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INTRODUCTION.

It has long been the desire of many of those of our members mostly concerned with the management and welfare of the Belgrave Harriers that we might have a periodical publication whereby the activities of the Club could be more closely presented to our members and friends thus increasing their interest and developing the feeling of good comradeship which is so great a part of the Club's objectives.

This issue of “The Belgravian” has been produced after considerable thought, having regard to the cost incurred and the work entailed amid the pressure of much other business and the demands of “training.” If however this effort in any way achieves the object it is wished to attain, then we shall be happy in the knowledge that the time has been well spent and the cost amply repaid.

It is our intention of producing “The Belgravian” quarterly throughout this year when we hope to be justified in making a regular monthly appearance.

We have little doubt that with the support and co-operation of all, which we feel sure that we shall receive, that our Gazette will have the same success which has rewarded our efforts in other directions during the past.

GENERAL.

With the publication of this issue, six months of the Season have elapsed and in consequence a considerable number of reports of races and other matter have been crowded out owing to lack of available space. With a more regular appearance space will be found for contributions of general interest from members, who are requested to forward their matter to the Hon. Editor as early as possible. Later we shall endeavour to obtain a general report from our Hon. Secretary which will contain more detail of what is to be done rather than of matter which has passed.

Our Social Hon. Secretary will keep us well posted of his attractions and no regrets need then be expressed for missing any of his enjoyable evenings.

We have previously expressed the hope, that with support, we shall be justified in making a regular monthly appearance, but it is well to let it be known that this can only be done by every member doing his bit to make this Gazette a success. The easiest way to ensure this is for everyone to become a regular subscriber and a worthy "Belgravian."

We especially request that any old members who can supply records of the Club from the date of its foundation in 1887 will forward these to enable us to compile a complete history of the Club. Any books or papers sent will be returned as soon as the contents can be copied.

The Hon. Editor will welcome any criticism but he wishes this to be constructive and not destructive.

CROSS COUNTRY

With the decision of our "Macher Shield" race for the Club 10 mile Cross Country Championship on March 28th, we brought the Season to a close. Reviewing this as a whole we may rest fairly well satisfied, although candidly, just a little disappointed in some directions. We are prepared to admit that the gaining of "open" team championships is not necessarily the be all and end all of our desires, but these do indicate the Athletic prosperity of the Club, whereby we may make ourselves more prominent in the Athletic world.

What has been really most noticeable is the somewhat poor-ness in our numbers and although we have welcomed a number of new faces over the Country we have to deplore the absence of a few who might reasonably have been distinctly useful in our teams.

There appears to exist a feeling among some members that Cross Country is "no good for the track," but a search for the justification of this feeling has not been found. We can find several instances of men who have been chiefly considered as "track men" who have tried "Country," have done well in this, and have returned with greater success to the track than before.

Why then this dread of "slowing up?"

It is possibly rather late to discuss this matter very fully and premature to urge our members to run over Country next Season. We do hope however that a larger number of our men will seriously consider the matter and endeavour to give their support to the Cross Country Section in the future.

Throughout the past Season we have competed in four ordinary Inter-Club Team races and four "open" Championships. In the former we won three and were placed second in the other. It was just a little regretted that this defeat should have occurred over our own course at Wimbledon especially as the margin was only one point.

In the Championships we were second in the South of Thames Surrey "Junior," a position we filled last year with the same score. Third in the Surrey County Championship at Epsom a position likewise filled last year, ninth in the South of Thames C.C.A. Championship at Dartford and fourteenth in the Southern Counties at Beaconsfield. Both these latter events showed improvement on last year.

Of Club events we held the usual 3 mile Road handicap in October and our 7 mile and 10 mile Championships and Sealed handicaps on Jan. 31st and March 28th respectively. In the Championships we congratulate new holders in each event, the "Blackstaffe Shield" being won by K. B. O'Kell and the "Macher Shield" by H. E. Footer.

Undoubtedly the most pleasing feature of the Season has been the fine consistent running by Footer. He has been first man home for the Club in every "open" race and in each other Inter-Club team race with two exceptions. Narrowly beaten by K. B. O'Kell in the 7 mile, he won the 10 fairly comfortably. We feel sure no one has been a more worthy holder of a Belgrave Championship.

Some necessarily brief detail of some of the chief events are appended.

South of Thames Surrey "Junior."

At Epsom Downs, 15th November

Pos		Time
5	H. E. Footer	29.46
6	K. B. O'Kell	30.6
14	A. E. Smith	30.31
18	W. L. Bayliss	30.47

Team Placings (13 competed)

	Pts
1 Croydon S.C.	42
2 Belgrave H.	43
3 Redhill A.C.	55

Surrey County Championship.

At Epsom Downs, 6th December

Pos		Time
9	H. E. Footer	29.47
13	K. B. O'Kell	30.15
18	F. L. Buckingham	30.28
28	A. E. Smith	30.41
35	J. G. Flatt	31.3
36	W. L. Bayliss	31.5

Team Placings (12 competed)

	Pts.
1 Surrey A.C.	55
2 Epsom H.	130
3 Belgrave H.	139

"Blackstaffe Shield" Race.

Club 7 mile C.C. Championship and Sealed Handicap

At Wimbledon, January 31st.

	Start H.	Time	Actual P. H.
1 K. B. O'Kell	0 25 45 5½	45 30½	2
2 H. E. Footer	0 45 44 49	45 34	1
3 F. Buckingham	1 10 45 36	46 46	3
4 A. E. Smith	1 10 46 40	47 40	7
5 G. F. Easton	3 15 46 12	49 27	4
6 R. J. Savage	2 30 47 29	49 59	6
7 G. Stull	2 35 47 58	50 33	10
8 H. J. Coxhead	4 0 46 55	50 55	8
9 H. W. Smith	3 15 48 2	51 17	11
10 J. D. Andrews	5 15 46 32	51 47	6
11 J. G. Flatt	1 15 50 34	51 49	12
12 J. H. Webb	6 0 46 31	52 31	5
13 A. J. Lamm	6 30 46 54	53 24	8

also started A. D. Pyer

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1910	C. F. Blow	44 0
1911	R. A. Ilsley	43 50
1912	J. J. Carroll	43 10
1913	J. J. Carroll	43 19½
1914	H. J. Sexton	40 14
1915	H. Foster	43 52½
1916	H. Foster	39 23
1917-18-19	No Race	
1920	C. C. Arnold	43 50
1921	J. F. Gray	41 50
1922	J. F. Gray	42 42
1923	J. G. Flatt	39 28
1924	A. D. Pyer	39 34

The Course has been altered at various dates, which accounts for large differences in the times.

"Macher Shield" Race.

Club 10 mile C C Championship and
Sealed Handicap

At Wimbledon, March 28th

Pos		Start	H	time	Actual	P	H
1	H E Footer	scr	60	26	60	26	3
*2	K B O'Kell	scr	63	13	63	13	8
*2	A E Smith	3 15	59	58	63	13	1
4	W. L Bayliss	2 30	60	55	63	25	5
5	G Still	3 10	62	21	65	31	7
6	T Webb	5 15	60	40	65	55	4
7	G F Easton	6 0	60	3	66	3	2
8	R. Mullings	3 15	64	7	67	22	9
9	R J Savage	4 15	64	15	68	30	10
10	J. H. Webb	9 15	61	40	70	55	6

~ Dead Heat

Also started, F Buckingham, F E
Slatter, C Davis, H Herring

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1923 A D Pye 55 21

1924 A D Pye 56 20

This year [the Course was increased in
distance

ROAD WALKING

"That it is easier to gain a reputation than to maintain it" would seem to be the experience of our walkers after their success in the National Championship last year. We may however be very well content with that which has been achieved throughout the season, for if we have not exactly carried all before us we have done sufficient to uphold our honours

Certainly we should look forward to this year's National with a good deal more confidence than we had last year.

Scanning briefly over the events that have taken place our 7 mile open at Wimbledon on November 29th, takes pride of place

This race is now firmly established in the Road Walking Season Fixtures and again attracted the largest entry of any open handicap of the year. It was doubly satisfactory therefore to secure the team race ourselves and also supply the first and third man in the handicap. J. Rathbone took the 1st prize, A. H. East the 3rd, whilst

C. H. Rogers and J. N. Thomas completed the winning four.

On December 13th we were represented in the Enfield A C. 7 mile walk and in this J. N. Thomas secured 3rd place and together with C. H. Rogers, C. H. Speechley and A. H. East took 2nd prizes in the team event.

On Boxing Day whilst we were holding our usual holiday meeting in Battersea Park we were represented in the Surrey Walking Club Croydon to Godstone and back walk by what was described elsewhere as a C3 team. That however was a libel on R. D. McMullen, E. A. Wall and R. W. Ricketts for they finished 2nd, 4th and 6th in the race and scoring 9 points secured the team event from the promoting Club with a score of 12 with the rest nowhere.

A further success was gained in the Cambridge H. 10 mile race on January 24th when S. L. King and J. B. Carne finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the individual handicap and in the team race secured first place with the assistance of E. A. Wall and C. H. Speechley.

The Club 10 mile Championship for the R. Murphy Shield was decided at Wimbledon on Feb. 7th and in the absence of the holder H. F. King who is now in the Gold Coast of West Africa and his "runner up" last year, F. Rickard, R. D. McMullen proved successful by a narrow margin from E. L. Reeve after a tough contest all the way. In fact it was only in the last 20 yards that McMullen gained the advantage. This is his first Belgrave Championship and is not out of turn for he has been so near on several other occasions.

"R. Murphy Shield" Race.

10 mile Walk Championship and
Sealed Handicap

At Wimbledon, February 7th

	Start	Hdc	Actual	P	H
1 R McMullen	1 15	81 9	82 24	6	
2 E L Reeve	0 50	81 36	82 26	9	
3 S A Manning	6 45	78 17	85 2	2	
4 W H Hare	2 50	82 50	85 40	12	
5 J B Carne	5 45	80 16	86 1	3	
6 J Rathbone	2 30	83 34	86 4	13	
7 R W Ricketts	6 0	80 42	86 42	4	
8 C H Rogers	6 15	80 57	87 12	5	
9 C Speechley	6 20	81 29	87 49	8	
10 H Evans	7 45	81 43	89 28	10	
11 A W Godfrey	9 30	82 40	92 10	11	
12 A. L Fletcher	7 55	84 37	92 32	16	
13 J N Thomas	7 55	85 7	93 2	18	
14 R E Wills	8 0	85 58	93 58	19	
15 W J Fish	10 0	84 54	94 54	17	
16 R McDonald	12 15	83 45	96 0	14	
17 J K Chalk	7 25	89 5	96 30	20	
18 A Martin	19 30	77 0	96 30	1	
19 G H Laurie	19 0	81 25	100 25	7	
20 P F Blow	16 45	84 25	101 10	15	
21 J H. Bolch	9 45	92 5	101 50	21	

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1916 C McLellan	48 29
1920 R. W. Ricketts	73 46
1921 R. W. Ricketts	73 28
1922 H. F. King	71 36
1923 H F King	70 59
1924 H F King	80 53

In 1916 the distance was 6 miles

In 1920-23 the distance was 9 miles.

Following this event McMullen gained a fine individual success in the Ashcombe A.C. 10 mile walk, winning this event in the good time of 83 min 6 secs.

Our team consisting of R. D. McMullen, F. W. Thorn, S. A. Manning and J. B. Carne took the fastest losers prizes.

On March 7th we travelled to Chingford for the R.W.A. Junior Championship. We had entered two teams and were feeling more than hopeful as to the result. Many good judges considered the team honours to be in the keeping of Surrey A C, Surrey W C. and ourselves. That the judgement was sound was proved by the result for we were beaten by 5 points by the Athletic Club with the Walking Club third.

So in the last six years we have only been unplaced on one occasion, that being the debacle at Wimbledon in 1923 following our win at Regents Park in 1922.

The course at Chingford was of two laps of 5 mile over rather undulating roads. It was apparent early in the race that the team honours would be fought out by Surrey A C and ourselves and at 5 miles the scores were, Surrey A C. 75, Belgrave 82, Woodford Green 87, Herne Hill H 96. Getting down the course for the purpose of doing a little gingering up it was appalling to find the scores then 55 to 68 in our opponents favour. From this point with some little exhortation we commenced to gain points rapidly but were unable to make up the deficiency in time and lost by 5.

R.W.A. Junior Championship,

At Chingford, March 7th.

Pos		Time
5	F W Thorn	88.21
10	S L King	89.26
15	S A Manning	90 1
26	C H Rogers	91.30
36	J Rathbone	92.17
43	O Horwood	92.55
44	J B Carne	93.14
45	A L Fletcher (B)	93.21
46	K E Wills (B)	93.38
74	W J Fish (B)	—
94	A W. Godfrey (B)	—

	Team Placings (24 competed)	Pts.
1	Surrey A C.	51
2	Belgrave H.	56
3	Surrey W C	90
13	Belgrave H (B Team)	269

The County Championship followed and was held at East Sheen over a course mostly in Richmond Park. Again we had to be content with second place and although with a stronger team on paper, absentees due to illness destroyed hopes of victory. The positions of our scoring team are appended.

Surrey County Championship,

At East Sheen, March 21st

Pos.		Time
6	F. W. Thorn	86 26
8	S A Manning	86 58
9	E G Cooper	87 11
12	C H. Rogers	87 50
Pos	Team Placings	Pts
1	Surrey W C	17
2	Belgrave H	27
3	Ashcombe A C.	44

The Club 20 mile Walking Championship was held on Easter Saturday, and since the result of this would determine the constitution of our team to defend our National Champions title at Derby on May 9th, it was expected that there would be a good field and some keen racing.

Frankly the race failed to give the selectors of the team very much assistance, for J. H. Allen of last years scoring 4, A. P. Spendlove, S. A. Manning and J. B. Belchamber did not start, whilst the form of some others was without doubt all wrong.

The race however was always of interest, and going away to a steady start, Reeve, Cooper and Rickards showed up first with McMullen, Wall and the others fairly well bunched for the first 2 miles. From this point the first three were practically together with Wall always close up until 15 miles, when Reeve developed leg trouble and retired, Rickard and Cooper then fought out the issue until about 2 miles from home, when Rickard went on to win fairly comfortably in good time, although slower than that of last year.

"R. W. Ricketts Shield" Race.

Club 20 mile Walk Championship

At Wimbledon, April 11th

Pos		Start H	Time	Actual	P.H.
1	F Rickards	scr	2 53 17	2 53.17	4
2	E. G Cooper	2 30	2 53 44	2 57 14	5
3	E. A. Wall	6 30	2 52 51	2 59 21	2
4	J. Rathbone	6.45	2 53 8	2 59.53	3

5	R E Wills	11 30	2 51 36	3.36	1
6	W H Hare	40	3 39	3 79	7
7	J N Thomas	160	2 55 4	2 11 4	6

Also competed—E L Reeve, R D McMullen, R W Ricketts, J. Miles, W. J Hawker, C A Wattam

Times at 8 miles—Rickard, 68 26 Reeve, 68 26, Cooper, 68 28 At 14 miles Rickard, 1 59 55, Cooper, 1 59 55, Reeve, 1 59 58, Wall, 2 1 4, Hare, 2 1 17, Rathbone, 2 1 21.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1923	W H Hare	2 58 15
1924	F. Rickards	2 47 16

For the Championship at Derby on May 9th, a Special Train leaves St Pancras at 11.3 a.m., (fare 12/6 return) Any member wishing to travel with the team should advise the Hon. Sec. at once.

We want all the support we can get. What about you?

Make a point of entering for the Club Meeting at Battersea Park on May 2nd as early as possible. The Hon. Sec has many things to do beside chasing you for your entry forms.

Although recording no successes at the Cambridge H Meeting on Good Friday, a fair number were showing some good form and these should not be long before catching the Judges eye. G. R. Duncley ran up against the winner of the sprint in the second round in 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Form quite good enough for a win in the near future

S. A. Manning put up a good performance in the recent Colchester to Ipswich Walk, a distance of 18 miles, and did the journey in 2 hours 43 mins He beat all previous records for the race by 8 minutes, and won the handicap held in conjunction from scratch

He was expected to compete in the Annual Norwich to Ipswich Walk on Easter Monday, but eventually did not turn out He holds the record for this race 7 hours 1 min. 17 secs.

TRACK TOPICS.

Members will now be commencing their regular track training at Battersea Park where the dressing room has now been erected after considerable agitation to the L C C

It should be noted that the track is available for training every Tuesday and Friday and on such other times when no meeting has been arranged.

A list is displayed at the entrance to the track advising the dates and times of meetings and a note of these may prevent disappointment.

The Club fixtures are to be found on the back page, these should appeal to all members and it is hoped that these events will be well supported. They certainly deserve to be for every effort has been made to cater for everyone

The Annual Inter-Club meeting with Ashcombe A C and Thames Valley H is due to be arranged by Ashcombe A C. The date, venue and programme will be advised as soon as possible.

Arrangements are in hand with Croydon S C, Epsom H, Mitcham A.C and ourselves for a series of Inter-Club relay races.

On Wednesday, July 15th at Battersea Park the Club is promoting a series of open team walking races at distances of 1 mile, 2 mile, 3 mile and 5 mile, 2 men from each Club will walk and points will be awarded for every man who finishes.

No man may compete in more than one race and the fact of every man scoring should ensure some good racing.

Three prizes will be awarded the first three men in each race.

SOCIAL.

Probably no part of the Club's activities has been so well developed during the past few years than our Socials under the able guidance of L C Smith.

Those of us who attended the first dances that we held at "Stanleys" and were at those held recently at Wandsworth Baths and Battersea Town Hall will most appreciate that fact. Certainly Smith and his very active and efficient Sub-Committee have done us well and they are now preparing an even more ambitious programme for next Season.

Those that have not yet sampled the goods have their opportunity on Friday, April 24th, at Battersea Town Hall, (details elsewhere)

Our Club dinner is now a hardy Annual and following the 7 mile Cross Country Championship this was held at Arding & Hobbs Restaurant, Clapham Junction. Nearly 100 members, friends and visitors were present, amongst whom were Messrs W. J. Pepper, J. Binks, E H Neville, W F May, E. H. Collden, W. C Jewell and W. J Palmer. An excellent feast was followed by a capital entertainment. Our President in proposing the toast of "The Club" referred to the wonderful progress that it had made in the last few years. The toast of "Our President," proposed by Mr. E. H. Neville was given with Musical honours. That the gathering was a huge success may best be judged by the many requests for the date of the next. If one or two were not very keen the following morning it may correctly be inferred that they are not disciples of the esteemed Mr Pussyfoot.

FIXTURES.

Club Meetings to be held at Battersea Park Track.

(Under A A A Laws)

Saturday, May 2nd, at 3.15 p.m.

Club Events

880 yds H'dicap. 2 mile Walk H'dicap.
100 yds Handicap Long Jump
1 mile Relay, (880, 440, 220, 220).

Open Events.

1 mile Scratch Novice Run
1 mile Scratch Novice Walk
Open to any unattached Novice Business House
and Belgrave Harriers excepted.

Thursday, May 28th, at 7 p.m.

1 mile H'dicap 1 mile Walk H'dicap.
220 yds Handicap High Jump
100 yds Handicap (under 18)
1 mile Relay, (880, 440, 220, 220).

June

INTER-CLUB MEETING

Belgrave H, Ashcombe A C and
Thames Valley H

Scratch Events

100 yds. 440 yds 2 mile Walk
2 mile Team Race, (6 to run, 4 to score)
1 mile Relay, (880, 440, 220, 220)
100 yds (16 years and under)

Handicaps

100 yds 1 mile 1 mile Walk

INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

with

Croydon Sports Club, Epsom Harriers
and Mitcham A C

May 23rd, at Croydon.

July 25th, at Mitcham.

August 19th, at Epsom.

Relay Races.

4 x 110 yds 4 x 300 yds 4 x 880 yds.
4 x 1 mile.

Wednesday, June 24th, at 7 p.m.

Veterans (42 years) open 1 mile Scratch
Relay, (880, 440, 220, 220)
2 mile Running Handicap
440 yds Handicap 1 mile Relay
2 mile Walking Handicap
Inter-Club Relay Competition

Wednesday, July 15th, at 7 p.m.

INVITATION

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

Scratch Events.

1 mile Walk. 2 mile Walk.
3 mile Walk 5 mile Walk

Saturday, August 1st, at 3 p.m.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

100 yds 440 yds 880 yds
1 mile 2 mile Walk
220 yds. Junior (under 18)

Handicaps

75 yds 880 yds

Other Events.

220 yds Low Hurdles.
80 yds Girls 100 yds Boys.
Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race

Open Events

1 mile Scratch Novice Walk
440 yds Scratch Novice Run
Open to any unattached Novice Business House
and Belgrave Harriers excepted

Thursday, August 27th, at 7 p.m.

100 yds Handicap 440 yds Handicap
¾ mile H'dicap 2 mile Walk H'dicap
Inter-Club Relay Competition

*Entries for all Races must be made on
A A A Forms and forwarded with Fee 1/-
each event (Ladies, Boys and Girls 6d)
to Mr W L Bayliss, 70, Strathville
Road, S W 18 at least 7 days prior to
the Event*

Don't forget the GRAND CARNIVAL DANCE,

AT

Battersea Town Hall,

ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 1925.

TICKETS, 1/6 EACH

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