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We welcome to membership this month eight newcomers and we wish them every success, and a very long and happy association with the Club. Their names are : R. A. Shaw, C. W. Hedger, F. J. Summerfield, E. A. Jackman, A. C. Bell, C. W. Skinner, C. Mains and G. Weston.

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Congratulations to :—

S. Garland, upon winning the Surrey Youth's Cross-Country race.

A. L. Fletcher, upon being first home in our Open Walk.

To our Walking Team, upon winning four open scratch team races in succession.

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A. Penny and S. H. Warboys were honoured by Mr. E. J. Holt's invitation to include them in his team *versus* Cambridge University and so on November 29th they made the journey to the University town. Cambridge won by the odd point—a very close race.

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## THE INTER-CLUB RACE AT HOUNSLOW.

The first part of this season's Inter-Club contests took place over the Thames Valley H. course on Hounslow Heath, and resulted in a decisive win for Belgrave by the usual large margin of points. Thames Valley were second with Ashcombe third, in a good muster of seventy runners.

The race individually provided Penny, of the "Bels," with

another triumph at this venue, as it was here last year that he gave us some indication of his speed over flat country.

Penny took the lead early in the race and was never seriously troubled hereafter. His lead at the end of the first lap of two and a half miles was nearly a hundred yards over Cohen, of Ashcombe, with Musgrove the first Valley man, third, a further twenty yards away. Then came more Belgravians and Cook, of Ashcombe, at intervals of between fifty and a hundred yards each. This order was maintained to the finish with Penny an easy winner, though Allum in fourth place gained a little on the second lap. The rest of the Belgrave first team ran moderately, whether from design or from lack of condition only time can show. Canard, Chorley, Fletcher, and a newcomer in Carter, all ran prominently and should still further improve on their positions in future races.

I was sorry to see a prominent member of the team drop out at the end of the first lap. This goes to show lack of training and disregard of proper precautions to ensure perfect condition and tells on the running capabilities of the individual who is too lazy to obtain the required fitness to help his team-mates. So it is up to all Belgravians to get into condition and finish the prescribed distance of races they enter in future, so as to give some indication of their fitness to help pick a team that will support one another to win premier honours in Championships which the Club enters for. There are men in the Club who think that they have but to turn out for one or two training spins and that, with a past performance on paper to their credit, entitles them to a place in the team. This is not so, as there are in the Club now men who, given their chance, will prove that they can do better performances than their predecessors.

H.E.F.

#### RESULTS.

1. A. W. Penny.....B.H.	30	0	34. H. L. Rollins.....B.H.	34	5
2. L. J. Cohen.....A.A.C.	30	12	35. A. E. Miller .....	34	8
3. R. Musgrave....T.V.H.	30	18	38. H. Titherley .....	34	20
4. A. Allum.....B.H.	30	32	42. D. A. Sloper.....	34	34
7. S. H. Warboys ... ..	31	2	46. C. R. Strange ... ..	35	10
8. W. G. Webb .....	31	3	47. W. Hazel-Harrison ..	35	11
9. J. E. Flower ... ..	31	4	48. H. J. Freestone... ..	35	30
11. C. T. Carter .....	31	30	49. R. Freestone .....	36	3
13. W. S. Mitchell ... ..	31	45	51. R. J. Evans .....	36	9
14. F. R. Webb .....	32	3	52. C. W. Boud .....	36	15
15. A. C. Canard ... ..	32	5	54. L. E. Fletcher ... ..	36	58
16. E. A. Duffett ... ..	32	6	55. B. J. T. Knifton ... ..	37	7
17. H. J. Fletcher ... ..	32	10	57. J. E. Harvey.....	37	26
24. A. Robertshaw... ..	32	45	60. L. J. Coleman....	38	20
25. A. E. Smith .....	32	49	61. A. H. East .....	38	31
26. S. R. Chorley ... ..	32	55	64. H. Roy .....	38	44
28. W. H. Eastman .....	33	25	68. C. E. Poulter ... ..	39	20
29. T. F. Morrell.....	33	30			

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H.—1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 25	...	164 pts.
Thames Valley H.—3, 6, 10, 12, 18, 20, 23, 27, 31, 32, 33, 36,		
37	...	288 pts.
Asheombe A.C.—2, 5, 19, 21, 22, 30, 39, 43, 45, 48, 59, 63, 65		471 pts.

THE SOUTH OF THE THAMES JUNIOR RACE.

The South of the Thames Junior Race (Surrey and Berks.) took place at Epsom Downs on November 15th, the weather behaving itself until after the race, when most of us had to swim back to the Town.

Our Club had three teams entered and although one or two of the selected men failed to put in an appearance, we managed to start the three teams and, what is more, all closed in.

A large number faced the starter and at his signal all were well away, with Tolley, Epsom, leading and Humphris (S.L.H.) closely following.

After waiting some little time they could be seen in the distance and, on reaching me, they had covered about half the way, with Tolley still leading the way. Our first man to arrive at this point was Carter, 9th, and Dewberry, looking very distressed, 11th, but where were our next men? Runners passed by until Fletcher came along, 30th, and Canard, 37th; Chorley and Coleman were still further behind, and as Mitcham and Reading's fourth man had already passed it did not look any too rosy for the Bels. However, over the last mile or so, when it was practically all over, they had improved a little. Carter was now 8th, and Dewberry 9th, which positions they kept till the end; Fletcher moved up to 21st place and Chorley, having now passed Canard to finish 35th to complete the scoring team, so that we finished our four men in 35, but it was not good enough to get placed, as Mitcham, Reading and S.L.H. had done better. So the "Bels" had to be content with 4th place. However, they must not get downhearted, but start now and get that extra bit of stamina which is essential.

Of the three teams the "B" and "C" teams ran well, but the "A" team did not run up to expectation. From the start of the race they hung too far back, instead of getting away with the leaders, which they are quite capable of doing, and consequently paid the penalty.

A word of congratulation must be said of Carter, a new member, on his fine performance in finishing 8th in the race and being the first Belgrave man home, on his first appearance in a Championship race. With a little more experience he will do even better. Fletcher also did well at his first attempt; Dewberry ran as expected; but Chorley, Morrell, Canard and Coleman all

disappointed. However, after the race we forgot all our disappointments and had a most enjoyable tea in Town, after which several members finished up the evening at a dance.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, AT WIMBLEDON.

To-day's event was the second of the Inter-Club races, with Ashcombe A.C. and T.V.H., with the usual sealed handicap in conjunction. As last year, the afternoon was bright and nippy and although a lot of rain had fallen during the week the going did not appear so heavy as it might have been. A good start was made, all getting away well, with Joe Flower and Arthur Allum slightly in the lead. Harry Parker, I noticed, was trying to hold the first turning-point all alone and it was a wonder the poor chap wasn't killed for the mob was just like stampede of elephants (I haven't heard one of these, but I believe elephants can make a noise).

So round the corner of the field and out over the golf links, lost to the view of the spectators who had gathered to see the start. Eventually the runners reappeared.

Arthur Penny was the first in sight, with a very substantial lead, with Cohen after him, slowly decreasing the lead and, wonder of wonders, Penny even had energy enough to run wide at the last turn (or perhaps he couldn't see) but anyway, Cohen did the same. Arthur won by eleven seconds from Cohen and then came A. Allum, W. G. Webb and H. S. Cook (all Belgrave) followed by two Thames Valley runners.

We gained our usual easy win in the team race, placing our fourteen men in the first 25 positions.

Our handicap, in conjunction, was won by Reg. Freestone, with the youthful L. J. Coleman second, and Vice-Captain Dick Savage third.

J.E.T.

### RESULTS.

Posn.	Name		Actual Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos'n in H'cap
1.	A. W. Penny	B.H.	28 43	ser.	28 43	14†
2.	L. J. Cohen	A.A.C.	28 54	—	—	—
3.	A. Allum	B.H.	28 55	0 20	28 35	9†
4.	W. G. Webb	..	29 35	0 45	28 50	16
—	H. S. H. Cook	..	29 37	—	—	—
5.	L. J. Phipps	T.V.H.	29 43	—	—	—
6.	P. V. Bicknell	..	30 2	—	—	—
7.	J. E. Flower	B.H.	30 4	0 25	29 39	34
9.	N. R. Dewberry	..	30 13	1 30	28 43	14†
11.	C. T. Carter	..	30 26	1 30	28 56	22
12.	F. R. Webb	..	30 31	1 30	29 1	24†
15.	A. Robertshaw	..	30 44	1 30	29 14	27
16.	E. A. Duffett	..	30 46	1 0	29 46	35
18.	J. G. Coleman	..	31 1	1 30	29 31	32

20.	W. H. Eastman	..	...	31	6	...	2	25	...	28	41	...	12
21.	T. J. Flower	..	...	31	11	...	1	20	...	29	51	...	38
22.	A. C. Canard	..	...	31	14	...	1	50	...	29	24	...	29
25.	S. R. Chorley	..	...	31	23	...	2	0	...	29	23	...	28
26.	H. J. Fletcher	..	...	31	23	...	1	50	...	29	33	...	33
27.	L. J. Sumerfield	..	...	31	40	...	—	—	...	—	—	...	—
28.	T. F. Morrell	..	...	31	43	...	2	50	...	28	53	...	18†
32.	J. E. Creegan	..	...	32	10	...	2	0	...	30	10	...	42
35.	R. G. Michael	..	...	32	22	...	3	30	...	28	52	...	17
36.	T. H. Scrimshaw	..	...	32	23	...	3	30	...	28	53	...	18†
37.	A. E. Miller	..	...	32	24	...	3	30	...	28	54	...	20
39.	C. R. Strange	..	...	32	31	...	3	30	...	29	1	...	24†
41.	W. A. Rice	..	...	32	39	...	1	20	...	31	19	...	45
42.	R. Freestone	..	...	32	41	...	5	15	...	27	26	...	1
45.	J. Marsh	A.A.C	...	33	2	...	4	5	...	28	57	...	23
46.	K. B. O'Kell	B.H.	...	33	6	...	1	30	...	31	36	...	47
48.	S. Garland	..	...	33	11	...	3	45	...	29	25	...	30†
50.	H. J. Freestone	..	...	33	16	...	5	15	...	28	1	...	4
51.	D. A. Sloper	..	...	33	18	...	5	5	...	28	13	...	5
52.	S. Drake	..	...	33	19	...	3	30	...	29	49	...	36
53.	W. Hazael-Harrison	..	...	33	20	...	4	45	...	28	35	...	9†
54.	J. G. Platt	..	...	33	22	...	3	30	...	29	52	...	39
55.	S. P. Brand	..	...	33	31	...	3	30	...	30	1	...	40
56.	W. L. Bayliss	..	...	33	34	...	1	50	...	31	44	...	48
57.	H. Titherley	..	...	33	35	...	3	45	...	29	50	...	37
58.	R. J. Evans	..	...	33	40	...	4	45	...	28	55	...	21
60.	R. J. Savage	..	...	33	46	...	6	0	...	27	46	...	3
—	L. C. Price	..	...	33	50	...	3	45	...	30	5	...	41
67.	L. E. Fletcher	..	...	34	22	...	6	0	...	28	22	...	7
68.	C. W. Boud	..	...	34	32	...	6	0	...	28	32	...	8
70.	G. Still	..	...	34	55	...	6	15	...	28	40	...	11
72.	W. S. Dallimore	..	...	35	10	...	4	45	...	30	25	...	44
73.	A. E. Scott	..	...	35	11	...	5	45	...	29	26	...	30†
74.	L. J. Coleman	..	...	35	13	...	7	30	...	27	43	...	2
77.	A. W. Jannaway	..	...	35	27	...	6	15	...	29	12	...	26
78.	H. L. Rollins	..	...	35	46	...	3	30	...	32	16	...	49
79.	A. E. Smith	..	...	35	46	...	1	50	...	33	56	...	50
81.	A. H. East	..	...	35	57	...	7	15	...	28	42	...	13
83.	C. E. Poulter	..	...	36	48	...	8	30	...	28	18	...	6
84.	W. G. Millett	..	...	36	49	...	5	30	...	31	29	...	46
85.	J. E. Harvey	..	...	37	1	...	6	40	...	30	21	...	43

TEAM SCORES, 14 aside counting.

Belgrave H.—1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25...	184 pts.
Thames Valley H.—5, 6, 10, 14, 23, 24, 30, 31, 34, 38, 43, 47, 59, 64	428 pts.
Ashcombe A.C.—2, 8, 13, 17, 19, 29, 33, 40, 44, 45, 49, 61, 62, 63	485 pts.

### THE MATCH v. ST. GEORGE'S SERVICES S.C

At Mitcham, on December 6th, we were the guests of St. George's Services in their 5 mile Championship and inter-club race. St. George's mustered eight, while we turned out ten and of these Carter and Frank Webb were expected to do well.

The day was dull and inclined to be foggy and very wet under foot. The start was in a rough field near the old house of Bishopford and then down various muddy lanes across the fields towards Sutton. In the rush for the lead, Webb just led Carter

and Butler, of St. George's, from the field. Butler gained the advantage at the mile and maintained it, until, at four miles, Webb again went in the lead but had the misfortune to tap his ankle on a large stone, which left Butler and Carter to fight it out. Carter made a dash at five hundred yards to go and beat Butler by a dozen yards or so, with Webb a score of yards in his rear. Then came two St. George's boys, Young and Tame; after these Dewberry, followed by another St. George's fellow, Warren. Eighth place saw Tom Cotton finding some form, while Fletcher, eleventh, and Rollins, twelfth, completed the Belgrave team. Still, we had to admit defeat, as after totalling up we found St. George's scored 37 to the Bels' 41 points, counting six a side.

#### RESULT.

1. C. T. Carter.....B.H.	30 53	10. R. L. Tizzard .....S.G.	33 41
2. W. F. Butler .....S.G.	30 55	11. H. J. Fletcher ...B.H.	33 46
3. F. R. Webb .....B.H.	30 58	12. H. L. Rollins.....B.H.	33 55
4. C. W. Tame .....S.G.	31 21	13. A. E. Smith .....B.H.	33 56
5. F. W. Young .....S.G.	31 40	14. L. C. Price .....B.H.	34 15
6. N. R. Dewberry...B.H.	31 50	15. J. W. Neville .....S.G.	35 34
7. A. H. Coe .....S.G.	32 37	16. J. W. Woodley ...B.H.	35 41
8. T. Cotton .....B.H.	32 52	17. H. Roy .....B.H.	36 34
9. E. W. Warren ....S.G.	33 40	18. E. W. Allen .....S.G.	39 58

#### TEAM SCORES.

St. George's Services—2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10	...	...	...	37 pts.
Belgrave Harriers—1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12	...	...	...	41 pts.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Important! Will members kindly note the following additions to our fixture list, as under:—

January 24th. 5 miles Surrey County Juniors (18 to 21) Cross Country Championship at Imber Court. This is an innovation on the part of the County Committee, who are evidently out to encourage the Junior talent in Clubs. Will any member who is eligible and would like to compete kindly get in touch with me, with a view to team selection.

March 14th. 5 miles race *v.* Old Emanuel A.C., at Wimbledon. Those who remember the enjoyable match on the track last summer will not doubt welcome this opportunity of meeting them again over the country. Prominent among their runners is A. Kench, who is also a member of our own Club.

March 21st. We have a fixture, at Wimbledon, with a very old and famous club, namely, the Godiva Harriers, of Coventry. We are unfortunately unable to make a trip to their headquarters at Coventry this season but perhaps will be able to arrange this for next year. Their boys are coming a long way to run against us, so I hope we shall have a bumper turn-out to welcome them.

Will members interested please make a note of the above dates on their fixture cards for future reference.

We come now to current fixtures, first among which is the Club 7 miles C.C. Championship for the "Blackstaffe" Shield (Holder, H. E. Footer) which will be held on December 20th. Bert. will not, I am afraid, be fit enough to defend his title this year, so we should see a fine race for honour of being the new holder. A Sealed Handicap will be run in conjunction with the race, as usual.

The 26th, our Boxing Day meeting at Battersea Park, commences at 11 a.m. Handicaps at 120 yards and 2 miles will be available for our running members, and please enter at once (1/- each event) to me at the undermentioned address.

Our headquarters will be open as usual on the 27th for anyone who wishes to go out for a training spin.

January 3rd, we have a Social run with Epsom H., Croydon H. and Mitcham A.C., from the Grandstand, Epsom. This is a fine run over the Downs and all members are invited to turn out.

January 10th is the day of the Surrey County's Senior C.C. Championship, this time at a new venue, namely, Imber Court, from the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police A.A. The course will be one of 7 miles and our team will have some serious opposition from the S.L.H. for possession of the "Pickett" Cup, which we now hold. Our champion and last year's individual winner, Bert Footer, is a very doubtful starter, so it behoves all our team men to buck into it and show the S.L.H. that there is, at any rate, one race in which we can give them an annual licking.

On the 17th we are visiting Mitcham for a Social run with our friends, Croydon H., Epsom H. and the home club.

This run will be followed by a Social evening to which all friends are invited and which is on a par with our own Socials at Wimbledon, which speaks for itself.

Don't forget the Boxing Day entries; let me know at once if you intend to run; only those on the programme will be allowed to compete. Don't say you told me during the Summer, etc., I am afraid my memory will not hold good all that time, unless it's a "Bob" you owe me, which is, of course, quite a different matter!

All entries and enquiries to

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1, Raymead Avenue, Thornton Heath.

## WITH THE WALKERS.

### THE "OPEN" RACES.

Four open races promoted by the Road Walking Association, Enfield A.C., Highgate H. and ourselves, have been held this season and on each occasion we have been successful in the scratch team race. This is very gratifying, particularly as we

have won by a good margin in each race and, in addition, our scoring four have been closely followed home by other Belgrave walkers ready to take their place in the scoring team should any of the leaders fail. We have every hope of continuing in the winning way—and such is the keenness and ability of our walkers that we should have little difficulty in doing so.

### “THE R.W.A. OPEN”

The Open Race promoted by the Road Walking Association always attracts a good entry and about 200 competitors assembled at Greenwich for the first important walk of the season. We were represented by 21 individuals, comprising two teams, and were successful in regaining the “Berman” Cup for the first scratch team. Our first man to finish was Tommy Green, third, and the ovation he received when called upon to accept the Cup on behalf of the Club afforded ample testimony of the popularity enjoyed both by “Tommy” and the Club among the walkers themselves. Our teams were placed fifth (B) and seventh (A) in the team handicap, which gave promise of successes to come—a promise which was amply fulfilled at Enfield a fortnight later, and since, in our own “Open” Race at Wimbledon. The result is appended.

#### RESULTS.

Posn.	Name	Allee.		Actual	H'cap
		m. s.	scr.	Time	Time
		m. s.	...	m. s.	m. s.
1.	C. W. Hyde (Enfield A.C.)	scr.	...	54 27 3-5	54 27 3/5
2.	A. A. Cooper (Woodford Green A.C.)	0 40	...	54 32	53 52
3.	T. W. Green	A. 0 30	...	55 18	54 48
5.	A. L. Fletcher	A. 0 20	...	56 19	55 59
7.	F. H. Elson	A. 2 40	...	57 21	54 41
16.	F. Rickards	A. 2 40	...	58 50	56 19
22.	F. W. Thorn	A. 3 30	...	59 27	55 57
25.	J. G. Scamell	A. 2 30	...	59 39	57 9
33.	E. Saunders	A. 4 0	...	60 23	56 23
40.	S. L. King	B. 5 0	...	60 51	55 51
52.	W. G. Dodkin	B. 5 20	...	61 27	56 7
58.	R. F. Elson	B. 7 0	...	61 39	54 39
66.	A. A. Harley	B. 7 20	...	62 16	54 56
68.	R. G. Hillier	B. 7 10	...	62 18	55 8
76.	J. F. King	Ind 2 20	...	63 6	60 46
77.	C. H. Speechley	B. 4 40	...	63 7	58 27
104.	H. E. Larman	B. 8 30	...	65 20	56 50
116.	S. T. Ring	B. 7 50	...	66 3	58 13
160.	A. Martin	Ind. 9 20	...	71 43	62 23

#### TEAM RESULTS.

**Scratch**—Belgrave H. (3, 5, 7, 16.), 31 pts.; 2. Woodford Green A.C. (2, 4, 26, 34), 66 pts.; 3. Herne Hill H. (9, 13, 17, 41), 70 pts.

**Handicap**—1, Herne Hill H., 214m. 44s.; 2, Essex Beagles, 218m. 45s.; 3, Surrey W.C., 218m. 56s.; 5, Belgrave H. “B” (R. F. Elson, Harley, Hillier, King), 220m. 34s.; 7, Belgrave H. “A” (F. H. Elson, Green, Thorn, Fletcher), 221m. 25s.

## SURREY 'YOUTHS' RACE.

The Surrey County Youths' 3 Miles Cross-Country Championship was held from St. John's Hall on December 6th. The course was laid over Wimbledon Common and consisted of fairly easy going. Seven teams had entered and a field of 40 faced the starter.

After a lap of the starting field they were well strung out with S. Garland, of our own club, showing up in a little bunch at the head of affairs. These kept together going out to the Windmill, where they turned for home and then three detached themselves from the rest.

A Mitcham, Epsom and Belgrave lad made up this trio and our boy, who was Garland, showed them his heels when it came to the finishing straight. He ran a very well-judged race and reaped the reward of some steady training. A. A. G. Thorne, who was next home for the Club also ran very well indeed, seeing that this was his first appearance this season, he finished 11th, so it is obvious that if he were to train regularly he would go near winning. F. H. C. White, our youthful half-miler, was our third man, while L. C. Clapham completed our scoring team, who were placed second in the team race. Clapham is another instance of perseverance, as when he ran in the corresponding race in 1927 he finished last, yet he now secures a place in our placed team. This speaks very well for our Juniors and we can look forward in confidence to the time when they are ready to compete in our Senior teams.

Actual positions and times are as under, while we also give teams, scores and placings, in which individuals are deleted :—

### RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. S. Garland .....Bel.	18	50	22. L. C. Clapham ...Bel.	21	8
2. W. Leedham...M.A.C.	18	52	24. L. J. Coleman ... ..	21	45
3. G. F. Long .....E.H.	19	15	28. R. Percy ..... ..	22	3
6. A. A. G. Thorne...Bel.	19	59	29. A. Deadman ..... ..	22	16
14. F. H. C. White .. ..	20	25	34. H. D. Brown..... ..	23	9

### TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Mitcham A.C.—2, 4, 6, 9 ... ..	21 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—1, 5, 12, 19 ... ..	37 pts.
3. Ranelagh H.—7, 8, 14, 20 ... ..	49 pts.
4. Surrey A.C.—3, 10, 18, 31 ... ..	62 pts.
5. Croydon H.—13, 15, 16, 26... ..	70 pts.

Epsom H. and Caterham A.C. did not close in teams.

## THE ENFIELD A.C. "OPEN."

There were over 160 starters in the Enfield A.C. Walk and we again started two teams, with a very happy result. Our "A" team won the scratch team race and the "B" team won the handicap team race. Len Fletcher was in good form and finished second to Hyde, after a tremendous struggle with Pope, of Woodford Green A.C. We finished six men in the first sixteen—excellent team work. Full placings are shown here:—

### RESULTS.

Posn.	Name	Allee. m. s.	Actual Time		H'cap Time	
			m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.
1.	C. W. Hyde (Enfield A.C.)	scr.	...	52 23 2-5	52 23 2-5	
2.	A. L. Fletcher, Belgrave H. A.	0 30	...	53 32	...	53 2
6.	F. H. Elson	A. 2 40	...	56 0	...	53 20
11.	E. Saunders	A. 4 0	...	57 23	...	53 23
12.	F. Rickards	A. 2 50	...	57 28	...	54 38
14.	J. E. Field	A. 3 0	...	57 39	...	54 39
16.	J. G. Scamell	A. 2 40	...	57 54	...	55 14
29.	F. W. Thorn	A. 3 40	...	58 59	...	55 19
34.	R. F. Elson	B. 7 0	...	59 22	...	52 22
43.	C. W. Redgrave	B. 6 40	...	59 44	...	53 4
45.	C. H. Speechley	A. 4 40	...	59 51	...	55 11
50.	A. A. Harley	B. 7 20	...	60 5	...	52 45
51.	R. G. Hillier	B. 7 10	...	60 7	...	52 57
66.	S. L. King	B. 5 0	...	62 7	...	57 7
80.	H. E. Larman	B. 8 50	...	63 4	...	54 14
83.	S. T. Ring	B. 8 10	...	63 28	...	55 18
122.	A. Martin	B. 9 30	...	69 49	...	60 19

### TEAM RESULTS.

**Scratch**—1, Belgrave H. (2, 6, 11, 12), 31 pts.; 2, Herne Hill H. (5, 7, 8, 24), 44 pts.; 3, Enfield A.C. (1, 9, 22, 34), 66 pts.

**Handicap**—1, Belgrave H. "B" (R. F. Elson 52m. 22s., A. A. Harley 52m. 45s., R. G. Hillier 52m. 57s., C. W. Redgrave 53m. 4s.), 211m. 8s.; 2, Herne Hill H., 211m. 35s.; 3, Valentines S.C., 211m. 47s.

## THE HIGHGATE H. "OPEN."

This event was promoted for the first time this season and the entry was on the small side, just over a hundred starting. Conditions were very trying and a late start, due to a breakdown in the arrangements, did not improve matters for competitors had to finish under a street lamp after walking the last two or three miles in the darkness. However, Len Fletcher again followed Hyde home, and led our team to their third scratch team win. Frank Thorn showed a return to form in finishing fifth and was our second man home. Our others to score were F. H. Elson and Fred Rickards, who has been showing up well over the seven miles courses.

Owing to the absence of programmes the handicap results were announced later in the week and the individual winner proved to be J. H. Graygoss, one of our second-claim members. Our teams were fourth and fifth in the handicap team race a few seconds out.

RESULTS.

Posn.	Name	Allee.	Actual		H'cap
			m. s.	Time	Time
1.	C. W. Hyde (Enfield A.C.)	...	scr.	52 47	52 47
2.	A. L. Fletcher, Belgrave H. A.	...	0 30	53 49	53 19
5.	F. W. Thorn	..	A. ... 3 40	56 48	53 8
6.	F. H. Elson	..	A. ... 2 40	57 7	54 27
12.	F. Rickards	..	A. ... 3 0	57 37	54 37
13.	J. E. Field	..	A. ... 3 10	57 38	54 28
25.	J. C. Bidgood	..	A. ... 5 20	59 15	53 55
26.	C. H. Speechley	..	A. ... 4 50	59 16	54 26
28.	W. G. Dodkin	..	A. ... 5 20	59 31	54 11
30.	S. L. King	..	B. ... 5 10	59 38	54 28
38.	R. G. Hillier	..	B. ... 6 40	59 56	53 16
42.	A. A. Harley	..	B. ... 7 0	60 14	53 14
---	R. F. Elson	..	B. ... 6 30	60 43	54 13
---	C. W. Redgrave	..	B. ... 6 20	61 22	55 2
---	H. E. Larman	..	B. ... 8 0	63 2	54 2
---	S. T. Ring	..	B. ... 8 30	64 0	55 30
---	A. H. Field	..	B. ... 8 40	64 6	55 26
---	S. T. Ball	..	L. ... 6 50	69 0	62 10
---	A. Martin	..	L. ... 9 50	69 12	59 22

TEAM RESULTS.

Scratch—1. Belgrave H. (2, 5, 6, 12). 25 pts.; 2. Enfield A.C., 77 pts.; 3. Polytechnic H., 89 pts.

Handicap—1. L.C.C. Trams S.C., 212m. 12s.; 2. Polytechnic H., 213m. 36s.; 3. Enfield A.C., 214m. 2s.; 4. Belgrave H. "A" (Thorn 53m. 3s., Fletcher 53m. 19s., Bidgood 53m. 55s., Dodkin 54m. 11s.), 214m. 33s.; 5. Belgrave H. "B" (Harley 53m. 14s., Hillier 53m. 16s., Larman 54m. 2s., R. Elson 54m. 13s.), 214m. 45s.

OUR "OPEN."

After a week of almost continuous rain we were fortunate to have a few hours of comparatively good weather for our "Open" race, which proved to be as popular as ever. 221 entries were received and this exceeded that received by the Road Walking Association for their Open race by about twenty. Our fine entry must be regarded as a high compliment to the Club from walkers in general and we were particularly pleased to receive the support of the provincial clubs, Leicester W.C. and Luton Utd. H. Our old friends, Surrey Walking Club, sent along two teams and we entered five teams—much to the surprise of some clubs who had difficulty in fielding a full team

The same course as last year was used and Hyde, Fletcher and Pope took the lead in turn. They were still together with Fletcher, if anything, a yard in front, when Hyde suffered disqualification for the second year in succession. Thereafter Fletcher increased his lead and won fairly easily, accomplishing excellent time over the difficult course, which is a little in excess of seven miles.

Meanwhile Green had made third position secure, and with Elson seventh, and Thorn tenth, we again proved easy scratch team winners. In addition, this team were placed second in

the team handicap and our "C" team were third. A. H. Rayner, Cambridge H., won the individual handicap and so helped his club to win the handicap team race. Len Fletcher's fine walking deservedly gained for him third prize in the handicap, with 40 seconds start. Thus Belgrave walkers gained fifteen of the twenty-two awards, Fletcher's share being four prizes—a unique performance. J. E. Field gained the prize awarded to the first Belgrave Harrier not gaining any other award.

Altogether, a very successful walk, especially when surveyed through Belgravian spectacles!

#### RESULTS.

Posn.	Name		Actual Time m. s.	Allee. m. s.	H'cap Time m. s.
1.	A. L. Fletcher	... A. ...	54 38	... 0 40	... 53 58
2.	A. H. Pope (Woodford Green A.C.)	... A. ...	55 28	... 1 19	... 54 18
3.	T. W. Green	... A. ...	56 1	... 0 40	... 55 21
7.	F. H. Elson	... A. ...	57 40	... 2 50	... 54 50
10.	F. W. Thorn	... A. ...	59 4	... 3 40	... 55 24
13.	J. E. Field	... A. ...	59 16	... 3 20	... 55 56
18.	E. Saunders	... A. ...	59 47	... 4 0	... 55 47
23.	J. F. King	... A. ...	60 35	... 2 30	... 58 5
30.	S. L. King	... C. ...	60 37	... 5 10	... 55 27
31.	J. C. Bidgood	... B. ...	60 39	... 5 20	... 55 19
32.	C. H. Speechley	... B. ...	60 40	... 5 0	... 55 40
41.	C. W. Redgrave	... C. ...	61 10	... 6 20	... 54 50
43.	R. F. Elson	... C. ...	61 29	... 6 30	... 54 59
50.	R. G. Hillier	... C. ...	62 2	... 6 40	... 55 22
58.	A. A. Harley	... C. ...	62 42	... 7 0	... 55 42
63.	W. G. Dodkin	... B. ...	63 0	... 5 30	... 57 30
78.	H. E. Larman	... C. ...	64 12	... 9 10	... 55 2
87.	J. Cade	... B. ...	65 0	... 6 30	... 58 30
88.	S. T. Ring	... D. ...	65 0	... 8 50	... 56 10
91.	A. H. Field	... C. ...	65 15	... 9 0	... 56 15
93.	T. W. Salmon	... C. ...	65 22	... 7 50	... 57 32
106.	F. E. Eborall	... D. ...	65 55	... 7 40	... 58 15
122.	E. A. Jackman	... D. ...	68 1	... 8 0	... 60 1
134.	A. G. White	... B. ...	69 9	... 11 0	... 58 9
140.	S. T. Ball	... E. ...	69 53	... 7 40	... 62 13
141.	J. E. Course	... E. ...	70 9	... 6 50	... 63 19
148.	A. Martin	... E. ...	70 55	... 10 0	... 60 55
149.	S. B. Ashby	... E. ...	70 57	... 7 40	... 63 17
150.	J. N. Thomas	... E. ...	71 28	... 9 50	... 61 38

#### TEAM RESULTS.

**Scratch**—1, Belgrave H. "A", 21 pts.; 2, Herne Hill H., 92 pts.; 3, Surrey W.C., 111 pts.; 8, Belgrave H. "C" 154 pts.; 11, Belgrave H. "B," 213 pts.

**Handicap**—1, Cambridge H., 219m. 13s.; 2, Belgrave H. "A," 219m. 33s.; 3, Belgrave H. "C," 220m. 13s.; 15, Belgrave H. "B," 226m. 38s.

#### INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP.

		Allee.	H'cap time
1.	A. H. Rayner (Cambridge H.)...	... 6 40	... 53 17
2.	P. McCaffery (Highgate H.) ...	... 6 50	... 53 54
3.	A. L. Fletcher ...	... 0 40	... 53 58
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In contradistinction to our "Open" scratch race wins came the severe defeat inflicted upon us by the Surrey Walking Club over the Banstead and back course. This formidable journey measures  $11\frac{3}{4}$  miles but is generally considered the equivalent of any other fifteen miles course. We have never yet emerged from this match as victors, but last year we supplied the first man home in Tommy Green. Although present, he was unable to take part on this occasion, owing to a slight injury sustained when racing in Italy, which demanded rest.

Our men held prominent positions at the half-distance, but then the arduous course began to tell and the fact that our men were only "seven-miles-fit" manifested itself. Places were dropped; Thorn was disqualified; Elson when favourably placed had to give up owing to leg weariness, and as the race progressed our position became worse and worse, finally ending as the result shows below.

And so once again we congratulate our Surrey Walking Club friends on their win; and the failure of our own walkers over the course makes us all the most appreciative of the "Swastika" walkers' efforts. Well done!

#### RESULTS.

m. s.		m. s.	
1. J. H. Simpson S.W.C.	97 42 2-5	10. S. L. King .....	Bel. 103 6
2. H. W. Kemp S.W.C.	98 0	11. C. W. Redgrave ..	104 29
3. W. F. Amer .....	98 31	13. J. E. Field .....	104 54
4. L. M. Stewart ... ..	99 47	19. P. Khlopin ... ..	109 15
5. H. W. Snow .....	100 3	25. A. H. Field ... ..	110 50
6. S. E. Horton ... ..	100 33	27. S. T. Ring .....	113 12
7. F. W. Wildbur ... ..	101 53	29. F. Elborall .....	116 2
8. E. Saunders .....	Bel. 101 54	33. S. B. Ashby.....	119 33

#### TEAM RESULTS.

Surrey W.C.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12	...	...	49 pts.
Belgrave H.—8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	...	...	122 pts.
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A feature of our Open Walk was the fine showing our members made. We actually finished ten men in the first thirty positions *before any other club finished their fourth man*. F. W. Blackmore, the Surrey W.C. captain, was the fourth man for his club and finished 35th. They were the second club to finish four men, but Herne Hill H., whose fourth man was 46th, take second position when the points scored are determined.

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In last month's issue I commented on the need for more new members; novices who would in time succeed our present cracks, and referred to the almost accidental way in which Frank Elson became one of us. In due course his brother became a member and a very promising walker, and these two have since been responsible for introducing other members.

Thus an accidental meeting has had a snowball effect and benefited the Club considerably. And so once again I would like to stress the point that new members are always welcome and that

present members can help the Club by bringing along outsiders interested in the sport. We are doing well at present and must ensure that we continue to uphold Belgrave prestige.

Tommy Green did exceptionally well to win the International Walk at Milan over a 100 kilos (62½ miles) course, for he was still suffering from the effects of an exceedingly rough Channel crossing. However, he won by a margin of about ten minutes and there was a gap of twenty minutes between the second and third men. Tommy endeared himself to the Italian public and among his awards are a handsome gold medal and a swinging clock—a fine example of Italian craftsmanship.

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T. W. Green, with H. V. L. Ross, the present and past holders of the London to Brighton Walk Record, were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the newly-formed "Fellowship of the Brighton Road."

### COMING WALKING FIXTURES.

*December 20th*—Club 7 miles Junior Championship for the "Horwood" Cup, with sealed handicap in conjunction.

*December 26th*—Surrey W.C. Croydon—Godstone and back Walk (18¾ miles), commencing at 12 noon. We shall have a strong team competing. A three miles handicap is included, as usual, in our Boxing Day Meeting, commencing at 11 a.m. sharp. Entry fee 1/-.

*January 17th*—Cambridge H. Open Seven Miles Race.

*January 24th*—Return match *vs.* Metropolitan Police A.A. at Wimbledon. This race will be followed by tea and a dance.

*January 31st*—L.C.C. Tramways S. and A.A. Open Walk. The distance of this race has been reduced from 10 miles to 7 miles.

*February 7th*—Club 10 miles Championship for the "R Murphy" Shield (Holder, A. L. Fletcher) with sealed handicap in conjunction.

Entries for the above races or requests for further information should be sent to the Walking Hon. Secretary,

A. A. HARLEY, 44 Rosebury Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CLUB.

The past month was a very busy one for the Social side, as we ran our second Social evening of the season at Wimbledon, on Saturday, November 22nd, and followed this up with our first Dance of the season at Wandsworth Town Hall on November 26th. Both, we are pleased to report, were highly successful.

The Social at Wimbledon beat all previous records, as there were over 140 at tea alone. Certainly, we had various other Clubs as guests, but I must say a great proportion, both female and male, were "Bels." I do hope this will be understood. The greater part of the evening was given over to dancing, which

appears to be very popular. We had two vocalists—Billy Williams and a friend of Tom Cotton who came along and sung two old favourites with great success. Then, on with the dance again and there was general regret when eleven o'clock arrived and ended the most successful Social held at Wimbledon.

Now for our next and last one. We shall have the Metropolitan Police A.A. and Herne Hill Harriers as visitors, and I trust everyone will come along and get on the right side of the Law. Note the date, January 24th, 1931.

The Dance was equally successful in point of numbers, but there is still room for improvement in the sale of tickets by members. At present it is left to the same people every time. On going through the books I find six members sell between them nearly a hundred tickets. Only 195 were sold, all told, for our last dance, so " 'nuff said."

If every member took one ticket we should have no need to take money on the door, which would be a great advantage in many ways.

Our next dance is on Friday, January 16th, so make up your mind to be there, and let us see the tickets a little more evenly distributed this time.

W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, W.8.

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#### THE OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

Club Vest	...	...	...	3	3
Club Vest Badge	...	...	...	1	6
Club Blazer Badge	...	...	...	2	6
Club Coat Badge (Metal)	...	...	...	1	0

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Club Ties (3/- each, by post 3/3) from A. A. HARLEY,  
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#### WORDS OF WISDOM.

By H. E. FOOTER.

*(Our Cross-Country Vice-Captain, now happily convalescent and, we hope, soon to resume training, has taken up the pen and now expresses his opinions).*

A few words of wisdom to the Cross-Country section of our members.

It should be the honest endeavour of all our fellows interested in the Club's welfare to support all fixtures arranged for them by our Committee, whether for dances, races or social fixtures. The Committee arranges these attractive social runs and inter-club races not for themselves, but for you to support and enjoy to the

best of your ability. Up to the present season this had has gratifying results; so much so, that the present Committee went a step farther by fixing a social run with our strong southern rivals, and present Southern Champions, South London Harriers.

And what result have we? The enormous crowd of 8 Belgravians to carry the Claret and Gold amongst our mighty host. Eight athletes out of a so-called membership of 600 rallied at Coulsdon. Was it the fare? Was it the distance? Or were they frightened of the mud? One of these three reasons must have been responsible for the destruction of our hopes of future fixtures with our genial rivals.

Then again, October 25th saw us put out a fair muster of 37 members to race Thames Valley H. and Ashcombe A.C. at Hounslow. But now, Saturday, December 6th, for our match versus St. George's Sports Club, only 10 of that 37 can afford to travel to Mitcham to support the Bels! Result: we are beaten because men who should have been in the team are idling away their time trying to gain hints from our Youths' Section, or training over our home course in anticipation of a victory individually by so-called specialised training. Such is the Club-spirit shown by these members that I fail to see of what use these men will be to our teams in future championships, as all we shall hear will be, "I can't stomach the plough, anyhow," when they don't even try to accustom their bodies to any heavy going.

Others of our members appear to like the proverbial apron-strings too much to attempt to go further afield than Wimbledon, and thus our Club's progress must remain in the hands of that gallant few who always rally to the call and do not think of individual gain in preference to good comradeship.

H.E.F.

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#### NOTE THESE DATES.

Jan. 16th—Dance. Wandsworth Town Hall.

Jan. 24th—Social. Wimbledon.

#### BOXING DAY MEETING,

11 a.m. prompt

Events—**120** yards Handicap.

**2** miles Run.

**3** miles Walk.

Entries, One Shilling each, to Hon. Secretaries at once.

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We wish all our readers

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

and a

**PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

**May the Club continue to advance during 1931!**



