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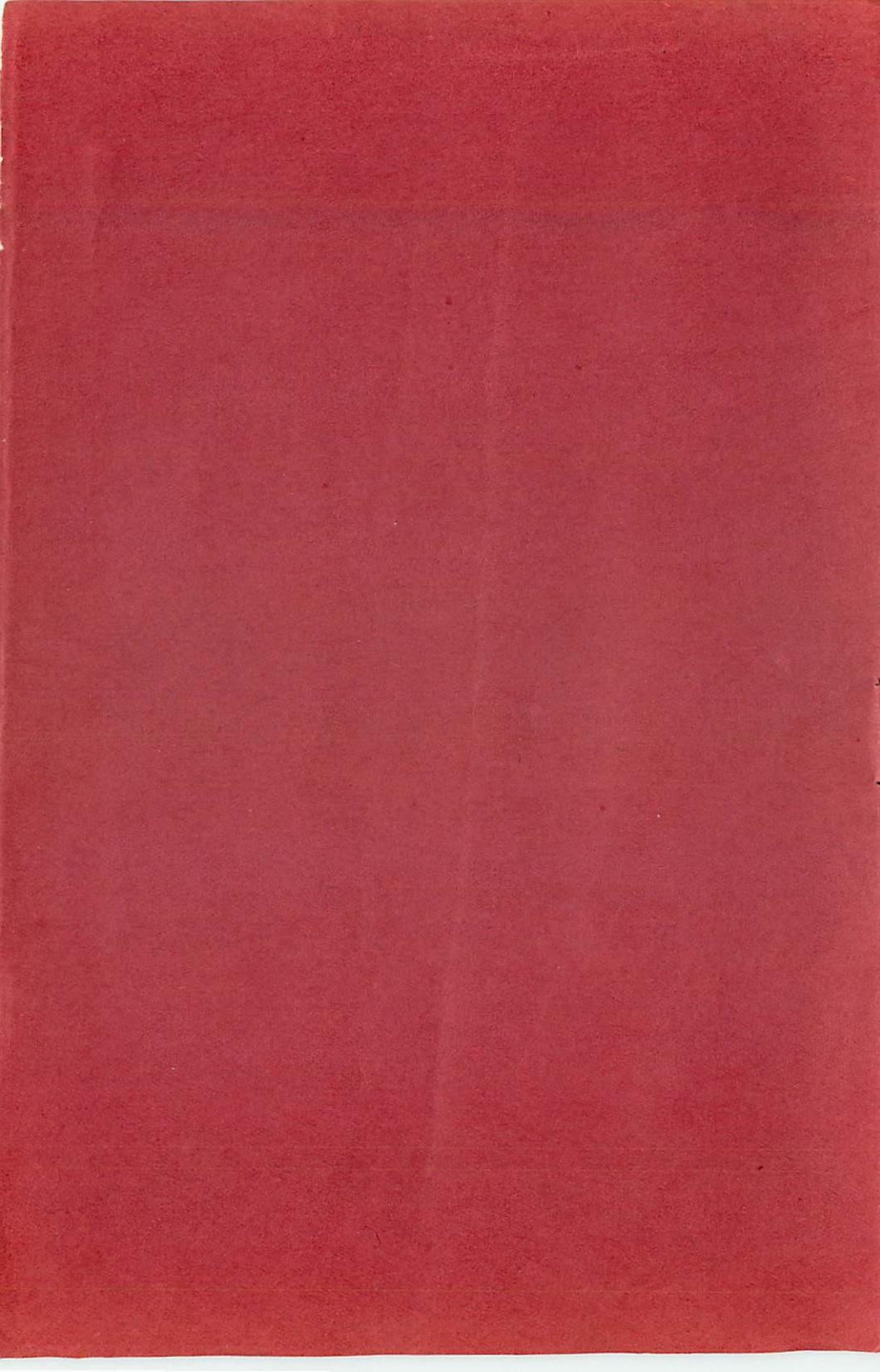
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Hon. Secretary's Commentary.

This Athletic Season has been unlike any other within recollection. In September last it seemed impossible that we should enjoy much of a season. After the few first anxious weeks, however, we began to piece together a racing programme until, as we write, it seems as though there is some racing of importance every week. This is very gratifying, and it is very pleasing to think that most Associations and Clubs have succeeded in adapting themselves to difficult circumstances. Of necessity, late decisions have been made and last-minute difficulties surmounted, but it is pleasing to think that every week has found large numbers of our men busy athletically. Unfortunately it has not been possible to publish our Gazette earlier, and we are still compelled to restrict the size of "The Belgravian." Once again we would ask for the co-operation of all members, and particularly do we wish to hear from all members now serving with H.M. Forces.

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Our last issue informed our members of our intention to carry on with the provision of training facilities and racing, as far as circumstances permitted. This issue shows that we have succeeded, and that our efforts have reaped a rich reward.

It was decided early on that no Club Championships should be held, in fairness to those who would be unable to train and compete, but that substitute races and inter-club events should be held. Our Twentieth Annual Open Walk was promoted on the last Saturday in November, and succeeded in showing that a keen desire existed for competition. It is pleasing to note that, following our lead, several other similar events have now been held, and there are others to follow.

Additionally, our quarters have become a focal point of Athletics in the South. Athletes of other Clubs have been invited to come along, and the Surrey County A.A.A., Printing and Allied Trades C.C. Association, South of the Thames C.C.A., Southern Committee of the R.W.A., Southern Counties C.C.A., and "News of the World" S.C., have all been granted the use of our quarters for their promotions. Needless to say, we have been only too glad to help in any way the continuance of Athletics, and to assist in keeping our sports of cross-country running and road-walking alive, and in a healthy and vigorous state.

We are proud to have made our contribution towards this Season's sport in such difficult times, and trust it will not be long before a normal Season's programme will once again engage our attention.

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Meanwhile, many familiar faces are missing from our Wimbledon meetings. Some are serving in the Forces; others are compelled to carry on their normal work miles away from London.

Among those we know to be serving in H.M. Forces are: A. Allum, W. H. Appleby, J. T. Beer, F. Bellchambers, A. A. Bird, A. S. Blunden, F. S. Bradnum, L. J. E. Bailey, L. J. Coleman, H. G. Clayton, C. Dennis, J. E. Flower, J. Ginty, W. E. Ives, C. H. Lloyd, A. Patience, D. Patience, R. Patience, L. Penny, K. Penney, R. V. Reynolds, J. E. Rutland, E. Saunders, F. J. Skelley, W. Timberlake, J. H. Thomas, J. Tosh, E. J. Watts, D. Winton and P. G. Wright. J. A. Bellchambers and J. R. Shotter are training in Officer-Cadet units, whilst V. Berlemont is serving in the French Army.

We wish the best of luck to all our members, and trust we may have frequent good news from them. Before long they will be joined by other members, and we wish them all a safe, quick return to normal Club activities.

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The early days of the War brought strange irksome restrictions, many of which have since been relaxed. Despite all difficulties, we have managed to carry through a very full programme of Social fixtures, and our grateful thanks are due to Tom Morrell and the Social sub-committee for all their efforts. We have always believed our social side to be an integral part of our club life, and largely responsible for the club spirit of which we have been justly proud. Hence our desire to carry on despite difficulties.

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Our win in the Southern Counties C.C. Association substitute team race was very pleasing, and we congratulate the team on its excellent running.

Many members have recently entered into the married state, and we congratulate them and wish them all happiness in the future. They include T. Cotton, G. R. Chantler, F. G. Ford, H. L. Rollins, J. E. Rutland, E. C. Heather, L. G. Bennett.

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A cheery letter from our Hon. Editor—at present far removed from the Club—asks for his good wishes to be extended to all friends. “Doub” is finding time to train and run over the Devon moors, to serve on the Exeter Harriers Committee, and is part-holder of a Challenge Cup awarded over a series of races. Nice work!

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Heartiest congratulations to our sprightly Hon. Timekeeper, Charlie Cook and Mrs. Cook upon the celebration of their 50th anniversary of marriage. We trust they will enjoy many more years together and that we shall be able to congratulate them upon their Diamond Jubilee in due course.

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We are hopeful of arranging an interesting track programme for the Summer months, and our Track Captain will require the loyal assistance of every track man if we are to succeed in carrying this through with credit to the Club. It is obvious that many of our better-known performers, particularly among the sprinters, will not be available. Some of our members will find themselves running at strange distances, some will be called upon several times during an evening, but we are certain that despite difficulty and inconvenience, we shall find the sporting traditions of the Club maintained, and Athletics still a very live sport, despite the regretted enforced absence of many of our members.

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Battersea Park is not available this season and we have decided to use the Tooting Bec Track for Club training and racing.

The following dates have been booked for Club meetings: Wednesday, May 8th; Saturday, May 25th; Wednesday, June 19th; Wednesday, July 10th; Wednesday, July 24th.

The Club Junior Championships will be decided, probably on June 19th, and it is hoped to arrange some Club handicaps and inter-club fixtures, which together with “away” fixtures, should form an excellent programme.

A fixture list will probably be circulated in due course, and once again it is emphasised that a really good track season can only be enjoyed if every available member co-operates to the full with the Track Captain.

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May we commend to our readers who wish to keep in touch with current athletic matters, “The Amateur Athlete,” published

by J. Armour Milne from 8 Fraser House, Albion Avenue, S.W.8. This news-letter of Athletics reaches one by post every Wednesday morning and the charge per copy is 3d. Most subscribers find it convenient to send a P.O. for 1/- or so in advance, or our Hon. Secretary will pass on any subscriptions.

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This year our Hon. Secretary is President of the Middlesex Co. A.A.A., and it is hoped that all Middlesex qualified members will support any fixtures the Association may be able to arrange.

The Racing in Brief.

CLUB 3 MILES ROAD RACE HELD AT WIMBLEDON ON OCTOBER 14TH, 1939.

Pos.	Name.	H'cap Time.	Start.	Act. Time.	Fast. Act.
1.	F. Jeffries	19 0	2 10	21 10	9
2.	W. H. Rispin	19 3	2 5	21 8	7
3.	A. W. Jerman	19 11	0 50	20 1	3
4.	W. E. Lucas	19 18	1 0	20 18	4
5.	C. T. Carter	19 24	0 20	19 44	1
6.	L. W. Herbert	19 30	0 15	19 45	2
7.	J. W. Chamberlain	19 41	1 45	21 26	11
8.	A. F. Mitchell	19 43	1 50	21 33	12
9.	L. Marchant	19 52	1 15	21 7	6
10.	W. F. Merryman	19 58	2 15	22 13	15
11.	A. R. Shaw	20 1	1 15	21 16	10
12.	J. C. Smart	20 3	0 40	20 43	5
13.	A. Smith	20 5	2 30	22 35	17
15.	F. R. Webb	20 9	1 0	21 9	8
14.	F. P. King	20 16	1 40	21 56	14
16.	F. G. White	20 18	2 15	22 33	16
17.	H. W. Shields	20 34	1 10	21 44	13
18.	G. M. Murray	21 49	2 45	24 34	18

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INTER-CLUB MATCH HELD AT WIMBLEDON ON OCTOBER 28TH, 1939, WITH CLUB SEALED HANDICAP IN CONJUNCTION.

Pos.	Name.		Act. Time	Start.	H'cap. Time.	Pos. in H'cap.
1.	C. T. Carter	Bels.	29 54	0 30	29 24	4
2.	L. W. Herbert	Bels.	30 22	0 45	29 37	7†
3.	A. W. Jerman	Bels.	30 51	1 15	29 36	6
4.	A. W. Cooper	T.V.H.	31 27	—	—	—
5.	W. H. Rispin	Bels.	31 35	3 0	28 35	1
6.	E. H. Herbert	Bels.	31 44	2 30	29 14	2
7.	F. Jeffries	Bels.	32 6	2 45	29 21	3
8.	W. E. Lucas	Bels.	32 15	1 45	30 30	12
9.	F. P. King	Bels.	32 23	1 45	30 38	14
10.	H. W. Shields	Bels.	32 31	2 15	30 16	10
11.	A. R. Shaw	Bels.	32 40	2 0	30 40	15
12.	A. L. M. Phipps	T.V.H.	33 1	—	—	—
13.	J. W. Chamberlain	Bels.	33 2	3 30	29 32	5
14.	F. R. Webb	Bels.	33 7	3 30	29 37	7†
15.	J. C. Smart	Bels.	33 20	1 0	32 20	16
16.	G. Bowen	T.V.H.	33 38	—	—	—
17.	A. Smith	Bels.	34 7	—	—	—
18.	S. H. Shirley	T.V.H.	34 20	—	—	—
19.	L. Sargood	T.V.H.	33 54	4 0	29 54	9
20.	W. F. Merryman	Bels.	34 31	4 0	30 31	13
21.	L. Marchant	Bels.	35 49	3 10	32 39	17
22.	R. G. Griffen	Bels.	35 49	5 30	30 19	11
23.	A. Baycock	T.V.H.	36 12	—	—	—
24.	J. Rogers	T.V.H.	36 12	—	—	—
24.	N. C. Shrubbb	Bels.	37 12	2 50	34 22	19
26.	J. E. M. Shields	Bels.	37 23	3 45	33 38	18

† Dead Heat.

TEAM SCORES (Varsity Scoring).

Belgrave Harriers (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8)	...	...	...	...	...	32 pts.
Thames Valley H. (4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)	...	...	...	...	...	73 pts.

Congratulations to the handicap prize winners, who followed one another in the same order as in the scratch race.

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CLUB 7 MILES C.C. RACE HELD AT WIMBLEDON ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1939.

Pos.	Name.	Club.	Act. Time.	Start. Scr.	H'cap. Time.	Pos. in H'cap.
1.	C. T. Carter	...	39 15	...	39 15	5
2.	L. W. Herbert	...	40 6	0 30	39 36	10
3.	E. S. Stimpson	...	40 9	0 45	39 24	8
4.	R. F. Towndrow	...	40 47	1 30	39 17	6†
5.	L. J. Cohen	...	41 14	1 30	39 44	12†
6.	W. H. Rispin	...	41 27	2 10	39 17	6
7.	H. W. Shields	...	41 37	2 30	39 7	4
8.	F. A. Walker	...	41 40	2 45	38 55	3
9.	F. Jeffries	...	42 11	2 40	39 31	9
10.	E. H. Herbert	...	42 12	2 15	39 57	15
11.	A. R. Shaw	...	42 22	2 30	39 52	14
12.	A. F. Mitchell	...	42 27	3 45	38 42	2
13.	R. W. Tobin	...	42 44	3 0	39 44	12†
14.	A. Smith	...	42 46	4 45	38 1	1
15.	F. R. Webb	...	43 27	3 45	39 42	11
16.	R. E. Stride	...	43 51	3 0	40 51	20
17.	A. H. Beaumont	...	43 51	3 40	40 11	16
18.	D. W. Martin	...	44 20	3 40	40 40	19
19.	J. C. Smart	...	44 51	1 0	43 51	24
20.	F. P. King	...	44 51	2 45	42 6	21
21.	W. E. Lucas	...	41 51	2 15	42 36	22
22.	W. F. Merryman	...	45 17	4 45	40 32	18
23.	A. S. Lindsey	...	46 52	4 15	42 37	23
24.	R. G. Griffen	...	47 16	6 45	40 31	17

† Dead Heat.

TEAM SCORES (Varsity Scoring).

Belgrave H. (1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9)	...	...	...	...	...	29 pts.
Cadogan A.C. (3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15)	...	...	...	...	...	58 pts.

An excellent race. Congratulations to our Captain on a fine win, and to A. Smith, whose inspired running deservedly gained him first handicap prize.

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The first of the Southern Counties C.C. Association's 5 miles Handicaps was held on December 16th, and was won by W. H. Rispin, with F. Jeffries third.

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On January 6th the Surrey County A.A.A. promoted a 7 miles C.C. race from our quarters at Wimbledon. Close (S.A.C.) had an easy win and was followed home by two of our stalwarts, Carter and Jerman. The team race resulted in a dead heat between Mitcham A.C. and ourselves, both teams scoring 26 points. Our team was completed by E. H. Herbert (10) and R. E. Stride (11).

In the Middlesex event held the same day at Ruislip, Cadogan A.C.—consisting of E. S. Stimpson (4), W. H. Rispin (5), H. W. Shields (13), R. W. Tobin (17)—were second to Polytechnic Harriers.

A visit to the Thames Hare and Hounds quarters at Roehampton was scheduled for January 13th, and in a six aside match we won by 34 points to 55.

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On January 20th our headquarters were at the disposal of the Southern Counties C.C. Association for a 5 miles Handicap, and the popularity of the venue was responsible for a splendid entry—48 runners completing the course. L. W. Herbert was fourth in the scratch race, but none of our members were able to triumph over their handicap marks. Our very grateful thanks are due to all members who assisted H. Parker to point the course on a day when hard frost prevented the flags from being used.

Match v. Thames Hare and Hounds.

On January 27th we had the pleasure of entertaining that very well-known cross-country club, the Thames Hare and Hounds.

They paid us the compliment of bringing along a fairly strong team including L. R. McIntyre, the Southern cross-country champion.

Also in their team were R. A. Clough and B. F. Brearley, whom our lads had previously met when running against Cambridge University.

The visitors totalled 9 while we had 11, a surprisingly small number for a home fixture, but this was probably due to the bad weather conditions.

It was decided to score 7 aside, and as Tom Carter and Wilf Rispin were turning out after illness, we were not too optimistic about the result.

A. H. Beaumont led the field along at a good pace round the starting field, but when they came round at the end of the first lap of the country, Dick Tobin was in front of a small bunch which included Clough and McIntyre, of Thames, and Carter and F. P. King.

The latter was running very well and put up quite his best performance of the season.

When they reached the finishing field, Clough was just in front of Carter with McIntyre lying third.

Tom put in all he knew down the straight but Clough was too strong and held him off to win a fine race. In view of Tom's enforced absence during the last few weeks, his present performance was little short of marvellous.

When he won the Club's 7 miles race earlier in the season over this course, his time was 39 min. 15 sec., so to do only 30 sec. worse after a lay-off and in much worse weather conditions proves the excellence of his running.

Dick Tobin also showed a welcome return to his old-time form and was rewarded by securing second place in the handicap.

This was won, very deservedly, by F. P. King, our new member from Epsom, who is better known on the track, being an excellent miler.

Third prize was taken by that old war-horse, Harry Shields, who keeps going season after season and still manages to keep well up with his field. I hope Harry will not mind my referring to him as a "veteran," although actually Harry started his running career at an early age and is still quite a "youngster."

Those members who did turn out are to be congratulated, as are the Club officials who were present, including Dick Savage, Charlie Jones and our worthy Hon. Treasurer.

Our thanks are also due to Tom Morrell and "Tiny" Jarlett, who went out with the flags and made a very good job of pointing the course.

RESULTS.

Pos.	Name.		Act. Time.	Start.	H'cap. Time.	Pos. in H'cap.
1.	R. A. Clough (T)	...	39 42	...	...	...
2.	C. T. Carter (B)	...	39 45	Scr.	39 45	10
3.	L. R. McIntyre (T)	...	40 1	...	...	...
4.	R. W. Tobin (B)	...	40 31	3 10	37 21	2
5.	F. P. King (B)	...	40 38	3 30	37 8	1
6.	H. W. Shields (B)	...	40 58	2 40	38 18	3
7.	B. F. Brearley (T)	...	41 8	...	...	...
8.	W. H. Rispin (B)	...	41 21	2 15	39 6	8
9.	A. F. Mitchell (B)	...	41 22	3 0	38 22	4
10.	F. Jeffries (B)	...	41 48	2 50	38 58	6
11.	R. Shaw (T)	...	42 10	...	...	...
12.	R. F. Towndrow (B)	...	42 25	1 30	40 55	11
13.	R. L. Trapnell (T)	...	42 44	...	...	...
14.	F. R. Webb (B)	...	42 50	3 55	38 55	5
15.	M. F. Kensit (T)	...	43 0	...	...	...
16.	A. Smith (B)	...	43 2	3 45	39 17	9
17.	A. H. Beaumont (B)	...	43 35	4 30	39 5	7
18.	P. R. Smith (T)	...	42 24	...	...	...

TEAM SCORES (Varsity Scoring).

Belgrave H. (2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10)	...	...	...	...	...	44 pts.
Thames H. and H. (1, 3, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14)	...	...	...	...	...	61 pts.

In Shorts—In Brief.

Once again we had full quarters at Wimbledon on February 10th, when the South of the Thames C.C. Association promoted a five miles race. Close (S.A.C.) was again the winner, with W. Hewitt, of ours, running in excellent style, second. The team race went to Thames H. and H. (28 pts.), with our scoring team—Hewitt (2), L. W. Herbert (9), Jerman (17), E. H. Herbert (19)—second.

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MARCH 9TH.—On this day took place the most important race of the season—a 7½ miles inter-team race promoted by the Southern Counties C.C. Association, from the Blackheath H. quarters at Hayes, Kent.

M. Bingham, of Finchley H., showed that he is undoubtedly the runner of the season by his easy win, whilst our team showed excellent packing to win the team event.

1. Belgrave H.	32 pts.	4. Mitcham A.C.	83 pts.
2. Aylesford P.M.	40 pts.	5. Thames H. & H.	88 pts.
3. Surrey A.C.	64 pts.	6. Shaftesbury H.	123 pts.
18 teams closed in.			

Our winning team consisted of Carter (5), Hewitt (8), Stimpson (9), L. W. Herbert (10). Others to finish were Tobin (20), E. H. Herbert (23), Shields (31), Rispin (33), Jerman, and Mitchell.

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Our last Club race of the season was on the road over the usual 5 miles course, and some really fine running was seen. Jerman early cut out the pace, but Stimpson and Len Herbert raced away over the last lap of the Common. Herbert's reserve pace gave him a good win, but the form shewn by all our runners inspires confidence in their ability to win the "News of the World" event at the end of the month.

Pos.	Name.	Actual Time.	Allce.	H'cap Time.
1.	Herbert (L. W.)	29 22	0 30	28 52
2.	Stimpson	29 31	0 45	28 46
3.	Jerman	29 43	0 50	28 53
4.	Carter	29 47	Scr.	29 47
5.	Smart	29 50	1 15	28 35
6.	Cohen	30 7	1 30	28 37
7.	Lucas	30 14	1 25	28 49
8.	Parker	30 23	0 15	30 8
9.	Shields	31 0	1 40	29 51
10.	Herbert (E. H.)	31 51	2 0	29 51
11.	Footer	32 5	1 15	30 50
12.	Webb (F. R.)	33 5	3 15	29 50
13.	Smith	33 12	4 0	29 12
14.	Merryman	34 47	3 50	30 57

Handicap: 1, Smart; 2, Cohen; 3, Stimpson.

With The Walkers.

Our first race of the Winter Season was held on October 14th over the 5 miles course, with the following result:—

Pos.	Name.	H'cap Time.	Start.	Act. Time.
1.	W. H. Snell	36 43	6 30	43 13
2.	H. G. Churcher	37 7	Scr.	37 7
3.	C. F. Sutton	37 59	1 45	39 44
4.	W. G. True	38 10	5 10	43 20
5.	H. E. Thaxter	38 40	4 0	42 40
6.	J. E. Rutland	39 0	2 0	41 0
7.	J. Wilson	39 2	7 0	46 2
8.	C. E. Churcher	39 3	1 25	40 28
9.	F. H. Elson	39 40	4 55	44 35
10.	J. C. Bidgood	39 50	5 0	44 50
11.	A. L. Fletcher	40 3	2 50	42 53
12.	A. A. Harley	41 15	6 25	47 40
13.	W. E. Ives	45 20	7 30	52 50
14.	A. C. Beales	46 0	7 10	53 10
15.	E. C. Heather	46 0	2 25	48 25

Our Committee decided to give a lead to the Athletic world by promoting our 20th Annual Open Walk on November 25th. Despite a financial loss, the event must be considered a great success, for not only were 102 entries received, but—more important—our promotion brought together all interested in Walking in the South, and as a result a full programme of racing came into being.

Harry Churcher had an easy win in the scratch event, and our scratch team, with a 17 points total for four men, were also easy winners. Incidentally, the "Berman" Cup had been allocated, by kind permission of the R.W.A., to our event, and this win—our third in succession—made the trophy the Club's own property.

Bill True (10 min. 30 sec. allowance) won the handicap event, with A. H. Webb (9 min. 30 sec.), now a Belgrave Harrier, second. Our "C" team (comprising Messrs. True, Jones, Snell and Brunning) won the team handicap.

Our thanks are due to the generous donors to the Prize Fund, to Mr. W. Allen, who again presented a special prize, to the R.W.A. officials for their invaluable co-operation, and to all the competitors who rallied to our support.

RESULT.

		m.	s.			m.	s.
1.	H. G. Churcher ...	(A)	54	31	26.	J. C. Bidgood ...	(C) 61 56
3.	J. G. Coleman ...	(A)	58	15	29.	A. Readman ...	(C) 62 17
4.	C. F. Sutton ...	(A)	58	51	30.	W. H. Snell ...	(C) 62 19
7.	J. E. Rutland ...	(C)	59	31	31.	F. H. Elson ...	(B) 62 31
9.	C. E. Churcher ...	(A)	59	36	32.	W. H. Jones ...	(C) 62 47
10.	A. L. Fletcher ...	(A)	59	48	42.	C. H. Speechley ...	(B) 63 27
12.	P. G. Wright ...	(A)	60	0	43.	R. D. McMullen ...	(D) 63 28
18.	A. H. Webb ...	(I)	60	46	44.	R. Martin ...	(D) 63 34
19.	H. E. Thaxter ...	(B)	61	0	49.	A. H. Bridger ...	(B) 64 7
21.	E. C. Heather ...	(A)	61	30	88.	W. F. Brunning ...	(C) 70 49
22.	S. C. Roberts ...	(A)	61	31	87.	A. C. Beales ...	(D) 71 14
24.	W. G. True ...	(C)	61	35			

Handicap was won by W. G. True (allc. 10-30); second A. H. Webb (9-30); third, R. Andrews (Woodford Green A.C.) (10 min.).

SCRATCH TEAM RACE.

1.	Belgrave H. ...	17 pts.	3.	Belgrave H. ("C") ...	75 pts.
2.	Woodford Green A.C. ...	70 pts.			

HANDICAP TEAM PLACINGS.

1.	Belgrave H. ("C") (True, Jones, Snell, Brunning) ...	213m. 12s.
2.	Woodford Green A.C. ...	213m. 20s.
3.	Surrey W.C. ...	216m. 2s.
6.	Belgrave H. ("A") ...	223m. 25s.
7.	Belgrave H. ("B") ...	226m. 19s.

The Rest, 405 points; Met. Police W.C., 827 points. 88 competitors finished the course—over a quarter of them Belgrave Harriers. Our own numbers were very gratifying, and the performances, as the results show, excellent.

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On December 9th we held a 7 miles Club handicap, and invited other clubs along for an inter-club event. Scoring 10 aside, we defeated the Met. Police W.C. by 60 points to 150 points, and

scoring 8 aside we beat Surrey Walking Club by 39 points to 97 points.

Our handicap was won by Bill Snell with 8 min. 45 sec. allowance. The Handicapper himself was second, and we were all glad to see our persevering Bill Brunning take third prize.

RESULTS.

		m.	s.			m.	s.		
1.	H. G. Churcher...	...	56	7	14.	R. D. McMullen	...	63	28
2.	C. E. Churcher	...	57	59	17.	A. H. Webb	...	63	44
3.	J. E. Rutland	...	58	25	18.	W. H. Jones	...	63	48
5.	A. L. Fletcher	...	59	5	19.	A. Readman	...	64	45
6.	J. G. Coleman	...	60	30	20.	J. Wilson	...	65	22
8.	E. C. Heather	...	61	5	22.	L. J. Watson	...	66	20
9.	J. C. Bidgood	...	61	20	28.	F. T. Halls	...	68	6
10.	W. H. Snell	...	61	41	33.	W. F. Brunning	...	70	50
11.	F. H. Elson	...	61	57					

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On January 20th the Southern Committee of the R.W.A. promoted an open 7 miles handicap at Hendon, with a tea and social evening to follow.

Despite bitter conditions a good field turned out and were led home by Harry Churcher. The team handicap was won by S.W.C., with Woodford Green A.C. second. Our "B" team (Jones, Elson, McMullen, Snell) took third prizes.

RESULTS.

1.	Churcher (H. G.)	...	...	...	55	8	...	Scr.	...	55	8	
4.	Rutland	...	...	...	56	26	...	3	10	...	53	16
6.	Sutton	...	...	...	57	9	...	2	10	...	54	59
8.	Coleman (J. G.)	...	...	...	57	59	...	1	40	...	56	19
12.	Churcher (C. E.)	...	...	...	59	12	...	3	10	...	56	2
16.	Webb (A. H.)	...	...	...	60	32	...	6	00	...	54	32
18.	Elson	...	...	...	60	46	...	6	30	...	54	16
21.	Readman	...	...	...	60	57	...	4	20	...	56	37
24.	Thaxter	...	...	...	61	19	...	5	00	...	56	19
25.	Roberts	...	...	...	61	50	...	5	50	...	56	00
28.	Jones	...	...	...	62	12	...	9	20	...	52	52
29.	Snell	...	...	...	62	35	...	7	40	...	54	55
33.	McMullen, Senr.	...	...	...	63	2	...	8	30	...	54	32
47.	Clayton	...	...	...	64	50	...	3	30	...	61	20
53.	Watson	65	32	...	10	00	...	55	32
55.	Halls	66	00	...	9	30	...	56	30
72.	Brunning	71	43	...	15	30	...	56	13

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After tea, C. R. Butcher (Met. W.C.) and our Frank Thomson were awarded Life Membership Certificates of the Road Walking Association.

Mr. Thomson has been one of the sport's hardest workers, and we congratulate him upon the honour.

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The following week we again invited clubs to join in with our 10 miles handicap, and nearly fifty walkers turned out on an intensely cold day. H. G. Churcher once again led the field home, and Harry Thaxter was successful in our handicap with an 8 min. allowance. Jack Rutland (4 min. 45 sec.) and W. H. Snell (9 min. 30 sec.) took the minor placings.

RESULTS.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. H. G. Churcher (B) ...	79 13	16. W. H. Jones (B) ...	90 29
2. F. J. Redman (Met.) ...	81 21	17. S. C. Roberts (B & P)...	90 36
3. J. G. Coleman (B) ...	83 7	19. R. D. McMullen (B) ...	91 28
4. J. E. Rutland (B) ...	83 36	22. J. Wilson (B) ...	92 45
6. H. E. Thaxter (B & P) ...	86 2	23. F. T. Halls (B & P) ...	93 41
8. A. H. Webb (B & P) ...	87 33	27. R. Martin (B & P) ...	94 24
9. W. H. Snell (B) ...	88 31	29. L. G. Watson (B. & P.) ...	94 50
10. A. Readman (B & P) ...	89 15	37. A. H. Bridger (B) ...	99 10

Belgrave H. (1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 14, 15, 16), 68
 tied with Met. Police W.C. (4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13) ... 68 pts.
 Belgrave H., 21 pts. Surrey W.C., 65 pts. Met. W.C., 82 pts.

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The Valentines S.C. promoted the usual 10 miles open Handicap on February 17th, and although they received a fair entry, snowy conditions in parts of London deterred many competitors from travelling. The roads in the Goodmayes district were in fair condition, however, and the race proceeded with a field of 40.

Harry Churcher was disqualified in the last two miles of the race, Redman thus having an easy win.

The handicap team race was won by Metropolitan W.C., our "B" team being second and "A" team third.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. F. J. Redman (Met.) ...	79 35	17. F. T. Halls (B) ...	90 18
4. C. E. Churcher (B) ...	84 56	24. L. G. Watson (B) ...	92 54
6. A. Readman (B) ...	86 20	28. J. Wilson (B) ...	94 48
7. W. H. Snell (B) ...	87 30	32. W. G. True (B) ...	96 44
10. R. D. McMullen (B) ...	88 13	36. W. F. Brunning (B) ...	103 19

1. Metropolitan W.C. ... 319m. 7s.
 2. Belgrave H. "B" (McMullen, Halls, Watson, Wilson) ... 322m. 43s.
 3. Belgrave H. "A" (Churcher, Readman, Snell, True) ... 327m. 50s.

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The Highgate H. Open Walk, originally postponed owing to frozen roads, was held on March 9th, and gave us another very easy team win. Our first man home was Jack Rutland, in third position; and the other team men were Coleman 5, Sutton 9, and C. E. Churcher 10.

We had a very representative entry but pressure on space will not allow us to give detailed results.

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On March 16th we landed a "double." In the Surrey substitute race held from Streatham we won by 16 points from Surrey W.C. (30) and London Vidarians (36).

RESULT.—1, J. G. Coleman, 80.53; 4, W. H. Snell, 87.19; 5, W. G. True, 87.21; 6, R. D. McMullen, 87.50; 16, J. Wilson, 93.1; 19, W. H. Jones, 95.42.

In the Middlesex race, held at Hampstead Garden Suburb, Cadogan A.C. (22 pts.) were victorious over Metropolitan W.C. (33 pts.) and Highgate H. (38 pts.).

RESULT.—1, F. J. Redman (Met.), 78.51; 3, J. E. Rutland (C.), 81.12; 6, C. F. Sutton (C.), 83.29; 8, H. E. Thaxter (C.), 85.12; 9, A. Readman (C.), 85.33; 12, F. H. Elson (C.), 88.42; 13, A. H. Webb (C.), 89.23; 20, F. T. Halls (C.), 93.42; 22, L. G. Watson (C.), 93.51; 23, S. Goold (C.), 94.0; 27, P. G. Wright (C.), 97.51.

Easter Saturday, March 23rd, was the day chosen for the first Southern 10 miles Championship, and the event was held from our quarters at Wimbledon. A good representative entry was obtained and our team were undoubtedly "favourites"—but as "favourites" so often do, we failed narrowly to take the Championship. Up to eight miles it was easily ours, but at this point Harry Churcher suffered disqualification and our lead on points became a deficit. A gallant but unavailing effort by Harry Thaxter over the last mile reduced the margin to two points, but could not displace Surrey Walking Club, whose team rose to the occasion splendidly. How we longed for the help of Jack Rutland, greatly improved this season, who was being married at the time of the race!

Heartiest congratulations go to our friends of the Surrey Walking Club on their win. Their walkers excelled themselves, and they had undoubted cause to feel very proud of themselves when the awards were presented.

Our team (incidentally, we were the first club to finish a team) was led home by our Captain, followed by Joe Coleman, who did not quite reproduce his usual form in this race. Colin Sutton gave sound support, and Thaxter as already mentioned, did all that could be expected of him. After this our men followed one another in close succession, as the result shows. We entered three teams and all closed in; and again showed the Club's great all-round walking strength.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. F. J. Redman (Met. W.C.)	79 53	24. R. D. McMullen (Bel. "B")	89 32
2. D. Christie-Murray (S.W.C.)	80 9	25. F. Rickards (Bel. "B")	89 32
3. H. H. Whitlock (Met. W.C.)	82 25	28. W. H. Jones (Bel. "B")	89 59
6. C. E. Churcher (Bel. "A")	84 9	31. A. H. Webb (Bel. "A")	90 28
7. J. G. Coleman (Bel. "A")	84 32	33. W. H. Snell (Bel. "B")	91 3
10. C. F. Sutton (Bel. "A")	85 25	34. W. G. True (Bel. "B")	91 15
13. H. E. Thaxter (Bel. "A")	86 45	37. A. H. Bridger (Bel. "C")	92 3
15. A. Readman (Bel. "A")	87 14	45. J. Wilson (Bel. "C")	93 27
18. P. G. Wright (Bel. "C")	88 14	49. F. T. Halls (Bel. "C")	95 14
20. J. C. Bidgood (Bel. "B")	88 31	51. L. G. Watson (Bel. "C")	95 37
21. S. C. Roberts (Bel. "B")	88 35	60. W. F. Brunning (Bel. "C")	100 46
23. F. H. Elson (Bel. "A")	88 54		

TEAM PLACINGS.

1. Surrey W.C. (2, 5, 11, 16) ...	34 pts.	5. Belgrave H. ("B") ...	90 pts.
2. Belgrave H. (6, 7, 10, 13) ...	36 pts.	8. Belgrave H. ("C") ...	149 pts.
3. Highgate H. (4, 12, 14, 30) ...	60 pts.		12 teams started.

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To summarise the season, our walkers can claim to have had a most successful time. Numbers throughout have been good (although Service claims have robbed us of some we should have been glad to have had with us); enthusiasm has been high, and our successes many. Harry Churcher repeatedly led our team home, although he has had an unfortunate spell in the latter part of the season. Jack Rutland is probably our most improved walker of the season. We have welcomed new members in A.

C. Beales, A. H. Webb, F. T. Halls, J. Wilson, R. D. McMullen, Junr., all of whom will greatly assist our teams; and we have been glad to see one of our warriors of the past, R. D. McMullen, out again. Our "veterans," T. W. Green, F. Rickards, C. H. Speechley, have all assisted us again, and a glance at the results appearing in this issue will show that most of our walkers have been in action.

The big race still before us is the inaugural Southern Committee of the R.W.A. 20 miles Championship, to be held from De Bohun's Farm, Enfield West, on May 4th. We hope we shall have a number of Club members there to cheer our walkers on. Our team are certain to be prominent and we have every hope of winning this Championship, for our representation will be a worthy one. Let's have as many as possible at Enfield West to help our team along!

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It is expected that there will be a fair amount of competition for track-walkers during the Summer season. Open 2 miles races are included in the Woking Railwaymen's Sports on Whit Monday; and at the North London Club's meeting at Parliament Hill Fields on May 11th. Additionally, the Southern Committee of the R.W.A. hope to promote some races during the Summer months.

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Our contribution to the Walking programme is an Hour's Walk to be held at Tooting Bec Track, on Saturday, May 25th. It is hoped that this will go a long way towards taking the place of the normal A.A.A. Championship at 7 miles, and we propose making a small award to all walkers covering seven miles or more within the hour. We expect all the principal walkers in the South to participate, and given good conditions, an excellent race should result, with many talented walkers striving to show that seven miles in an hour is simple; and eight miles in the hour, within their compass.

No doubt many Belgrave walkers will be out to show what they can do.

Ten Years Ago.

Glancing back to our Gazettes of ten years ago, we find much of interest. Our Open Walk of 1929 attracted 205 entrants (23 teams) and was won by A. H. Pope, with Tommy Green second. Our team won the scratch team race and consisted of Green, Fletcher, Scamell and Frank Elson. The Club Junior Walk was won by Elson, with E. Saunders and P. Khlopin following him home.

The Club 7 miles Cross-country title was won by H. E. Footer, who also won the handicap with a 10 seconds allowance. Jack Flower and Arthur Allum took the place medals.

Footer won the Surrey County Championship and also led our team to an easy win. Our Bert (this was certainly his year) followed this by winning the South of the Thames race and we read that this was a reward for "such magnificent services to our Club in the past seven seasons." Keep going, Bert!

The Club 10 miles Championship was also gathered in by Footer, and again he won the sealed handicap, this time from the scratch mark. J. E. Flower, A. Allum, A. Penny, S. H. Warboys and W. G. Webb followed him home in that order.

The "Murphy" Shield race held on the same day went to Len Fletcher, who beat Green by inches, with Harold King third. The sealed handicap prizes were won by S. L. King, A. A. Harley and A. L. Fletcher.

The Southern Cross Country Championship of 1930, held at Brighton Racecourse, saw Belgrave placed for the first time ever in this event. Warboys (13), Footer (21), Allum (31), Duffett (37), J. E. Flower (38) and Mitchell (49) composed the team, which gained third medals. This was followed by an excellent performance in the "National," when we finished sixth of 37 teams—and Belgrave had "arrived," or were well on the way!

The R.W.A. Junior Championship gave Belgrave another win. F. H. Elson (2), E. Saunders (7), J. E. Field (10), S. L. King (14) gave us a total of 33 points, to the 38 points of Enfield A.C.

• These were the happenings of ten years ago!

The Social Side.

Several Socials and two Dances have been held during the Winter season, and we have been glad to arrange these affairs, which give so much pleasure to our members and friends. We can ill-afford the space these days, or we could really spread ourselves on the happenings in Belgrave Hall, and at Zeeta Hall.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Charlie Redgrave and his friends, a full concert party, who came along on December 9th and delighted us all. The Boxing Day Party went with a swing, although there was room for a few more. Our "knobbly-knee" champion proved to be Charlie Jones; and Footer being used as a broom by two of the "weaker" sex, caused much laughter.

The Social season came to an end with the Carnival Social of March 30, which was well-attended. It has been decided not to hold a Dinner-Dance this year, but we hope it will not be long before we can resume these functions.

To conclude, the Social Committee are always glad to see and hear from members now serving in the Forces. At odd times, in many odd places, thoughts must come to some of our members of pleasant times enjoyed in the company of other members, of races, and social occasions. Let's hear from you!

T. F. MORRELL (Social Hon. Sec.),
3, Florian Road, S.W.15.

April 6th.

This Saturday afternoon was notable for several excellent Club performances. The runners easily won the Ilford Relay, our "B" team finishing sixth. In the Metropolitan W.C. 15 mile Walk held in Regents Park, our team won the scratch race and also the handicap team event. Harry Thaxter won the individual handicap, with C. E. Churcher (third in the scratch race) second. "Forces" prize went to Jack Rutland; and "Police" award to Jack Bidgood.

In the Finchley Harriers 20 miles road run, A. F. Mitchell finished second (2h. 2m. 29s.) and R. W. Tobin (2h. 11m. 37s.) ninth.

Altogether a good afternoon for Belgrave athletes!

From Our Track Captain.

Once again we are about to turn our attention to the Running Track and, although we shall be without several of our most prominent members, we shall still hope to be able to carry on the good work of previous years. For this to be done the full co-operation of all members will be required. Inter-club matches and Club handicaps are being arranged and particulars of these will be in the hands of all members very soon. For the Juniors, the usual Club Championships will be held, so now is the time to start getting down to it. Tooting Bec Track is now available for training and the usual Tuesday and Thursday evenings will find most members hard at it. It is open on Sunday mornings also. Either myself; the Vice-Captains, Harry Shields or Les. Bennett; or T. H. Scrimshaw (Junior Captain) will always most probably be in attendance, so if you require any information as regards training, etc., do not be afraid to ask any of the above, or any other Club Official.

To all members who are chosen to represent the Club in various matches, I wish to remind them that if they are unable to turn up, please to be sure and let the Track Captain know at least two or three days before the race to enable him to get in touch with somebody else. Thank you!

F. R. WEBB (Track Capt.),
50, Longford Avenue, Southall, Mx.

The Track Season.

Our Track programme is taking shape and members are asked to note the following dates. All Club "Home" meetings are to be held at Tooting Bec Track, and the co-operation of every member is requested.

- Sat., May 4th (Imber Court).—Surrey County 6 Miles Senior Race.
Wed., May 8th (Tooting Bec).—Club Meeting (2 Miles Run Handicap; 2 Miles Walk v. Surrey Walking Club; and other events to be arranged).
Mon., May 13th (Woking).—Woking Railwaymen's Meeting, including Surrey County Junior Championships.
Sat., May 25th (Tooting Bec).—OPEN ONE HOUR'S WALK (2/- Entry Fee).
THREE MILES OPEN TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RACE. (Teams of 4 to run, 3 to score. Fee 4/- per Team; Individuals 1/- each).
MATCH v. Herne Hill H. and Met. Police A.C.
Sat., June 8th (Broomfield Park).—Match v. Southgate Harriers.
Sat., June 15th (Windsor).—Polytechnic H. Marathon Race.
Wed., June 19th (Tooting Bec).—Club Junior Championships.
Match and Club Handicaps.
Sat., June 22nd (Chiswick).—Southern A.A.A. Junior Championships.
Wed., July 3rd (Tooting Bec).—Match v. Herne Hill H.
Sat., July 6th (Ponders End).—Ponders End Fête.
Wed., July 10th (Tooting Bec).—Club Meeting.
Sat., July 13th—A.A.A. Junior Championships.
Wed., July 24th (Tooting Bec).—Club Meeting.

It is not yet possible to give a complete list of events and fixtures, and the above list will be supplemented and amplified in due course.

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Enquiries regarding Field Events should be addressed to the Captain:—

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Club training suits can be obtained from Wakelings' Sports House, Ltd., 7 & 9, Clapham Park Road, Clapham Common, S.W.4 (Macaulay 2769); and Club vests, badges, and ties from our Hon. Treasurer:—

W. G. WEBB, 28 Avenue Gardens, Teddington, Mx.

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The Hon. Treasurer would like all outstanding subscriptions sent on to him at once. In this way you can help the Club to carry on in difficult times.

