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Congratulations to Tommy Green upon his second win in the historic "Godstone" Walk; and to the team which secured premier honours.

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Also to Arthur Allum upon retaining the Middlesex Cross-country Championship, which was held at Northolt. Arthur appears to have regained the form which placed him among the best half-dozen men in the Country last season, and this year he seems destined for further honours.

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Also to Len Fletcher on winning the London Business Houses 7 Miles Walk Championship for the third year in succession.

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The Surrey Cross-Country Championship was wrested from us this year by Surrey A.C., our team finishing second.

It was unfortunate that we were handicapped by the absence of the County Champion, Arthur Penny, who had the misfortune to strain his leg the previous week, and by the indisposition of H. E. Footer, the Champion of 1930, which prevented him giving of his very best.

The regaining of this Championship must be the first item to be inserted in the Club's 1933 diary for accomplishment!

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We welcome the following new friends this month: K. W. Beddall, A. R. Shaw, W. Rentell, L. F. Wakeling. We extend to them our usual hearty welcome and wish them every success in our colours.

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We must congratulate C. T. Carter and E. A. Duffett upon being selected to represent Surrey in the Inter-Counties Race to be held at Chingford on January 30th.

It is unfortunate that the Inter-Counties Union decided to hold

their Championship upon this day, which has been traditionally regarded among Southern Clubs as "10 Miles Championship Day" for decades past. Arthur Allum, the Middlesex champion, and J. E. Flower, who was seventh in the recent championship, have decided to decline their County's invitation, and to run in the Club Championship, which is held by Allum.

THE SURREY YOUTHS' RACE.

As reported in our last issue, our team won the race promoted by the Surrey County A.A., and held from our headquarters at Wimbledon, and we have much pleasure in congratulating these young wearers of the "Claret and Gold." The victory was only a narrow one—one point to be exact—but the knowledge that the issue was a close one spurred our runners on and on, giving of their best, and ending with the reward of a win in the Club name, and a gold medal apiece. Well done!

RESULT.

		m.	s.
1.	D. Brickwood (Mitcham A.C.)	18	8
2.	W. R. Dear (Old Croydonians H.)	18	56
3.	C. Adams (Surrey A.C.)	19	14
4.	S. Garland (Belgrave H.)	19	34
6.	A. T. Jordan	19	35
11.	D. Martin	19	56
14.	E. Pointer	20	37
25.	D. D. Barker	22	12

TEAMS.

	pts.
1. Belgrave H.—3, 5, 9, 12	29
2. Old Croydonian H.—2, 4, 7, 17	30
3. Mitcham A.C.—1, 10, 15, 16	44
4. Ranelagh H.—	54
5. Cobham A.C.—	55

INTER-CLUB RACE v. THAMES VALLEY H. AND ASHCOMBE A.C.

On December 5th, the third of the series of Inter-Club races between Ashcombe A.C., Thames Valley H. and ourselves, took place from the Ashcombe quarters. We won the team race in the usual easy fashion, whilst Arthur Allum led the field home, with Jack Flower as second man.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. A. Allum	31	27	25. A. E. Miller	34	51
2. J. E. Flower	31	39	— H. S. H. Cook	35	1
3. R. Musgrave	32	1	29. S. Drake	35	4
4. C. T. Carter	32	8	32. K. B. O'Kell	35	33
5. L. J. Cohen	32	40	34. J. W. Woodley	35	52
6. A. Robertshaw	33	1	36. C. W. Tame	36	5
7. F. R. Webb	33	11	38. A. S. Cole	36	24
8. H. W. Shields	33	41	39. J. G. Flatt	36	40

10. W. G. Webb.....B.	33 53	42. R. G. Goldsworthy B.	36 48
11. W. S. Mitchell.....B.	33 55	45. P. J. Donnelly.....B.	36 53
12. A. E. Smith.....B.	33 57	54. L. E. Fletcher.....B.	38 6
14. D. A. Sloper.....B.	34 13	56. A. H. Traquair.....B.	39 6
15. A. E. Taylor.....B.	34 21	59. G. Still.....B.	39 34
18. J. A. Jones.....B.	34 28	63. J. O. Whitehouse...B.	40 2
22. F. Walker.....B.	34 34	69. C. E. Poulter.....B.	43 3
24. R. G. Michael.....B.	34 50	71. G. Tyrer.....B.	43 3

TEAM SCORES.

1. Belgrave Harriers	179 pts.
2. Thames Valley H.	356 pts.
3. Ashcombe A.C.	633 pts.

AT IMBER COURT.

On December 12th, both runners and walkers visited the Metropolitan Police A.A.'s quarters at Imber Court. The runners engaged in a five miles cross-country match and won rather easily, while the walkers were defeated by the M.P.A.A. men after a very close tussle.

Right from the commencement of the run it was obvious that our boys were certain winners of the match, but the duel between Arthur Allum and Jack Flower for first place caused great interest. The issue was in doubt to within a few yards of the finish, when Arthur managed to gain a couple of yards lead and keep it.

The full result appears below and it will be seen that we had nine home in the first ten; Dyke, the Police champion, who finished third, being the only M.P.A.A. man to trouble our runners.

RESULT.

	m. s.		m. s.
1. A. Allum.....B.H.	26 55	17. R. Townsend.....M.P.	30 15
2. J. E. Flower.....B.H.	26 56	18. W. Hamlett.....M.P.	30 25
3. A. Dyke.....M.P.	27 30	19. F. R. Lovell.....M.P.	30 30
4. C. T. Carter.....B.H.	27 34	20. F. Herbert.....M.P.	30 37
5. F. Tame.....B.H.	28 37	21. A. Walziel.....M.P.	30 45
6. C. H. Penny.....B.H.	28 45	22. H. Mealyer.....M.P.	30 50
7. D. A. Sloper.....B.H.	28 47	23. A. Wood.....M.P.	30 52
8. A. E. Smith.....B.H.	29 9	24. J. W. Woodley...B.H.	31 7
9. F. R. Webb.....B.H.	29 16	25. H. J. Fletcher...B.H.	31 41
10. F. J. Summer- field...B.H.	29 21	26. S. B. G. Wilson...B.H.	31 43
11. A. Binfield.....M.P.	29 40	27. J. Walziel.....M.P.	32 18
12. A. E. Taylor.....B.H.	29 44	28. A. H. Traquair...B.H.	32 48
13. A. J. Wood.....B.H.	29 45	29. W. F. Goodman B.H.	33 22
14. K. B. O'Kell.....B.H.	29 57	30. W. Powell.....M.P.	33 24
15. S. Clark.....M.P.	30 3	31. A. Marvin.....M.P.	33 33
16. N. R. Dewberry..B.H.	30 8	32. J. Williams.....M.P.	33 38
		33. A. Hamilton.....M.P.	34 30

TEAM SCORES.

Belgrave H.—1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	91 pts.
Met Police—3, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 30...	226 pts.

Our walkers were not at full strength, but this factor helped to make this fixture one of the most exciting we have yet had. It had been agreed to score 16 aside, and so even was the form shown throughout the race by the 34 competitors, that almost every Belgrave man was battling with an M.P.A.A. walker for the whole of the course. This occasioned some very fine finishing tussles and when the aggregate scores were determined it was found that our Police friends had won by 26 points.

From the start Len Fletcher had led, followed by P.S. Caffrey and A. A. Harley and these positions were retained to the end.

The full result of this very even and sporting match is appended.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. A. L. Fletcher...B.H.	52	37	18. E. A. Jackman...B.H.	58	16
2. P.-c. Caffrey.....M.P.	54	34	19. P.-c. Nash .....M.P.	58	22
3. A. A. Harley.....B.H.	55	6	20. P.-c. Sims.....M.P.	58	30
4. P.-c. Vanlint .....M.P.	55	30	21. D. E. Brown ...B.H.	58	32
5. P.-c. Nichols.....M.P.	55	38	22. P.-c. Oliver.....M.P.	58	44
6. F. W. Thorn.....B.H.	55	50	23. H. E. Larman ...B.H.	58	48
7. C. H. Speechley..B.H.	56	17	24. P.-c. Mann.....M.P.	59	31
8. P.-c. Burgess ...M.P.	56	38	25. P.-c. Lovatt .....M.P.	59	42
9. P.-c. Rathbone...M.P.	57	6	26. W. H. Snell .....B.H.	60	29
10. R. G. Hillier.....B.H.	57	10	27. J. G. Coleman....B.H.	60	45
11. P.-c. Rayner .....M.P.	57	20	28. P.-s. Allen .....M.P.	60	58
12. C. E. Churcher...B.H.	57	23	29. J. McCarthy .....B.H.	61	26
13. R. F. Elson.....B.H.	57	36	30. P.-c. Manners ...M.P.	61	36
14. P.-c. Allen .....M.P.	57	38	31. W. L. Bayliss ...B.H.	61	45
15. P.-c. Toogood ...M.P.	57	52	32. P.-c. Harris .....M.P.	63	16
16. P.-c. Hughes ...M.P.	58	6	33. J. H. Martin .....B.H.	64	12
17. H. Latter .....B.H.	58	8	34. P.-c. Goundry ...M.P.	65	8

TEAM SCORES.

1. Metropolitan Police A.A....	...	...	...	...	252 pts.
2. Belgrave Harriers ...	...	...	...	...	278 pts.

After the races the majority of the "Bels" stayed to tea and the dance which followed and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ask "Nobby"!

THE 7 MILES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE "BLACKSTAFFE SHIELD."

The Club's 7 Miles Cross-country Championship for the "Backstaffe" Shield was held on December 19th. A field of 32 faced the starter and Arthur Allum at once jumped to the front, accompanied by Jack Flower. These two ran right away from the rest of the field and Carter led a small bunch who were intent on the third place. At half-way, Allum had drawn away from Flower a little, who in turn was well ahead of the next man. The positions remained unaltered when the finishing post was reached, and third place was gained by C. T. Carter, who drew away from Alec Robertshaw on the level run home from the

Windmill. We were pleased to see W. S. Mitchell out with us once again and he ran well considering the limited training he had had. C. H. Penny also ran extremely well and deservedly gained second place in the Handicap. The winner of this was H. Roy, who received 8 minutes start, while third place was taken by H. W. Shields, who is a promising newcomer to our ranks. The race was to some extent spoilt by the absence of Arthur Penny and Bert Footer, both of whom were nursing injuries, but Arthur Allum ran a good race and Jack Flower certainly kept him at it all the time.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos in H'cp
1.	A. Allum ...	39 51 ...	Scr. ...	39 51 ...	13
2.	J. E. Flower ...	40 4 ...	1 00 ...	39 4 ...	6†
3.	C. T. Carter ...	41 10 ...	2 15 ...	38 55 ...	4†
4.	A. Robertshaw ...	41 21 ...	2 15 ...	39 6 ...	7
5.	H. E. Wills ...	41 30 ...	2 15 ...	39 15 ...	8
6.	W. S. Mitchell... ..	41 41 ...	1 30 ...	40 11 ...	17
7.	C. H. Penny ...	41 43 ...	3 15 ...	38 28 ...	2
8.	W. G. Webb ...	41 45 ...	2 00 ...	39 45 ...	12
9.	E. A. Duffett ...	42 1 ...	2 30 ...	39 31 ...	10
10.	A. E. Smith ...	42 8 ...	2 30 ...	39 38 ...	11
11.	H. S. H. Cook... ..	42 26 ...	1 30 ...	40 56 ...	21
12.	A. E. Taylor ...	42 29 ...	3 30 ...	38 59 ...	5†
13.	H. W. Shields ...	42 32 ...	3 45 ...	38 47 ...	3
14.	K. B. O'Kell ...	42 37 ...	3 15 ...	39 22 ...	9
15.	A. E. Miller ...	43 33 ...	3 30 ...	40 3 ...	15*
16.	R. G. Michael... ..	43 33 ...	3 30 ...	40 3 ...	15*
17.	D. A. Sloper ...	43 44 ...	3 30 ...	40 14 ...	18
18.	J. W. Woodley ...	45 49 ...	5 00 ...	40 49 ...	20
19.	H. Roy ...	45 49 ...	8 00 ...	37 49 ...	1
20.	W. A. Carnie ...	46 21 ...	4 45 ...	41 36 ...	24
21.	L. J. Coleman... ..	46 23 ...	4 45 ...	41 38 ...	25
22.	A. H. Traquair ...	46 47 ...	5 30 ...	41 17 ...	23
23.	S. B. G. Wilson ...	46 59 ...	7 00 ...	39 59 ...	14
24.	G. Still ...	48 38 ...	8 00 ...	40 38 ...	19
25.	W. F. Goodman ...	48 38 ...	7 30 ...	41 8 ...	22
26.	H. D. Brown ...	49 21 ...	7 30 ...	41 51 ...	26
27.	C. E. Poulter ...	51 24 ...	9 30 ...	41 54 ...	27

*Dead Heat.

†Score points in Club Points Scheme.

THE BOXING DAY MEETING.

We were treated to a fine morning for our exertions after the Christmas festivities, and a large crowd assembled to watch the racing and exchange compliments. In fact, as someone remarked, this annual meeting is rapidly becoming one of our most important social events!

We were pleased to see an old President, in "Dick" Murphy, present. His thoughts are always with us, but it is not often that he is able to attend the Club engagements.

The racing commenced with the Sprint Handicap heats. The

final, decided later, was won by a promising junior member, G. H. Pamment. His future will be watched with interest, for he has his undoubted possibilities. A. H. Green as second, Farrington third; and our 220 yards champion, George Basford, fourth.

Victory in the Walk went to the youngest competitor, L. S. Fairman, who thus reaped the reward for perseverance in training. J. G. Coleman followed up his place prize in the Club Junior Championship sealed handicap, by gaining another one in this event and he promises to become as great a "menace" to the Walking Handicapper as he was to the Running Handicapper a year or so back. Redgrave, who seems to like this event year by year, finished third, walking in excellent style throughout.

Three Internationals were included in the entry for the Two Miles Running Handicap, but Tommy Hampson did not turn out. Jack Flower (15 yds.) jumped into his stride from the commencement and with about half a mile to go, took the lead! Although not extended from this point, he recorded 9 min. 40 secs.—an excellent performance. In June and July we hope to see something of the 9 min. 20 secs. order from him! Carter ran well and in good style to take second place, and Cole, running with determination, did well to finish third, with two Club champions chasing him down the straight. Here are the results:—

120 Yards.—1, G. Pamment, 15yds.; 2, A. H. Green, 8yds.; 3, R. W. Farrington, 11yds.; 4, G. Basford, 4yds. Time 11 4-5sec.

3 Miles Walk.—1, L. S. Fairman, 760yds.; 2, J. G. Coleman, 645yds.; 3, C. W. Redgrave, 360yds.; 4, E. C. A. Heather, 640yds.; 5, A. A. Har-ley, 375yds.; 6, D. E. Brown, 630yds. Time 21min. 41sec.

2 Miles Run.—1, J. E. Flower, 15yds.; 2, C. T. Carter, 65yds.; 3, A. S. Cole, 260yds.; 4, A. Kench, 25yds.; 5, A. Allum, Scr. Time 9min. 40sec.

THE SURREY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Held at Epsom Downs on Saturday, January 9th, this race provided the small gathering of spectators with few thrills. The "Bels" were represented by a very good 12, but unfortunately were without last year's champion, A. W. Penny. The "field" of just under 100 were away to a good start (although it appeared a slow one), C. T. Carter being up in the front, with Weatherill and Tebbutt of S.L.H.

At the first lap Weatherill was "out on his own" and, politely inquiring how far he was in front, seemed to draw further ahead; but it was very gratifying to see a "Claret and Gold" in second place, carried by Carter, with Tebbutt at his shoulder.

Going out into the country past the Grand-stand for the second time, the "Bels" were all well up; Footer, Mitchell, Wills, Penny (C.) and Cook (H. S.) all running strongly in a bunch; then came Duffett, Dewberry, O'Kell, Summerfield and Walker, also going well. The very bleak wind seemed to trouble quite a lot of the

competitors, although they could not complain about the "going," which was really light. After the runners had gone away for the second time, I thought the prospect of the "Bels" winning a very good one, but some fine running by the Surrey A.C., who had Belton and Newton second and third respectively, backed up by their tail men, secured them first team honours. Carter ran a splendid race to finish sixth and be first Club man home; a word of praise also is due to "Old Man" Duffett for his fine second lap running and finishing 10th. Truly a good performance, with little training and a fine pointer to our younger members, who think it can't be done!

The "Bels" had their 12 in the first 40—a very good effort—and with Arthur Penny running in the team, we should have undoubtedly retained the Championship. A real "tear up" down the straight to the finish gave the onlookers a glimpse of the fighting finishes of the "Bels" and must have reminded them that there is a "to-morrow" and next year we hope to once more put the trophy back on our Club sideboard

A word on the running of Weatherill, our worthy foe, who simply swamped all opposition and won as he liked. A run-away win, surely, has not been seen like that before, even by the check-waistcoated gents. on Derby Day! Nevertheless, Belgravians, we still have the South of the Thames, Southern Counties and the National. What about it? Shall we see the Claret and Gold foremost. Remember our Hon. Running Sec's. effort and do likewise.

A.E.M.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1. L. H. Weatherill S.L.H.	40	29	20. H.S.H. Cook .....B.H.	43	43
6. C. T. Carter .....B.H.	42	23	31. H. E. Wills.....B.H.	44	17
10. E. A. Duffett.....B.H.	43	1	34. N. R. Dewberry..B.H.	44	38
12. W. W. S. Mitchell B.H.	43	7	35. K. B. O'Kell.....B.H.	44	53
17. A. E. Smith .....B.H.	43	25	38. F. J. Summer-		
18. H. E. Footer ...B.H.	43	29	field...B.H.	45	6
19. C. H. E. Penny...B.H.	43	37	40. F. Walker.....B.H.	45	21

TEAM SCORES.

1. Surrey A.C.—2, 3, 11, 14, 15, 16,	61 pts.
2. Belgrave H.—6, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19,	82 pts.
3. South London H.—1, 4, 5, 13, 29, 33	85 pts.

MATCH v. SURREY WALKING CLUB.

We derive much pleasure in visiting the Surrey Walking Club each winter season and in engaging in a match with them over one of their courses. In previous years we have raced over the Banstead and back course (11½ miles), but on this occasion we tried conclusions over the Wickham and back course (9¾ miles) and found it to be of a testing nature. Unfortunately, circum-

stances prevented us from fielding our best representation, and the news that Tommy Green had sustained a slight foot injury sufficient to prevent him from being with us, although happily not a serious one, was sorrowfully received by Surrey men and "Bels" alike.

Len Fletcher took the lead from the start, and walking in fine style throughout, finished an easy winner. Then followed Kemp and Galloway, of S.W.C., with Ted Saunders fourth. Final scores appear below, and it will be seen that our hosts were winners by 56 points to 80. We congratulate them upon their win, and must make amends when the Championships come along.

RESULT.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. A. L. Fletcher	1	17	40	17. W. F. Newby.....	1	28	25
4. E. Saunders	1	21	30	18. H. Latter	1	28	30
9. A. A. Harley.....	1	23	5	23. C. E. Churcher	1	30	40
10. J. E. Field.....	1	23	17	24. A. H. Field	1	31	8
11. C. W. Redgrave	1	24	23	28. A. H. East.....	1	33	50
16. S. T. Ring.....	1	28	18	30. J. E. McCarthy.....	1	35	12

TEAM SCORES.

Surrey W.C.—2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13...	...	...	...	56 pts.
Belgrave H.—1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16	...	...	...	80 pts.

THE HORWOOD CUP.

7 MILES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The afternoon was dull and grey on December 19th, when 18 of our walkers raced for the Horwood Cup and the Club's Junior Championship, over our stiff 7 miles course at Wimbledon. Rain threatened, but only fell lightly for a short while and, as it was not too cold, conditions could be reckoned as normal for the time of the year.

F. W. Thorn, the holder, had a chill and did not start. This robbed the fight for the trophy of a good deal of interest, as although Harry Churcher had been walking brilliantly during the past few months and had beaten Thorn, he had not shewn time quite equal to the latter's in last year's race. Then Thorn won in 56 min. 58 sec. Harry Churcher's time in the Belgrave Open this year was 57 min. 48 sec. and although he covered the Highgate Harriers' course in 55 min. 59 sec., their's is quite a minute easier than our's, as a comparison of other members' performances will shew.

It was Churcher's first appearance in a Belgrave Championship and it was one that he will surely be pleased to remember. Before a mile had been covered he had set up a lead of about 30 yards from A. A. Harley, who was out to fight his utmost all the way, and who, in turn, had gained a slight lead from C. W. Redgrave. After a short interval a bunch of competitors followed. Going down Coombe Lane the gaps remained about the

same, but once on level ground the leader piled on the pace and, fighting grandly up the stiff climb that followed, he had set up a winning lead by the time one half of the course had been covered.

Charley Redgrave and Alf Harley were still only a few yards apart, whilst Charley Speechley, who had started more slowly than usual, was now gaining slightly on both. Redgrave made a great effort in the final lap, and reduced Churcher's lead considerably, eventually finishing about 90 yards behind him. Charley Speechley, the veteran Junior of this race, walked quite as fast as he was capable of doing 10 years ago, and just outlasted Harley to finish third.

It was the handicapper's lucky day, 29 seconds covering the first seven handicap times. Alf Harley walked two minutes faster than in our Open to win this from D. E. Brown, who also shewed great improvement. J. G. Coleman walked 2½ minutes faster to get third.

As regards our prospects in the Road Walking Association's Junior Championship this year, the race revealed that we have a sound team and one that is, moreover, improving. Harry Churcher is not yet qualified to walk for the Club, but he certainly has a good chance of gaining the individual honour. Frank Thorn has already been placed third in the race and at his best is capable of surpassing this achievement. Then Redgrave and Harley are improving vastly and Charley Speechley, who has always been unlucky in the Junior Championship, has only to produce the form he readily finds on other occasions, in order to make our team a formidable one. R. F. Elson, who finished fifth, was below form, but he has only to reproduce that shewn in the Enfield Walk to be up with Charley Redgrave.

Last year our team walked disappointingly at Luton, but the day was exceptionally cold, the course a severe one, and the conditions were all against youth. The extra year's experience and added stamina should make a deal of difference. Then Larman is steadily improving and Reg Hillier will one day shew that he can walk a good 10 miles. D. E. Brown, E. A. Jackman and J. G. Coleman give promise of first-class performances in another year.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap Time	Pos in H'cp
1.	H. G. Churcher	58 13	Scr.	58 13	13
2.	C. W. Redgrave	58 37	2 45	55 52	6
3.	C. H. Speechley	59 2	3 15	55 47	5
4.	A. A. Harley	59 15	3 45	55 30	1
5.	R. F. Elson	60 47	3 0	57 47	12
6.	H. E. Larman	60 49	4 50	55 59	7
7.	R. G. Hillier	61 25	5 40	55 45	4
8.	C. E. Churcher	61 52	3 5	58 47	14

9.	A. H. Field	...	...	62	10	...	5	55	...	56	15	...	8
10.	D. E. Brown	...	...	63	0	...	7	25	...	55	35	...	2
11.	E. A. Jackman	...	...	63	15	...	6	30	...	56	45	...	10
12.	W. F. Newby	...	...	63	29	...	6	20	...	57	9	...	11
13.	J. G. Coleman	...	...	63	33	...	7	50	...	55	43	...	3
14.	J. McCarthy	...	...	65	10	...	8	30	...	56	40	...	9

We were glad to have Oscar Horwood with us to present the Cup and W. C. Wheeler, a former Kent County Champion, to assist in judging the race.

J. B. BELCHAMBER.

THE "GODSTONE" WALK.

The annual Boxing Day fixture over the Croydon to Godstone and back course of 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles found us well represented, and our team was successful by the narrow margin of one point. Tommy Green, as last year, again led our team to victory. He led at the half-distance, but later was caught by Galloway, of the Surrey W.C., and passed. Tommy eventually won quite comfortably, however, beating his last year's time by 19 seconds, and retaining possession of the "Edward C. J. Webb" Challenge Cup. Meanwhile a very stern struggle was taking place between our boys and the S.W.C. walkers. Over the last mile, Amer, a Surrey stalwart, made a gallant attempt to catch and pass Joe King. This would have given our Surrey friends victory by one point; but Joe, with an equally fine effort, held his position and in the final stages of the race was even getting away from his rival.

This race brought out the best of both Clubs and showed us team racing at its best. Our thanks and congratulations are extended to T. W. Green, J. F. King and J. E. Field, who formed our winning team. A. H. Field again showed promise as a distance walker, while Ring and East did well at their first attempt over this distance.

Times, etc., appear below:—

RESULT.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1. T. W. Green	2	41	22	14. A. H. Field	2	57	49
7. J. F. King	2	49	51	23. S. T. Ring	3	3	57
10. J. E. Field	2	52	47	29. A. H. East	3	5	4

TEAM SCORES.

1. Belgrave H.—1, 6, 9	...	...	...	...	...	16	pts.
2. Surrey W.C.—2, 7, 8	...	...	...	...	...	17	pts.
3. Metropolitan W.C.—3, 15, 16	...	...	...	...	...	34	pts.
3. Sussex W.C.—4, 11, 19	...	...	...	...	...	34	pts.
5. Cambridge H.—5, 17, 20	...	...	...	...	...	42	pts.

THE CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS' OPEN WALK.

This event was supported by 23 entries from our walkers, a notable absentee being Len Fletcher, who had not fully recovered

from an attack of influenza. It has been our custom over a number of years to bring away a good proportion of the awards offered, and this year was no exception.

T. W. Green walked a splendid race in beating Hyde, while Harry Churcher (4th), Jack Field (5th) and Frank Elson (7th), also gave our colours prominence. Churcher was an individual entrant, and our team was completed by Ted Saunders, and gained a narrow two-point victory over our Enfield rivals.

We also had the pleasure of supplying the individual handicap winner in A. H. Field, who walked his best "seven" yet. H. G. Churcher was placed third in the handicap, beating A. A. Harley by one second for the position. With two in the first four of the handicap the handicap team awards went to our "B" team, capable backing coming from H. Latter and H. E. Larman.

Thus the 10 first prizes awarded by the promoters left Eltham in Belgrave hands!

All our walkers may be said to have done well, but a special word of praise must go to W. Holman for his very fine showing in his first race.

RESULT.

Pos.	Name		Act. Time	All'ce	H'cap Time
1.	T. W. Green	... A ...	52 11	0 30	51 41
4.	H. G. Churcher	Ind. ...	53 29	3 10	50 19
5.	J. E. Field	... A ...	54 21	3 20	51 1
7.	F. H. Elson	... A ...	55 9	2 50	52 19
16.	E. Saunders	... A ...	56 7	3 50	52 17
23.	C. H. Speechley	... A ...	56 53	5 40	51 13
24.	A. A. Harley	... B ...	57 0	6 40	50 20
29.	A. H. Field	... B ...	58 1	9 10	48 51
34.	R. F. Elson	... A ...	58 17	5 50	52 27
37.	H. Latter	... B ...	58 38	7 50	50 48
41.	H. E. Larman	... B ...	59 3	7 40	51 23
51.	C. E. Churcher	Ind. ...	60 3	7 20	52 43
58.	W. Holman	...Ind. ...	60 24	7 0	53 24
61.	J. G. Coleman	... B ...	60 54	7 30	53 24
67.	S. T. Ring	... B ...	61 11	8 20	52 21
68.	W. H. Snell	... B ...	61 15	8 0	53 15
74.	E. C. Heather	... B ...	62 9	7 50	54 19
108.	S. T. Ball	...Ind. ...	70 15	8 30	61 45

TEAM SCORES.

Scratch.

1. Belgrave Harriers—1, 4, 6, 13 24 pts.
2. Enfield A.C.—2, 5, 9, 10 26 pts.

Handicap.

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| 1. Belgrave H. (B) (A. H. Field, Harley, Latter, Larman) | 201 | 22 |
| 2. Dunlop S. and S.C. | 203 | 8 |
| 3. Cambridge H. | 205 | 1 |
| 4. Belgrave H. (A) | 206 | 12 |

WITH THE WALKERS.

Our walkers have now broken the ice and scored two scratch team race wins in the "Godstone" Race and the Cambridge H. Open Race, and it is hoped that this habit, now happily re-acquired, will continue.

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The Championship season is now rapidly approaching, and it is hoped that all our men are holding themselves ready to give of their very best, and re-establish our old position of "Junior" and "Senior" Champions.

The "Junior" will be held at Regent's Park on March 5th. Our walkers, eligible for this event, show every promise of doing well and should worthily uphold the Club's prestige in this event.

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All those interested should note that the National 20 Miles Championship will take place on May 7th (not May 14th, as in our fixture list), and will be held from Fort Dunlop, Birmingham.

The date has been brought forward a week owing to the fact that May 14th is Whitsuntide.

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Our Annual Dinner has, therefore, also been brought forward a week (i.e., to April 30th), to enable all our loyal Club men to attend this most important Club function.

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Whilst writing of fixtures, our distance walkers may be glad to know that the R.W.A. 50 Kilometres Championship will take place from Leicester on June 25th. The result of this race will probably determine who is to go to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles (D.V.), so all Belgrave aspirants should make a note of the date!

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As mentioned elsewhere, Len Fletcher, walking in the Victoria A.A. colours, again won the Business Houses Walk. We were also pleased to see that D. E. Brown and H. Latter, walking for the same Business House, did well, and were placed second and third respectively in the Sealed Handicap held in conjunction.

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The following walkers have scored points in the Belgrave Points Scheme: J. N. Thomas 48, C. H. Speechley 24, D. E. Brown 24, H. Latter 48, T. W. Green 24, J. F. King 12, E. C. Heather 48, A. A. Harley 24.

The remaining events in this group are the handicaps in connection with our 10 miles and 20 miles Championships.

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And, finally, a word of congratulation and praise to the much-maligned person, the Hon. Handicapper, upon his brilliant effort in the Club "Junior" 7 Miles Race.

FUTURE EVENTS.

February 6th. Club 10 Miles Championship for "The R. Murphy Shield" and sealed handicap in conjunction. The holder of this championship is A. L. Fletcher and no doubt a stirring struggle will be witnessed between him and Green to decide who shall be holder for 1932.

This race is of particular interest to our "Juniors," for our teams in the R.W.A. Championship, to be held on March 5th, will be largely selected upon the form shown.

February 20th. Ashcombe A.C. Open 10 Miles Walk. This race is now the only Open event held over 10 miles, and we shall be well represented, as usual. The course is mainly in Richmond Park and will provide a last race before the "Junior" for those eligible.

March 5th. The "Junior" R.W.A. Championship. We hope to have a large crowd of supporters present at this race, and our walkers should perform creditably.

A more central venue than Regent's Park cannot be imagined, and it is hoped that all who can will come along and give our men a cheer.

March 19th. The County Walking Championships will be held on this day.

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

MAKE A NOTE OF THESE TWO DATES.

Feb. 19th—Dance at Wandsworth Town Hall.

April 2nd—Social at Wimbledon.

Enquiries to W. A. RICE, 36 Ascalon Street, S.W.8.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

I should like to make a few comments on our team's running in the recent Surrey County C.C. Championship. The papers said "Shock for Belgrave," but so far as I was concerned the only shock was the fact that Surrey A.C. deprived us of our title and not South London H., who I still think should have won this race.

Our team, while stronger as regards the 12 to run (the fact that they all finished in the first 40 proves that), was very much weakened by the absence of A. W. Penny, the individual winner last year, H. J. Bignall, who also scored for us last season, and Bert Footer's recent illness. In fact, only two of last year's six scored again this time. One point which seemed to please many people was that our six was composed of all first-claim members, but in saying this don't think I am slighting our second-claim members. I know all of them to be true Belgrave

men at heart, and think I am right in saying that they are interested in the "Bels" just as much as their first-claim club.

It is the fine Club feeling which pervades the Belgrave members that prompted our members with Middlesex qualification to start a small club of their own. They did not want to join another Club and so do somebody out of a place in that team. Surely this is the quintessence of good sportsmanship.

However, it seems that the powers that be have frowned on the whole thing, at all events, up to the present; and these men have been denied the pleasure of running as team mates, which is, after all, the highest expression of sportsmanship in Athletics. Those concerned have hopes that their point of view will be eventually regarded as the only sane one; and that those fellows who are pals in training, real good chums in their leisure hours, and loyal friends always, will be allowed to carry the same admirable spirit into their racing, and run (or walk) shoulder to shoulder, one dependent upon another, and so give expression to the noblest ideal in Athletics—Team Spirit.

Now, having cleared that out of my system, I will say a few words about our forthcoming events.

On February 6th we have a Social run with the Croydon H., Epsom H. and Mitcham A.C., to be held from Croydon's place at Sanderstead. I hear they have some very good country down that way, so trust our members will take this opportunity of sampling it.

On the 13th we have the South of Thames 7 Miles C.C. Championships, venue, Foots Cray Place, Sidcup, and we hope our team will do their best to secure a place in this event. It is within their compass if the team men will buckle down to serious training, and keep pegging away during the race.

For the 20th we have a fixture at Wimbledon with the College of S. Mark and S. John, Cobham A.C. and the Tooting Bec Hospital team. This will take the form of a 5 Miles Race and will give those men who just miss a place in our Championship teams, a chance of representing the Club.

FEBRUARY 27th. The great day, and really it is beginning to be a great day for us. A few seasons back it was perhaps just another race fixture, although each year we used to conjure up what proved to be false hopes. Now, however, times and teams have changed and we look forward to this race as a chance of justifying ourselves as a Club to be reckoned with in the running world. We have, to a certain extent, to rely upon last year's team, although Carter for one has shown great improvement this season. If only Arthur Penny and Bert Footer can report fit on the 27th, then "everything in the garden will be lovely."

Another point which I should like to labour, and this concerns not the team, but the Club members who are not in the team.

TURN UP at BEACONSFELD on the 27th, and give our team your vocal support. When we see how other Clubs' supporters turn out and what effect it has on their teams' running, I guarantee that if all our members, active or inactive, turn up on the 27th, then the result will be a foregone conclusion.

You can bring your rattles along, Chelsea won't miss them for one Saturday, and having been to Beaconsfield I can vouch for the fact that it is an ideal course, from the spectators' point of view. As to the actual race there is no possible doubt that with the class of runners there will be competing you will receive ample value for your money in the race you will witness.

Book the date, FEBRUARY 27th; trains will be advised later. Drop me a card if you want any particulars and I shall be only too pleased to assist you.

All entries and enquiries to E. A. DUFFETT, *Running Hon. Sec.*,
1 Raymead Avenue, Thornton Heath.

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S.W.11.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I trust that the following is sufficiently interesting to warrant inclusion in the "Belgravian."

It has been prompted by a direct question raised at a recent Committee meeting, that some effort be made to secure our own Club-house. I need not dwell on the desirability of such an attainment. The matter has been in the minds of a number of members for many years.

Up to the present, however, it has been a dream, and the very thought of the capital required has deferred really serious consideration. It has, of course, been suggested that possibly some philanthropist would present us with the necessary funds; or allow us to rent at a nominal figure of one shilling per annum; such as the Duke of Westminster has done for the National Playing Fields Association.

Sitting down and waiting for a favourable opportunity to secure our requirements so easily is, I am afraid, futile. In the same way, hoping and trusting for a balance of income over expenditure each year until the necessary assets are realized will be far too slow.

We are, without doubt, obliged to rely upon our own efforts and the effort must be shared by every member of the Club.

The effort must not be heavy, but necessarily must be sustained. How, then, can we hope to attain our objective?

Well, here is my idea, which need not cost members a penny. Strange, but I hope true!

Has anyone realised the insignificance and yet the power of the humble halfpenny, or as it is more commonly termed, "a'penny"?

But surely, you are beginning to think, the man must be mad if he is thinking to build a Club-house with "a'pennies." That, however, is precisely what I am considering.

First let me tell you that for just over three years I have not spent a halfpenny. This is not in its general meaning, but that actually every coin of that denomination that has come into my possession has not been again expended but very carefully retained. Sometimes, of course, I go for days without receiving one. Sometimes I receive 7 or 8 or more in one day. Whatever the number, they never leave me, with the result that I have now a total of 1,080, representing a sum of £2 - 5 - 0 gathered, as I have already stated, in three years.

Now, I am one of approximately 600 members of the Club, and if I can collect 240 or more halfpennies in 12 months, then surely 300 members can do likewise.

You will have observed that 240 is less than my average yearly collection and that 300 members represent only one-half of our total. I have allowed generously for disinterested members and also that fact that possibly my average rate of collection is rather high. Personally, I don't think that it is. However, 300 members each collecting 240 coins of small value (but equal to to 10/- in bulk) each year will amount to £150. In three years, exclusive of a small sum in interest, this will amount to £450.

We would then be in a position to consider seriously our Club premises.

For illustration, say suitable premises can be found valued at £2,000. Any Building Society will accept £400 as a first deposit. This leaves £1,600 on mortgage. Spread over 20 years, repayments at £8 - 15 - 0 per month for each £100 borrowed equal £140 per annum.

Now, our income from our "a'pennies" must continue. This has already been estimated at £150 per annum, so we shall have a balance in hand each year of £10 and also £50 on our deposit, which will go towards legal expenses, rates and renovations. These latter items are difficulties to be considered but, I think, to be satisfactorily overcome.

I have but briefly outlined the scheme that is in my mind. Whether it is fantastic or not is for others to decide. Criticism would be welcomed, either direct or through the columns of the "Belgravian." Helpful suggestions would be doubly welcomed.

In conclusion, I would ask all members to try an experiment. From to-day do not spend a halfpenny. Be fair with yourself and put every one that comes to your hand aside! any small receipt will do to hold your stock. Then at the end of four weeks count them up and advise me of the result. We will then develop the scheme. It is worth a trial? Yes, surely it is! Don't you think so?

Faithfully yours,

W. H. HARE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

