians got busy again, and to the strains of Eastern music, the Neverwere Dancers entered, presenting a very native dance dedicated to their patron, St. Vitus. This part of the show was under the personal supervision of Miss J. Parsons, whom we all thank for her patience and interest. An easier task would be training elephants to walk the tight-rope, and the chances of success would be greater!

Alf. Taylor and A. A. Bird should go far; I am on safe ground in saying the like has never been seen before! "Mick" Walker and "Snaky" Webb, whose dancing reputations are far-flung, should play opposite one another, more often if possible. Ring, the Ruthless, gave a great exhibition of Eastern passion in contrast to his partner, Cecil Penny, who danced with utter abandon.

La Josephine, and our friend Ali, put in some fine work, although I am inclined to think the scales were faked when they weighed in!

The performance was seasonably concluded by El Red distributing presents on behalf of generous-hearted Belgravians to their fellow-members and friends—the sweetest thoughts. Some of the gifts touched us deeply, but owing to the number of presents, and the limited space allowed me, I must leave it to the Hon. Editor's discretion as to which presents call for special mention!

The Hon. Editor regrets

CONCERT.

The Building Fund Sub-Committee have arranged a Smoking Concert to take place at "The Rising Sun," Ebury Bridge Road, on Saturday, March 21st, at 7-45 p.m. First-class entertainment is being arranged, and it is hoped to make this concert a great success.