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It is with the utmost regret, and with a profound sense of our great loss, that we announce the death of our Track Captain, and Social Hon. Secretary, W. A. Rice. Bill had endeared himself to everyone within the Club. For twelve years his influence had been a very real thing to us, and as runner, Committee-man, painstaking Social Hon. Secretary, and diligent Track Captain, he contributed much towards the progress the Club has made during the last decade.

Athletics is not merely a matter of championships and performances. It is the means of introducing one to some splendid sportsmen of sterling character, and there are many of us, sorrowful though we may be at the moment, who were glad to have had the privilege of Bill's friendship. His personal qualities meant much to us and the Club he loved, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Bill's thoughts were constantly with the Club throughout his long illness, and his interest was as alive as when he was out and about with us.

Even as life ebbed, in his delirious thoughts he lived again his races on the Club's behalf; and, on April 25th, as the Brighton Relay (in which he had captained previous victorious teams) drew to a close, so did our beloved friend's life, at the early age of 31 years.

The Club was represented by a dozen or more friends at the funeral, anxious to pay last respects to one who meant so much to all of us. Death has robbed us; but we cannot be robbed of

pleasurable memories of a splendid friend, a genial personality, and a hard worker in every phase of the Club's activities.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rice, and to the relatives and friends, upon their very great loss.

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On April 25th also, another young friend, E. H. M. Williams, passed away. His death at the age of 24 years is little short of a tragedy. In his two years of membership, he had established himself as a great favourite with us, and we were all delighted last November when our young schoolmaster friend won the South of Thames C.C. Association's Junior Championship.

His running career had seemed full of promise, and his participation in the Club's strolling, social, as well as racing activities, had gained him many friends. We had expected these friendships to last for many years, and the tragic termination of Marshall's life fills us all with very deep regret.

It was not possible for the Club to be represented at the funeral, which took place in North Wales; but a floral tribute was sent from the Club.

Our profound sympathy goes out to our friend's parents and relatives in their time of sorrow. In his two years with us he had enhanced the Club name, and we have lost another fine personality and splendid clubman.

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We have received several expressions of sympathy from Associations and Clubs, for which we extend our sincere thanks.

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## THIS AND THAT.

Heartiest congratulations to those responsible for gaining the Club's third successive win in the Brighton Relay—a feat never recorded by any other club. Well done!

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And, well-walked! and more hearty congratulations to the team that won the R.W.A. Junior 10 miles Championship. This is our fifth win—and this again is a feat not yet accomplished by any other club.

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We congratulate C. T. Carter, C. E. Churcher and A. L. Fletcher upon gaining their Club Honours Badges. Carter qualified in the "Southern," Churcher in the "Junior" Walk, and Len Fletcher by gaining first-class standard in the recent A.A.A. 7 miles Championship. His actual position was fourth, and at this meeting Tom Carter ran one of his best races yet in finishing third in the 10 miles Run Championship in very fast time.

One of the new Club ties at 3/- is just the thing to complete your Summer ensemble, and they may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer (address on page 1).

He will also be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions.

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Within a short time a new sleeveless light-weight vest will be available for track use, and this also may be had from our Hon. Treasurer.

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At this time of the year we are happy to welcome many new members, and they are asked to get in touch with the Club officials as quickly as possible, and make themselves known.

Old members, for their part, are asked to do all in their power to advise and help the newcomer. A friendly word and a little practical help are greatly appreciated when one is a newcomer to a sport ; and it is hoped that all members of some years' standing will keep their eyes open for new talent, and assist wherever possible.

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Our Field Events Captain, W. Sutton, would be glad to welcome any athlete interested in Field Events. This section has already made a fine start in the S.A.A.L. competition, which, of course, we won last year.

## THE TEN MILES WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual contest for the right to hold the "Murphy" Shield for the ensuing year attracted a fair field, including a past holder in Len Fletcher, and the holder, Don Brown.

It was soon apparent that Fletcher and Harry Churcher had designs upon the championship, and their rivalry carried them away from the rest of the field; Len winning by a few yards, with the holder filling third position.

Bill Snell, who has showed much improved form this year, took the sealed handicap award; and it was pleasing to see a comparative newcomer in W. Urry qualify for the second award. He continues to improve and should help our teams in due course.

Several prominent Club men were prevented from turning out in this event, owing to colds, etc., which always seem so prevalent in January, and so robbed the race of some of its interest, although the race between the first two men could not have been improved upon, whatever the entry.

Congratulations to Len Fletcher upon again adding his name to the trophy.

RESULT.

		Act. Time	Scr.	Allce.	H'cap Time	H'cap Pos.
1.	A. L. Fletcher ... ..	75 40	...	...	75 40	4
2.	H. G. Churcher ... ..	75 45	...	0 25	75 20	3
3.	D. E. Brown ... ..	76 30	...	0 10	76 20	5
4.	P. G. Wright ... ..	80 10	...	3 45	76 25	6
5.	W. H. Snell ... ..	80 53	...	7 0	73 53	1
6.	J. E. Rutland ... ..	82 27	...	4 25	78 2	8
7.	A. A. Harley ... ..	82 50	...	4 45	78 5	9
8.	S. Goold ... ..	82 57	...	6 30	76 27	7
9.	W. Urry ... ..	83 37	...	9 30	74 7	2
10.	L. Storey ... ..	84 20	...	4 45	79 35	10
11.	J. E. Field ... ..	85 10	...	4 25	80 45	11
12.	F. Jarvis ... ..	87 40	...	6 30	81 10	12

THE LONDON TRANSPORT OPEN WALK.

As usual, our walkers supported the Bellingham Walk in good numbers, and tackled the two-and-a-half laps of hills, gasworks, and housing estate with optimism. Our men were soon prominent, and eventually we had two in the first three places, and our first-choice team scored an easy win over Surrey Walking Club.

Three members of the winning scratch team, plus Bill Snell, who took second prize in the handicap, formed the winning handicap team, and altogether we made a most successful visit to Bellingham.

Let's hope for many happy returns to come!

RESULT.

Pos.		Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap Time
1.	F. J. Redman (Met. W.C.) ... ..	55 18	0 10	55 8
2.	H. G. Churcher (Bel. A.) ... ..	55 25	1 20	55 8
3.	A. L. Fletcher ( do. ) ... ..	55 36	1 0	54 36
9.	D. E. Brown ( do. ) ... ..	58 16	1 30	56 46
10.	C. E. Churcher ( do. ) ... ..	58 34	3 0	55 34
12.	P. G. Wright ( do. ) ... ..	58 42	4 30	54 12
23.	W. H. Snell ( do. ) ... ..	60 46	8 0	52 46
32.	A. A. Harley ( do. ) ... ..	62 3	4 10	57 53
33.	C. W. Redgrave ( do. ) ... ..	62 3	3 30	58 33
44.	J. E. Field (Bel. B.) ... ..	63 28	3 40	59 48
46.	W. Urry ( do. ) ... ..	63 50	8 10	55 40
53.	L. F. Bailey ( do. ) ... ..	64 43	7 50	56 53
54.	F. Jarvis ( do. ) ... ..	65 2	9 30	55 32
66.	R. C. Hillier ( do. ) ... ..	66 24	7 10	59 14
75.	D. J. Heath ( do. ) ... ..	68 07	8 50	59 17
86.	W. G. True ( do. ) ... ..	71 12	8 0	63 12

97 finished.

HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

	m. s.
1. Belgrave H. ("A") (Snell, H. G. Churcher, Wright, Fletcher) ... ..	215 39
2. Surrey Walking Club ... ..	219 9
3. Metropolitan W.C. ... ..	222 48
8. Belgrave H. ("B") ... ..	227 19

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1. Belgrave H. (2, 3, 9, 10) ... ..	24 pts.
2. Surrey W.C. ... ..	40 pts.

## THE ASHCOMBE A.C. OPEN WALK.

This event, fixed for February 15th, had to be postponed owing to dense fog which enveloped the roads in Richmond Park and rendered racing dangerous. Our Ashcombe friends decided to make a second attempt on March 14th, and entries were re-opened. As usual, we had a good muster, and again we supplied two of the first three placed men.

There is no scratch team race included in this event (only a set of prizes for the fastest unplaced team in the handicap), and in the handicap team event our Surrey W.C. friends were successful. Our efforts to scheme two teams into placings were successful, the A's taking second place and the B's third prizes. In addition, Bob Readman took third prize in the individual handicap and so brought his tally of awards up to five in four open races. We are expecting big things of him at 10 and 20 miles next season.

### RESULT.

Pos.			Act. Time	Allee.	H'cap Time
1.	G. T. Galloway	(S.W.C.)	76 36	1 10	75 26
2.	A. L. Fletcher	(Bel. A.)	77 9	1 10	75 29
3.	D. E. Brown	( do. )	77 39	1 50	75 49
6.	C. E. Churcher	( do. )	78 51	3 0	75 51
17.	A. Readman	(Bel. B.)	81 54	7 0	74 54
18.	J. E. Rutland	(Bel. A.)	82 26	6 0	76 26
26.	P. G. Wright	(Bel. A.)	86 11	4 30	81 41
28.	A. A. Harley	(Bel. A.)	86 54	5 20	81 34
29.	S. Goold	(Bel. B.)	87 00	7 50	79 10
32.	G. H. Boddington	( do. )	87 36	10 30	77 6
33.	B. H. Clark	( do. )	88 10	10 20	78 50
34.	J. E. Field	(Bel. A.)	88 32	5 30	83 2
40.	R. G. Hillier	(Bel. B.)	89 23	10 0	79 23
45.	G. C. Pattenden	( do. )	91 5	10 0	81 5
58.	W. G. True	( do. )	102 3	12 0	90 3

### TEAM PLACINGS.

		m.	s.
1.	Surrey W.C. (A)	...	302 28
2.	Belgrave H. (A) (Brown, C. E. Churcher, Fletcher, Rutland)	...	304 5
3.	Belgrave H. (B) (Boddington, Clark, Goold, Readman)	...	309 0

## R.W.A. "JUNIOR" 10 MILES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

By T. C. JONES.

The "Junior," held on the 7th March from headquarters of the Metropolitan Police A.A. at Colindale, once again saw us win this race, but only after an exciting struggle with Leicester W.C.

At about 6½ miles (which was the first time I had been able to see the competitors since the start, and then only after taking

a bus ride) Leicester were leading us by 18 points. Staines (Leicester) was leading the field, Charlie Churcher being our first man in 6th position, Percy Wright and Jack Rutland together 10th and 11th, and Charlie Redgrave 26th. Len Storey was leading the "B" team in 27th position, Charlie Speechley 29th (he was "gonged" a little while after this) and C. F. D. Sutton ("B") 33rd. Dunlop W.C. were third with 61 points only 8 points—behind us.

Our boys during the next 3 miles put in some fine walking, and when I next checked the scores with about half-a-mile to go, Charlie Churcher had moved up to 2nd place, about 150 yards behind Staines; Percy Wright, 4th; Jack Rutland, 8th; and Charlie Redgrave, 18th. We were only 1 point behind Leicester, with Surrey W.C. now in 3rd place. C. F. D. Sutton was now 26th, leading the "B" team.

How well our boys walked in the last half-mile can be gauged from the fact that six points were gained. Charlie Churcher was beaten by only 8 seconds; Percy Wright, 4th; Jack Rutland, 7th; and Charlie Redgrave, 16th; making us winners from Leicester by 5 points.

Very appropriate that we should win again in the year of office of Mr. F. G. Thomson as President of the R.W.A.!

Our boys were particularly pleased with their win over the most difficult course, for it brought the Club's total of wins in this race to five—a record superior to that of any other club in the country. The hilly nature of the course gave rise to many disqualifications and we suffered in common with other clubs. There is little doubt, however, that we have in our reserve strength a team that will go very near winning again next year. Our "B" team did well to fill 11th position.

As a last word, let us pay tribute to gallant losers—Leicester W.C. Nine times out of ten their score is a winning one. This year, second place was their lot.

RESULT.

		m.	s.
1.	A. Staines (Leicester H.)	...	84 7
2.	C. E. Churcher (Bel. H. "A")	...	84 15
3.	R. C. Pantling (London Vid. W.C.)	...	84 17
4.	P. G. Wright (Bel. H. "A")	...	85 54
7.	J. E. Rutland (Bel. H. "A")	...	87 18
16.	C. W. Redgrave (Bel. H. "A")	...	89 30
25.	C. F. D. Sutton (Bel. H. "B")	...	90 52
49.	L. Storey (Bel. H. "B")	...	94 30
50.	G. H. Boddington (Bel. H. "B")	...	94 38
79.	C. G. Pattenden (Bel. H. "B")	...	98 47

TEAM PLACINGS.

1.	Belgrave H. (A)	...	29	5.	London Vidarians W.C.	127
2.	Leicester W.C.	...	34	6.	Enfield A.C.	132
3.	Surrey W.C. (A)	...	68	11.	Belgrave H. (B)	202
4.	Dunlop W.C.	...	72			

20 teams closed in.

## THE 20 MILES' WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.

A match *v.* Metropolitan Police W.C. was arranged in connection with our Club Championship, their team for this purpose consisting, with one exception, of our own Club members, also in quest of Club honours. All of which sounds rather involved, but actually is very simple, as a glance at the result will show.

Our course, which returns almost to the starting point at 8, 11 and 17 miles, once again provided several walkers with an opportunity to "cut it short"—which they accepted. Others kept on..... on..... on.....

Tommy Green was the first to reach the finishing post, closely followed by Fred Rickards. Fred, who was winning this race years ago, seems fitter than ever, and we may confidently expect him to demand the attention of the selectors when our Olympic athletes are chosen. It would be a great compliment to our Club and to Police walking if Rickards was chosen, and we know he has the ability and temperament necessary.

Third man was Charlie Churcher, a welcome surprise. His first attempt at the distance is full of promise, and he definitely strengthens our team. The next two, Bentley and Bidgood, seemed a little lazy, which means they are saving themselves for future events; and sixth came Bob Readman, who continues to improve and promises to do well. Urry also did well at his first attempt; and in Reeve we have another member who should show up well next season.

Churcher's brilliant form earned him first prize in the sealed handicap, with Readman second, and a well-deserving case third.

The match *v.* Police, scoring six aside, gave us a two points win, as the appended result shows.

		RESULT.										
Pos.		Act.			Allce.	H'cap			H'cap Pos.			
		Time				Time						
		h.	m.	s.	m.	s.	h.	m.	s.			
1.	T. W. Green ... ..	2	50	59	Scr.	...	2	50	59	...	6	
2.	F. Rickards (P) ...	2	51	35	1	30	...	2	50	5	...	5
3.	C. E. Churcher ...	2	52	34	9	30	...	2	43	4	...	1
4.	F. E. Bentley (P) ...	2	57	11	4	30	...	2	52	41	...	7
5.	J. C. Bidgood (P) ...	2	59	13	3	30	...	2	55	43	...	8
6.	A. Readman (P) ...	3	2	54	17	30	...	2	45	24	...	2
7.	A. A. Harley ... ..	3	7	14	21	0	...	2	46	14	...	3
8.	W. Urry ... ..	3	9	17	20	0	...	2	49	17	...	4
9.	F. H. Elson ... ..	3	14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
10.	J. E. Field ... ..	3	16	26	17	30	...	2	58	56	...	10
11.	R. Martin (P) ... ..	3	17	9	10	0	...	3	7	9	...	11
12.	E. J. Reeve (P) ...	3	21	5	25	0	...	2	56	5	...	9
13.	L. R. Spooner... ..	3	24	55	25	0	...	2	59	55	...	11
14.	A. Borer (P) ... ..	3	33	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

### TEAM RESULT.

Belgrave H.—1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 ... .. 38 pts.

Metropolitan Police W.C.—2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 ... .. 40 pts.

Also started : A. L. Fletcher, W. A. Treacher, R. G. Hillier, B. H. Clark, C. G. Pattenden, G. H. Boddington, F. W. Thorn, D. Willis.

## THE 10 MILES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

A field of 30 faced the starter, Mr. A. E. Macher (Junn.), who paid us one of his infrequent visits to start the race for the Championship for which his father donated the Shield. This was, perhaps, the foundation stone to the present high standard to which our runners have now attained over 10 miles. Previous to the institution of this race, it was very difficult to get the team to train over ten miles, so that when the "Southern" came along our men were always outclassed.

The result of the race was never in doubt, barring accidents, as Arthur Penny took the lead from the start, and gradually drew away from the field, eventually winning as he pleased.

At the half-distance he was 55 secs. in front of Carter, with Parker next, having a very bad time, and hereabouts he retired. Bert Footer came next. Soon after this, Bert forged ahead to pass Carter, Flower came up from 10th position to 7th to displace Allum, and Shields dropped back a couple of places. These positions were maintained to the finish. 27 finished, which is perhaps the biggest field for a number of years.

Although the weather was better than that of last year, there was a slight drizzle of rain and the course was on the heavy side; but this should not have accounted for the race being won in one minute slower time than that of Footer last year. The result is appended.

### RESULT.

	Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap Time.	H'cap Pos.
1. A. Penny	60 0	...	60 0	2
2. H. E. Footer (holder)	60 44	0 15	60 29	10
3. C. T. Carter	61 13	1 30	59 43	1
4. L. J. Cohen	61 58	1 30	60 28	9
5. S. T. Ring	62 44	2 15	60 29	10
6. A. R. Shaw	62 51	2 45	60 6	4
7. J. E. Flower	63 3	2 45	60 18	6
8. A. Allum	63 37	1 45	61 52	16
9. H. S. Cook	63 38	3 15	60 23	7
10. A. Patience	63 40	3 15	60 25	8
11. H. W. Shields	63 53	2 30	61 23	13
12. C. Penny	64 1	4 0	60 1	3
13. A. T. Jordan	64 35	4 45	60 10	5
14. F. R. Webb	65 35	4 30	61 5	12
15. A. F. Mitchell	66 44	4 15	62 29	17
16. H. Verney	67 42	3 0	64 42	23
17. E. Saunders	67 54	4 30	63 24	22
18. E. Williams	68 30	3 0	65 30	26
19. H. J. Fletcher	68 36	5 15	63 21	21
20. J. C. Edwards	68 43	5 45	62 58	19
21. F. G. White	68 53	7 15	61 38	14

22.	A. Smith	...	...	...	68	55	...	6	0	...	62	55	...	18
23.	J. G. Flatt	...	...	...	73	13	...	10	0	...	63	13	...	20
24.	W. Applebee	...	...	...	73	47	...	8	30	...	65	17	...	24
25.	W. Ashford	...	...	...	76	16	...	8	15	...	67	1	...	27
26.	G. Still	...	...	...	76	41	...	15	0	...	61	41	...	15
27.	A. Jannaway	...	...	...	77	29	...	12	0	...	65	29	...	25

## THE SOUTH OF THE THAMES "SENIOR."

BY G. DOUBLEDAY.

This race was held from Littlebrook Farm, Dartford, and on the last occasion it was held there Bert Footer was first home. Although most of our "cracks" were barred from this race, we fielded a useful team, our chief rivals being Reading A.C., who included in their team F. Close, the then-reigning National Champion.

The sun had thawed the surface of the frost-bound ground, to render it very fast in places. It was a sunny day, although there was a nasty wind blowing.

After two laps of the starting field, the runners had strung out. Our Junior Champion, Ted Stimpson, was in the first 10; Alec Patience and Syd Ring were lying handy in the early twenties, with the rest of ours strung out to about the eighties. Two of our men were already in trouble. Marshall Williams found an injured foot a handicap, and Cecil Penny, just after the start, injured one of his legs and seemed to be running with difficulty.

After one large lap, our men seemed to be settling down, and after the second, we seemed sure of a place. Stimpson was now 8th, running confidently with speed and style. Micky Walker had come up from the fifties and, running powerfully, overhauled Ring who, handicapped by his light build, experienced difficulties with the wind, and appeared to be losing ground.

The last lap began to find some of the competitors out, for the course seemed well over seven miles.

F. Close was first home, followed by A. C. Stansbury (Ranelagh). Stimpson sprinted up from 7th to 6th place—a magnificent performance. Patience found his form and improved eleven places on last year's performance, to finish 10th. Walker ran powerfully to be 19th, and Ring split the 3rd and 4th Reading men, to finish 22nd. The position of the teams seemed slightly in favour of Reading, although we both had four men home. But two runners in Claret and Gold appeared in the next group and sprinted round the last bend into the funnel—E. G. Saunders and Frank Webb finished 28th and 32nd, to complete our six. So we won the Championship, scoring 117 pts. to Reading's, 153 pts., having picked up 50 places on the last lap. Our next

four men—George Chantler, Bert Mitchell, Dave Martin and Bert Jordan—soon closed in. Williams and Penny, who normally would have been battling up the front for a place in the scoring six, ran on pluckily, intent upon finishing, to help the Club to score a double victory by winning the Cup for the lowest score of the complete team of twelve. Both deserved our warm applause for finishing and enabling the Club to regain the “Sir J. Colman” Cup.

The “Dewar” Shield for the team championship has only been in our hands once before (1929); but it must be remembered that our Southern and English Championship placings in recent years have barred many of our best runners from participating in this race. Two or three men each year have placed themselves outside the clauses of eligibility laid down in the rules; and made our task of building a winning team in this race more and more difficult.

Heartiest congratulations to our winning team of this year for surmounting these difficulties and providing our team selectors with a further set for Season 1936—1937!

#### RESULT.

1. F. Close		32. F. R. Webb ... ..	55 48
(Reading A.C.)	52 58	48. G. R. Chantler ...	56 23
6. E. S. Stimpson ...	53 47	53. A. F. Mitchell ...	56 37
10. A. Patience ... ..	54 16	61. A. T. Jordan ... ..	57 2
19. F. A. Walker ... ..	55 2	66. D. Martin ... ..	57 22
22. S. T. Ring ... ..	55 16	78. E. Williams ... ..	58 2
28. E. Saunders ... ..	55 38	138. C. Penny ... ..	60 54

#### TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Belgrave H. ...	117 pts.	3. Westbury H. ...	155 pts.
2. Reading A.C. ...	153 pts.	(20 teams closed in).	
“Sir J. Colman” Cup (12 to score)	... ..	Belgrave H.	

## THE “SOUTHERN.”

This year’s Southern Cross-country Championships promised to be among the best ever, and large crowds were expected at Sandown Park. Unfortunately, however, rain intervened, and only the competitors and the real enthusiasts were there to appreciate the organising work which the Committee, under the leadership of this year’s President, Mr. W. C. Jewell (who is, of course, a Vice-President of our Club) had done.

Proceedings started with the “Junior” race over five miles, and here we were delighted to proclaim one of our runners, Ted Stimpson, as winner. He ran a clever race, using his head as well as his legs, and in perfect style came away in the last mile to win comfortably. Golden opinions were heard everywhere, not only on the achievement, but on the manner of its performance.

Unfortunately, George Chantler and Dave Martin were not in their best form; or last year's team win would have been repeated. Lucas, a newcomer, ran well in his first important race in our colours, and clearly has great potentialities. Woodman also did well and, no doubt, his long stride will carry him prominently on the track.

Our remaining three juniors never seemed to get going, and show the form we know them to possess. However, it is probably in reserve, for use when they attain senior rank.

Our second place in a field of 21 teams must be considered satisfactory, although we were sorry to part with the trophy.

The Senior race course extended into the Imber Court district, where plenty of mud was encountered. From the start, Surrey A.C., the holders, were well to the fore and, finding the course to their liking, they proceeded to repeat their last year's win and inflicted a severe defeat upon us. Undoubtedly they were far and away the best team running; and in finishing the first two men home, started off their team scoring in excellent fashion.

Of our boys, Tom Carter distinguished himself by finishing fifth, and good packing saw our sixth man finish 24th and our twelfth, 96th.

Last year our sixth man was 26th; the previous year, when we won, 27th, so we cannot be said to have gone back. Notable absentees from our team were J. Ginty, A. E. Taylor and D. Patience; but so well did S.A.C. run that it is doubtful whether their presence would have carried us into first place.

We were pleased to win, once again, the "Odling-Smee" Cup for the first Surrey club to finish its complete team of twelve. To finish 12 men in the first 96 places in a field of 31 teams is a very creditable performance.

#### RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. S. C. Belton (S.A.C.)	59 46	29. A. Allum	62 21
5. C. T. Carter	60 22	34. S. T. Ring	62 35
9. A. W. Penny	60 45	47. J. E. Flower	63 20
13. H. E. Footer	61 24	60. F. A. Walker	64 5
22. H. W. Shields	62 4	62. E. G. Saunders	64 13
23. A. R. Shaw	62 5	96. F. R. Webb	65 33
24. A. Patience	62 6		
1. Surrey A.C.—1, 2, 10, 12, 15, 18	...	...	59 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—5, 9, 13, 22, 23, 24	...	...	96 pts.
3.—Polytechnic H.—3, 6, 21, 25, 28, 31	...	...	114 pts.

(31 teams closed in).

#### JUNIOR RACE.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. E. S. Stimpson	26 14	41. L. A. Woodman	28 15
18. G. Chantler	27 33	58. J. Chamberlain	28 30
25. D. Martin	27 50	84. H. M. Quaekenbos	29 26
32. W. E. Lucas	28 3	123. K. N. Wood	30 40

1.—S.L.H.—5, 12, 16, 33...	...	...	...	...	66 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—1, 18, 25, 32 ...	...	...	...	...	76 pts.
3. Aldershot Command A.C.—7, 15, 26, 30 ...	...	...	...	...	78 pts.

(27 teams closed in).

## THE ENGLISH CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Our team journeyed to Alderley Edge, Cheshire, on March 14th, to defend our title of English Cross-country champions, but Birchfield Harriers carried too many guns for us on this occasion and regained the title. Nevertheless, our team performed very creditably in providing the only real opposition forthcoming to the famous Midland club; and in once again showing that we are the premier Southern Club, by reversing the "Southern" Championship result decided three weeks earlier.

Twenty-two points was the margin by which we were beaten; but it must be said that our last year's winning total, although better than this year's, would not have been good enough for first place on this occasion.

All of which is a tribute to Birchfield upon the way they have trained to regain their lost title. Well run!

And now something of our team and the race itself. Some members of our last year's winning team were not available this time, but we were glad to have Jim Ginty out once again, after his continued ankle trouble.

Tom Carter had the distinction of leading our team home, and qualifying for the International team. Arthur Penny and Bert Footer were next home for us, one second separating them; with Jim Ginty close on their heels. Then a gap, and Arthur Allum and Syd Ring completed our scoring team. Our total of 112 points is praiseworthy and once again we hold the "Finch Wayte" Cup for the first Southern club to finish.

Next year—the Club's Jubilee Year—should take us into first place again. Although losing the title this year, we were far from disgraced; and we know what has been done once can be repeated! The result is appended.

### RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. J. H. Potts			12. C. T. Carter (B.H.)	52	52
(Saltwell H.)	51	35	17. A. W. Penny	do.	53 17
2. W. E. Eaton			18. H. E. Footer	do.	53 18
(Salford H.)	51	43	22. J. Ginty	do.	53 31
3. J. A. Burns			44. A. Allum	do.	54 20
(Elswick H.)	51	58	50. S. T. Ring	do.	54 28

A. R. Shaw (scoring posn. 52), H. W. Shields (54) and A. Patience (68) also finished.

TEAM SCORES.

	pts.		pts.
1. Birchfield H.		8. Sutton H. ... ..	406
(2, 9, 14, 17, 23, 25)	90	9. Tipton H. ... ..	411
2. Belgrave H.		10. Manchester A.C. ... ..	431
(6, 10, 11, 15, 32, 38)	112	11. Bury A.C. ... ..	500
3. Salford H.		12. South London H. ... ..	517
(1, 26, 27, 36, 51, 57)	198	13. Ranelagh H. ... ..	584
4. Surrey A.C. ... ..	222	14. Leeds A.C. ... ..	594
5. Sheffield United H. ... ..	291	15. Blackheath H. ... ..	704
6. Polytechnic H. ... ..	312	16. Wakefield Trinity H. ... ..	704
7. Mitcham A.C. ... ..	361	27 teams closed in.	

THE ILFORD RELAY.

As last year, we entered two teams in this race, but the result was not so gratifying as then. Owing to last-minute withdrawals, both teams were weakened; the second especially so by having to supply their best men to make up the "A" team.

Harry Shields placed us second over the first leg of the race, and then Pat Parker lost a couple of places, only for Bert Shaw to regain them. Alec Patience once again dropped us to fourth place, but Syd Ring brought us up one, and then Jack Flower gave us the lead for the first time. Micky Walker could not however, hold his Surrey A.C. rival, and then George Chantler, Bert Footer, and finally, Arthur Allum, all did their best; but at the finish we were still in second place.

Surrey A.C. are to be congratulated on their team's performance. There is no doubt that the best team on the day won, but in view of subsequent events there is some doubt as to whether the final placings will stand.

Our "B" team did moderately well and, as some of them were appearing in this class of competition for the first time, I trust they all enjoyed their run and that the experience gained will prove of good value to them in future races.

RESULT.

"A" TEAM.

	Lap	Time	Pos.
H. W. Shields ... ..	19	8	2
J. Parker ... ..	19	16	4
A. R. Shaw ... ..	19	40	2
A. Patience ... ..	19	58	4
S. T. Ring ... ..	19	18	3
J. E. Flower ... ..	19	17	1
F. A. Walker ... ..	19	53	2
G. R. Chantler ... ..	19	56	2
H. E. Footer ... ..	19	3	2
A. Allum ... ..	19	1	2

Aggregate Time : 3h. 14m. 30s.

"B" TEAM.

	Lap	Time	Pos.
E. G. Saunders ... ..	20	6	16
A. T. A. Jordan... ..	20	14	14
F. R. Webb ... ..	19	52	12
W. E. Lucas ... ..	20	33	12
J. C. Edwards ... ..	20	36	12
L. A. Woodman... ..	21	11	13
A. H. Beaumont ... ..	21	1	13
A. Smith ... ..	21	33	17
A. E. Taylor ... ..	19	52	15
A. A. Bird ... ..	21	24	16

Aggregate Time : 3h. 26m. 22s.

Time of Winners : Surrey A.C., 3hrs. 13mins. 52secs.

TEAM PLACINGS.

- 1, Surrey A.C.      2, Belgrave H.      3, Mitcham A.C.      4, Polytechnic H.  
5, Woodford Green A.C.

## THE BRIGHTON RELAY.

April 25th, 1936.

The "Bels" made more athletic history by winning this classic race for the third time in succession. Although Birchfield Harriers have had five wins since the race was first inaugurated, we are the first Club to score three wins off the reel.

It was perhaps the most thrilling race of the whole series, as only 13 seconds separated the first two teams at the finish.

The race this year started from the "News of the World" ground at Mitcham, and the first relay of over  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles was taken by Pat Parker. After a ding-dong struggle he handed over to Harry Shields, with a lead of 14 seconds.

A hard fight took place in the next stage of about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and eventually Harry finished two seconds behind the Herne Hill Harrier, P. Hennessey, who only a few days previously had won the Inter-Services Cross-Country Championship.

In the next relay of about  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles, Jack Webster came in for Birchfield; and showing some of his old form, he ran splendidly in putting his team 28 seconds in front of Jack Flower at the take-over.

Syd Ring took the next stage of just over  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles to Buckland, and running with very sound judgment, just managed to get in front by one second.

Arthur Penny now took up the running and had a tussle to shake off the Birchfield international, A. Bourton, but running very strongly he handed over to Bert Shaw, with 17 secs. in hand.

Another titanic struggle took place in this next relay of about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Crawley, and eventually Shaw handed over 6 seconds behind his Birchfield rival.

Ted Stimpson, our Southern Junior C.C. Champion, had been entrusted with the next stage of about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Handcross; but was unable to make any headway against his more experienced rival, and eventually handed over to Tom Carter with a deficit of 30 seconds.

Carter set about his task in a workmanlike manner and, running in beautiful style, soon had the measure of his opponent, and overhauling him, Tom then proceeded to open as large a gap as was humanly possible. When he handed over at Hickstead to Bert Footer, we had a lead of 11 seconds, which at this point was invaluable.

The ninth stage has always been Bert's favourite. Incidentally, it is reckoned the toughest of the lot, being a long, steady climb all the way; and although his Birchfield opponent ran very strongly, Bert increased our advantage to 20 seconds.

Arthur Allum, as last year, had been allotted the final stage to Brighton; and although chased by the Scottish International, R. R. Sutherland, he grimly held on to the lead to finish first, 13 seconds in front. So we scored a wonderful victory, in which all our team played their part in fine style.

In a race of this description it is almost useless to put one performance above another; a few seconds gained on one stage may be just as valuable as a larger margin on another.

Special mention might be made, however, of Pat Parker, who fully justified our hopes of him; Tom Carter, who, although faced with the task of tackling an opponent who was out of sight when he commenced his stage, yet reeled off mile after mile in automatic fashion. He not only caught his rival, but gave us a lead, which at this stage was the real turning point of the race. Arthur Allum ran in his own indomitable fashion, and when you consider Sutherland's performances this season, to gain only 7 seconds on our man over a distance of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles was a distinct feather in Arthur's cap.

We were all very deeply shocked to hear of the death of C. Young, of Queen's Park Harriers, who was knocked down by a motor-car and died on his way to hospital. A letter of sympathy has been sent to his club.

The new course was, to my mind, not so open as the old Brighton Road, and on some of the stages the congestion was intense. The chief cause of this appeared to be the number of small private cars which would persist in keeping near the runner, instead of pushing forward to the next take-over, and awaiting him there. We had our usual two buses following the race, but as one of these was carrying our runners it was imperative that we got to the next stage in the quickest possible time, and therefore no charge can be levelled at us for causing any delay.

Whether this race will continue on the present lines is in the lap of the gods, but it does seem that the time has come to limit the number of teams competing, and by so doing correspondingly reduce the number of followers to the race.

#### RESULT.

Stage	Name	Time	Total
1. (4 6/10 miles)	J. Parker	23 52	23 52
2. (10 1/10 miles)	H. W. Shields	29 1	52 53
3. (14 8/10 miles)	J. E. Flower	25 11	1 18 4
4. (19 6/10 miles)	S. T. Ring	24 22	1 42 26
5. (25 miles)	A. W. Penny	27 35	2 10 1
6. (30 6/10 miles)	A. R. Shaw	30 21	2 40 22
7. (35 miles)	E. S. Stimpson	25 19	3 5 41
8. (41 4/10 miles)	C. T. Carter	30 38	3 36 19
9. (46 4/10 miles)	H. E. Footer	28 44	4 5 3
10. (53 miles)	A. Allum	32 52	4 37 55

#### TEAM PLACINGS.

	h. m. s.		h. m. s.
1. Belgrave Harriers	4 37 55	11. Wycombe Phoenix H.	4 54 17
2. Birchfield H.	4 38 8	12. Woodford Green A.C.	4 54 35
3. Surrey A.C.	4 41 55	13. 2nd Batt. The Buffs	4 54 58
4. South London H.	4 44 37	14. North London H.	4 55 13
5. Mitcham A.C.	4 44 53	15. Cymbran H.	4 55 25
6. Herne Hill H.	4 45 27	16. Reading A.C.	4 55 25
7. Polytechnic H.	4 46 46	17. Horsham Blue S'r H.	4 56 3
8. Highgate H.	4 48 58	18. Roath H.	4 59 28
9. Slough A.C.		19. Queen's Park H.	5 1 35
10. Royal Navy & R.M.	4 53 52	20. Ilford A.C.	5 3 45
		21. Epsom H.	5 7 36

## THE FIVE MILES ROAD HANDICAP.

April 4th was the revised date for this fixture, which usually throws light upon our Brighton Relay prospects, and helps when our team selection is considered.

Allum was soon to the front, with Parker in close attendance, and this remained the position until a mile to go. Then a leg injury of Parker's asserted itself, and he began to drop places sensationally. Meanwhile, Footer was coming through the field at great speed, and eventually finished second, only two seconds behind Allum. Shields did well to finish third, and among the the others, Ted Stimpson was generally thought to have done well. It was pleasing to see several comparative newcomers showing fair form, which should in due course find them places in our teams.

### RESULT.

	Act. Time	Allee.	H'cap Time	H'cap Posn.
1. Allum ... ..	30 7	1 15	28 52	5
2. Footer ... ..	30 9	25	29 44	14
3. Shields ... ..	30 23	1 30	28 53	6
4. Ring ... ..	30 43	1 30	29 13	10
5. Parker ... ..	30 49	30	30 19	23
6. Shaw ... ..	30 51	2 15	28 36	3
7. Stimpson ... ..	30 54	2 0	28 54	7
8. Flower ... ..	31 3	1 30	29 33	12
9. Penny ... ..	31 20	Scr.	31 20	25
10. Webb ... ..	31 28	2 30	28 58	8
11. Kemp ... ..	31 41	1 45	29 56	21
12. Chantler ... ..	31 44	2 45	28 59	9
13. Jordan ... ..	32 8	3 30	38 28	4
14. Mains ... ..	32 17	2 30	29 47	16
15. Warboys ... ..	32 32	2 30	30 2	22
16. Edwards ... ..	32 38	3 15	29 23	11
17. Murdoch ... ..	32 56	3 0	29 50	17
18. Lucas ... ..	32 53	3 15	30 30	24
19. Bird ... ..	33 45	3 15	30 30	24
20. White ... ..	34 14	6 30	27 44	1
21. Smith ... ..	34 22	4 30	29 52	19
22. Youngman ... ..	34 32	6 15	28 17	2
23. Murray ... ..	34 51	5 0	29 51	18
24. Cole ... ..	35 55	3 45	32 10	26
25. May ... ..	37 25	7 30	29 55	20
26. Still ... ..	37 31	7 30	29 46	15

### HANDICAPS.

Just a few lines addressed to members both old and new. As you will see from your Summer fixture card, we have Handicaps at our meetings in Battersea Park on the following dates:—  
May 20th (Wed.)—220 Yards for members under 19 years of age.

880 Yards. 2 Miles Walk. Javelin Throw.  
June 3rd (Wed.)—100 Yards. 1 Mile Run. 2 Miles Walk.  
120 Yards Hurdles (the Hurdles will be 3ft. in order to encourage entries).

Also on this evening we are holding two Novice races. One is a 100 Yards and the other a 1 Mile Walk. These are level events open to ALL Unattached Novices, that is those who do not belong to any other athletic club and have not won a prize since leaving school. If you have any young friends, get them interested; entry is FREE and medals will be awarded to the first three in each race.

June 17th (Wed.)—Shot Putt. (This is the night of the Inter-Club Walks; so we trust our Weight(y) men will not main any of the competitors).

June 24th (Wed.)—100 Yards. 1 Mile Run. 2 Miles Walk. (These are open to members of the competing clubs for the "Doris" Shield). Long Jump (open to Belgrave members only).

July 15th (Wed.)—100 Yards for our young lads under 16 years of age. 220 Yards. 880 Yards. 100 Yards for our Veteran members over 40 years of age. 2 Miles Walk. High Jump.

In addition we have a 1 Mile run open to Unattached Novices, and this will be on the same lines as the two preceding events of the same class.

August 19th (Wed.)—100 Yards. 440 Yards. 1 Mile Run. 2 Miles Walk. Shot Putt.

September 5th (Sat.)—100 Yards. 880 Yards. Long Jump.

In case any of you have carefully checked up on last year's card, let me say, here and now, that there are two fewer handicaps this year. One is a 220 Yards, the other the 2 Miles run. The fixtures for this season were very carefully considered, and I am sure you will not cavil at the result of our efforts.

The entries last year were hardly up to standard, and although we can never hope to cover ourselves as regards the financial side of these events, we do at least expect better support, and so make us think our efforts on your behalf have been worth while.

To new members I would say, if you aspire to a place in our club teams, then your surest way is through the medium of club handicaps. The marks are always fairly given in accordance with what is known of a members' ability, and success here would quickly put you in the team selectors' eyes.

The fee for all club events is 1/-, and entries should be either handed in at Battersea Park to the responsible club official, or be posted direct to the Club Handicapper. In order to avoid any last-minute rush, entries sent in at least 7 days before the meeting will be much appreciated.

In the past many members have been allowed to compete although their names have not appeared on the programme. It is always hard for us club officials to turn down good money, but in fairness to the rest of the competitors who have had the good grace to enter beforehand, the Committee have decided that only those whose names appear in print will be allowed to compete.

So to those of you who may have been guilty of such lapses in the past, take heed lest your chance of winning a prize vanishes in the vision of the card that you meant to write, but didn't!

## NON-STOP TO BERLIN!

We now commence another Track season; and for some of our members I hope it will prove their best ever, and that they will have the great honour of wearing Britain's vest at the 1936 Olympiad.

As these notes are now published quarterly, I don't propose to waste your eyesight by making you read through date after date of our Summer Fixture card. Every member should have received one of these, and so I will confine myself to just mentioning a few of the more important fixtures.

On May 20th we have an evening meeting at Battersea Park Track. All our evening meetings at this venue will be held on Wednesdays and will start at 7 p.m. prompt. On this date the first of the Inter-Club Relay Shield competitions will be decided. The events take the form of relays, viz., 4 x 100 Yards, 4 x 300 Yards, 4 x 880 Yards and a 1 Mile Team race in which 4 men run for each club and all score.

The present holders of the Shield are Mitcham A.C., and unless our members make a determined effort to turn up at the away matches, I can foresee no change in the ownership of the Shield.

Harry Shields is our new Track Captain and if only you will support him the same way as some of you used to do Bill Rice, I am sure Harry will think that he is filling Bill's shoes in a manner worthy of his predecessor. In Bill Rice you had an athlete who virtually lived for his running, and, what was more important, at least to him, his club. If you want to honour his memory I know of no better way than by regaining this Inter-Club Relay Shield, for which Bill had run some of the hardest races of his life.

On June 2nd we have a Junior (under 19) contest versus Croydon H., Mitcham A.C. and Epsom H. (which will be held on the former's ground), with the following events: 3 x 100 Yards, 3 x 200 Yards, and 880 Yards Team race with 4 to run, 3 to score. Will all those who are eligible to compete kindly get in touch with me, in order to select our team?

The following evening, June 3rd, at Battersea Park, we have a match with Leigh-on-Sea H., and Imperial College A.C. This should give a chance to those members who could not compete on the previous evening.

On June 9th is the second of the series of contests for the Inter-Club Relay Shield, this time on Croydon Harriers' new ground at Plough Lane, Beddington. This is quite near West Croydon, in case some of you Londoners don't know your way about!

On June 24th, at Battersea Park, we are holding the Doris Shield contest, and our opponents for this trophy will be Thames Valley H. and Ashcombe A.C. All the events are level races, viz., 100 Yards, 440 Yards, 2 Miles Team race and a I Mile Medley Relay. There will be the usual Handicaps, open to all members of the three competing clubs.

On Saturday, June 27th, we have a match with that very promising club, the Southgate Harriers. They are building on very sound foundations, and I am sure our lads will find foemen worthy of their steel (I must have been seeing "The Three Musketeers"! ) when they visit Broomfield Park.

On July 2nd, at Kingston, we tread new ground by visiting the Old Tiffinians A.C. for a series of match events. Those of you who remember our pleasant little fixtures with the Old Gaytonians and Emanuel School will appreciate the chance that such matches as these give to some of our younger members.

On July 15th, at Battersea Park, we have a triangular contest with the Polytechnic Harriers and Victoria Park H. The latter club are new to our fixture list, but I can assure you that in my capacity as an A.A.A. Handicapper, I have a very healthy respect for their members' abilities on the running track.

On July 22nd we are at Deptford Park, and our opponents will be Herne Hill H. and Blackheath H. Quite a stiff little problem to overcome, but so long as our members turn up—well! personally, I don't care which way the result goes! I leave it to the boys!

Saturday, July 25th, is Club Championship Day, and we start at 3 p.m. at Battersea Park Track. There are championships at all distances and with the 440 yards and upwards we give standard medals, and I can assure you the standards we have set are within the reach of all members who have trained conscientiously throughout the season. A new feature of our meeting will be the deciding of five Field Event Championships and I trust they will be well supported and so repay the efforts of George Powell and Bill Sutton, who have done so much in securing the awarding of these championships.

On July 29th we have the third Inter-Club Relay contest, at the "News of the World" Sports Ground, Mitcham. I hope we shall have a good following present, as this is always a most exciting meeting and, moreover, the proceeds all go towards a very deserving cause.

And so to Berlin for the Games, August 1st to 9th! The rest of our summer fixtures will be dealt with in our next issue of the "Belgravian."

All entries and enquiries to—

E. A. DUFFETT, Asst. Hon. Sec.,  
10, Barrow Road, Waddon, Croydon.

## WITH THE WALKERS.

Another track season is with us, and by now you all have the Summer fixture list, giving all the dates of Club Handicaps and Championships.

Members are reminded that only those whose names appear on the programme will be allowed to compete this season, and so all entries should be sent to the Walk. Hon. Secretary or Walk. Hon. Handicapper. seven days in advance.

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We have accepted an invitation to compete in a Two Miles Team Walk at the Kinnaird Meeting at the White City, on June 13th. We should have a useful team for this fixture.

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The Annual Inter-club Walks will take place at Battersea Park on Wednesday, June 17th, when we expect to receive the usual splendid support from the Metropolitan Clubs. This is always a big date in the walkers' calendar.

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The 50 kilos Walk Championship, which has added significance this year in view of the Olympic Games, will be held on July 4th, probably at Derby.

We have held the team title for the last two years; and with Green, Rickards and Bentley, all Olympic possibilities, supported by others, we should claim a "hat trick."

Best of luck to our men in their quest for Olympic honours!

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We are always glad to welcome new men to our ranks, and it is hoped that all walkers will see if it is not possible to introduce a friend to the sport. The more the merrier. New members quickly become old friends!

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All entries and enquiries to A. A. HARLEY,  
39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.



