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## EDITORIAL

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**A**N Easter Term is not generally the most exciting part of the School Year and this term has been no exception to the rule. The weather at first promised to stop all hockey, but it suddenly changed, the field dried rapidly and games have been played regularly since. The School side has done well and the House Matches have been remarkable for the number of offsides and offences against the rule of sticks if for little else. Cams thoroughly deserved their win, if only for their splendid recovery against Westbury.

We were all very pleased to hear that E. F. Warren had gained a Casberd Exhibition at St. John's College, Oxford, and we take it as a good augury for his success in Final Schools.

Comparatively few boys left last term and, as the number of entrants was rather greater than usual, our record number has been maintained and we expect further increases next autumn.

"The Lion" this term is smaller than usual. We have always space for contributions from the School. Those who find their leisure passing slowly in the Easter Holidays might try to remedy the deficiency. Meanwhile we wish to all our Readers a very happy holiday and hope they will come back fit and strong to face the arduous academic and athletic, of the Summer Term.

## The Rev. T. W. Mundy.

Many members of the School, past and present, will learn with real regret of the death of the Rev. T. W. Mundy, which occurred on January 18th last.

He left us at the end of the Christmas term of 1936 to become Vicar of Hardwicke, in Herefordshire, and we all rejoiced that he had, as we hoped, years of happy work before him, but unfortunately less than a year after he arrived at Hardwicke Mr. Mundy was taken ill, an illness which finally left him with a weak heart. During the past year he had been an invalid and was unable to carry out his parochial duties and he died on January 18th.

He is buried at Marlow, where he was born and where he spent his boyhood.

Of his work here I wrote on the occasion of his retirement, and will not repeat it now. Those who knew him well will not easily forget him, and all will wish to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Mundy and her family in what we know must be a very great sorrow.



G. W. Andrews—School 2nd XI Hockey. Blackbrook.

R. R. Tatford—Westbury.

E. J. Young—School 2nd XI Football and Hockey. Cams.

G. P. Sabin—School 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XI Football and Hockey. Cams.

S. L. Harding—School 2nd XI Football and Cricket. Blackbrook.

E. C. Haines—School 1st XI Football, 2nd XI Cricket. Blackbrook.

I. E. Humphries—School House.

A. N. Pearse—School 2nd XI Cricket. Westbury.

R. S. J. Betteridge—Westbury.

D. Beney—Westbury.

P. A. Whaley—2nd in Junior Steeplechase, 1938. Cams.

G. Tull—School House.

E. A. W. Barker—School House.



III B.—M. J. H. Bowden, E. H. Hood.

II A.—C. R. Fletcher, K. Parvin, M. C. West, J. L. Heard, L. R. Salway.

II B.—J. E. Gwilliam, P. S. I. Smith, N. L. McLellan.

#### EXAMINATIONS.

CASBERD EXHIBITION, ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD. E. F. Warren.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (Additional Subjects). K. W. Fleming, R. R. Tatford.

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### Pavilion Fund.

The total of the fund now stands at £580-7-8. We thank both individual donors, Messrs. G. A. Ashton, D. Cooper, W. G. F. and C. J. Verdon, C. Dunn (third donation), and those who helped, directly and indirectly, to the success of the following events:—Christmas Concert (£37-0-8), School Dance (£2-11-0), Boys' Social (£2-5-6), and Old Boys' Dance (12/6). In addition Mrs. Warwick forwarded a special Christmas present.

It is proposed to hold a Garden Fête on Saturday, July 8th, and Mr. Ashton will be glad if all parents of present or past members of the School, Old Boys and others prepared to help will get into touch with him. As the Old Boys' Reunion takes place on this date an opportunity will be afforded for all interested in the School to be present and make the event a great success.

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### The School Orchestra.

There is not much to say about the Orchestra this term. After-school Hockey has interfered considerably with the attendance at rehearsals, but steady work has been done by those who have been able to attend. Music by Handel and Haydn, considerably more difficult than that previously attempted, has been tackled in good style. Crossland and Bowles played drums with the Fareham Philharmonic Orchestra at their February concert, to very good effect.



# PRICE'S SCHOOL CADET CORPS

59th Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery, T.A.

This term the Corps has followed its "parent" unit in the change-over from Infantry to Anti-Tank Artillery. The change has brought with it a different type of foot-drill, and has led to a change in nomenclature—"Company," for instance, becomes "Battery," "Platoon" becomes "Troop," "Corporal" becomes "Bombardier." The new type of drill is interesting and efficient. The strength of the Corps at present is 132—5 Officers and 127 Cadets; this is very satisfactory, but there are still many boys in the school whom we would like to enrol. The work is varied and interesting, the expenses are small, and the training received may at some future date be of great value.

Parades have been held twice weekly during the term. Monday parades have usually been Battery Foot and Rifle Drill; Wednesday parades have been devoted mostly to the training of the "Specialist" groups. These "Specialist" groups are:—Certificate "A" candidates, Signallers (by courtesy of Mr. Ashton who trains them), First Aid, Cyclist patrol, and Band. Cadets who have not yet reached the age for specialising continue with drill and general instruction. Two Church Parades have been held, and a demonstration of the Anti-Tank guns was attended.

From the earliest days of the Corps, great attention has been given to the problem of providing satisfactory practice in shooting to so large a number of Cadets. The situation at present is good. The Rifle Range has been entirely re-built and a new shed erected at the firing point. The Corps wishes to thank all those, Cadets and non-Cadets, whose willing co-operation in the physical labours involved made this re-construction possible. The Miniature Rifles have been thoroughly re-conditioned and made accurate for the 25 yard range. Shooting now takes place on the school range on five days of the week.

The Band has been considerably improved: during the term a big drum, two more side-drums, cymbals and more bugles have been acquired. On Church Parades and other occasions when the Corps has marched in the town the band, now numbering 14, has caused much favourable comment.

Members of the Cyclist Patrol were put through a qualifying test, which included Repairs (to a time-limit), Map-reading, Messages and the Highway Code.

Senior members of the Corps, for most of the term, continued to attend on Friday evenings at the Wessex Drill Hall for training as Anti-Aircraft Gun, Predictor and Height-finder Crews. It was a matter for great regret that bad weather caused a cancellation of the arranged full-calibre A.A. shoot.

It is pleasant again to be able to thank those who have helped us this term:—Mr. Bradly for his gift of wood to help in the building of the Rifle-range; Captain Riches for supplying and delivering, entirely gratis, daily loads of the material required for building the earthwork on the range; Mr. Lockhart for again giving us the benefit of his taste and talent—this time in designing and painting a crest and lettering for the big-drum; Mrs. Bowles for the gift of a Leopard-skin to be worn under the big drum; Mr. Bitchell for the free and frequent use of his craftsman's skill; Captain Durrant and his officers for training the "Friday-night" crews.

The following promotions have been announced during the term:—

Lance-Bombardier Vernon to be Bombardier, Seniority 19-1-39.

" " Allen " " 20-1-39.

Cadets Witt, Claney, Cresswell, Newbury, Wolfe, Jackson I, Evans, Fleming, Dale, Tubbs, Courtnage to be Lance-Bombardiers, Seniority 19-1-39.

Qualified as Cyclist Patrol: Lance-Bombardier Newbury (in charge), Cadets Godden, Cummins, Old, Elliott.

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## The School Social.

In response to the Headmaster's appeal that the boys themselves should do something for the Pavilion Fund, a small band of the senior members of the School appointed themselves as a Committee to arrange a Social. It proved to be an interesting and amusing experience for all concerned. Questions undreamed of when the Committee was appointed, arose and had to be dealt with, but we overcame all our difficulties and finally agreed upon all points.

Knott we appointed M.C., much against his will, and I should like to thank him here for his capable handling of his duties. With considerable difficulty we then found enough games to last out an evening, and these we wrote down and used ultimately in any order we thought fit. Helped by the leaving of the decorations used at the School Dance just before, we decorated the Hall (though for this work there were not sufficient helpers as Portsmouth were playing a Cup-tie at home), and there we were, almost ready.

The night of the party, however, found us still without any consolation prizes, and much frantic rushing about ensued before these were procured.

We should like to record here our sincere thanks to Mr. Garrett and Miss Jewell and the boys of the School—Willis, Crossland, Bowles and Jarman—who so ably played all the music we desired and without whose help, we humbly admit, the success of the Social would have been impossible. To Mrs. Ingram for her work in catering for us, to Mrs. Ashton for her kind loan of crockery and her presence at the Social, to Mr. Hilton for his help and tolerance, and lastly to Mr. Ashton for permission for a Social at all, we extend our hearty thanks.

I think I can say that—to use a trite expression—a good time was had by all.

The proceeds, £2 5s. 6d., have been handed over to the Pavilion Fund.

## The Steeplechase.

The Steeplechase was run last term, too late for the inclusion of a report in "The Lion," on Saturday, December 9th. The weather allowed the Juniors to finish in peace, but was very unkind to the Seniors.

The Juniors went down North Hill with Jarman, Whaley and Gibbs in the lead with Lampart not far behind. By the entrance to Savage's Lane, Lampart had taken over the lead from the others, and from thenceforth there was very little doubt about his winning, although he was never allowed to take things easily. He ran an excellent race and has remarkable stamina for one so small. Whaley was in the race for the first time and ran very well indeed against a more experienced runner. He is probably the most promising runner we have had since Watkins, and it is a great pity that he is leaving us before he has had time to appear at Winchester even once.

The Senior race too provided a good struggle. Courtnage made the pace until Roche Court was entered, and hung on to the leaders pluckily when he had been passed. Wainwright then took the lead with Fleming. Once again North Hill proved to be the decisive test, and Wainwright's long stride stood him in good stead.

As usual the Steeplechase Cups were won and lost by the performance of runners who give of their very best, though their names may not be found in the first six. The Senior was a very close fight between Blackbrook and Westbury, with Blackbrook steadier in the middle of their team, while in the Junior Blackbrook had a rather easy win from Cams. Consequently Blackbrook also won the Combined Cup by a decisive margin.

### SENIOR

1. Wainwright (W)
2. Fleming (C)
3. Jackson I (B)
4. Courtnage (B)
5. Powell (W)
6. Witt (W)

### JUNIOR

1. Lampart (B)
2. Whaley (C)
3. Jarman (W)
4. Gibbs (B)
5. Luckins (B)
6. Knocker (W)

### POINTS:

		Senior	Junior	Combined
Blackbrook	...	216	255	471
Cams	...	340	378	718
School House	...	420	561	981
Westbury	...	236	423	659





There is a symmetry about the numerical table of results of the 1st Eleven matches—Played 9, won 3, lost 3, drawn 3; 48 goals equally divided between ourselves and our opponents; Bournemouth II was scratched owing to casualties in the Motor Transport Department, and Frobisher (return) is yet to be played.

In several ways it has been a disappointing season; if for nothing else, it is depressing to have to scratch games on many half-holidays and other days owing to the weather and ground. Then, too, it is trying to play the 1st Eleven intact in only one match. What with illness, injuries and other causes, two or three of the chief School matches were played without three of the more reliable members of the team, and when your "men of might" are somewhat limited it leaves you at a disadvantage.

In the earlier part of the season, partly through lack of practice, the side as a whole failed in hitting, several of the team were not hitting the ball hard enough, and often the ball was hit straight to an opposing half or even forward; this was sometimes partly due to bad positioning by the inside forwards, who stood too far up the field and so let an opponent intercept the hit. This was specially noticeable in the first Taunton's and Frobisher matches. The latter match brought out the second weak point of the play—hanging on to the ball too long and trying to trick an opponent instead of passing to an unmarked player, and that applied not to defence only, but to forwards as well. It is always more profitable to put through a good pass than to waste time and energy in trying to dribble round an opponent. The third failing has been a lack of dash and going all out in some players. Several play their hardest from start to finish, but there are times when we have seen a player robbed of the ball and acquiescing in it for just that second or two of deliberation. Inside forwards also cannot always expect passes given to them, they will have to go back and fetch the ball at times.

Having confessed to the darker side of the picture, we may truthfully say that the stopping of the ball and stick play as a whole is good.

#### CHARACTERS OF FIRST XI.

- \*T. F. KNOTT (Centre-forward—Captain). Both dribbles and shoots well. Has improved his passing, but would be more effective if he varied his tactics. An indispensable worker and keen captain.
- \*K. W. FLEMING (Inside-left). An intelligent player with excellent stick work, who can shoot hard. Has more strength in his hits. He might well go quite a long way in Hockey.
- \*J. W. TUBBS (Right-back). A keen tackler, who clears hard, and gets through a lot of work. His absence in some matches has materially weakened the side.
- \*W. H. SCOTT (Centre-half). Has played intelligently and with success also at left back, and would be quite a competent forward. Does his full share of work and distributes his passes with commendable speed. Stick work very good.
- \*B. WOLFE (Goal-keeper). Most reliable in stopping hard drives, and reaches cross shots near the posts. Is quite fearless, and kicks with great power.
- \*G. F. JACKSON (Right-half). Quite the most improved player on the side. He keeps his position, tackles well and feeds his forwards consistently and fairly accurately.

- \*K. B. POWELL (Left-half). Stops the ball well and is fearless in tackling. He is gradually learning to keep his place, to get rid of the ball sooner and to hit hard instead of trying to push the ball.
- \*G. B. DURANT (Inside-right). A disappointing player, who does not expend enough energy on the field, and is too easily discouraged. His shooting of last season has not been maintained.
- \*C. J. WHEELER (Left-back). Stick-work good. Has played both left-back and left-half. In the latter position especially he must learn to turn more quickly when he has been passed. Will improve much.
- K. E. L. DAVID (Outside-right). Has some dribbling powers, but must acquire pace and energy in his play generally.
- A. F. NEWBURY (Outside-left). A neat player with fair stick-work who will improve as he grows stronger, but he must acquire more thrust.

\* Denotes Colours.

### V. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Drawn 2-2.

Played at H.M.S. St. Vincent's ground on Saturday, February 11th.

The match was played at a fast pace throughout. It seemed that the St. Vincent boys were too strong and too fast for us, and they soon scored two goals, one of which Dawkins, deputising for Wolfe, might have stopped. However, since he was playing in his first match and this was the first shot he had to deal with he could be excused. He played quite well afterwards. The School rallied well after these early setbacks, but lack of thrust in the centre spoiled many promising openings, the absence of Durant was partly responsible. A series of raids on the right, however, finally resulted in Allen scoring.

In the second half the School forwards began to play very well and the half-backs ably to support them. The St. Vincent raids became very spasmodic. Slowness of shooting in the circle robbed us of possible goals, but finally Fleming, following up well, played a "forward stroke" to a rebound from the goalkeeper and scored.

No further goals were added in the School's attempt to force a victory, and full time was called with the score 2 all; a very fair and enjoyable match.

Of the team three players stood out. Jackson for his untiring energy and skill, Tubbs for his soundness at full-back, and Fleming for his beautiful stick-work and lovely swerving runs down the wing.

### V. Taunton's. Lost 2-3.

It was unfortunate that we had to take the field without Tubbs, Scott and Durant. Taunton's kept up continual pressure and their centre-forward was usually prominent, and our defence were unable to clear effectively, hitting much too many straight to opponents. Powell did a lot of work at centre-half, but did not get rid of the ball soon enough. Fleming made several good runs, but was unsupported and out of touch with Knott, who was too hemmed in to get through, though he scored a good goal and Adams added a second. With more efficient hitting, the scales might easily have been turned.

### V. Fareham II. Won 3-2.

A good game played on the Recreation Ground with opponents, largely Old Boys of the School, who matched us fairly evenly. Knott scored twice and David once.

### V. H M.S. Frobisher. Lost 1-5.

Played at Whale Island where the ground was faster than ours. The School scored easily through Newbury, and it looked as if we should do most of the attacking, but the halves hung on too long and lost golden opportunities of putting the forwards through; the latter too, having got the ball, followed the halves' example and failed to combine, with the result that Frobisher, hitting long passes, caught the defence ill-prepared, and there Tubbs' absence was sorely felt. At half-time the School were 1-3 down. In the second half Frobisher maintained their superiority in hitting and speed, and, perhaps luckily, put on two more goals. We may have shewed superior stick-work, but that without combination, dash and effective hitting will never carry a side to victory.

### V. Civil Service III. Drawn 3-3.

A most unpleasantly wet afternoon and a very muddy pitch. The play on the whole was fairly even, Fleming scored once and Durant twice. The School was represented by an "A" team.

### V. King Edward VI School 2nd XI. Lost 1-2.

The ground was heavy after rain, and we again failed to hit hard enough. Wolfe was unlucky with a shot which rolled in under his foot owing to the mud. King Edward's added another goal in the second half, while David scored for us. The defence was strengthened by Tubbs at right-back and Scott at centre-half, but Wheeler and Powell were frequently out of position. Jackson, at right-half, and Scott played particularly well. The passing of the forwards was a great improvement in this match, and we were perhaps unlucky to lose.

### V. Old Boys. Won 7-4.

Played on the Recreation Ground, where our opponents turned up three short and were supplemented in the second half by Wheeler, Cresswell and Courtnage. When the Old Boys were without a goalkeeper and one half-back we lost a golden opportunity of scoring several goals, as our forwards seemed unable to avoid off-side, and we only led 2-1 at half-time. In the later stages of the game we put on five goals to our opponents' three. Of the goals scored, Knott claimed five and Fleming two.

### V. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Won 4-3.

Played on the Recreation Ground which was dry and fast. The play was fairly even in the first half, and at half-time the score was one goal each, Knott having scored from close range after breaking through the middle with a quick burst. In the second half the School had much the better of the game and scored three goals, all of which were obtained by Fleming. St. Vincent also scored twice, rather against the run of the game, in fact they were only dangerous on these two occasions, whilst the School forwards pressed continuously. Fleming's three goals were all good ones, one being an excellent shot from a short corner well placed by Newbury. Knott and Fleming were the best of the forwards, and were always dangerous. Scott did some good work in defence, and Powell and Jackson kept a tight grip on their wing men. The backs were quite sound although their hitting was rather wild, and Wolfe in goal made some good saves, particularly in the first half.

### V. Taunton's School (return). Drawn 1-1.

Taunton's scored rather luckily in the first half, the ball rebounding off a defender into the upper corner of the net, for which no one could blame Simpson, who deputised for Wolfe. We missed Fleming in the forward-line, as too much was left to

Knott, who was frequently without support near the opponents 25 line; he, however, scored a heroic goal to equalise in the second half, when we were without Tubbs, who received a nasty hit on the nose and had to retire. The whole defence played excellently, and to concede no further point was very creditable.

### SECOND XI CHARACTERS.

- E. C. SIMPSON (Goal). Kicks well and is not afraid of hard shots; will be useful in the future when he is quicker in clearing shots that he has stopped.
- R. D. HILLS (Right-back). A cool player with very fair stick-work who, with more energy, will improve.
- C. J. VERDON (Left-back). Must learn to tackle with reverse stick and hit harder.
- W. V. BLAKELY (Right-half). Has much energy and works very hard. If he would keep the ball further in front of him would cede fewer free hits to opponents.
- C. W. M. ALLEN (Centre-half). Takes the ball well on his stick; plays an intelligent game, and with more thrust will be a sound player.
- R. L. EDWARDS (Left-half). Must acquire reverse-stick play; is improving in hitting.
- M. HILLS (Outside-right). A neat player, but he must run and hit the ball harder.
- D. F. MASON (Inside-right). Has more pace than most; should practice dribbling and shooting.
- L. PATTEN (Centre-forward). Has a lot of thrust and works untiringly; should forget reverse-stick play, by which he gets his body in the way.
- B. H. G. ADAMS (Inside-left). Quite a fair player who can shoot, but he must put more energy into his play.
- G. W. ANDREWS (Outside-left). Works hard, has quite a fair idea of dribbling and puts across centres commendably early.

### SECOND ELEVEN RESULTS.

- H.M.S. St. Vincent II. Scratched.  
 Taunton's School II. Lost 0-1.  
 Old Boys II. Scratched.  
 H.M.S. St. Vincent II. Drawn 1-1.  
 Taunton's School II. Won 2-0.

### COLTS' ELEVEN RESULTS.

- Taunton's School. Won 3-2.  
 Emsworth House School. Drawn 3-3.  
 King Edward VI School. Lost 1-2.  
 Emsworth House School. Drawn 3-3.  
 Taunton's School. Won 10-1.

### COLTS' ELEVEN.

Clements and Manley I are both serviceable goalkeepers. Jackson III works hard and hits well. Levin has good stick-work, but must hit harder and move more quickly. Witt works very hard, and as his stick-work improves and when he learns to keep the ball further in front of him will be a very useful player. Ruthen has good stick-work and with more strength will improve. Kiddle has got fair stick-work, but must learn to keep in his place. Hancock, Ford, Jeffery and Cummins have quite an idea of dribbling, and Marshall should come on a lot next year.

## HOUSE NOTES.

### Blackbrook.

The fact that Blackbrook has quite a few Cups is one for members—especially Junior members—to realise only too well, and that they are on our shelf to be held for as long a time as possible. Here is a starting point upon which to base all our renewed exertions for the House: but remember, the least we must do is to keep what we have already won.

Last term seemed to show that most members had trained for the Steeplechase up to the required standard; both Juniors and Seniors did a fine job of work, and I hope the tenacity that was evident on this occasion is one that will be always evident.

Especially to be mentioned are Lamport, Mortimer, Courtnage and Embley.

This term the House Matches have been a slight disappointment as bad hockey which was inevitable made each team play not on the same form throughout. Each game saw much bad luck and much good luck.

In Heath we have found a capable back, while each member tried his best in the varying circumstances. Durant scored some fine goals. With some practice Kervill should make a good goalkeeper.

Next term comes the important day of the Sports. Let me emphasise again the importance of conscientious if not enthusiastic training.

We have all the Sports' Cups to retain except the Relay.

The Cricket Cup has not been on our shelf since 1934.

With all this in mind let us return next term with the intention of doing our best.

An enjoyable holiday to you all.

G. F. J.

We congratulate both Jackson and Wheeler on getting their Hockey Colours.

H. R. T.

### Cams.

We have the satisfaction of knowing that this term we have brought back the Hockey Cup to our shelf. The House has often won the Cup in the past few years, but to have won it by winning all our matches is an achievement we can be proud of. Against Westbury we won a hard fight by the odd goal of nine. School House—it is cruel to say—we beat "in a canter." We were unfortunate when we played Blackbrook not to have Fleming and Hancock in our team, but with difficulty we retained the lead given us by Knott with an excellent goal in the first half. The game was notable for the number of unintentional fouls, committed mostly through over-enthusiasm. We should congratulate Knott and Fleming on their excellent attacking work and the rest of the team on its courage and determination in all our House Matches. It is evident that Cams does not lack young players of considerable promise and skill. Would those of the House who have not yet reached the distinction of the House team remember that a hearty shout of support—not a puny cry such as I heard at most of our House Matches—does much to drive a team on to renewed efforts?

All the House, too, can make an effort to keep the Tarbat Cup on our shelf. Nobody can afford to slack.

Next term there is the House Cricket Cup to compete for. This cup unaccountably strayed from our shelf last season. It has got to come back next term. This is no impossible task as we have some very useful players.

We offer our congratulations to Young on his appointment as a Midshipman in the Navy and hope it may give him a prosperous career. Fleming, too, deserves praise for passing his supplementary subjects in the School Certificate Examination last December.

I will conclude with the wish that all members of the House--and, indeed, of the School--may have a refreshing holiday and come back next term ready for work and play.

C. J. V.

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## School House.

The House Notes this term must need be of a somewhat negative character, owing to the lack of Junior games.

The Seniors were unlucky in having no 1st XI forwards, and although Patten did a great deal of hard work he was unable to break through the defence on his own.

In the first match against Blackbrook we were unable to send out a team of full strength, but Allen and Wolfe distinguished themselves and kept the score down admirably.

We were unable to hold Knott and Fleming who did most of the attacking in the match against Cams, and lost 4-0.

We were very unfortunate not to have Wolfe for the match against Westbury, and although we scored the first goal, the forwards were unable to break through again. The result was a 3-1 defeat.

Next term we must have a try for the Cricket and Sports Cups, which can only be won if everyone practices with a will. As we do not, at present, hold any of these cups, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. The House should take note that an overloaded shelf is a most pleasing sight to the eyes of those whose prowess it represents. So play up, the House, keep your wits about you and your eyes on your goal, and you'll win through in the end.

W. H. S

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## Westbury.

Last term we narrowly failed to gain the Senior Steeplechase Cup; our first five men were very well placed but the tail was weak, and this need not have been so, because in our trials, about a month before the Steeplechase, certain of our Seniors did not do their best. While these individuals fail to give of their best to the House, Westbury cannot hope to excel in any House competitions. In pleasant contrast to this aspect was Wainwright's fine victory. The Juniors, although not successful, all trained efficiently, and Jarman ran well to finish third.

During the term Edwards was made a School Monitor, and I would like to congratulate him on behalf of the whole House.

Inclemency of the weather left us with only the Senior Hockey Cup to consider. We lost to Cams, but, without wishing to detract from their victory, I think we were rather unlucky in that we possessed nobody with any goalkeeping experience. Fortunately, thanks to Mr. Johnston's discovery, this was remedied in the succeeding matches, both of which we managed to win.

One other item, a strong Staff side was held to a draw by the School Badminton Team. All four members of this team were Westbury men . . . (Oh! for a badminton House competition).

In conclusion, let me wish everyone a happy (and peaceful) Easter holiday.

K. B. P.

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## The Last Infirmitiy of Noble Minds.

It was a dull Monday morning when I set out, last December, to go to Cambridge for the Scholarship Examinations--the farthest I have ever strayed from home. Having just succeeded in catching the train at Portsmouth Harbour I was assailed with doubts, as soon as it started, as to whether I was on the right train. By a process of reasoning I convinced myself that I was and settled down to read.

After about an hour and a half's journey the train ran through some of London's dreary slums and pulled into Waterloo. Now London is a complicated place, and one cannot catch a train from Waterloo to Cambridge, so across London I travelled by tube to Liverpool Street. There I deposited my bag in the cloakroom--the wrong cloakroom--and found myself with about two hours and a half to while away before the train left for Cambridge. During this time I had to have lunch, but as this still left a considerable time on my hands, I wandered aimlessly around before deciding to consume lunch in a Lyons' Cafe. The place was, as usual, crowded, but eventually I was served. It is peculiar that Londoners cannot spare much time even to eat. Most read; some women knit; all are in a hurry.

Somewhat refreshed after lunch I wandered out into the streets again and, somehow, found myself in Threadneedle Street. I doubt if I shall ever see anything quite like it elsewhere. I could hardly credit that there were so many banks in existence. It was quite refreshing, however, to hear, among all the business being discussed, two young men chatting about the game of chess they had just had in their lunch hour. I suppose even business men must relax sometimes!

After all the time I had had to waste, it was only natural that I should be late for my train at Liverpool Street. I had to sprint hard to retrieve my bag, buy my ticket and load myself into an almost full compartment before the train started.

There was then the slow journey to Cambridge. The L.N.E.R. rolling stock on that line is not of the most modern, and when it crawls along it produces in one a painful boredom. There were four other chaps in the compartment, all trying to stave off boredom with crosswords, books or looking out of the window. There was, too, a lady reading "Gone with the Wind." Small details impress one when one is bored!

Eventually the train arrived at Cambridge, and after walking about two hundred yards down Cambridge's lengthy station I met my brother (I was never gladder to see him). It remained to walk to the College; find the porter (affectionately known to my brother as "Fireballs"); next to repair to lodgings for tea, interview two tutors, have dinner in College and then it was time for bed. Bed—not sleep! I lay awake till about three o'clock listening to the clocks chiming every quarter hour. It was sheer funk of the Examinations which kept me awake, and I hope I may never experience so awful a feeling again.

There followed a week of gruesome examinations, and then it was time to come home again. From this little holiday I gained the memory of another examination failed, and of an extremely interesting town' I was "*examinatus et examinatus*" when I reached home after the ordeal.

C. J. V.





## The Old Pricean

### NOTE.

The Old Priceans' Association is a body formed to enable Old Boys to keep in touch with each other and with the School. All boys are urged to join immediately on leaving School, in order to preserve an unbroken association with the School.

Boys, on leaving School, will be asked to pay a subscription varying in relation to the number of terms remaining in the School year in question, i.e., boys leaving in July, 3/6, December, 2/4, and March, 1/2. The Life Subscription is still £2-2-0.

Members will receive the "Lion" on publication (providing subscriptions are paid) and will be entitled to play in Past v. Present matches and to take part in the various functions organised by the Association.

The Hon. Secretary is D.C.T. Humphries, 186, Tulse Hill, S.W.2, and the Hon. Treasurer, M. W. Gardner, "Skirr Cottage," Bulstrode Park, Gerrards Cross, Bucks (to whom all subscriptions should be addressed).

Old Boys living in and around London should join the London Section run by B. G. Buckley, Fareham House, 7, Chalcot Crescent, Regents Park, N.W.1, and those living in and around Fareham, the Fareham Section, in charge of F. Troke, 17, Palmerston Avenue, Fareham, Hants.

Past v. Present Matches will be held on the following dates : -

HOCKEY	...	1st Saturday in March.
CRICKET	...	2nd Saturday in July.
FOOTBALL	...	3rd Saturday in November.

## Secretarial Notes.

I feel I must commence on a note of censure. The attendance on Old Boys' Day was really miserable. Out of over two hundred circulars sent out, only thirty-odd replies were received. Only eight Old Boys were finally available to play hockey and it was not surprising that the School won for the first time in fifteen years. The attendance at the Dance in the evening was very poor indeed and many members missed a jolly evening. This is the culmination of what has been in my mind for a long while. I feel that I am getting out of touch both with the School and the recent Old Boys, and also that it is getting increasingly more difficult to get down to School once a term, although I have not failed in the last nine years. New blood at the helm might do the Association a lot of good. I hope members will give this due consideration in order to elect my successor at the A.G.M. in July. A copy of the Constitution of the O.P.A. is enclosed with this magazine.

In the last notes I asked for volunteers to come forward and offer to deliver "Lions" in their own district and thus lessen the expenses of the parent body. So far I have only had one reply. R. D. Gaiger has very nobly volunteered to deliver magazines in the Botley, Curdridge, Swanmore and Bishops Waltham Districts.

Details of the activities of the London and Fareham Sections appear elsewhere. I hope they will continue to flourish and grow in numbers and keenness.

A new supply of Old Boy's Ties are on sale from Chas. Dunn, West Street Fareham, Hants, at the reduced price of 3/- each.

At the Summer Reunion, in addition to the Cricket and Tennis, there is to be a Garden Fete. I hope there will be a record attendance to prove that there is still some life in the Association.

D. C. T. HUMPHRIES,  
186, Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

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## Old Boys' Day, March 4th, 1939.

After a very wet morning the sun came out and stayed with us all the afternoon. There were only thirteen applicants to play hockey, and like the ten little nigger boys the thirteen were soon eight, and so we had to collect three very able substitutes from School. The Old Boys' Team was about the weakest ever, and the School team which was well above average, deserved to win by a good margin, Knott at centre-forward being particularly effective. A. C. Bennett and C. P. Aps were outstanding for the Old Boys and Aps scored all four goals.

Team : A. C. Bennett, M. C. Powell, D. C. T. Humphries, P. G. Ruthen, D. Powell, C. P. Aps, B. G. Buckley and H. W. A. Mundy.

Tea was taken at School, some twenty Old Boys attending, and in the evening a Dance took place in the School Hall. The attendance at this very jolly affair was so poor that it was only just found possible to cover expenses. It seems, indeed, that the Association is passing through a period of apathy. As a social event it was a great success, but it was most disappointing for Troke who organised the event that there were only a little over thirty present.

Among those present during the course of the day were, in addition to members of the Staff, K. G. Akers, D. H. M. Allan, C. P. Aps, N. C. Bennett, J. Bent, N. P. Boyes, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. N. Bradly, B. G. Buckley, V. M. Dodds, H. E. Dean Cooper, N. Frost, A. S. Gale, G. D. G. Hawkins, J. F. Hill, J. Hoad, D. C. T. Humphries, N. Hyde, D. G. King, D. R. Masterman, H. W. A. Mundy, H. L. Privett, M. Privett, D. Powell, F. Ridge, W. R. Rampton, P. G. Ruthen, D. and F. M. Strugnell, A. C. Troke, D. C. Woodsford, G. A. J. Young, A. J. Young.

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## News of Old Boys.

C. A. HYNE ('1) has finished his term of service in India and is now at home at Eeara Court, Highampton, N. Devon.

F. IVEY, who left about 8 years ago, is trying for a Commission in the Naval Air Arm, but finds that a School Certificate would have been a great help.

E. G. WHITE has been moved to Charanpur, but hopes that it is only a temporary shift and the old address at Sisbergarh will find him. When ELLAM was on his Indian tour he went over and took many excellent photographs of which he has sent home a selection. WHITE has gathered a medal in a Regimental Championship Shoot consisting of 400 yards deliberate, 200 yards kneeling rapid, 100 yards standing rapid and 300 yards rapid firing standing over a butt, so he has not forgotten his early efforts on the School range.

J. HURDEN has left Yokohama for Kobé, c/o Rising Sun Petroleum Co., No. 1/1 8 Chome Naminatsu-cho, Hayashida-Cu, Kobe, Japan, is his simple address. He finds that owing to the import restrictions everything is very expensive so that financially the move from Bangkok has not been an improvement. The country won't let any foreigner send more than 1,000 yen out of the country in a year, or use more than 15 gallons of petrol in a month. He is getting lots of Hockey, and was in the European team that beat the champion Japanese team 3-2, scoring two of the goals himself. Kobe is about half-an-hour by tram from Tokio, which is a very gay place.

R. S. TEEK wrote at 'Xmas from H.M.S. Norfolk, of the 4th Cruiser Squadron, which was then at Dar es Salaam.

F. E. NUGENT has taken a job in the Air Force and was recently at Gosport.

R. H. SCOTT sent a Regimental Card (5th Pablians) at 'Xmas, which was an excellent reproduction in colour of a painting of a Jemadar which had been done by him and presented to the mess.

R. A. TILBURY is now a member of the Portsmouth City Police.

H. WELLBORNE (I) is now at Kingston, Jamaica.

A. WHITEFIELD is now serving on R.M.S. Karanja.

E. F. WARREN is to be congratulated on gaining a Casberd Exhibition, valued at £30 per annum, at St. John's College, Oxford.

## New or Rejoined Members.

BAKER, R. G. Lawford, Bath Lane, Fareham, Hants.

BENNETT, A. C., School House, Fontley, Fareham, Hants.

BUSSEY, F., 28, West Street, Fareham, Hants.

CHAMBERLAIN, L. G. 11, Harrison Road, Fareham, Hants.

CHAMBERLAIN, W., 9, Harrison Road, Fareham, Hants.

FORD, B., Biddenfield Farm, Shedfield, Near Southampton, Hants.

FROST, N., 46, Patterdale Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

NEVILLE, N., 83, West Street, Fareham, Hants.

POWELL, D., Ivy Cottage, Titchfield, Hants.

RAMPTON, W. R. Thornhill, Bath Lane, Fareham, Hants.

RILEY, K., 78, Old Turnpike, Fareham, Hants.

## Changes of Address.

- BEAVIS, J., 87a, Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.
- BUNGEY, W. E. G., 21, Muschamp Road, Peckham, S.E.15.
- CHAPMAN, J. H., "Ashcombe," 25a, Wickham Road, Fareham, Hants.
- DODDS, V. M., City Engineers Dept., Winchester, Hants.
- HALEY, J., Eastfields, East Street, Fareham, Hants.
- HAMILTON, E. J., Homeleigh, Botley Road, Sholing, Southampton, Hants.
- MILLER, S. G. H., 14, Kings Road, Fareham, Hants.
- MOSS, L. G., Inglenook, Osborne Road, Fareham, Hants.
- MUNDY, H. W. A., Devon House, Argyle Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.
- NUTTER, R. C., Timewell, Portsview Avenue, Portchester, Hants.
- SWAFFIELD, F. E., Exton, Heaton Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.
- TROKE, A. C., 19, Palmerston Avenue, Fareham, Hants.
- TROKE, F., "Ravenswood," Osborne Road, Fareham, Hants.
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## London Section Hockey.

We are rapidly nearing the end of another hockey season and it is indeed lucky that only a few fixtures have been arranged. It has been very hard indeed to raise anything like a team and we cannot carry on as an Old Boys' team with only one or two legitimate members. I have had to call upon very willing "outsiders" who have really been the mainstay of the team and have been more regular than the real Old Boys. I would like therefore to record our grateful thanks to J. A. Rasch, E. A. H. Thompson (Southgate), A. Graff, G. J. Rogers, A. S. French (Tulse Hill), T. Wheyman, Lindsay (Teddington) and T. Withers for their assistance on various occasions.

Old Boys who have assisted us this season have been D. R. Masterman, B. G. Buckley, A. G. Crouch, M. A. J. Hynes, C. P. Aps, A. D. Hayward, W. J. Henry and D. C. T. Humphries.

RECENT RESULTS:—January 15th, v. Harrodians. Draw 1-1.  
February 12th, v. Exiles. Win 3-2.

Some attractive fixtures have been arranged for next season, and I hope we will have a more regular team.

D. C. T. H.





My first duty in writing these notes is far from being a pleasant one; in fact I have to put on record a major disaster which has befallen London Section. Dudley Masterman has, through pressure of business affairs brought about by his new job, been forced to give up the secretaryship of the Section, and his office has passed into far less worthy hands.

On behalf of all London members I should like to voice an appreciation of Dudley's invaluable services, always given so willingly and carried out with such quiet efficiency.

London Section has passed through some critical stages during his term of office, and I believe that on occasions he has been the sole representative at monthly meetings. However, he stuck to his job, and the present solid foundation of London Section must be attributed in large measure to his efforts.

While bemoaning his loss we must congratulate him on his new appointment and wish him the success he so richly deserves. He has intimated that he intends to continue to take a lively interest in Section affairs, and has, in fact, accepted the position of President of London Section

It seems a far cry to the Christmas Dinner, but mention must be made of that completely successful occasion. It was held on December 6th, 1938, at the Prince of Wales Restaurant, Drury Lane. Unfortunately various circumstances prevented anyone making the journey from Fareham, but sixteen Old Boys and three co-opted members of the Sunday hockey team turned up, and were rewarded by a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Besides the usual faithful followers we were particularly pleased to see Eric Gilbert, John Cornish and Roy da Cunha.

A somewhat noisy gathering broke up at eleven o'clock, and I am sure that if one or two members of the party suffered from a certain thickness of the head on the following day they thought the occasion merited it.

Monthly meetings have been held as usual, but with rather smaller attendances than one would wish to see. Will members living in or near London please note that meetings are held on the first Tuesday in each month at the Eros Brasserie, Jermyn Street, Piccadilly Circus, commencing at 7-45 p.m.? In the words of a Bazaar Notice you are assured of a cordial welcome, and a good time is usually had by all at a very modest cost. So come along regularly, all you Cockneys, and help London Section to go from strength to strength.

Humphries has supplied reports of the doings of the Sunday hockey team elsewhere in these pages. In this connection also I have to report serious lack of support. Humphries works like a Trojan to keep the team going, but he finds it very discouraging work. I believe that this season we have never turned out more than three or four Old Priceans. The rest of the team has been composed of substitutes whom Dumps conjures in some miraculous way, often at the last minute. In the circumstances it is rather a farce to call the team "Old Priceans," and there is some

doubt whether it will survive another season. If the hockey side becomes defunct it will be a tragedy, for Dumps has secured a number of attractive fixtures and we are usually entertained handsomely by the "oppo" after the match.

I hope the above observations will have the effect of producing several new and keen hockey recruits for next season.

It has been the custom in the past to suspend monthly meetings in June, July and August owing to the fact that the light summer evenings make people disinclined to come up to town when there are so many counter-attractions nearer home.

I propose therefore to institute meetings at lunch time during these three months so that people may not lose touch with Section affairs during the interim.

In conclusion may I wish all ex-L.S.O.P. members who are now abroad the very best of luck. Their names usually crop up at meetings, and I shall be very pleased to hear from them if they can spare time from their duties of Empire-building to scribble me a few lines.

BRIAN G. BUCKLEY,

"Fareham House," 7, Chalcot Crescent,

Regent's Park, N.W.1.

