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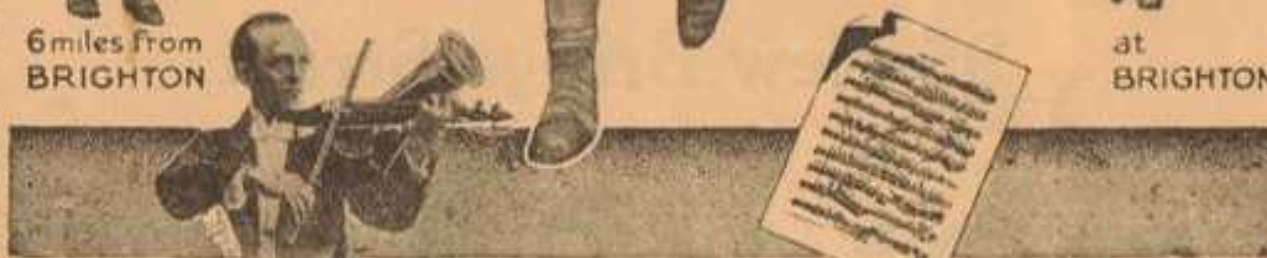
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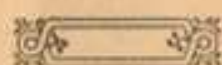
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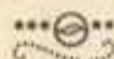
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Tom Payne and Tom Green passing through Durham in the "Northern Echo" Sunderland to Darlington Walk, March 28th, 1932. Tom Payne finished 2nd a few minutes behind Tommy Green the winner. Later in the same year Tommy Green won the 50 Kilometres (31 miles) World's Championship at the Olympic Games, Los Angeles, United States. Photo by kind permission of the "Northern Echo."



Tom Payne and Family after winning the "Northern Echo" Sunderland to Darlington Walk. 31½ miles, in Record Time for the course, 4 hours 39 mins. 55 secs. Photo by kind permission of "Northern Echo."

A Knight of the Open Road.

An Appreciation of Tom Payne.

Thirty years of competitive walking and still going strong! Such is the remarkable record of Mr. Tom Payne, former World's Amateur Long-distance Walking Champion, yet still a first-class performer on the roads to-day though he has passed the fifty-fourth milestone on life's journey. Only three years ago Mr. Payne won the Sunderland to Darlington Walk of 31½ miles in record time from such a redoubtable opponent as T. Lloyd Johnson of Leicester, who has held national championships on numerous occasions.

A native of "Canny" South Shields, Tom was not born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth. Success that has come to him in athletics and in the material things of life has been won by the exercise of his indomitable spirit and the power of concentration to reach his goal. As a youth he was somewhat frail in appearance, and the many weary hours he put in to master the intricacies of the violin took further toll of his none too robust physique. Soon afterwards he secured a post in the orchestra of a Newcastle theatre and was now definitely launched upon a musical career, though as yet there was not the slightest indication of the great athletic triumphs that were to come. Indeed his physical appearance scarcely suggested that here was a world's champion in embryo. Small of stature, slight in build, scarcely 8 stones in weight—this seemed unpromising material out of which to fashion a champion of endurance feats.

About this time, in the year 1904, occurred one of those periodical revivals in race-walking, and a walking race was held at South Shields over a 24 miles course organised by the South Shields Recreation Committee. This was won by a walker named H. Clay, and so successful was the race that for a time it became an annual affair. Tom Payne had taken up walking for exercise and health, and was persuaded to enter the race held in 1906. Tom was the first competitor in the race to reach the top of Springwell Bank, thereby winning a pair of trousers given by a local tradesman. He eventually finished second, a remarkable performance for a novice, and the following year shocked the athletic world by beating the famous Jack Butler (50 miles track champion), who had been prevailed upon to come to South Shields as a special attraction for the walk.

Success followed upon success, and the next few years saw Tom Payne reach the pinnacle of fame with brilliant victories in the 24 hours walk and the 12 hours walk, the 24 hours walk taking place at the Stadium, London, Sept. 17 and 18th, 1909, and the 12 Hours Race at Stamford Bridge Ground, London, June 4th, 1910. Road records for nearly every important walk in the country were mown down like chaff before the wind by the relentless machine-like pedestrian marvel from Tyneside.

I have only given but a brief scenario of the wonderful career of this remarkable walker, I will leave it to Mr. Payne himself to fill in most of the details in subsequent pages. Like Tennyson's famous brook, Tom threatens to go on for ever, and his form in 1936 certainly suggests that he is good enough for the "scratch" division for many seasons to come. Heartiest congratulations to a super athlete, a wonderful walker and a prince among sportsmen. The world of road walking owes much to Tom Payne.

C.F.H.



Tom Payne after walking for 10 hours at a speed of 6 miles per hour. This was taken when he had walked 61 miles, creating a new record for the distance.

The Great 24 Hours' Race at the Stadium.



A merry group of famous pedestrians in the early stages of the great 24 hours' race won by Tom Payne. Names (from left) Jack Butler, 50 miles track record holder, G. H. Pateman, H. W. Horton, who finished 6th, and E. Parslow, who finished 7th.



The struggle for first place between W. Brown and T. Payne in the 16th hour of the race when both men had walked 84 miles. Payne took the lead shortly afterwards and eventually won by over 3 miles.

Thirty Years of Walking.

BY TOM PAYNE.

There is not very much I can add to the excellent "write up" by C.F.H. given in this Booklet. In the first place I would like to dedicate this Booklet to C.B.W., if there had not been a C.B.W. it is very likely that there would not have been a Tom Payne, so far as the Athletic World is concerned. It was due to his enthusiasm for Physical Culture and particularly Walking, that inspired me to take up walking, first for health, and soon after for competition—my first desire being a friendly wish to be able to give the aforesaid C.B.W. a bit of a race for a few miles, any notion of ever being able to beat him never entered my mind. I always looked upon C.B.W. as being unbeatable so far as my puny self was concerned, as C.F.H. says (with truth) I was always looked upon as a hopeless weakling—"a dying fiddle player" and when, after a few months of good steady training I was able to leave C.B.W. behind, it was difficult to say who was the most surprised—C.B.W. or myself. As C.F.H. goes on to say—by systematic regular and constant training I went on to beat the best in the World and to set up some new World's Records. This only goes to show that we never know what we have stored up in our own bodies or know what we are capable of doing unless we give ourselves the chance to prove our worth.

It has been my good fortune to meet in my three periods of walking, some of the finest Athletes that one could wish to meet. In my first period—1906 to 1912—I would like to particularly mention Thomas E. Hammond, popularly known as "Tommy Hammond" admittedly the most gentlemanly walker that has ever walked on a road or track and seeing that he holds the World's Record for the biggest distance ever walked by any human being in 24 hours, might I not say the greatest!

Jack Butler, who until recently, held the 50 Miles Track Record, a record that he set up, I believe, in 1905, and stood for 30 years. H. V. L. Ross, a six foot odd inches stalwart that gave me many a great race on the London Brighton and other roads—who also got the London to Brighton Record in the year 1909, which record stood for many years. Edgar Horton, another huge lump of a man, who, in 1913, captured from me all the records I had put up when winning the great 12 hours Race at Stamford Bridge in 1910. I was not racing or training in 1913, when E. C. Horton beat my times, I had the satisfaction ??? of licking him once or twice again when I returned to walking for my second period in 1917 to 1921. I have also had some good tussles with his son during my third period of racing—1931 to 1936—however, I take my hat off to both Father and Son, both great lads physically and sportingly.

To return to my first period, I must mention other great walkers in "Bill" Brown, who gave me a great Race in the 24 Hours Race in 1909, H. E. Roberts, Schofield, Hehir, Brockhouse, T. P. Fox (3rd in my 12 Hours Race), there were many others whom I hope will forgive me for omitting their names.

In my second period, 1917 to 1921, there were not so many outstanding names, owing to the War break, and as I won nearly every walk of consequence in which I competed in this period I had the field very much to myself.

In the interval between my second and third period, namely, 1921 to 1931, one great walker claims special mention, W. F. Baker, this walker won several London to Brighton Races and captured one of the plums of the Walking World, namely, the London to Brighton and Back Record — 104 Miles in 18—5—51, I take my hat off to W. F. Baker.

Another name requiring and worthy of special mention was Frank Holt of Bradford, another great walker in his best days.

The outstanding walker in my third period—1931 to the time of writing, is undoubtedly another "Tommy"—namely Tommy Green. T. W. Green discovered by mere chance that he could walk fast when he was well over 30 years of age, so Tommy commenced racing when most athletes are thinking of or being advised to retire. He has had an extraordinarily successful career as a walker which culminated when he won the 50 Kilometres Race at the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932. Physically, like myself, Tommy was not endowed by nature with length of limb, but like myself, nature has endowed him with a scientific style and staying power which has stood him in good stead in many a hard fought race. At one period of his career Tommy Green held the record for nearly every Road Race in England.

Other great walkers of the present time are H. H. Whitlock, the present holder of the London to Brighton Record and the 50 Miles Track Record. T. Lloyd Johnson, many times winner of 20 miles Road Walking Championship and 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championship and a great many other races. A. E. Plumb, the walker with a knack of winning the 20 Miles Road Walking Championship. When winning this race in 1932, he set up a World's Record for the distance 20 miles in 2 hours 34 mins. 38 secs. I took part in this race and at 10 miles at 51 years of age I was holding third place, much to my astonishment. There are more great walkers to-day than have existed in my other periods, amongst them I must mention J. H. Ludlow, H. Taylor, F. Rickards, Jack Medlicott, Bentley, A. H. C. Pope, C. F. Hakanson and many others, and last but not least walkers that I have met and beaten and have been beaten in return in my own North East District, include Bob Edon, Tommy Dolman, Weston Malone, Bob Somerville and others, long may they all continue to enjoy the sport.

In winding up these remarks I wish to thank E.J.F. for great help towards the compilation of this Booklet, C.F.H. and J.W.P.

The Great 24 Hours' Race at the Stadium.



Tom Payne in the last hour of the 24, taken when he had walked 125 and had broken the World's Non-stop record. He was leading by nearly 4 miles from the second man.

The Starters for the Great 12 Hours' Race.



No. 7, Tom Payne, the winner, who walked 72 miles 33 yards in the 12 hours, created a record for every mile from 51 miles to 72 miles. This picture shows how Payne is dwarfed by some of his greatest opponents.



Tom Payne breaking tape and winning Manchester to Blackpool Race third year in succession and winning the Blackpool Cup outright.

After winning Manchester to Blackpool Race fourth year in succession. Receiving congratulations from Charles Noden, Esq., late Advertising Manager of Blackpool.



The Walking Records and Achievements of Tom Payne.

FIRST PERIOD.

1906—1912.

Age 24 to 30 years.

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| Easter, 1906. | —Spencer Cup, 24 Miles Walk at South Shields, T. PAYNE, 2nd. (First time out in Public). |
| Whitsuntide, 1906. | —North Shields Walking Club, 17 Miles Road Walk. T. PAYNE, 3rd. (Winner, Wilkinson, Liverpool). |
| August 6th, 1906. | Whitley Bay Flower Show, 1 Mile Track Handicap, T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| August 7th, 1906. | —Whitley Bay Flower Show, 2 Mile Track Handicap, T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| August 15th, 1906. | —Tynemouth Flower Show, 5 Mile Track Handicap, T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| Good Friday, 1907. | —North Shields Polytechnic 7 Miles Walk, T. PAYNE, Winner. |
| April 2nd, 1907. | —Spencer Cup 24 Miles Walk at South Shields T. PAYNE, Winner. Time 3 h. 37 m. 12 s. Record for the course. Beating amongst others Jack Butler the 50 Miles Track Record Holder. Also won sealed handicap. |
| April 14th, 1907. | —North Shields Walking Club 5½ Miles Scratch Race. T. PAYNE, Winner. |
| May 21st, 1907. | —North Shields Walking Club 2 Miles Handicap. T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| June 4th, 1906. | —North Shields Walking Club 16 Miles Race. T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| March 29th, 1907. | —North Shields Walking Club 5½ Miles Race. T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| May 29th, 1907. | —North Shields Walking Club Championship 12 Miles. T. PAYNE, Winner. Time 1 h. 34 m. 31s., Also winner of Handicap. |
| July 31st, 1907. | —Gateshead Co-op. Amateur Athletic Sports 2 Miles Handicap. T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| August 5th, 1907. | —Whitley Bay Flower Show 2 Miles Track Handicap. T. PAYNE, 2nd. |
| August 10th, 1907. | —Ashington Football Club Sports 1 Mile Handicap. T. PAYNE, Winner. |
| August, 1907. | Sunderland Walking Club 10 Miles Scratch Race. T. PAYNE, Winner. 1 h. 19 m. 25 s. |
| January 1st, 1908. | —North Shields Walking Club 5½ Miles Scratch Race. T. PAYNE, Winner. |
| February 29th, 1908. | —First Lancashire Walking Club's Manchester to Blackpool Race for Blackpool Corporation Cup. Distance 52 Miles. T. PAYNE, Winner. Time, 8 h. 20 m. 17 s. |
| June 8th, 1908. | —Bradford Circular Walk, 41½ Miles. T. PAYNE, 2nd. Time, 6 h. 57 m. 39 s. |

- June 22nd, 1908. —South Shields Spencer Cup 24 Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.**
- August 12th, 1908. —North Shields Walking Club's 12 Miles Championship. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 1 h. 35 m. 13 s.
- August 26th, 1908. —South Shields Flower Show 24 Miles Open Race. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 3 h. 41 m. 26 s.
- December 19th, 1908. —Darlington Harriers' Marathon Race (running) 20 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner of Handicap.** Time 2 h. 13 m. 13 s.
- July 25th, 1909. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk via Kirkham, 48½ miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 7 h. 43 m. 53 s. Record for the course.
- August 26th, 1909. —Spencer Cup 24 Miles Walk at South Shields. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 3 h. 41 m. 26 s.
- September 4th, 1909. —London to Brighton Walk. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Winner, H. V. L. Ross who broke Record for the Course.
- Sept. 17th—18th, 1909. —Blackheath Harriers Great 24 Hours' Walk, at Stadium, London. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Covering 127 miles 542 yards, creating world's non-stop records for 86, 87, 91, 92 and 93 miles which still stand.
- June 4th, 1910. —Middlesex Walking Club's 12 Hours Walk, Stamford Bridge Track, London. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Walking 72 miles 33 yards and creating a new world's record for 12 hours walking, and records for every mile from 51 to 72. The "Sporting Life" for June 6th, reported "Finished as strong as he started after breaking records from 51 miles upwards. . . The conqueror of one of the finest walking races on record." Awarded the Amateur Athletic Association Gold Record Medal.
- July 23rd, 1910. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk, 52 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 8 h. 37 m. 51 s. Winning for third year in succession and **Winning outright the Blackpool Corporation Cup.**
- September 2nd, 1910. —Spencer Cup 24 Miles Walk at South Shields. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 3 h. 38 m. 20 s. Winning for third time. **Winning Spencer Trophy outright.**
1910. —North Shields Walking Club Polytechnic Championship. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** 7 Miles. Time, 53 m.
- January 2nd, 1911. —South Shields Harriers 7 Miles 1600 Yards Handicap. T. Payne off Scratch. **T. PAYNE, Winner.**
- January 7th, 1911. —Lancashire Walking Club's 14 Miles Scratch Race. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Creating new record for the Course.
- March 18th, 1911. —Lancashire Walking Club's 22 Miles Scratch Race at Manchester. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 3 h. 20 m. 22 s.

- March 29th, 1911. —South Shields Harriers 12 Miles Scratch Race. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 1 h. 30 m. 10 s.
- April 1st, 1911. —Southern Counties Road Walking Championship 20 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 2 h. 50 m. 30 s. At that period over 3 minutes faster than previous best time accomplished in these races. Described by "Health & Strength" as Greatest Road Walking Race of Modern Times.
- June 5th, 1911. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk 41½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 6 h. 56 m. 27 s. This walk took place in what was described by the press as "phenomenal heat."
- July 1st, 1911. —Lancashire Walking Club's 18 Miles Scratch Race, at Manchester. **T. PAYNE, Winner.**
- September 2nd, 1911. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk. For new Blackpool Corporation Trophy. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 9 h. 8 m. 55 s.
- September 30th, 1911. —Polytechnic Harriers London to Brighton Walk. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 8 h. 20 m. 6 s. Winning the Cyril McMichael Trophy and Surrey Walking Club Dithy Cup. On this occasion T. Payne was the first Northcountry man to win the London to Brighton Walk, and except for the other occasions on which T. Payne won this race, it has never been won by a Northcountry athlete.
- Other Races Won during First Period.**
1910. —Lancashire Walking Club Shaw Shield Race, 18 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 2 h. 46 m. Lancashire Walking Club Championship, 14 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 1 h. 56 m. Record for the Course.
1911. —South Shields v. Lancashire 15 Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 2 h. 6 m.
1911. —South Shields Walking Club Championship, 11 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.**
1912. —South Shields Walking Club Championship. **T. PAYNE, Winner.**

SECOND PERIOD.

1917 to 1921.

Age 35 to 41.

- May 28th, 1917. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** 5 h. 24 m. 17 s.
- May 20th, 1918. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** 5 h. 22 m. 5 s.
- April 19th, 1919. —Leeds Athletic Club 10 Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, Winner,** beating amongst others, Robert Bridge the 2 miles and 7 miles Track Championship Holder. Time 1 h. 21 m. 25 s.
- June 9th, 1919. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 5 h. 9 m. 45 s.

- September 13th, 1919. —Surrey Walking Club London to Brighton Walk **T PAYNE, Winner.** Time 8 h. 38 m. 23 s.
- October 2nd, 1919. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk. 52 Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 8 h. 18 m. 7 s.
- December 26th, 1919. —Gateshead Congers 6½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 52 m. 51 s. Creating new record for the course.
- June, 1920. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 5 h. 30 m. 11 s. **Winning Race for 5th year in succession, making six wins in all. Presented with replica of Hammond Cup.**
- September 25th, 1920. —London to Brighton Walk (Surrey Walking Club's). **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 8 h. 21 m. 33 s.
- October 2nd, 1920. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk, over extended course. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 9 h. 41 m. 17 s. **Winning Race for 6th year and Winning outright the second Blackpool Corporation Trophy.**

THIRD PERIOD.

Age 50 to 54 years.

Whilst T. Payne, during his third period of walking created new records in some of the Races he won, it cannot be denied that practically every time he has turned out in his third period he has returned times that stand as a Record for any Athlete over the age of 50.

- December 26th, 1931. —Gateshead Congers 6½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time, 55 m. 1s.
- February 6th, 1932. —Gateshead Harriers and Walking Club 9½ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 1 h. 16 m. 21 s.
- February 20th, 1932. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club Championship 10½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time, 1 h. 22 m. 20 s. Record for Course.
- March 28th, 1932. —'Northern Echo' Sunderland to Darlington Walk. 31½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time 4 h. 54 m. 50 s. (Winner, T. Green, World's Olympic Champion).
- April 23rd, 1932 —North Eastern Counties Road Walking Championship. 10 Miles. Sunderland. **T. PAYNE, 2nd** Time 1 h. 21 m. 13 s.
- May 7th, 1932. —20 Miles English Road Walking Championship, London. **T. PAYNE, Won** Time Standard Medal, walking 20 Miles in 2 h. 59 m. 24 s. Winner, A. E. Plumb, in World's Record Time.
- May 16th, 1932. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 50 Kilos. Championship. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 5 h. 5 m. 44 s.
- June 25th, 1932. —English National 50 Kilos. Championship, Leicester. **T. PAYNE, 4th.** Time 4 h. 48 m. 30 s. (Second Englishman to finish). Winner Pretti, Italy.
- July 9th, 1932. —Lewis 25 Miles Walk, Birmingham. 166 Starters. **T. PAYNE, 5th.** 1st in Veterean's Race.
- July 16th, 1932. —'Bradford Argus' 31½ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 4 h. 59 m. 28 s.



The starters for the Road Walking Championship, 1911. over a distance of 20 miles, won by Tom Payne in record time, 2 hrs. 50 m., 30 s.



Tom Payne in the last mile of the 20 miles Road Walking Championship, Chiselhurst, London, 1911.



Tom Payne and some of his Prizes.

- July 26th—30th, 1932. —**T. PAYNE** represented England in a team of 10 English Walkers in the 4 days' Endurance Marches at Nijmegen, Holland. English Team completing marches and gaining first-class honours.
- August 1st, 1932. —Hastings to Brighton Walk, 37 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 5 h. 59 m. 27 s. (beating record set up by T. Green in 1931). In this race T. Payne in his 51st year was made scratch man in handicap, being set to give starts up to 75 mins. He was set to give 14 minutes start to H H Whitlock who won the race. In 1935 Whitlock created new record for 50 miles on track, & new record for London-Brighton
- August 6th, 1932. —"Sunday Mercury" Nottingham to Birmingham Walk. 55 Miles. 67 Starters. **T. PAYNE, 6th.** Time 9 h. 50 m. 9 s. (Winner, C. C. McMasters of South Africa).
- September 10th, 1932. —Skipton Road Walk. 15 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 2 h. 25 m. 33 s.
- December 26th, 1932. —Gateshead Congers 6½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 54 m. 12 s.
- February 4th, 1933. —Gateshead Harriers 9½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time, 1 h. 18 m. 37 s.
- February 18th, 1933. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club Championship 10½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner** Time 1 h. 30 m. 19 s.
- April 1st, 1933. —Sheffield Northern Counties Championship. 20 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time, 2 h. 58 m. 5 s.
- April 17th, 1933. —Sunderland to Darlington Walk. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 3 h. 51 m. 6 s. 31½ Miles.
- April 29th, 1933. —North Eastern District 10 Miles Championship at North Shields. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time 1 h. 18 m. 59 s.
- June 5th, 1933. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk, 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 5 h. 16 m. 29 s.
- June 17th, 1933. —Manchester to Blackpool Walk. 52 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 5th.**
- July 15th, 1933. —"Bradford Argus" Walk. 50 Kilos. Championship. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 5 h. 10 m. 18 s.
- September 29th, 1933. —8 Hours' Track Race at White City Stadium, London. **T. PAYNE** in 52nd year walked 45 miles 1,420 yards in 8 hours.
- November 4th, 1933. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club 10 Miles Yacht Handicap. Winner of Handicap, R. Payne. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** in Scratch Race.
- December 26th, 1933. —Gateshead Congers 6½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 53 m. 41 s.
- February 17th, 1934. —Gateshead Harriers and Walking Club 9½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** (1st in Handicap).
- March 3rd, 1934. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club 10½ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 1 h. 25 m. 55 s.
- April 3rd, 1934. —Sunderland to Darlington Walk. 31½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time 4 h. 39 m. 55 s. Record for Course.
Awarded "Northern Echo" Gold Record Medal.
- April 21st, 1934. —North-East Championship at South Shields. 10 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 1 h. 29 m. 45 s.
- May 21st, 1934. —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk. 32½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time 5 h. 3 m. 55 s.

- May 21st, 1934. —Bradford 50 Kilos. Northern Counties Championship. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time, 4 h. 56 m. 22 s.
- November 3rd, 1934. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club 10½ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE and R. Edon Dead Heat for 1st Place.** Time 1 h. 26 m. 59 s.
- December 26th, 1934. —Gateshead Congers 6¾ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** 55 m. 1 s.
- February 16th, 1935. —Gateshead Walking Club 9½ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time 1 h. 17 m. 56 s.
- March 2nd, 1935. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club Championship. **T. PAYNE, Winner.** Time, 1 h. 23 m. 56 s.
- March 30th, 1935. —Darlington Harriers 10 Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 1 h. 21 m. 25 s.
- May 18th, 1935. —North East 10 Miles Championship. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time, 1 h. 25 m. 22 s.
- June 10th, 1935. —50 Kilos. English Championship at Bradford. **T. PAYNE** first man to finish for North of England. **T. PAYNE** off scratch, won second prize in Veterans Handicap.
- August 5th, 1935. —"Bradford Argus" Walk. 26 Miles. **T. PAYNE 2nd.** Time, 3 h. 54 m. 48 s.
- December 26th, 1935. —Gateshead Congers 6¾ Miles Walk. **T. PAYNE, 4th.** Time, 53 m. 42 s.
- January 18th, 1936. —South Shields Harriers and Walking Club 10 Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time 1 h. 26 m. 2 s.
- February 29th, 1936. —Gateshead Harriers and Walking Club 9½ Miles Race. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time, 1 h. 16 m. 27 s.
- March 14th, 1936. —South Shields Harriers Championship 10½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, 2nd.** Time 1 h. 22 m. 41 s.
- April 13th, 1936. —Sunderland to Darlington Walk ("Northern Echo") 31 Miles. **T. PAYNE, 4th.** Time, 5 h. 1 m. 19 s.
- April, 25th, 1936. —North Eastern District 10 Miles Championship. Approximately 9½ Miles. **T. PAYNE, 3rd.** Time, 1 h. 17 m.
- June 1st, 1936 —Bradford Whitsuntide Walk, 32½ miles. **T. PAYNE 9th,** 5 hrs. 8 mins. 49 secs. a minute faster than his previous record for the course. Winner of Veterans' Handicap off virtual scratch.

Continued racing 1937-38-39-40-41 to age 61.

ROAD RECORDS MADE BY T. PAYNE WHICH STILL STAND.

- South Shields Spencer Cup, 24 Miles Walk.—
Time : 3 h. 37 m. 12 s.—April 2nd, 1907.
- Manchester to Blackpool Walk, via Kirkham.—
Time : 7 h. 43 m. 53 s. —July 25th, 1909.
- Lancashire Walking Club Championship. 14 Miles.—
Time : 1 h. 56 m.
- South Shields Harrier's and Walking Club Championship. 10½ Miles.—
February 20th, 1932.—1 h. 22 m. 20 s. Created at age of 50.
- Sunderland to Darlington Walk, 31½ Miles.—
April 3rd, 1934.—4 h. 39 m. 55 s. Created at age of 52.

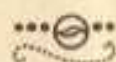


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London—Brighton Race, 20th April, 1920.

Horns Kennington	..	Ross, Payne, Horton—13-57.		
Buxton Stn.	..	..	Payne and Ross—25-30.	
5 Miles	..	..	Payne — 41-20	Ross 41-42.
7 Miles	..	..	" — 58-50	" 60-00.
Swan & Sugar Loaf				
10 m. 844 y.	—	"	—1-27-27	" 1-30-14.
12 Miles	..	..	" —1-40-40	" 1-40-49.
"Star," Horley				
15m. 1680 y.	..	"	—2-14-2	" —
Feathers Merstham	..	"	—2-34-11	Horton 2-42-11. Ross 2-42-17.
Redhill (20 m.)	..	"	— 2-50-37	Ross & Horton, 2-59-37.
Chequers, Horley				
App. 24 m.	..	..	" —3-30-2	Ross, —
George Crawley				
App. 29 m.	..	..	" —4-19-45	Ross 4-30-29. Horton 4-40-43.
Red Lion, Handcross				
App. 33 m...	..	..	" —5- 5-48	" 5-16-28 " 5-27-42.

(All above times stand as record for this road).

FIRSTS—56.

SECONDS—26.

THIRDS—14.

T. Payne since his 3rd return to active Athletics in 1931, at the age of 50 has competed in nearly 50 Races in all parts of England against the best walkers of the present day, and in nearly all races competing against men 20 to 30 years younger, and has only failed on seven occasions to finish in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd position; 3 out of 7 of these occasions he has been placed 4th.

Some Comparisons.

World's Record Times for—	T. Payne's Time—
60 Miles 9 h. 42 m. 10 s.	9 h. 49 m. 45 s.
70 Miles 11 h. 27 m. 24 s.	11 h. 37 m. 37 s.
80 Miles 14 h. 11 m. 18 s.	14 h. 22 m. 35 s.
90 Miles 16 h. 9 m. 50 s.	16 h. 10 m. 25 s.
	(35 secs. outside world's record).
100 Miles 18 h. 4 m. 10 s.	18 h. 8 h. 55 s.
110 Miles 19 h. 58 m. 40 s.	20 h. 13 m. 6 s.

World's Records for Track Walking Still Held by Tom Payne.

World's Non-Stop Walking Record, 127 Miles 542 yards in 24 Hours' made at White City Stadium, London, when winning Blackheath Harriers, Great 24 Hours Walking Race, September 17th and 18th, 1909.

~~World's Record for 86 Miles—Time 15 h. 26 m. 21 s.~~

" 87	" 15 h. 37 m. 25 s.
" 91	" 16 h. 22 m. 9 s.
" 92	" 16 h. 34 m. 2 s.
" 93	" 16 h. 45 m. 43 s.

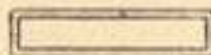
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Tom Payne's 30 years' Celebration Walk. A remarkable action group of the leaders taken at about 4 miles from commencement.

Shields Veteran Still Supreme.

Tom Payne's Triumph in "Jubilee Walk."

Tom Payne has given many amazing exhibitions during a long and brilliant athletic career, but he certainly reserved one of his most astonishing feats for the "Jubilee Walk" of 24 miles which the South Shields Harriers organised on Saturday, June 27th, 1936, to commemorate 30 years of competitive walking by their famous patron.

The race took place over the same course (with very slight variations) upon which he made debut as a walker in 1906, when he finished second in the Spencer Cup Walk. At the signal to go Tom Payne and M. McDermott were soon in the lead closely followed by R. Payne, P. Dunnet and W. Brewis. At Usworth (10 miles) Tom Payne and McDermott were still together, R. Payne being third and Dunnet 4th.

Tom Payne drew away from McDermott at Hylton Castle and walking strongly increased his lead to 300 yards at Cleadon. Cheering crowds gave the veteran a great reception at Westoe and also at the Town Hall where he finished a popular winner by over two minutes from his brother Ralph.

After the race Mr. Tom Payne entertained the competitors and officials to tea at the Britannia Hotel.

The order of the finish was—	H.	M.	S.
1—Tom Payne, South Shields Harriers	3	37	18
2—R. Payne, South Shields H.	3	39	25
3—M. McDermott, South Shields H	3	42	37
4—P. M. Dunnet, South Shields H	3	59	25
5—S. Millett, South Shields H	4	3	12
6—R. Downey, South Shields H	4	15	4
7—S. Booth, Gosforth H	4	17	3
8—W. M. Brewis, South Shields H	4	19	23
9—T. Murphy, Sunderland	4	20	50
10—A. Veitch, Benwell	4	31	58
11—E. Murton, South Shields	4	31	59
12—J. Brennan, Gateshead	4	36	5

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