

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## WE COME OF AGE

By the Editor

ST. DUNSTAN'S "comes of age" this month. It was on 26th March, 1915, that sixteen men took up their quarters in what seemed to them then the overpoweringly large mansion, called "St. Dunstan's," belonging to the late Mr. Otto Kahn, in the Outer Circle of Regent's Park, and from that large house, soon to prove too small, through St. John's Lodge to its Administrative Headquarters next door in the Inner Circle, the work of St. Dunstan's has steadily gone on for twenty-one years.

A "coming of age" is a great event in the life of a man. In the life of an institution that is bound up with the lives of some two thousand men, it is an even greater. Twenty-one years is a long span. Just think of twenty-one years *before* St. Dunstan's was founded. The year was then 1894, the year before the first battle of Adowa which is having such important repercussions in Abyssinia at the present time.

Queen Victoria had seven more years to reign, and the South African War was in the dim and distant future. The motor-car was a thing of derision; the cinema was in embryo; the aeroplane was not even that. Broadcasting was a thing of the very dim and distant future. How much happened during those twenty-one years, which were coming to an end when the War rang down the curtain on an era! How much more has happened in the twenty-one years that have followed since!

Many wonderful events have there been, and not the least wonderful was the birth of St. Dunstan's, only in its turn exceeded by its steady progress towards its "majority". In those twenty-one years there have been many marvellous inventions, but inventors have but invented "things". Sir Arthur Pearson, our Founder, invented an idea, a far greater achievement. It was left to our present Chairman to carry on that idea as an ideal.

In Sir Arthur's own words, "The main idea that animated me in establishing a hostel for the blinded soldiers was that the sightless men after being discharged from hospital might come into the little world where the things which blind men cannot do were forgotten, and where everyone was concerned with what blind men *can* do. And so the idea developed itself of a hostel where they could learn to be blind."

"Learning to be blind" was the keynote of the idea of St. Dunstan's, and it may fairly be claimed in this, its coming of age year, that that idea has been achieved. It may be said that in the very vast majority of cases, "Victory over Blindness" has been achieved. That the great British public appreciates that this is so seems to be proved by their continued generosity to the organization all these years after the War, when a new generation has grown up which had no first-hand experience of that struggle, and which might reasonably have been inclined to be a little unappreciative of the reiterated second-hand experience gained through others.

Sir Arthur created the idea of St. Dunstan's; the support of the British public made

it possible to translate the idea into a fact—and into a fact that has already lasted for twenty-one years, and that is to last in the future even longer before the work can come to an end—but, when all is said and done, the “spirit” of St. Dunstan’s has been created and maintained by St. Dunstaners themselves. While without them there would have been no St. Dunstan’s, without their spirit there would have been no spirit of St. Dunstan’s. The King summed the whole thing up in four simple words when, at the Jubilee Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall last year, he addressed St. Dunstan’s men as Prince of Wales. He said, “I admire your courage.” He could not have said more.

St. Dunstaners provide the “spirit”, and the leaders of St. Dunstan’s have both guided and guarded that spirit with wisdom. For six years Sir Arthur Pearson was St. Dunstan’s, and, as its founder, he will be for ever remembered—great as were his achievements in other spheres. On his tragic death in 1921 he was succeeded by Sir Ian (then Captain) Fraser, who has guided its destinies ever since. He will reach a tenure of office of no less than fifteen years at the end of this year—a remarkable achievement in a leader who is still a young man.

To its leaders then, and to St. Dunstaners, all praise!

To St. Dunstan’s itself, as befits its 21st birthday, “Good Health.”

### Words of Praise for the Talking Book

THE Talking Book scheme is now in full swing and letters of appreciation come in by every post.

S. J. Letch, of Hatfield Peverel, referring to Sir Ian Fraser’s broadcast on the last day of 1935, congratulated him on the fact that not only had it been made possible for every St. Dunstaner to have a wireless, but now Sir Ian was able to state that it was within every man’s reach to get the Talking Book. He went on: “I have had one book read through to me and I should not have believed it was so grand if I had not heard it. In my own case it has come just at the right time, as my wife used to read to me in the past but, unfortunately, her health broke down in the early part of last year, and she can no longer read to me. I have always been very fond of reading, so you will understand how the Talking Book has come as a great blessing to me.”

F. G. Braithwaite, of Guildford, thinks that the person who thought of the Talking Book ought to have a monument three times the size of Nelson’s. “This,” he says, “is how I enjoy it.

“Every night about ten o’clock I shoot the wife off to bed, make the fire up, draw my armchair near, after having got a bottle of Worthington and a cigar going, and then I switch on the Talking Book. If the book is particularly interesting it is possible I may have another disc and another Worthington, retiring to bed about midnight, and taking care to replace

disc in box and empties in proper place.

“I have only read two books and have thoroughly enjoyed each. Not being able to sleep much, and being very poor at Braille, you can imagine how useful the Talking Book is to me.”

### Forthcoming Events

#### REUNIONS

March 26th.—GLASGOW: The Gordon, 19 Gordon Street.

April 2nd.—EXETER: Holy Trinity Hall, Friar’s Hill, South Street.

April 23rd.—MANCHESTER: Grand Hotel, Aytown Street.

April 24th.—LIVERPOOL: Reece’s Restaurant, Parker Street.

April 30th.—GUILDFORD: The Lion Hotel.

May 7th.—NEWCASTLE: Tilley’s Restaurant, 22 Blackett Street.

May 15th.—SOUTHAMPTON: Chantry Hall, Chapel Road.

May 22nd.—NOTTINGHAM: Albert Hall, Institute, Derby Road.

May 27th.—GLOUCESTER: Botherway’s Cafe, Eastgate Street.

June 5th.—BIRMINGHAM: White Horse Hotel, Congreve Street.

In all cases, the meeting will start at 12.30, with lunch at 1 p.m.

### Three Reigns.

How many St. Dunstaners have served under three Sovereigns? This point has been raised by G. F. Smith, of Stoughton, near Guildford, who has had this distinction, and it would be interesting to find out the number of St. Dunstan’s men who share it with him.

### News from Overseas

We were glad to hear again from W. A. Helm, of Cape Town. He tells us that towards the end of last year he had some trouble with his hip. He was ordered away for a change and when he wrote he had just returned from a three weeks’ holiday on the slopes of the Hex River Valley mountains. Aided by his wife, who, he says, “is a champion at that sort of thing,” he climbed the steepest slopes and ravines. He evidently took many risks on these expeditions but only once did he have to give in owing to the loose and unsafe foothold near the summit.

His holiday has done him a world of good and he has gone back to work feeling very fit.

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We look forward to meeting E. Beckham, of Vancouver, British Columbia, again when he comes over with the Canadian Pilgrimage later in the year.

### St. Dunstaner Recognizes “Stainless Stephen”

J. Bannister, of Skelmersdale, Lancs., hearing “Stainless Stephen” on the wireless, thought he recognized the voice of his old sergeant-major. When he was at Brighton a few weeks ago he heard “Stainless” at a theatre and he was convinced he had not been mistaken. When the turn was over Bannister went to the back of the stage and met him. He said: “When Stainless Stephen saw me he had the shock of his life, but it was one of the happiest moments of my life to know that he had recognized me when he shouted ‘Jack.’ We last saw each other at Bourn Wood in February, 1918. During the big retreat I lost my sight and when I recovered I took it for granted that my other pals had been killed.”

Some days later “Stainless” brought a number of fellow artists to the Brighton Home and gave a first-rate concert. He and Bannister are now regularly corresponding.

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R. Riddell, of Jedburgh, was among the members of the Jedburgh Branch of the British Legion taking part in a Memorial Service to the late King George held at the Parish Church, Jedburgh, on the 28th January.

### Lecture on Aircraft

AN interesting lecture and demonstration took place at Headquarters on Tuesday, February 18th, when Air Commodore John Adrian Chamier, Secretary-General of the Air League of the British Empire since 1933, delivered a talk on Aviation and accompanied it by a demonstration of models of the well-known post-War biplane, Heracles, and of the latest model monoplane, the Comet, of the type which flew to Australia.

Our Chairman, Captain Sir Ian Fraser, introduced the lecturer and pointed out that at a recent exhibition, he himself was enabled to feel models of the new type of planes and to realize with astonishment the incredible strides that had been made.

Air Commodore Chamier traced the history of the aeroplane from “box kite” to the present Pullman stage, from their speed of 40 m.p.h. to the present 400 m.p.h. He told his audience that the first planes he saw were catapulted because they could not rise. Now the catapult was being used again for “catapulting” at sea, and in the future he thought that it would be used still more for getting from the ground heavier loads than could ordinarily be raised. Then, too, there was no dual instruction. It was all single seaters. With the Flying Flea, which he was largely responsible for popularizing in this country, they had got back to single control again.

Those old monoplanes looked pretty, but biplanes won the day. Civil aviation really started after the War, and started with developments of the old Army type of biplane. Now we had learned more about struts and stresses and lots of other things, and were back to monoplanes again. He thought really that this revolution was due to the Schneider Cup, for racing improved the breed of aeroplanes as well as horses. The new Imperial Airways machines were all to be monoplanes, and so would the new military machines.

Everything in flying went by jumps, but it always went forward, and eventually he thought that flying would be no menace but the cause of the spread of friendliness, for ease of communications eventually meant for understanding, and understanding for friendship.

### For Chess Players

P. T. MASKELL, of Rochester, is an expert chess player, and in January he played against Sir George Thomas at the Chatham Working Men's Club. Sir George is going up and down the country giving displays to clubs. At the Chatham Club he played twenty-six boards, losing two, drawing four and winning twenty.

Maskell writes:—

"It may interest St. Dunstaners to know how these games are played. In this instance the twenty-six boards were arranged in a big square, the twenty-six players being round the outside.

The exhibition player takes the inside, and having first move at all boards, he makes his opening move at No. 1 board, going on round to the last board, during which time the players are considering their move, which they must make as soon as he gets to them again. He then makes his reply, and goes on to the next, and so on, until all the games are finished. It will be seen that while the players have plenty of time to consider their moves, the exhibition player has to do some quick thinking.

Maskell failed to win the club's junior championship this year by only half a point.

### A Domino Champion

A. H. WERNHAM'S game is dominoes. He represents the Bracknell branch of the British Legion at their tournaments and this winter has won all seven games. He has only one more tournament to complete the season and has high hopes of making this his eighth successive win.

The following report of the last tournament appeared in the local Press:—

"Sixty members of the Bracknell British Legion Club journeyed to Slough for the annual games tournament which is always a popular and keen contest. When all games but one had been played, both clubs had secured 31 games, and the result of the contest depended upon the result of a dominoes game, the representatives for Bracknell being the club's two blind members, Mr. A. Wernham and Mr. W. Bagley. This excited unbounded interest and scores of members assembled round the table eagerly to watch. The two Slough members, with all their faculties, were unable to hold the blind men, and Bracknell found themselves with a game in hand after a thrilling contest."

### Holiday Apartments

#### MORECAMBE.

Mrs. Anderson, the wife of W. Anderson, of Morecambe, is always pleased to let rooms during the holiday season. All enquiries should be sent to Mrs. Anderson, 16 Balmoral Avenue, Morecambe.

### Births

BRAY.—To the wife of H. Bray, of Manchester, on the 9th January, a daughter—Margaret Rose. (See "Deaths.")

BROOKS.—To the wife of A. T. Brooks, of Bourne-mouth, on the 22nd January, a daughter.

HOLLINS.—To the wife of G. Hollins, of Middles-brough, on the 6th February, a son—Brian Morten.

JARMAN.—To the wife of T. A. Jarman, of Portsmouth, on the 3rd February, a daughter.

RUTTER.—To the wife of J. H. Rutter, of Patricroft, Manchester, on the 25th February, a daughter—Barbara.

STUBBS.—To the wife of J. Stubbs, of Liverpool, on the 4th February, a son.

### Deaths

We extend our sincere sympathy this month to the following:—

BRAY.—To H. Bray, of Manchester, and his wife, whose little daughter, Margaret Rose, passed away on January 22nd.

CHAMBERS.—To S. A. Chambers, of King's Norton, Birmingham, whose father has recently died.

CLARKE.—To R. E. Clarke, of Gunnislake, Corn-wall, who lost his wife on the 10th February.

DAY.—To B. J. Day, of Tewkesbury, whose wife passed away on the 17th February.

DUNN.—To W. E. Dunn, of Southend-on-Sea, now training at Brighton, whose father has passed away.

JACKSON.—To F. Jackson, of New Malden, who lost his wife on the 13th February.

McLURG.—To the wife of W. McLurg, of Port William, Scotland, whose father died on the 29th January, following an operation.

MUNRO.—To the wife of D. Munro, of Aberdeen, who lost her mother on the 26th November.

OLDFIELD.—To the wife of A. Oldfield, of Sheffield, who lost her father on 4th February at the age of 77.

O'NEILL.—To J. O'Neill, of Newport, Ireland, who lost his wife on the 13th January. Mrs. O'Neill, who was 72 years of age, passed away after an illness lasting only three weeks.

SHREAD.—To the wife of J. R. Shread, of King's Lynn, whose father died on the 24th January at the age of 65.

STANNERS.—To the wife of R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, whose father passed away at the end of January.

SUMNER.—To P. S. Sumner, of Worcester, whose mother passed away on 3rd February.

WILLIAMSON.—To W. M. Williamson, of Manchester, whose brother died on the 7th February after a short illness.

YOUNG.—To R. Young, of Glasgow, who lost his mother on the 11th January.

### Marriage

DONEGAN—NORMAN.—On the 29th January, at St. John-the-Baptist R.C. Church, Brighton, P. Donegan, to Miss Maud Norman.

### For Sale

PIANO ACCORDION (Soprani). 120 bass, 41 keys, octave couplet. Beautifully designed. Price £15, carriage paid. Enquiries to G. Cole, 8 Gladstone Street, Aston, Birmingham.

### Derby Sweepstake

APPLICATION for tickets in the 1936 Derby Sweepstake may be made now.

Full particulars were published in last month's REVIEW, but we would point out again that the competition is confined solely to St. Dunstaners. Tickets are 2s. 6d. each and each application must be accompanied by a remittance to the value of the number required. Envelopes must be plainly marked "Derby Competition."

### Young St. Dunstaners

THE eldest daughter of G. H. Heeley, of Wakefield, has been accepted as a probationer nurse in the Heanor Langley Mills and District Memorial Hospital, near Nottingham, where she is hoping to qualify for her State registration training. We wish her every success.

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Vera, the daughter of J. Horridge, of Atherton, has passed the Trinity College of Music Examination, Grade I, with Honours.

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W. J. Yarwood's little daughter, Pearl, who was the youngest in her class, has passed an examination admitting her to Chorlton Central School. She has also received a certificate from the National Association of Teachers of Dancing, having passed, with honours, an examination in step-dancing.

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Daphne Folland, the eleven years old daughter of W. F. Folland, of New South Wales, Australia, has passed her Primary Final examination, and as a result has now entered the local Girls' High School.

### A Freak Hyacinth

ONE of some hyacinth bulbs sent from Headquarters to J. B. Wheeler, of Bromsgrove, has developed in the most unusual way. Not only has it thrown up two shoots at the top, but a third has appeared near the roots at the bottom. The two top shoots are already blooming, while the third, which is, of course, under water, shows every sign of flowering.

The local paper sent a reporter to see this amazing plant, which it describes as "undoubtedly a case of triplets in the floral world".

### The Handicap of the Deaf-Blind

THE many difficulties which the deaf-blind have to overcome are already known and understood by most St. Dunstaners, but G. Fallowfield, of Worthing, puts forward some most interesting points in a recent letter to Headquarters. Speaking of the handicaps of blindness and deafness, he says:

"A very important thing in a place like St. Dunstan's is the amount of sight a deaf man possesses. It is often suggested that we can see much more than we actually can. The mistake is frequent. The sight of St. Dunstan's deaf should be taken like the remaining arm, or part of an arm, of the maimed. We cannot hear, so we have to make the most of what sight we have, and this is often exaggerated in mistake.

"Vibration plays a great part in the life of the deaf. You are going up or down a staircase. You feel a rumble and know somebody else is on the stairs and are immediately alert to side-step, especially in a place like Brighton, where you know it will in all probability be a man who cannot see you.

"Getting about alone is a very vexing question and here it is the reverse to the hearing blind. They can ask for directions, listen to them, and go from point to point, whereas the deaf must know the whole route before starting out, and have gone once before with somebody. I have tried to get about myself for the sake of adventure and experience, and it is amazing how near to my destination I can get, only to have nobody available to tell me that it is just round the corner. An action might mean a mile away. In a town, getting about alone is very simple to getting about in the country. Much use can be made of the Underground Railways in London, where there is always somebody to put you into the train you want, to give you the tip when it stops at your station. A knowledge of all bus numbers, where to get the buses, and how best to get to them from where you happen to be, can also save much time."

Fallowfield is always tackling his handicap in the most enterprising way. This is an example. One of his many hobbies is making Meccano models and he has hit upon the novel idea of having a powerful magnet to extract the many tiny bolts and nuts from his workshop rubbish when he sweeps up.

## A Verbal Spring Clean.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

IN the spring it is customary for folk to overhaul their houses and cars and have their bank accounts overhauled for them by their local Income Tax collectors. During Lent they even go so far as to try to overhaul their private habits. Why do they not go a step further and have an annual overhaul or spring clean of their language? I do not mean their bad language but their everyday speech, small talk, chit chat, or what you will—or rather what you must if you are unlucky enough to be the listener.

In your sitting-room, which is probably thoroughly cleaned every week, vacuum cleaners, chairs, and other horrors are introduced each spring to gild the already spotless lily. Your conversation, on the other hand, unpolished as it probably is, is left without a spring clean year in and year out, until you finally meet an unhappy end in a dishonoured and ungrammatical grave, surrounded by split infinitives and ending your life a prepositional with.

This is so clearly all wrong that it is not in the least surprising that it has never been noticed before. What is needed is a conversational or verbal spring clean at least once a year. Just think of all the verbal junk that is collected in the space of twelve months!

What a difference, for example, an annual overhaul would have made during those dreary years when the adjective "intriguing" was lorded it over the land. At first, it was rather intrig—attractive. Like a Master Key it was a Master Adjective that fitted every emergency. Then everybody began to use it and everything was intriguing from a dose of salts to Einstein's latest formulae.

Then there was the word "ravishing." It did not want a yearly spring clean to deal with that! A special spring-clean organized on the afternoon of the day on which it was introduced would have been best. Worse still followed. There came that deadly epidemic of hyphenated twaddle when everything was fun-making, sick-making, and debased-language-making.

There followed an American irruption—an invasion compared with which the habits of the Goths, Huns, and Vandals were merely merry pranks. I refer to the

savage hordes of "Attaboy," "Oh Yeah," "Oke," "Big Boy," and all the jargon of the Never-Never-Wits. This did not so much need a spring clean as a round-up and sudden death.

Then we had the polite adjective "Lousy!" In this case, perhaps a disinfectant would have been better than a spring clean.

Jokes and alleged funny stories, too, clearly want a frequent and rigorous overhaul. Many of them could well be relegated from their present prominent positions in impolite society to the attic. Perhaps though it would be safer to take no risks. They might in a fit of economy be routed out of their attics and presented to relations at Christmas—a horrible thought!

Perhaps one had better go the whole hog—and burn them.

They should make a fine blaze. From all I know of the hardy perennial japes of my friends they are inflammable enough.

## St. Dunstan's Joiners.

THE March number of the *Woodworker* contains a three-page article on how St. Dunstan's men do cabinet work, and is a result of a visit of one of their representatives to Raglan Street recently.

The article, which is illustrated by diagrams, describes in detail the methods used by our men in sharpening and adjusting tools, measuring, etc., and goes on:—

"One could continue at length describing the various contrivances which have been evolved to enable certain operations to be carried out with accuracy. It should be emphasized, however, that the blind man does not rely solely on special gadgets. In fact, it is his pride that purely by feel he can do the vast majority of jobs in woodwork without any tools other than those used by the ordinary woodworker.

"We have already remarked on the high standard of work done by these blind men. It must be remembered that the work he does has to bear the competition of that turned out in ordinary workshops. As a matter of fact, it is infinitely better than the majority one sees offered in shops.

"It is a matter for congratulation that this band of sightless men is able to take its place in the world square with the rest of humanity, and turn out work of which any man might be proud. To Mr. Hope Atkinson it must be a source of great satisfaction to think that he can train them in the principles of sound craftsmanship. If we all could make as good use of our five senses as they do of their four, there would be little lacking in the standard of our workmanship."

## National Laying Test

REPORT for fifth period of four weeks, 27th January to 23rd February, 1936:—

Position.	Name.	Test Score value.
1	Holmes, P. ...	395
2	Fisher, T. M. ...	356
3	Holmes, P. ...	354
4	Brown, C. H. ...	333
5	Gwyn, A. I. ...	327
6	Brown, M. Watson ...	318
7	Smith, W. Alan ...	317
8	Chaffin, A. ...	315
8	Fisher, T. M. ...	315
10	McLaren, D. ...	298
11	Stock, C. H. ...	295
12	Smith, W. Alan ...	283
13	Westwood, R. ...	264
14	Watson, W. W. ...	247
15	Woodcock, W. J. ...	236
16	Carpenter, E. H. ...	230
17	Campbell, J. ...	206
18	James, G. ...	203
18	Lea, J. H. ...	203
20	Hamilton, B. ...	200
21	Jackson, G. C. ...	195
22	Webb, W. ...	194
23	Powell, G. ...	179
24	Jackson, G. C. ...	174
25	Stock, C. H. ...	170
26	Smy, H. ...	168
27	Carpenter, E. H. ...	167
28	Condon, C. T. ...	160
29	Jarvis, A. ...	155
30	Hamilton, B. ...	143

## Letter to the Editor

DEAR SIR,

As everyone has read in the Press, a delegation of German ex-Servicemen paid a visit to this country on January 19th. They were the guests of the National Executive Council of the British Legion.

I was present at the Admiralty Pier when their boat arrived from Calais. There were over three hundred members of the British Legion present with twenty-five Branch Standards.

I had the honour of being the right hand man of the three hundred. The German ex-Servicemen numbered eleven. All of them were ex-officers, and every one of them shook hands and spoke to me in very good English.

On that occasion I felt no prejudice, enmity, or hatred in my mind, as they also had served their country. I also had in mind what King Edward VIII said last Whitsuntide at the "Queen's Hall"—"to extend to the German ex-servicemen the hand of friendship."

I would like to feel that all other St. Dunstan's men feel the same as I do towards our bitter enemies from 1914 to 1918. Hatred and spite do not heal wounds, or even the soul.

Yours faithfully,

J. SHEEHY.

DOVER.

## Holiday Camp

MISS TALBOT has kindly invited us all to camp at Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamstead, from Monday, June 22nd, to Monday, June 29th. Camp fee: £1. 7s. 6d.

I am really almost afraid to write the second half of this notice. I am awfully sorry, I simply cannot manage two camps this summer. It is Gaddesden's turn as we had Stratford only last year, so with deep regret I have had to give it up for this summer. Miss Nelson will not be home in time to collect all the equipment and this would mean an enormous amount of extra work for me, as no one really knows where it all comes from but she or I, and it is most difficult to arrange when you are not living down there. But, "rowers" and all "veteran Stratford Campers", I give you a solemn promise from Padre and myself, we will have one next year. I should like also to add that we are as disappointed as I am afraid you are.

AVIS SPURWAY.

## A Sports Course for the Blind

The first sports course for the blind has been started at Augsburg, Bavaria, and thirty blind men and women whose ages range from fourteen to fifty are taking part.

The movement, which has been started by the Nazi "Strength through Joy" Recreational Organization, includes gymnastics, wrestling, swimming, and track and field athletics.

This month Germany's blind athletes will hold a meeting "to educate the public and enlist nation-wide interest in the training of the blind in sport."

The Brownshirt organization plans to extend the course to give all blind war veterans healthy training in sport.

## Silver Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS to C. Purkis, of Ontario, Canada, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on Jubilee Day—May 6th last; to W. Fitchie, of Penworthan, Preston, and his wife, whose anniversary was on August 6th; and to D. A. Purvies, of Leeds, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on February 11th.

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### 9 Mile Walk

FOR this event fortune favoured us. Overnight and on the morning of January 18th, snow had fallen and frozen, but a thaw set in and Sir Ian Fraser was able to start what proved to be a memorable race. The appended times will show that Archie Brown broke his own course record in Section A, Jerry Jerome, very much improved, being second, and P. Ashton third.

In Section B, T. ap Rhys surprised everyone by his splendid performance. To come from the novice stage and not only win but break the course record of 86.25 in the splendid time of 85.18 is indeed a great feat. H. Boorman was second and Billy Birchall third.

Handicap winners :

Section A	Section B
1st H. Giles	1st T. ap Rhys
2nd J. Jerome	2nd W. Birchall
3rd A. Brown	3rd F. Rhodes

After tea Miss Hamar Greenwood thanked all who had helped and with a cheery word and a smile, presented the prizes to the winners. H. Boorman returned thanks on behalf of those present to Sir Ian Fraser and Miss Greenwood.

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Unfortunately, the twelve and three mile events arranged for February 22nd had to be cancelled, owing to bad weather. A terrific downpour all the morning kept away many escorts and competitors, and it was agreed to hold these two events on a later date. This has now been fixed for Saturday, March 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

**Wembley Walk, 15 Miles :** April 18th, at 2.30 p.m., Natapro Club, North Wembley. *Entries must be in by April 4th.*

**Birmingham Club and Inter-Team Walk :** May 9th.

### Tuesday Night Arrangements

(8 P.M.)

March 24th: Exhibition of Judo by Anglo-Japanese Judo Club.

March 31st: Miss Zucker's Concert Party.

April 7th: Dance.

### Summer Sports Meeting

This will take place in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, April 21st, at 6.30 p.m. sharp, to discuss summer sports programme.

### Brighton

THE Domino Drive for Matron's prize is still going well. Forty-two men have taken part so far. At the last meeting M. Sheridan and C. Reddish tied for first place with five games each. Sister Boyd-Rochfort has given a racing plate worn by Woodstock as an extra prize. The leading scores at the moment are as follows :—

Hollindrake ...	13
Jacklin ...	12
Baughn ...	11
Kirk ...	10
Creasey ...	10
Sheridan ...	10
Triggs ...	10
Robinson ...	10

with the rest of the competitors close up.

### Nine Miles Walking Handicap, 18/1/36

Scratch Race	Competitor	Actual time	H'dcp. Allowance	H'dcp. Time	Position in H'dcp.
		min. sec.	min. sec.	min. sec.	
SECTION A.					
1.	A. Brown ...	75/30	Scratch	75/30	3
2.	J. Jerome ...	80/25	5/0	75/25	2
3.	P. Ashton ...	85/27	8/15	77/12	5
4.	H. Gover ...	86/5	9/0	77/5	6
5.	W. Trott ...	87/35	9/45	77/50	8
6.	S. Dyer ...	88/18	11/30	76/48	4
7.	H. Giles ...	90/7	14/45	75/22	1
8.	J. Coupland ...	90/17	12/30	77/47	7
9.	T. Rouse ...	96/5	14/45	81/20	9
10.	G. Jolly ...	108/35	25/30	83/5	10
SECTION B.					
1.	T. ap Rhys ...	85/18	9/30	75/48	1
2.	H. Boorman ...	89/29	9/0	80/29	4
3.	W. Birchall ...	96/30	18/45	77/45	2
4.	F. Rhodes ...	105/5	25/—	80/5	3