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This issue will be too late in your hands to wish you "A Merry Christmas," but it is with all sincerity that we wish all our readers "A Very Prosperous and Successful New Year." 1934 is bound to find our Club still on the upward grade, and with the loyal and enthusiastic endeavours of all our members, we should be in the happy position of being able to look back at the conclusion of the year upon many memorable happenings.

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And if you want to make an individual New Year resolution, why not make a personal vow to help the Belgrave Building Fund as much as you are able, and as often as you are able?

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We welcome new members in F. A. Lee, J. G. Weston, R. Burgess, M. E. B. Keller, A. W. Jannaway, F. G. White, G. H. Salter, F. W. B. Gayler, F. C. Gladden, J. H. McCammond, F. J. Abberton, and wish them many successes and a long association with our Club.

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It was pleasing to see that three of our runners (A. Allum, C. T. Carter and A. W. Penny) were members of a representative team which ran against Cambridge University recently. Arthur Penny led the field home and the visiting team to victory.

A word or two as to our cross-country championship prospects. It seems that in the Southern and National championships we shall be definitely stronger than last season, whereas our principal opponents, as far as we can tell, will have to rely upon last year's strength, and in fact in some cases appear to me much weaker.

This season we hope to have Arther Allum, now fully recovered from his illness, up with his fellow-Internationals, Footer and Penny, with Carter and Flower on their heels, and the others not far away. New talent in the shape of the three brothers Patience will be making its claim for inclusion, and if their form at ten miles is anything like that at five miles, we should be greatly strengthened.

It remains for our supporters to do their bit and we hope to have a large Belgravian crowd at the "Southern," and a few at the "National," which is to be held at Dudley, to encourage our men.

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Items of general interest for our columns would be gladly received by the Hon. Editor. The more authors we have, the greater the scope, and the more interesting the "Belgravian" becomes.

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Four lectures on Field Events are to be held at the Polytechnic Institute early in the New Year. Further details may be had from our Field Events Captain, W. H. Sutton. The dates are January 19th, February 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and the lectures, which will be illustrated by films, will commence at 6-30 p.m. Admission is free.

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WITH THE WALKERS.

Congratulations to F. G. Thomson upon his election as Chairman of the Southern Committee of the Road Walking Association. His work for our sport is appreciated in all quarters and we are indeed fortunate to have such a hard, dependable worker in our ranks.

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The venue of the R.W.A. "Junior" Championship, to be held on March 3rd, has not yet been decided; but it is certain to be within easy reach of the Metropolis. Courses in Richmond Park and North London have been under consideration; but it will

be appreciated that it is a very hard task to find the ideal course and quarters for a field of between two and three hundred walkers. Accommodation must be adequate and easily accessible to those coming a long distance; roads must be wide (especially for a start), of good surface, and reasonably free from traffic; and it is generally conceded that the course should contain some rises and falls and not be dead level. In addition, the spectre of Finance raises its head, and the question of receipts and expenditure has to be seriously considered. Altogether, it will be seen that it is no easy matter to satisfy all these conditions; and to find the ideal spot for the decision of this very popular race. However, the R.W.A. may be relied upon to do their best and it should be possible to announce the "Junior" venue before very long.

Incidentally, those on whom the honour of representing the the Club in this race will fall should, with the New Year, begin to get serious and devote all their endeavours to be at the peak of fitness and condition on March 3rd. Our excellent record in this event must be maintained; and if eight fit and keen men start on our behalf, we need have no misgivings.

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Our Seniors have a long journey in May before they have the opportunity of again winning the National Championship. It has been decided to hold this twenty miles race in Sheffield, and no doubt the local club, old rivals, will fancy their chances of finishing in front of Surrey W.C. and ourselves, first and second teams in the last championship.

It is a pleasing thought, however, that in the last championship walk held in Sheffield (the "Junior" of 1926) we supplied the first two men to finish in Tommy Green and Len Fletcher.

May history repeat itself!

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It is pleasing to announce also, that the 50 kilos. Championship will be held in connection with the "Guildford" Cup Walk next June from the Surrey Walking Club's quarters at Croydon. In this way we shall avoid the spectacle of two races being held at this distance; either clashing or within a few days of each other, as has sometimes happened in the past.

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And now let us drift back from future engagements to past fixtures. As briefly mentioned in our last issue, we were successful in our match v. Polytechnic Harriers. There were many

Belgrave names in the first dozen placings. The "Poly" are fortunate, however, in having two such promising Juniors in their ranks as Stone and Denyer.

Our sealed handicap held in conjunction provided our Walking Hon. Secretary with a "First," with Bert Field second, and L. Jones, continuing in his great promise, third.

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The Open Race promoted by the Highgate Harriers from De Bohun's Farm, Southgate, found us represented, but unable to claim any of the awards. We were not at full strength, but Don Brown did well to finish in ninth position in a good class field. Bidgood also showed that he intends carrying through with his improved form at the shorter distances. Adequate support was lacking for these two, however, and we finished a few points behind the Polytechnic Harriers in the scratch team race, in third position. Incidentally, we must congratulate the Poly. H. on this win, their first for many moons in open competition; and in particular acknowledge the strenuous efforts our friend and member, A. O. Tookey, has made on their behalf. He has raised his club's numbers and strength from a small and mediocre body, to a large, improving, keen band of walkers, in the course of two years; and it must have been very gratifying to Tookey to see his team successful in a well-supported race.

The handicap flowers were not for us to pick (Dunlop W.C. won the handicap race for the third year in succession); but we left feeling that it would not be long before Belgrave would find a place in the team events.

HIGHGATE HARRIERS 7 MILES WALK.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Actual Time	All'ce	H'cap Time
1.	A. A. Cooper Woodford Gn. A.C.)	53 9	...	53 9
9.	D. E. Brown (Belgrave H.)	55 45	3 20	52 25
16.	J. C. Bidgood	57 2	4 50	52 12
19.	A. A. Harley	57 13	3 30	53 43
28.	H. Latter	57 52	3 0	45 52
30.	C. H. Speechley	58 2	4 0	54 2
36.	R. F. Elson	58 50	4 40	54 10
56.	E. C. Heather	60 28	8 0	52 28
113.	D. Willis	64 36	6 50	57 46
117.	L. F. Bailey	64 50	7 0	57 50
138.	A. Martin	68 1	12 40	55 21

TEAM SCORES.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. Dunlop W.C.	205 53	3. London Vidarians W.C.	209 12
2. Polytechnic H. "A" ...	206 2	5. Belgrave H.	210 48

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1. Polytechnic H.—5, 13, 21, 24	63 pts.
2. Surrey Walking W.C.—7, 15, 20, 22	64 pts.
3. Belgrave Harriers—9, 16, 19, 27	71 pts.

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We were represented by two teams in the Enfield A.C. Open 7 Miles Walk, and our "A" team took second handicap team prizes, Leicester W.C. being the winning team. Our team consisted of R. Martin, E. C. Heather, J. C. Bidgood and D. E. Brown. Martin again showed that he is a "Junior" to command respect, and Heather gained his first team award in splendid style, which will be taking him up with the leaders in a year or so.

In the scratch race a minor sensation was caused by the disqualification of Green when leading downhill in the last mile of the race; and this put us out of the fight for scratch team honours.

ENFIELD A.C. OPEN 7 MILES WALK.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Actual Time	All'ce	H'cap Time
1.	A. A. Cooper (Woodford Gn. A.C.)	52 46 ...	Scr. ...	52 46
15.	D. E. Brown (Belgrave H. A.)	56 16 ...	3 20 ...	52 56
19.	F. Rickards ..	A. 56 40 ...	3 0 ...	53 40
21.	J. C. Bidgood ..	A. 57 0 ...	4 50 ...	52 10
23.	A. A. Harley ..	A. 57 14 ...	3 30 ...	53 44
25.	C. H. Speechley ..	B. 57 20 ...	4 0 ...	53 20
31.	R. Martin ..	A. 58 8 ...	7 0 ...	51 8
42.	C. E. Churcher ..	A. 58 51 ...	4 0 ...	54 51
46.	E. C. Heather ..	A. 59 18 ...	8 0 ...	51 18
64.	E. A. Jackman ..	B. 61 0 ...	7 0 ...	54 0
37.	W. H. Snell ..	B. 63 11 ...	8 40 ...	54 31
95.	D. Willis ..	B. 63 33 ...	7 10 ...	56 23
132.	H. Martin ..	B. 68 27 ...	12 50 ...	55 37

HANDICAP TEAM RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. Leicester W.C. ...	205 24	3. Polytechnic H. "A"...	207 50
*2. Belgrave H. "A" ...	207 32	12. Belgrave H. "B" ...	216 28

SCRATCH TEAM RESULT.

1—Enfield A.C.	41 pts.	2—Belgrave H. "A" ...	71 pts.
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*Team consisted of Martin (R), Heather, Bidgood, Brown.

OUR "OPEN" WALK.

Our Fourteenth Annual 7 miles walk was held on November 25th and, as is usual, the Club's popularity and reputation attracted a very fine entry of 204 individuals, comprising 24 teams. Of these latter, we supplied four, our Surrey W.C. friends three, and the London Vidarians' W.C. and Polytechnic H., two each. Of the other teams, we were particularly glad to welcome two from the Provinces, Eastleigh Tn. S.C. and Dunlop W.C.

An added attraction to our race this year was that the Road Walking Association allowed the "Berman" Cup to be awarded to the first team in the scratch race. As Enfield A.C. had won the Cup on the last two occasions, and only required to win it this time to make it their own property, it was only natural that all the other clubs were extra keen to frustrate their endeavours.

Our President, J. R. McKay, started the race and before half-a-mile had been covered Johnson, of Enfield, had gained a substantial lead. At the half-distance, however, Green had caught Johnson, with Hurst, of the Cambridge H., a yard in the rear. At this point it seemed that unless something sensational happened in the second lap, we should be the winners of the scratch team event and holders of the "Berman" Cup. Eventually the finish came, Johnson leading Hurst and Green home, and Belgrave winning the scratch team race with 32 pts, Enfield scoring 53, and Surrey W.C. 63 pts. Our second man was Len Fletcher, walking in something like his old form; and third for us came Don Brown—an excellent performance. J. F. King made a welcome re-appearance and completed our team. While discussing scratch performances, it is interesting to note that we finished our fifteenth man in actual 46th position. This included our eight "B" team men, and as a sign of strength we may point out that our "B" team were placed fifth in the scratch team event.

Before the decision of the race we were not hopeful about our handicap possibilities, for the Hon. Handicapper had dispensed some ruthless "pulls" on our team which had gained second team awards in the previous Open race. However, one of the greatest sufferers in this respect, R. Martin, rose to the occasion splendidly and won the handicap with an allowance of 5min. 30 sec. He was only one second ahead, on handicap time, of another Belgravian, L. Jones, whose consistent improvement has previously earned comment in our columns. The third man in the

handicap was last season's "Junior" winner, W. J. Hogan, with an allowance of 2 min. 10 sec. Hogan must like our course, for he was second in last year's event.

With the first two in the individual handicap it was obvious that we should have the winning handicap team, and support came from C. H. Speechley and J. C. Bidgood. Fred Bentley (23rd) won the prize for the first Belgrave Harrier in the scratch race not gaining any other award.

It will be seen from the above that the Club enjoyed a large measure of success which prompted the headline, "Belgrave Sweep the Board in Their Open Race," in the *Sporting Life*.

We were particularly gratified in winning for the third time the "Berman" Cup, no other club yet having achieved three successes.

We should like to express our gratitude to the Clubs and individuals who again gave us such a splendid entry; and to the Officials who conducted the race in such an efficient manner.

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BELGRAVE H. OPEN 7 MILES WALK.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name		Actual Time	All'ce	H'cap Time
1.	J. F. Johnson (Enfield A.C.) ...		54 5	0 10	53 55
2.	A. W. Hurst (Camb. H.) ...		54 10	0 30	53 40
3.	T. W. Green (Belgrave H. A)		55 1	0 10	54 51
6.	A. L. Fletcher	A	56 22	0 10	56 12
10.	D. E. Brown	A	57 7	3 10	53 57
13.	J. F. King	A	57 30	2 40	54 50
20.	C. H. Speechley	B	58 26	4 10	54 16
23.	F. E. Bentley	B	58 43	3 40	55 3
24.	R. Martin	B	58 45	5 30	53 15
27.	J. C. Bidgood	B	59 2	4 20	54 42
33.	R. F. Elson	B	60 1	4 50	55 11
37.	A. H. Field	B	60 32	4 0	56 32
40.	C. E. Churcher	C	60 43	4 10	56 33
41.	L. Jones	B	60 46	7 30	53 16
43.	E. Saunders	C	60 59	3 20	57 39
44.	H. Latter	A	61 16	3 10	58 6
46.	E. C. Heather	B	61 26	6 40	64 46
55.	J. E. Field	C	61 57	2 40	59 17
104.	D. Willis	C	65 26	7 30	57 56

118.	A. G. White	C	66	43	11	30	55	13
136.	J. G. Coleman	C	68	30	5	30	63	0
137.	G. H. Boddington	D	68	36	7	40	60	56
147.	F. W. Chandler	D	70	15	8	30	61	45
149.	A. Martin	D	70	19	13	10	57	9
154.	A. H. East	D	71	43	8	10	63	33
157.	D. J. Heath	D	72	41	7	10	65	31
160.	F. A. Lee	D	73	51	6	50	67	1

TEAM RESULTS—SCRATCH.

1.	Belgrave H. "A"—3, 6, 10, 13	32	pts.
2.	Enfield A.C.—1, 11, 15, 26...	53	pts.
3.	Surrey W.C.—12, 14, 18, 19	63	pts.
4.	Woodford Green A.C.—4, 9, 16, 56	85	pts.
5.	Belgrave H. "B"—20, 23, 24, 27	94	pts.

HANDICAP.

	m.	s.
1. Belgrave H. "B" (R. Martin, Jones, Speechley, Bidgood)	215	29
2. Surrey W.C. "A"	217	31
3. Dunlop W.C.	218	27
6. Belgrave H. "A"	219	50
16. Belgrave H. "C"	227	21
22. Belgrave H. "D"	243	22

INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP.

1	...	R. Martin.	2	...	L. Jones.
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On December 2nd we were the guests of Surrey Walking Club at their South Croydon quarters, for a match over the Croydon—West Wickham and back (9½ miles) course. We were not as strongly represented as the previous week, but a very interesting event ensued with our hosts proving the eventual winners. They also supplied the first man home in H. A. Hake, the Stock Exchange champion, who narrowly beat Len Fletcher. Nine aside scored, and the final points were S.W.C. 78 pts., Belgrave 93 pts. We congratulate Surrey upon this win and shall do our utmost to be in front of them when the more serious business of Championships begins.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.	
1. H. A. Hake.....S.W.C.	79	25	11. H. Latter	B.H.	84	25
2. A. L. Fletcher ...B.H.	79	34	14. E. Saunders	B.H.	85	44
3. H. L. Etherington			15. A. O. Tookey.....	B.H.	86	0
			16. A. H. Field	B.H.	86	9
			20. A. A. Harley.....	B.H.	88	59
4. D. E. Brown	B.H.	82	4	21. G. H. Boddington		
6. R. Martin	B.H.	82	11			
7. J. C. Bidgood	B.H.	82	35			
				B.H.	96	22

TEAM SCORES.

Surrey Walking Club	78	pts.	Belgrave Harriers	93	pts.
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The Eastleigh Town S.C. Open Walk over a 12 miles course

was brought forward this year, and we were represented by T. W. Green, J. F. King and A. H. Field. Green led at 10 miles when he apparently was affected by the biting winds, and cramp caused him to slow down and finish sixth. Joe King was second man home, and with Bert Field completing the team, we were placed second in the scratch team race. Both scratch and team events went to the Surrey Walking Club, who had a very fine day out, for in addition they supplied first (H. L. Etherington) and third men in the scratch race.

Sergt. Bidgood gives you the "low-down" on the match against the Metropolitan Police—

If Dr. Jekyll would be suitable biographer for Mr. Hyde, when I suppose I am a suitable person to supply a few details of Belgrave's little affair with the Metropolitan Police Walking Club at Wimbledon on November 18th.

Not that I was alone in my treachery, for there were no less than six other Belgravians in the enemy camp for the day, namely, Freds Rickards and Bentley, R. Martin, Willis, Boddington (a newcomer) and Centurion A. G. White. As a slight offset we found that R. Burgess, a prominent and popular member of the M.P.W.C. before severe knee trouble compelled him to resign from the police last year, had journeyed from the Midlands especially in order to turn out against his old colleagues.

The "call-over" promised a close race and to an exciting degree such it proved to be. Scoring fifteen a side the policemen lost by the very narrow margin of six points (238 to 244). A very close thing indeed.

Len Fletcher, Don Brown and your very worthy and hard-working Walking Secretary set the pace at the start, with H. Latter in close attendance. R. Martin and the writer, supported by the Police ten mile champion, R. R. Sims, filled the next three positions. Jack Field showed promise of a return to his old form when he moved up to join the leaders in the early stages, but he seemed to lack just that little extra degree of stamina which the course always seems to demand, although by normal standards his time for the full journey must be accounted good.

Fletcher was obviously never extended, and Brown, too, seemed to have plenty in hand. How much they had in hand can be gathered from the result table below. Rickards and Bentley came through strongly at the finish, and so deprived the writer of the honour of being first policeman home, but not quite strongly enough to catch Master Alfred. In both time and style Martin's

performance came as a firm endorsement of the things we had read of him in the last edition of the "Gazette."

After faltering slightly near the half-way mark, H. Latter fought out a fine finish to beat one of the Club's most promising juniors (forgive me, Charlie!)—C. H. Speechley. A former Belgravian, T. W. Salmon, who left the Club on removing to North London a season or two ago, showed good form in finish-sixth for the Police, and in time but a few seconds behind Sims, Churcher Senior, and Field Senior.

Fourteenth in 61 min. 54 sec., L. Jones showed some of the form which earned him the distinction of being last season's most promising novice.

The day, of course, was a triumph for Belgrave, for the four policemen home were enemies for the day only. The writer must, however, record this one protest: although one could have nothing but admiration for Mr. Secretary Harley's thoroughness in "S.O.S.-ing" second-claim members Tookey, Sutton & Co., surely it was hardly fair to want to bring in non-members? Believe it or not, gentlemen, but I was only just in time to prevent him handing out a number card to a Surrey Walking Club member who had turned up—a week too soon—for the Club "Open"!

J.C.B.

Hon. Editor's Note.—The above reached me with a covering letter which said, "You challenged me to this, so your blood be on your own head! Publish it verbatim or not at all. (I shouldn't quarrel with an Editor's Note or two, of course)."

And so, thanks to our contributor's magnanimity, I am permitted to make a few observations. I freely admit I lack our friend's professional ability to describe things as they are not, and I fear I can never meet him on equal terms in the imaginative sphere. And so I take my stand firmly on the rock of Truth, and plead "Not Guilty" on all counts, and await the acquittal which an enlightened, discerning, erudite Great British Public will undoubtedly award. Police evidence! Ha! ha! That's me scoffing!

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. A. L. Fletcher .....B	57	29	22. P-c. Nash	P	64 5
2. D. E. Brown .....B	58	38	23. P-c. Hamilton	P	64 14
3. A. A. Harley .....B	58	49	24. E. Saunders	B	64 25
4. P-c. Rickards .....P	59	1	25. P-c. Toogood	P	65 1
5. P-c. Bentley .....P	59	14	26. P-c. Roffey	P	65 24
6. P-c. Bidgood .....P	59	17	27. P-c. Willis	P	65 41

Martin also improved upon his "Open" time and with Jones and others should be even better in three months' time.

RESULT.

No.	Name.		Allce.	H'cap Time.	H'cap Pos.
1.	C. H. Speechley	... 57 0	... 0 50	... 56 10	... 1
2.	R. Martin	... 57 52	... 1 15	... 56 37	... 3
3.	L. Jones	... 60 27	... 4 10	... 56 17	... 2
4.	R. F. Elson	... 61 11	... 2 30	... 58 41	... 4
5.	D. J. Heath	... 73 21	... 10 15	... 63 6	... 5

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Jan. 20—Cambridge H. Open Walk (7 miles). N.B.—CANCELLED.

Jan. 27—Club 10 miles Championship and Sealed Handicap.

Feb. 3—L.C.C.T. S.C. Open Walk (7 miles).

Feb. 17—Ashcombe A.C. Open Walk (10 miles).

Mar. 3—R.W.A. Junior Championship (10 miles).

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Alf Taylor leads off with his account of

BELGRAVE H. v. ASHCOMBE A.C.
AND THAMES VALLEY HARRIERS.

A cold wind and drizzling rain greeted the 68 stalwart athletes that represented Ashcombe A.C., T.V.H. and Belgrave H. in the inter-club race at Wimbledon on October 28th. After the usual rush at the start, Carter and Shields were making the pace with several Belgrave and T.V.H. men in close attendance. At Beverley Brook the field had become well strung out and Arthur Allum came through to take the lead and eventually to finish first, with Carter 2nd and Shields 3rd. The next five positions were all filled by Belgrave men, thereby assuring us of an easy victory in the team race. Cohen finished first for Ashcombe, filling the 13th position, and Phipps, the first T.V.H. man, being 9th. Our sealed handicap held in conjunction proved to be an all-junior affair. G. M. Murray ran well to win, and we hope his victory will urge him to greater efforts. A. T. Jordan finished 2nd, and Chantler 3rd, and both the last-mentioned should do big things in the future if they listen to advice and train conscientiously, as they have done up to the present.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name		Time Actual	H'cap	Time H'cap	H'cap Pos. in
1.	A. Allum ... (B) ...	...	29 31	0 30	29 1	13
2.	C. Carter ... (B) ...	...	29 41	1 0	28 41	11
3.	H. Shields ... (B) ...	...	29 47	1 45	28 2	5
4.	F. Walker ... (B) ...	...	30 34	2 30	28 4	6
5.	A. T. Jordan ... (B) ...	...	30 39	2 30	28 11	7
6.	A. F. Taylor ... (B) ...	...	30 41	3 30	27 9	2
7.	S. T. Ring ... (B) ...	...	30 47	2 15	28 32	10
8.	H. E. Footer ... (B) ...	...	30 53	Scr.	30 53	27
9.	J. Marshall ... (T) ...	...	30 55	—	—	—
10.	A. Phipps ... (T) ...	...	31 5	—	—	—
11.	F. Abberton ... (B) ...	...	31 7	1 15	29 52	20
12.	W. Rice ... (B) ...	...	31 11	1 30	29 41	19
13.	H. J. Cohen ... (A) ...	...	31 20	—	—	—
14.	C. Chantler ... (B) ...	...	31 25	3 45	27 40	3
15.	F. R. Webb ... (B) ...	...	31 37	1 30	30 7	22
16.	A. Shaw ... (B) ...	...	31 37	2 0	29 37	18
17.	C. Penny ... (B) ...	...	31 46	3 15	28 31	9
18.	A. Penny ... (B) ...	...	31 53	Scr.	31 53	29
20.	F. Summerfield (B) ...	...	32 8	2 45	29 23	15
21.	A. Lindsey ... (B) ...	...	32 13	2 45	29 28	16
22.	W. G. Webb ... (B) ...	...	32 15	2 15	30 0	21
26.	G. M. Murray (B) ...	...	32 45	5 45	27 0	1
27.	J. E. Flower... (B) ...	...	32 48	1 15	31 33	23
29.	T. Cotton ... (B) ...	...	33 1	3 30	29 31	17
30.	N. Dewberry ... (B) ...	...	33 4	2 45	30 19	24
34.	C. Tame ... (B) ...	...	33 34	3 0	30 34	25
39.	P. Khlopin ... (B) ...	...	34 2	—	—	—
41.	D. Sargent ... (B) ...	...	34 5	6 15	27 50	4
43.	H. L. Rollins ... (B) ...	...	34 8	4 0	30 8	23
45.	W. Goodman ... (B) ...	...	34 23	6 0	28 23	8
48.	D. Sloper ... (B) ...	...	34 37	4 0	30 37	26
50.	A. Beavan ... (B) ...	...	34 47	5 45	29 2	14
61.	A. Jannaway ... (B) ...	...	35 46	7 0	28 46	12

Scoring 11 aside the result was as follows—

Belgrave H.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15	...	...	77 pts.
Thames V. H.—9, 10, 18, 22, 23, 30, 31, 35, 39, 41, 46	...	...	304 pts.
Ashcombe A.C.—12, 24, 27, 32, 34, 36, 37, 43, 45, 51, 52	...	...	393 pts.

AT EPSOM.

November 11th was the day our Juniors had been waiting for—the day on which they were going to show the world at large that they were a force to be reckoned with in the art of running over country.

It was a miserable afternoon when our boys lined up with some hundred odd other runners from various clubs. They were not very promising at the start, excepting S. Ring, who was in the

twenties. Passing the Grandstand on the first round, the team had improved on their bad start but as far as individual placings were concerned, at this stage we were, unfortunately, not in it.

On the second lap a lot of our boys were running with that "Footer" expression and were making havoc of the opposition (no apology needed to Bert!) and we eventually finished second, our best performance since 1928. Well done, Juniors! A performance they can better next year!

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. A. B. Hitchings			44 F. Sumerfield	A	29 31
R.N. & R.M.	27	38	52. A. Lindsey	A	29 40
2. H. James R.N. & R.M.	—	—	53. J. Smith	B	29 41
3. W. Butler St. G. S.C.	—	—	104. W. F. Goodman ...	B	30 44
6. S. T. Ring.....	A	28 12	133. A. Beavan	B	31 27
17. E. Saunders	A	28 56	135. D. Sargent	A	31 29
23. G. Chantler	A	29 5	150. D. Sloper	B	31 53
29. C. Penny	A	29 12			

TEAM PLACINGS.

1—Royal Navy and Marines	19 pts.
2—Belgrave H. "A"	75 pts.
3—St. George's S.C.	79 pts.

H.L.R. on the air, commentating on

OUR FIXTURE WITH R.A.F. (UXBRIDGE), KENSINGTON A.C. AND EALING HARRIERS AT EALING, NOV. 25th.

Hullo, everybody! Once again we were visitors to Ealing Harriers' Headquarters, and our little band of 13 was very warmly welcomed.

There were 42 starters. Our men did not fare too well over the first stage; gradually, however, the Bels. settled down, and were soon taking the lead. Jack Flower, D. Patience and Abberton were running 1, 2 and 3, closely followed by Shields, F. R. Webb, Saunders and R. Patience. Scoring seven a side this looked good. The course was not heavy. This suited our fellows, and on the way home the three leaders had decided to run in together. I would mention the trail had been carefully set down, but Jack took the wrong turning (a bad habit of his!) when a mile from home, taking D. Patience (affectionately known as "Spud") and Abberton with him. Harry Shields (having been so well schooled by Capt. Bert Footer and, no doubt, bearing in mind Footer's instructions and commands, never to disobey a Captain's or leader's orders) followed the

three strays. Also F. R. Webb, Saunders and R. Patience went off the trail. Having been called back to the right track by the Ealing men, the Bels. set about regaining the lead again. It was a hard task and D. Patience and Jack Flower just failed to catch the Ealing man, Thomas. It was gratifying to see the three brothers Patience running so well, and young J. C. Smith ran well and has the making of a very good team man, with time and experience.

Alf Taylor, feeling the effects of a cold, had an off-day, and W. W. Mitchell appeared to be troubled with his shoes.

An old member of ours, Canard, ran for the R.A.F. and finished 25th. Crewdson, a former member of Croydon Harriers, also with the airmen, filled 21 position.

Ealing Harriers were not concerned because our fellows had been deprived of the lead, but leaving the result of the race according to the order in which the men finished, we won this pleasant fixture. A vote of thanks to "Strube," I mean H. Parker, for his kind work as an official.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. F. Thomas .....E	31	40	14. A. Taylor .....B	32	17
2. D. Patience .....B	31	41	15. R. Patience .....B	32	18
3. J. E. Flower .....B	31	42	23. E. Saunders .....B	32	27
5. F. R. Webb .....B	32	1	24. E. Patience .....B	32	28
10. F. Abberton .....B	32	5	35. W. W. S. Mitchell...B	34	31
11. J. C. Smith .....B	32	6	38. T. J. Flower .....B	35	26
12. H. W. Shields .....B	32	7	40. W. Goodman .....B	—	40

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H.—2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14,	...	...	...	57	pts.
Ealing H.—1, 4, 6, 13, 16, 18, 19	...	...	...	77	pts.
Kensington A.C.—7, 8, 9, 17, 20, 22, 28	...	...	...	111	pts.
R.A.F. (Uxbridge)—21, 25, 31, 34, 36, 37, 39	...	...	...	223	pts.

Joe Flower is tempted to relate "When I was young ——" but satisfies himself with describing

THE SURREY COUNTY YOUTHS' RACE.

This race was held over a heavy three miles course at Lower Morden, and was confined to those between the ages of 16—19 years. Our team finished third—quite a good performance for our young runners. Our first man home was Chantler, who was third in the actual race; Martin did well to finish 8th, considering that he had come a nasty cropper in the early stages, when he was well leading the field. Pointer, who has scored in our team previously, was our third man to finish; Merryman, our

fourth man home, deserves much praise, as I hear from Dick Savage that he has only been in training a month or so.

Altogether, it may be said that our Juniors show great potentialities, and we can say in all sincerity "Well done! Keep it going!"

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. D. Brickwood M.A.C.	17	20	23. A. Merryman	20	25
3. G. R. Chantler...B.H.	18	10	26. E. Hewitt	20	49
8. D. Martin .....B.H.	18	28	30. G. Owens	20	21
14. E. Pointer .....B.H.	19	40	46. J. Crilly	21	22

TEAM SCORES.

1. Mitcham A.C.—1, 4, 5, 17	...	...	...	...	27 pts.
2. Caterham A.C.—2, 6, 10, 13	...	...	...	...	31 pts.
3. Belgrave H.—3, 8, 14, 23	...	...	...	...	48 pts.

T. J. Flower discourses on

BELGRAVE H. v. 2nd SCOTS GUARDS.

On Saturday, December 2nd, we had a very interesting match with the Scots Guards, from our Headquarters at Wimbledon. The race was decided over our 7 miles course, 10 men aside to score. About 30 runners faced the starter on an ideal day for a cross-country run. At the end of the first half-mile the "Bels" were well to the fore. J. E. Flower was leading, closely followed by Carter, Rice, Taylor and Smith. Coming up the hill about 3 miles out, Carter had taken the lead and, running very strongly with that natural easy style of his, he was gradually dropping the rest of the field. At this point J. E. Flower was 2nd about 50 yards behind, Alf Taylor 3rd another 80 yards further back with "Bill" Rice and J. C. Smith leading a small batch a few yards away.

On the second circuit Carter had gained more ground and appeared to be running very comfortably, although he was covering the ground at a very fast rate, as his time at the finish shows. J. E. Flower was second. He also appeared to have had a comfortable race. Alf Taylor, who finished third, was close behind, running very strongly. Then came "Bill" Rice and J. C. Smith, Bill getting the better of Smith over the last mile. Smith is to be congratulated on his very good running. He is making very rapid improvement and undoubtedly will prove a decided asset to the Belgrave teams in the near future.

The first Guardsman to finish was Guardsman Knox. He finished in the 6th position. The "Bels" won the match with

40 points to spare, but it is interesting to note that the Guards closed their team in before ours. It was quite a good race to watch, and our opponents were a very sporty and sociable crowd. We hope to meet them again next year.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. C. T. Carter .....B	39 17	14. D. Stewart .....S.G.	44 34
2. J. E. Flower .....B	40 34	15. E. Beavan .....B.	44 45
3. A. E. Taylor .....B	40 46	16. L-Cpt. Thomson S.G.	44 46
4. W. Rice .....B	41 18	17. D. Sergeant ...	B. 45 7
5. J. C. Smith .....B	41 22	18. C. Steele .....S.G.	45 21
6. Knox, W. ....S.G.	41 55	19. L-Cpl. Rae.....S.G.	45 40
7. C. Swingler .....S.G.	42 52	20. F. G. White .....B.	45 48
8. W. G. Webb .....B	43 31	21. L. Reddix .....S.G.	46 0
9. S. Derry .....S.G.	43 33	22. W. Thomson .....S.G.	46 0
10. F. Ford .....B.	43 34	23. K. Ellis .....S.G.	46 8
11. L-Sgt. Slimon ...S.G.	43 52	24. A. Jannaway .....B.	46 26
12. L-Cpl. Elder. ....S.G.	44 11	25. W. Carnie .....B.	47 30
13. M. Miles .....S.G.	44 14		

Scoring 10 a side.

Belgrave H.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 17, 20 85 pts.
 2nd Batt. Scots Guards—6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19 ... 125 pts.

T. J. FLOWER.

Bill Rice on the

7 MILES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The "Blackstaffe" Shield Race for 1933 brought together the hottest field for a Club Championship that I can remember. A match with Cadogan A.C. was arranged in conjunction, and the keen rivalry existing between our Surrey and Middlesex members caused all this unusual enthusiasm.

The Cadogan crowd were (I nearly said "quietly"—far from that, however!) confident and that they had reasons for this confidence I must admit. Forward running by Saunders, Taylor and Shields, the three very useful soldier brothers, R., E. and D. Patience, Art Allum and Jack Flower were also in good trim, and lastly had they not dug dear old Syd Warboys from his armchair? So being a nice day our Sydney obliged!

In the dressing-room Middlesex County vests were being displayed rather prominently with little effect upon us except to comment on the bizarre appearance when one competitor proceeded to place a Belgrave sleeveless vest over the county vest.

Jack Flower caused a fluttering in the camp by arriving late, and Harry had cast many anxious eyes at first the clock, then the door, and his relief was very apparent when "J.E." eventually arrived.

With Jack Flower ready we got along to the start. There were 26 starters and the start was fairly fast, and automatically Art Penny was in front, with Arthur Allum close up. On the far side of the starting field Syd Warboys found a bit of speed and went through to the front, immediately causing Penny and Allum to draw away from the field. Going across the Golf links the order was Penny, Allum, Carter, J. E. Flower, H. Shields, R. Patience and Warboys.

Penny put in some good running down Sandy Hill and got away from Allum, and the others had settled down in practically the same order mentioned previously. Bert Footer came through at this point, but was not in the best of trim, as I managed to hang on to him for well over two miles. The half-way mark was passed with Art Penny well clear of Arthur Allum some 25 seconds up, with Allum a little distance ahead of Carter, Jack Flower being fourth. R. Patience was fifth, remarkably good running for this boy. Shields came next, looking very worried. In fact he stopped shortly afterwards, only to be stirred up by Syd Warboys and Alf Shaw, who were together.

Footer was next with the other two Patience brothers and myself on his heels. Dan was not going too good. The hard going had stiffened him up somewhat: Footer, from Sandy Hill onwards, put in some very good work and passed one or two, but otherwise the positions remained very nearly the same.

Micky Walker ran a strong second lap to finish twelfth, thereby making a Belgrave win almost a certainty. The scoring was very close, however, as we finish up two points to spare. Bert Footer, in passing Warboys, Shields and R. Patience over the second lap made all the difference. Of the others, young Martin ran exceedingly well, deservedly winning the handicap from two of the Patience brothers. "R" was second, and "E" was third.

Alf Taylor disappointed a little over the second lap, but undoubtedly the fast going was the undoing of most of the field as quite a few fell away rather badly in the second lap.

One cannot close without mention of the remarkable time set up by Arthur Penny in beating last year's time by well over a minute. In fact, the times shew form that augurs well for the forthcoming Championships and it is possible for us to turn out twelve men good enough to win both the Metropolitan

County Championships: Cadogan A.C. "The Middlesex," and Belgrave H. "The Surrey."
 Anyway, here's to hoping!

RESULTS.

Pos.	Name	Club	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos. in H'cap
1.	A. W. Penny	B	38 4	...	38 4	9
2.	A. Allum	C	38 50	0 30	38 20	11
3.	C. T. Carter	B	39 18	1 0	38 18	10
4.	J. E. Flower	C	39 32	1 30	38 2	8
5.	H. E. Footer	B	39 48	0 10	39 28	21
6.	R. Patience	C	39 52	2 30	37 22	3
7.	A. R. Shaw	B	40 11	2 15	37 56	6
8.	S. H. Warboys	C	40 14	1 15	38 59	18
9.	H. W. Shields	C	40 15	1 45	38 30	13
10.	W. A. Rice	B	40 18	2 30	37 48	4
11.	E. Patience	C	40 30	3 30	37 0	2
12.	F. A. Walker	B	40 42	2 45	37 57	7
13.	D. Patience	C	41 2	2 15	38 47	14
14.	A. E. Taylor	C	41 8	3 15	37 53	5
15.	D. Martin	B	41 20	5 15	36 5	1
16.	W. W. S. Mitchell	B	41 22	2 30	38 52	†15
17.	N. R. Dewberry	B	42 25	3 30	38 55	17
18.	F. R. Webb	C	42 47	2 30	40 17	24
19.	C. H. E. Penny	B	43 3	3 30	39 33	20
20.	J. C. Smith	C	43 16	3 45	39 31	19
21.	W. G. Webb	B	43 16	2 45	40 31	25
22.	A. Beavan	B	44 28	6 0	38 28	12
23.	S. L. King	B	45 11	5 30	39 41	22
24.	D. Sargeant	B	46 9	6 0	40 9	23
25.	A. W. Jannaway	B	46 22	7 30	38 52	†15

† Dead Heat.

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H.—1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12	...	...	...	38 pts.
Cadogan A.C.—2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11	...	...	...	40 pts.

WITH THE RUNNERS.

This is a reminder of the forthcoming attractions during the next few weeks. All cross-country members should now be tuning up for the many Championships which follow each other thick and fast during the remainder of the season. Only the teams turning out the fittest men can win, so it is up to all the members to get as fit as possible and so help make this a bumper year for the "Club." I should like to mention that the "Juniors" should get into touch with their Captain and Coach, Mr. R. J. Savage. He is only too willing to help youngsters on as those

who have been under his care will substantiate. So get acquainted with your captain and improve your running.

30th December is set aside for our "Junior" Cross-Country Championship (5 miles). This is an event open to all our members who are under 21 years of age on the day of the race. This is the first time the Club has promoted a race of this kind, so it is up to you juniors to send it off with a bang and have a good try at becoming the first Belgrave cross-country champion.

Packs will be organised for training runs for the senior members.

January 6th.—Social run with the Epsom H., Croydon H. and Mitcham A.C. over the Epsom Downs. This fixture should be well supported as the Surrey County hold their Championship over this country on the following week.

January 13th.—County Championship Day. We naturally wish to retain the Surrey C.C.C., and a Team will be entered by the Club with this object in view. At the same time a number of our members will be competing in the Middlesex Championship and we hope for a "double."

January 20th.—Surrey County Junior Cross-Country Championship at Imber Court. A Team will be entered by the Club for this event. The Seniors have a fixture with Mitcham, Epsom, and Croydon H., from Mitcham's Headquarters. All cross-country members should be out this week in view of our ten miles Championship next week.

January 27th.—Ten Miles Championship Day with the usual sealed handicap in conjunction. This race will have an important bearing on the constitution of our teams in the Championships, so let's see you at your very best on this day. A Social follows the fixture.

February 3rd.—Run with Mitcham A.C., Croydon H., and Epsom H. at Croydon.

February 10th.—South of the Thames Senior C.C. Championship at Brighton.

MY MOST THRILLING RACE.

(No. 2—A. W. PENNY).

FOREWORD.—In the last issue of our "Mag.," the "Belgravian," "Tommy" Scrimshaw started us off with a very satisfactory description of his most thrilling race, and very ably described the feelings of a well-trained athlete keyed up for his big race. In this issue Arthur Penny continues with the good work, and has given a description of his feelings is what he considers his most exciting race. However, it is not only the internationals who have these exciting events; practically everybody who participates in athletics gets his "thrill" at some time or other, so be prepared to put pen to paper and write up your experiences, as you may be the next one called upon to contribute to these interesting and entertaining articles.

THE NATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, MARCH 11th, 1933.

I think that I can safely say that last season's National C.C.C. was my most thrilling race. It was a beautiful day in March, when 340 odd runners lined up in Alderley Park, Cheshire, each with the same idea.

Bang! We are off on our ten miles "sprint," and what a start!—each man straining every nerve and sinew to get in front of the next.

More by luck than judgment I was well placed in the seventh position, at the end of the first mile, with Bailey (Salford), Holden (Tipton), Evenson (Salford), Webster (Birchfield), Dodd (Wirral A.C.) and Sutherland (Birchfield) in front of me.

What a pace they were setting! It really was terrific, and how I managed to go with them I really do not know. For the next six miles I was content to run with "Jock" Sutherland and moved up with him. We were continually passing each other, but never getting far away.

During this time "Our Bert" was making a really magnificent fight in catching us and (I say this in all sincerity) to be placed in the "thirties" at the end of two miles, in a race of this description and class, and to grind through like he did was sheer grit. I doubt if anyone else in the race could have done it.

At the end of the third lap ($7\frac{1}{2}$ miles) Dodd had joined Even-

son, Sutherland was 3rd, Holden 4th, myself 5th, and Bert 6th. With that effortless stride of his, Bert passed me, gained ten yards, and then I caught him, and we ran together for the next two miles, with no quarter given.

The last half-mile. Bert passes Sutherland for 3rd place, and leaves me standing. Sutherland catches him with a terrific burst, and holds him for nearly 300 yards, eventually going away with another burst.

With feelings of relief I see the finishing straight, with Bert a few yards in front of me. I catch him, and beat him by the proverbial yard for 4th place.

It is all over! Consistent training has had its reward, and barring accidents I am sure of my colours!

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Our last Social evening, preceded by tea, held on November 4th, sent a large crowd of Belgravians and their friends home at 11-30 p.m. feeling well satisfied; and in the knowledge that it would have been very difficult to obtain an evening's entertainment as enjoyable at ten times the cost elsewhere. The spirit of sociability, the informality, and the feeling of uncertainty as to what the lads will do next, all add to the attractiveness of these evenings; and it is a pity that we cannot have more. But, unfortunately, we are all slaves of the purse, and it is a regrettable but undeniable fact that we usually lose money on these affairs. Our Social Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear of means of remedying this; but meanwhile, make a note of January 27th and come along to tea and the social evening which follows. See something of the Club 10 miles championships in the afternoon and then stay on for tea and the fun.

To revert to November 4th. We were happy to have with us Croydon, Epsom and Mitcham athletes and their friends.

The band coaxed almost everyone on to the floor, and Tom Cotton's songs were greatly appreciated. The lads performed "Little Nell" with tragic feeling. Carter's entrance as a be-whiskered policeman on a piebald steed, held up the action for some minutes, but eventually it concluded amid thunderous applause. Then, on with the dance, some unofficial acrobatics and floor grovelling by old friends in "Castor" and "Oil"—and on until Time cut short our pleasure. All of which seems a

very prosaic account of what transpired, but it is impossible to capture the spirit of the evening for transmission to paper. You must come along yourself!

A further dance has been held at "The Queensberry Hall," South Kensington, on November 25th, and attracted a large number of members and friends, all of whom appeared to enjoy themselves to the full. Our next dance at this hall is on January 13th, when we hope to surpass our previous numbers.

So make a note of these two Social Events fast approaching:—

Jan. 13—Dance. Queensberry Hall.

Jan. 27—Tea and Social. Wimbledon.

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