

NOVEMBER - 1969

The Centenary Cross Country Fixture is almost upon us; the day is the 29th. November, the start at 3.00.p.m. in Sparrows Den. Since the circuit is only 2½ miles we should be able to ensure that our team is always in sight and sound of a Blackheath supporter, for each of the three laps of the race. There will be a public address system at Sparrows Den so bring as many friends as possible to show them what a cross country race can be.

The runners will be changing at Hawes Down ("Brent's Academy") School, and after the race, when they have showered and dressed, they will be entertained to a supper in the school, prepared by outside caterers. During the meal the competitors will be presented with a china tankard each; these have been specially obtained for this event. It is hoped that at least a good cross section of club members will also wish to stay to this meal, and Chris Haines, 30 Swivelands Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, (B.H. 4368) must hear from anyone who intends staying by Tuesday 25th. November, but he must take 7/6 from you for the meal. This price has been kept to "Hayes Supper" level, which is below cost, to ensure that all sections and ages of the club will be represented. Even if you are unable to stay to supper it is hoped that many will return to the clubhouse for a social later (8.00.p.m.) to which the foreign teams and representatives of the English ones will be invited; a small group is engaged to play from 9 to 11 p.m.

A programme will be available on the day, but the ten names, eight to run, entered for each team by 15th. November are:-

E.C.C.U.	Team not announced yet.
HERNE HILL	S.Allen, C.Blackmore, D.Card, D.Evans, J.Gowan, M.Gowan, M.Hanahde, K.Hylands, R.O'Donoghue, P.Thomas.
LOUISE A. V.	Belgium team have accepted, names not available yet.
ORION	R.Bond, J.Butcher, L.Durrant, J.Frost, B.Hercock, K.Jones, C.McSweeney, M.Tomlins, P.Vetterlain, J.Webb.
OXBRIDGE	D.Bryant, H.Chadwick, G.Hutchinson, T.Johnstone, J.Roberts, J.Roger, only Cambridge names available.
RANELGH	No names available.
R.M.A.	No names available.
SOUTH LONDON	A.Avila, A.Codd, R.Gevers, F.Gilson, C.Harvey, R.O'Mahoney, A.Prior, J.Rix, J.Roberts, D.Swanson.
STADE FRANCAIS	Ball, Béavogui, Gicquel, Guilbert, Marquès, Quilleveré, Sacau, Steel, Stéfani, Tavernier.
THAMES H and H.	P.Braithwaite, H.Chadwick, D.Dawes, E.Escritt, D.Evans, K.Evans, P.Honiball, G.Hutchinson, J.Roberts, J.Valentine.
BLACKHEATH	N.Bailey, R.Barker, A.Dunnett, R.Hawtin, P.Horwood, A.Mandeville, R.Richardson, M.Willis, I.Wilson, C.Woodcock.

One of the visiting teams is to be accommodated at the N.C.P.R. Crystal Palace, but the other will be in the homes of members, and in this connection Richard Edmonds, 60 Brabourne Rise, Beckenham, would be pleased to have a few addresses in reserve, so if you can accommodate one or more guests from Friday evening until Sunday, they leave Victoria at 2.00.p.m., please contact him.

#### REPORTS

In the limited space available mention must be made of Bob Hawtin (4th.), Chris Woodcock (7th.), Bob Falcomer (8th.) and Mike Willis (9th.) who packed so well to win the Junior South of Thames race at West Wickham; also of Alan Donleo (for Derby A.C.) 4th., in 2:20:47, and Mike Willis 8th., 2:24:00, in the Harlow Marathon.

The Nicholls Cup was retained by us (only 86 of us!) on 15th. November.

The dinner, attended by more than two hundred, at the Mansion House was a great success, but if you were not there you will have to wait for the next Gazette to know the details of this event, and indeed of the many other events of the last few weeks.



## COMING EVENTS

At Lylesford Paper Mills (Reed Paper Group), Bell Lane (off A 20), Larkfield, there is a Kent Cross Country League race of 5 miles on 6th. December, 3.00.p.m. start; there are 7½ mile mob matches at Chingford, 13th. December, and at Petersham, 17th. January; at Hayes Club Championships on 20th. December for Juniors, 5 miles, and for Youths and Boys, 3½ miles, and on 24th. January for Seniors the "10". For none of the above events should you need to be "carded", if you can stay the distance you are expected; if you turn up - you run. The "County" on 3rd. January is at the Howe Barracks, Canterbury, first race at 1.50.p.m., contact Chris Haines if you wish to run. Spectators will be more than welcome at all the above fixtures, in particular Chris Haines will be happy to book seats for spectators on the club coach to Canterbury which will leave Hayes about 11.00.a.m. Spectators will also be welcome at Barnes Bridge on Sunday 7th. December for our annual rowing match, splash off at 11.00.a.m.; but don't forget the coaching day at Hayes starting at 10.00.a.m. the same morning.

At Hayes this Saturday (22nd.) there is a dance at 7.30.p.m., with the Senators.

Now two non-events. The Track Event on 21st. December is called off because there is every likelihood that the Ladywell track will then be in the course of conversion to a 400 metre circuit; The Rugby Match cannot now be held on Boxing Day and a new date has not yet been fixed, but there is always the Paper Chase from the clubhouse instead on Boxing Day.

Other amendments to the published fixture list are:-

6th. December	Rowing Clubs Race	(from 22nd. November)
13th. December	Bexhill Road Relay	is cancelled
10th. January at Hayes	v. London Irish A.C.	v. G.L.C. Staff A.C.
31st. January at Hayes	add v. Dulwich College	
28th. February at Felsted	v. Felsted School	(from 21st. February)

## CENTENARY NOTICES

It is hoped to produce a permanent record of Centenary Year, possibly in the form of a scrapbook, and a sub-committee of Harold Thompson, Norman Dudley and Richard Edmonds is in being to this end. If you have any ideas, newspaper cuttings, photographs, correspondence or anything else you think will be of use, please have a word with one or other of the group.

Those members who only occasionally visit Hayes should remember on their next visit (29th. November?) to "sign up" if they want a copy of the Club Photograph, taken on 18th. October, which is on display there.

Christmas approaches (Merry Christmas to all our readers!), and if you don't have a Centenary Tie why not persuade your wife /girl friend /mother, as applicable, to surprise you with one on the 25th., the editor still has stocks at £1 (includes post.) In a similar vein the Club History should be available from Richard Edmonds (subs due!) who is now taking orders with cash, and though this is rather dearer, at 2guineas, I'm led to believe it is a good buy, although as yet no review is available.

## OTHER NOTICES

The proposed 200-CLUB is now being formed. The full rules, and forms for bankers orders, can be obtained from Colin Brand, 21 Hawthorn Drive, West Wickham. Basically 200-CLUB members must belong to Blackheath Harriers and invest £1 on 15th. of every month, by bankers order. When numbers reach 200 entry will be closed except to replace retiring members, and the prizes will then be £50, and a few smaller ones, each month, with an extra £500 prize at Christmas. The first subscription is due by 15th. January 1970, for the first draw at the February, 1970, meeting of the club General Committee.

The General Committee would be pleased to hear, by 1st. December, from anyone who would be willing to coordinate the work necessary in connection with the promotion of the club road relay next September, or to help in any other way.

The Newsheet Editor still lives at 4 Christchurch Road, Dartford, Kent.