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## Editorial Notes

It has been a very full term. There has been much athletic activity, including the inaugural School Sports under the new constitution; cricket as usual has exerted its magic influence to entice the student from his books; swimming has had its devotees; and the Cadet Corps has taken its toll of time. The term has also seen the unveiling and dedication of the plaque bearing the names of Old Boys who fell in the 1939-1945 war, a reminder that the activities at School are a preparation for sterner duties afterwards.

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In the Spring Term we were sorry to be deprived of Mr. Court's presence by a serious illness. It is good to know that he is much better, but at the time of writing it has not been possible for him to return to School. We shall all wish Mr. Court a speedy return to health.

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Congratulations to the following, who were successful in the School Certificate last December: J. A. Bateman, J. M. Jennings, K. F. Lovegrove, R. E. Mead, V. M. Rich, F. H. Loveless and P. G. Naylor. The first five of these also obtained exemption from Matriculation.

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We extend a warm welcome to a new member of the Staff, Mr. E. Brink, graduate of Thuringen University, and hope that his stay with us will be a happy one.

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One afternoon this term a select party (all volunteers) moved across to the sister school to listen to the Dolmetsch family play on the harpsichord, treble viol, recorder and rebec. They found the music of these unusual instruments interesting and pleasant.

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The following appointments have been made this term:—

Prefects.—G. P. B. Webberley (Captain), H. C. Frost (Vice-Captain), K. N. Anderson, R. E. Mead, D. J. Slater and P. D. Wilding.

Sub-Prefects.—J. D. Backhurst, I. F. Bowler, F. W. Emerson, P. G. Naylor, K. D. Paget, R. D. Short and J. Wisdom.

Cricket.—K. N. Anderson (Captain), D. J. Slater (Vice-Captain), J. Day (Committee member).

Athletics.—D. J. Slater (Captain), K. N. Anderson (Vice-captain), P. G. Naylor (Committee member).

Swimming.—J. D. Backhurst (Captain), V. K. Winstain (Vice-Captain), R. E. Mead (Committee member).

Magazine.—G. P. B. Webberley and R. E. Mead (assistant editors).

Assistant Games Secretary.—H. C. Frost.

House Captains.—R. E. Mead (Childe), S. Armstrong (Harding), P. G. Naylor (Massingberd), G. P. B. Webberley (Morley), K. N. Anderson (School).

Valete.—D. H. Aubin, J. D. Banks, J. A. Bateman, C. S. Bishop, H. G. W. Bodkin, H. F. P. Clark, P. J. Ford, D. H. Garner, D. B. Hannam, W. R. Herring, T. S. Hoy, J. M. Jennings, K. F. Lovegrove, R. H. Murray, V. M. Rich, E. F. Tubb, D. A. C. Williams, I. J. Willison, J. E. Lunn, R. J. Clarkson, R. N. Henderson, D. M. Ling.

Salvete.—J. G. Bellamy, R. Broatch, P. France, J. D. Knight, J. Park, M. F. Wilson, M. W. Wilson.

## Speech Day

Last year we listened to an address on the value of natural history as a hobby; this year our distinguished visitor, the headmaster of Winchester College, dealt with the handling of our fellow men. There was a curious link, however, between the two. In a parable, with an obvious application to social relationships, he quoted from a pamphlet on "Shipwreck." "If you are in an open boat and a shark bumps against it, don't be afraid. He is not trying to upset your boat; he is only trying to get rid of sea lice." The point went home amid laughter. The rest of his speech contained no further references to the lower animals, but confined itself to mankind—the leading and ruling of men to which his listeneners might aspire. There was a consensus of opinion that it was an excellent talk, well suited to the occasion.

After Mrs. Oakeshott had graciously distributed the prizes there was a substantial programme of music by the Choir and Orchestra. I hope I shall be forgiven by the instrumentalists when I say that I liked best the sequence of three songs by the Treble and Alto Choir.

### PRIZE WINNERS

FORM PRIZES.—Form IP: 1, D. W. Bassett; 2, J. M. Bassett; commended, M. E. Brazier and J. D. Munday. I: 1, J. E. Brewer; 2, K. I. Mentzel; commended, D. J. Phillips and M. Harcourt. IIP: 1, D. Charlwood; 2, M. S. Hinton; commended, J. Splers and T. C. Wells. II: 1, P. H. Gates; 2, M. R. Hipgrave; commended, D. I. Highton and W. J. Down. IIIP: 1, R. H. Hewes; 2, I. Wilkinson; commended, J. Prescott. III: 1, B. Philippott; 2, D. L. Wilkinson; commended, I. P. Husbands, J. R. Cherryman and W. F. Bodkin. IVB: 1, W. F. Hale; 2, R. R. Knight; commended, C. Prescott. IV: 1, J. D. Backhurst; 2, M. Lampard; commended, H. C. Duffin and J. O. Hutchinson.

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—Passed with exemption from Matriculation (subjects in brackets=distinctions): A. J. M. Aylwin, G. D. Blunt (Maths.), R. C. Bowtell (Maths.), J. E. Lunn (French), B. D. Paget, K. D. Pagniez (French), K. J. Payne (English), R. D. Short (Geography, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), R. F. Tingley (Maths), V. K. Winstain (French). Passed: D. G. Alderton, C. L. Austin, J. D. Banks, J. A. Bateman, K. G. Brough, A. G. Caddington, W. J. Clifford, J. H. Crotty, A. M. Darroch (English), R. Davis, J. A. Donald, J. G. Gasper, F. W. Lassam, I. J. Lawrence, B. D. Lewis (Chemistry), F. H. Loveless, R. E. Mead, R. G. Nixon (Maths., Physics), V. M. Rich, C. H. Thomas (Maths.), K. Walker (Maths.).

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES (with exemption from Inter Sci. (London).—D. P. Archer, J. C. Bass, P. H. Cody. Passed, R. A. Pooley.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—French, K. D. Pagniez; Music, D. I. Higton; Art, R. A. Pooley and J. S. Watts; Reading, J. O. Hutchinson and M. A. Rowe; Woodwork, I. P. Husbands; Gardening, J. C. Pearson.

MEMORIAL PRIZES.—Michael Kilburn Prizes: Mathematics, R. D. Short, Physics, R. G. Nixon, Chemistry, B. D. Lewis; George Sturt Prizes: G. P. Webberley and J. M. Jennings; Arthur Job Prize: K. N. Anderson; Headmaster's Prize: C. I. Williams; Dr. George Brown Prize: P. J. Holmes; William Stroud Prizes: Geography, R. D. Short, Service, P. J. Holmes.

WAR CERTIFICATE "A" (PARTS I AND II).—C. L. Austin, R. C. Bowtell, J. H. Crotty, W. R. Herring, J. E. Lunn, R. G. J. Nixon, R. D. Short, J. L. Vick, P. D. Wilding, C. J. Batterbury, F. J. Carpenter, R. Davies, J. M. Jennings, R. E. Mead, K. D. Pagniez, D. J. F. Slater, K. Walker, V. K. Winstain, G. D. Blunt, J. H. Crail, J. W. Hawkins, F. H. Loveless, P. G. Naylor, K. J. Payne, C. H. Thomas, G. P. Webberley, J. H. Wisdom.

#### PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

1. The School Orchestra :
  - (a) Hungarian Dance No. 6 .. .. . *Brahms*
  - (b) Gavotte from "Mignon" .. .. . *Thomas*
  - (c) Bourrée from Suite No. 2 in D .. .. . *Bach*
2. Treble and Alto Choir :
  - (a) The Lincolnshire Poacher .. .. . *Descant arr. Davies*
  - (b) You Spotted Snakes .. .. . *Armstrong Gibbs*
  - (c) Evening Song .. .. . *John Ireland*
3. Treble Solo : R. Potter :
  - On Wings of Song .. .. . *Mendelssohn*
4. Choir with Orchestra :
  - (a) I Vow to Thee My Country .. .. . *Holst*
  - (b) Song of Liberty .. .. . *Elgar*
5. Orchestra :
  - A Christmas Overture .. .. . *Coleridge-Taylor*
6. The School Song.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

### The School Scout Troop

Since last autumn the Troop has made vast strides forward, having now three patrols, as a new patrol, the Curlews, has been formed. The formation of a fourth is contemplated to accommodate the influx of boys. To mark the closing of the Winter Term an enjoyable camp fire and supper was held in the School field. Due to short notice, the Troop was only able to enter a few members for the Farnham Scout Boxing Competition, but, in spite of this, the Troop tied for second place.

As it is hoped that the School shelter will not be needed for more legitimate purposes for some time, Mr. Morgan has allowed

the Troop to use it as a headquarters. When we took it over it was filled with rubbish and debris, but this has all been cleared out now and the place has been given a more "Scouty" atmosphere than its bare brick walls at first suggested was possible. The main advantages are that the shelter is fitted with electric light so that winter meetings can now be held there instead of in the gym; and that it is big enough to allow patrols to have their own patrol corners.

Unfortunately, a camp, held near Millbridge during the Easter Holidays, was spoilt by the weather, as we picked the three wettest days of that time. However, we hope to hold several weekend camps during the Summer Term and a fortnight's camp in the holidays.

R. D. SHORT, T/L.

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### Cadet Corps

The N.C.O.'s this term are:—C.S.M.: Webberley; Corporals: Mead, Wilding, Wisdom, Hawkins; Lance-Corporals: Winstain, Crotty, Bowler, Slater, Loveless, Blunt, Short, Thomas, Naylor, Vick, Bentley, Cheesman.

A very high standard of full-bore shooting has been attained by senior members of the company at monthly meetings at the army ranges at Ash Vale and Caesar's Camp. We have also taken part in all the stages of the inter-company .22 shooting competition; unfortunately, the results of this are not yet known.

Training for Part II of Certificate "A" is proceeding apace, and we hope for highly successful results in this examination in July. We are now pleased to announce that at last we have two able instructors in the Bren-gun, viz., Lance-Corporals Crotty and Winstain. A cadre of N.C.O.'s recently benefited from a week-end course in the instruction of this weapon.

A large number of cadets will attend the annual Battalion camp at Yaverland, near Sandown, Isle of Wight, this summer and it is hoped that all will have a very enjoyable time, and will benefit greatly from the experience thus gained.

G. P. B. WEBBERLEY, C.S.M.

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### The Chess Club

The Chess Club has not been very active this term. Owing to the competition of other activities, interest has declined. This was to be expected, however, so let us hope that the Club will renew its activities next autumn with greater enthusiasm. The financial position is slightly worse than at the end of last year, the membership is about the same, and the number of chess sets is slightly larger.

M. D. LAMPARD, Vice-President.

## Debating Society

It was hoped that the election, run under the auspices of the Society, would result in a larger attendance at debates! Unfortunately, our hopes were not realised, for at the first meeting, held on Tuesday, January 13th, when the term's programme was arranged, there were only fifteen members present—an audience which remained almost unchanged throughout the rest of the term.

The first debate was held on Friday, 30th January, when Mr. Garner proposed, and Mr. Winstain opposed, the motion that "State Lotteries Should be Introduced," the main argument for it being that there was a lot of money to be got from it, and the main argument against being that it was immoral. The motion was defeated by eight votes to seven.

Whether "Communism in this Country Should be Suppressed" is a question which has been occupying the attention of the country as a whole. On Friday, February 6th, the society agreed on the measure by eight votes to five. Mr. Winstain was the proposer and Mr. Lampard the opposer.

The Society's programme came to an end on Friday, 1st March, when the motion that "Conscription in this Country Should be Abolished" was rejected by five votes to one. Mr. Lampard was the proposer, and Mr. Bowler the opposer.

No less than 109 cast their votes on 20th February, when Mr. Wisdom was elected the School's "M.P." The results were: Mr. Wisdom (Conservative) 30 votes; Mr. Naylor (Liberal) 28 votes; Mr. Winstain (Independent) 27 votes; Mr. Bowler (Labour) 19 votes; and Mr. Lampard (Independent Labour) 5 votes. Voting was open to all except the members of the First Forms, so that 45% of the electorate voted.

M. D. LAMPARD, Hon. Secretary.



## The Concert

CHURCH HOUSE, TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH.—Thanks are due to Mr. Crute for an enjoyable evening. Under his guidance, the orchestra has matured and it is a pity that so many members will be leaving this summer. The choirs were up to their usual high standard. I particularly noticed the four part un-accompanied songs, in which the harmony was rich and moving, but mention must also be made of the large number of good singers among the juniors. There is, indeed, a wealth of musical talent in the School.

Now for the instrumentalists: F. Taylor has good technique; his performance of the Chopin Valse was refreshing and polished. He and G. Blunt worked well together in the duet for

two pianos, and the result was a spirited contribution to the programme. The two violins with piano accompaniment started well, but the quality of tone fell off towards the middle and gave the impression that the work was too long. Mr. Wickens was in good form with his trumpet. He was a great asset in adding a touch of colour to the orchestra, and his solos were well accepted. Mr. Crute vividly impressed everyone with two brilliant works accompanied by piano and orchestra in turn.

Yes, it was a meritorious concert, which catered for many tastes and pleased the large audience. The stage setting and lighting added much to the effect of the music.

P. CODY.

PROGRAMME  
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  
Part I

1. The School Orchestra :  
Marche Militaire .. .. . Schubert
2. Junior Choir :  
(a) Rule Britannia .. .. . Arne  
(b) Sea Shanty, "Shenandoah" .. .. . Trad.  
(c) O Peaceful England .. .. . German  
(from "Merrie England")
3. Solo Piano :  
Valse in C sharp minor .. .. . Chopin  
F. Taylor
4. Two Violins :  
Concerto in D minor (Second Movement) .. .. . Bach  
J. Wisdom and J. Cotterill
5. Solo Piano :  
Concerto No. 1 in D minor .. .. . MacDowell  
(Second Movement — Rondo)  
Mr. F. Crute  
(The orchestral accompaniment was played on a second piano by  
J. Brake)
6. Orchestra :  
Suite, "Woodland Pictures" .. .. . Percy Fletcher  
(a) In the Hayfields  
(b) Romance  
(c) Tarantella (The Bean Feast)

INTERVAL

Part II

1. Orchestra :  
(a) Entr'acte .. .. . Geoffrey Henman  
(b) Norwegian Dance No. 3 .. .. . Grieg
2. Two Pianos :  
Tourbillon .. .. . Gueroult  
G. Blunt and F. Taylor
3. School Choir :  
(a) Two-part Song : "A Rover Shanty" .. .. . Stanford  
(b) Four-part Songs :  
i. "As Torrents in Summer" .. .. . Elgar  
ii. "Song of the Vikings" .. .. . Eaton Faning
4. Solo Trumpet :  
(a) Two Indian Love Lyrics .. .. . Woodforde-Finden  
(b) Londonderry Air .. .. . Trad.  
Mr. W. F. Wickens
5. Solo Piano and Orchestra :  
Caprice Valse, "Wedding Cake" .. .. . Saint-Saëns  
Mr. F. Crute
6. Orchestra :  
Suite: The Water Music .. .. . Handel

The following is a detailed list of the performers:—Orchestra: First violins, D. J. Slater (leader), J. H. Wisdom, R. E. Mead, D. I. Higton and D. Wilkinson; second violins, J. M. Cotterill, G. V. Hunt, D. W. Bassett, J. M. Bassett, D. J. Phillips, J. L. Vick, H. Walmsley and D. A. Bowtell; viola, J. O. Hutchinson; 'cello, J. W. Hawkins; bass, G. D. Blunt; pianos, I. F. Bowler and F. W. Taylor; timpani, D. H. Garner; side-drum and effects, G. P. Webberley.

School choir.—Juniors, S. R. Allen, M. J. Andrews, A. J. Asplin, M. J. Barham, R. J. Barnett, T. A. Baker, C. W. Briody, R. J. Cheesman, B. J. Daniels, P. W. Ferris, T. T. Fitzpatrick, B. Gamblin, B. F. Lake, B. R. Lighting, A. G. Lovell, A. J. Marsden, J. A. Morris, C. J. Parratt, T. A. Shakeshaft, R. S. Stroyan, E. L. Todd, A. J. Tull, D. V. White and A. G. Withall. Altos, tenors and basses: D. W. Bassett, J. M. Bassett, J. I. Bellman, S. J. Bevan, G. D. Blunt, I. F. Bowler, D. A. Bowtell, M. E. Brazier, R. B. Coveney, B. G. Davey, D. H. Garner, M. J. Garside, R. F. Gooch, K. Gordon, J. W. Haigh, J. W. Hawkins, D. I. Higton, A. Holt, M. J. Horner, G. V. Hunt, J. O. Hutchinson, C. D. Inglis, J. H. Jenkins, G. F. Le Vey, D. J. Mansell, R. E. Mead, P. G. Naylor, D. G. Paget, B. M. Pearce, D. Penny, D. J. Phillips, R. A. Petter, P. J. Ralph, M. E. Sturt, R. T. Travers, G. P. Webberley and J. H. Wisdom.

Mrs. Cole was responsible for training the strings.

## A Nature Ramble

While out on a nature ramble I found a colony of natterjack toads and collected a few specimens to add to my collection and, for the benefit of those who know hardly anything of the natterjack toads, I will give a little information.

These toads are generally of a green colour, and have a narrow, yellow stripe down the middle of the back. They are spotted with black on the under parts. The way to distinguish between a male and a female is that the male has a purplish patch on the throat. They live in colonies which are arranged just like a lot of flats, boring their holes in the sandstone rock or bank in which they want to live.

I recently set out in the evening, arriving at a small pond at about 7.30 p.m. All was perfectly still and quiet. I was watching some swans which had their nest in the rushes when suddenly the silence was shattered by a rattling croak. A natterjack toad! I listened again to make sure, but all was as still as before. Then I heard the sound again; it seemed to come from underneath a broken portion of wall. I lifted this, and there, underneath, was a fine, male, natterjack toad. I transferred it to my collecting sack and set out to find more.

At first it seemed as if that toad had been the only one there, but suddenly I chanced upon several more, each under his own rock. I collected another specimen.

By now it was quite late and time to return home. As I walked up the little track which led to the road, I could hear a crashing melody vibrating in the air and reverberating from rock to rock—the evening chorus of the natterjack toads.

P. C. BOWDEN.

## Beuteleyne

In his Prologue, Chaucer says there were "wel nine and twenty" pilgrims. Recent research in Room A by G. P. B. Webberley, however, has led to the discovery of a lost fragment which he has edited and asked us to publish. For the sake of those unacquainted with Middle English he has appended a glossary, but the word "Beuteleyne" presents some difficulty. It would appear to be derived from the German "Beutel," meaning "cod," and "Eyne," meaning "eye"; we may then transpose the name of the new pilgrim into modern English as "Cod-eye," or perhaps "Cod-y."

A knave ther was that we al knew ful welle;  
 Of Cindrë was this carl of which I telle.  
 A thikkë knarre<sup>1</sup> and eek<sup>2</sup> ful strong was he;  
 But semely thogh him bar he was not gaie;<sup>3</sup>  
 A gipon<sup>4</sup> wered he; the bak at front.  
 Of tableaux alwey wolde he bere the brunt,  
 That in the gym he didë maken ther;  
 So wel he couldë lepen in the air,  
 And don a long and short arm, eek a presse,  
 And fifti pompës attë tyme I guesse;  
 To liften weytës wolde him win fyv pound.  
 But thogh the snewe and sliet fell thikkë round  
 He wered not a cote or yet a hood.  
 Ful oftë-tymës he was som-del wood,<sup>5</sup>  
 For alwey wolde he swim at Christës mas,  
 And whan the ice was eek as clere as glas  
 Y-stripped to the waist wolde slide and skate.  
 Now his manere at mete I yow narrate:  
 For straunge to say he liked al his stewe  
 Y-mixed with his swote<sup>6</sup> in manere newe.  
 At preyere tyme whan he the Boke<sup>7</sup> had read  
 He wolde him turn and sniffen at the Head.<sup>8</sup>  
 But thogh he was a straungë wight withal,  
 He was by fer the kindest of hem al;  
 For gladly wolde he teche and shewe eche Iape<sup>9</sup>  
 To hem that coude but stondë by and gape,  
 As he did werke withouten signe of streyne.  
 He was y-cleped<sup>10</sup> Pallë<sup>11</sup> Beuteleyne.

1, A thick-set fellow. 2, Also. 3, Though his carriage was good he was not gaily dressed. 4, Pullover (here). 5, Somewhat mad. 6, sweet, pudding. 7, Bible, i.e., the lesson. 8, Headmaster. 9, Trick, stunt. 10, Called. 11, Paul.



## The Manifold Valley

To get to this beautiful spot, which lies on the Derbyshire-Staffordshire border, one passes through several places of interest. For instance, going from Derby, the historical old town of Ashbourne is about the first, where many famous people have lived or stayed, such as Samuel Johnson, Thomas Moore, Canning, and others.

A few miles further on is the little village of Thorpe, with its few houses scattered over the hillside. Here is a very interesting old church, built in the time of King Stephen, the Norman tower of which still remains unaltered except for the doorway.

After the village, on the right, is Thorpe Cloud, a steep, cone-shaped hill rising to some 940ft., and below it a dew pond where there are usually some cows standing in the muddy water.

A little farther on the road crosses the River Dove just as it has come out of the beautiful Dovedale, and just before it is joined by the Manifold. After this the road comes alongside the Manifold and runs with it as far as the little village of Ilam. Here it turns right away to meet the river again many miles upstream at the very top of the valley.

So here one leaves the road and takes to the narrow path which follows the river through the winding dale. But a little further upstream the river seems suddenly to get very small, and in the dry season it disappears altogether. This is actually the point where the main stream comes out into the open again after having flowed underground for about five miles.

Continuing upstream, it is noticed that where the sides of the valley are less steep the river is often bounded by small meadows divided from each other by the inevitable stone walls so often seen in this part of the country; and in some of the steeper parts the banks are thickly wooded so that the sun filters through the trees and forms peculiar patterns on the ground beneath. In one or two places on the hillside, high above the river, can be seen mysterious holes among the jagged rocks littered about the slope. These are disused copper and lead mines which have been worked out for many years.

At this point in our journey upstream the river is joined by a small tributary—the Hamps. But in the dry season this also is dried up, so it must actually join the Manifold underground somewhere. With it comes what used to be a single line railway, used mainly for transporting the milk from the numerous farms among the hills. But now this has been made into a footpath and is useful for the person who wants a level and easy walk. Here the footpath turns off and follows the Manifold upstream, crossing and recrossing it many times.

About a mile farther on there is, on the right, a large face of rock in which is a lofty cavern. This is called Thor's Cave, and from it can be obtained a good view of the valley in both directions.

The next point of interest is the place where the Manifold goes underground. It does this in just the same mysterious way as it reappears near Ilam, by soaking slowly away into its pebbly bed.

Now one comes to the little hamlet of Wettonmill, lying snugly among a few trees, and then out again into the open pastures where the river comes bubbling and flashing over its rough bottom; and, finally, round Ecton Hill, which stands sentinel over the top end of the valley. Here can be seen many mounds, hollows and old shafts leading down to the mines that made the Duke of Devonshire so rich in the eighteenth century.

So, coming to the little village of Hulme End, one concludes a very pleasant and interesting walk through the Manifold Valley.

I. P. HUSBANDS.

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### There's No Law Against It

The bus pulled up with a jerk. Jones clambered wearily on, gave his fare to the conductor, took his ticket, and looked for a seat in the chilly, empty bus. No, not quite empty. There was one person beside himself, an old man, clothes shabby to the point of mouldiness, who looked up and beckoned him with a curiously commanding gesture. Jones took the seat, hoping that a little conversation would help the long ride home. The old boy started the ball rolling with a grunted remark that his name was "Bertie," and continued, "And you're Jones, eh? Psychic investigator.... No such thing as a ghost. Heh?" This last remark was almost a sneer.

"That's right," replied Jones. Of all the people to meet, he would bump into someone who recognised him.

"How would you like to, shall we say, see the real thing?" And Bertie went off in a series of dry chuckles, like the wind rustling dead leaves.

"O.K., phone me some time and I'll make an appointment." The stock answer came to his lips almost without volition.

"I suppose," continued the ancient, "if I said to-night was the best night, you would claim you were tired?"

"Not at all," began Jones hotly—then cursed himself as he realised that Bertie had trapped him. "But it is rather late, isn't it?"

"Fine, here's our stop," said Bertie, unmoved. "And I guarantee you an interesting experience."

It was a section of the town strange to Jones, but he offered no comment as they turned off down the dimly lit side street. Their footsteps rang strangely in the early morning quiet, and Jones wriggled deeper into his overcoat. The air was chilly and made him think longingly of his warm bed; but there seemed no way out of it without hurting his pride. He could offer to come some other time. No, damned if he would let an old fool jeer at him for a coward.

Now that he thought of it, the old boy's recognition of him was a trifle strange. Probably there was some simple explanation. Maybe, Bertie was an investigator of fraudulent mediums. Maybe—the thought pulled him up short.

The old man turned as if he had read his mind. "No, this isn't a robbery, or anything of that type." "Besides, we're almost there; just around this corner."

They rounded the corner and Jones saw ahead of him a high stone wall, pierced by an arch with a strong iron gate. Through the gate he noticed white objects, indistinct in the misty moonlight. With a feeling of relief he recognised them as grave stones. So it was to be that old joke.

Curious how cold the air had become. A numbing chill seemed to be stealing over his senses. The old man had stopped, and was speaking: "You wait here while I go and get the others. Don't go away now."

Jones tried to answer, but found, to his surprise, that he could only croak something that faintly resembled, "Alright." His heart was pounding and his lips were as dry as parchment. Too much smoking he decided as he watched the old man go up to the gate.... and through it. But he hadn't opened it first. Jones' thoughts ran sluggishly. Suddenly, as with an electric shock, he realised what he had seen. He began to shake like a man with the ague, frozen in his tracks. At last he started to run, and it was as if he was running through, like an endless nightmare. His shadow stretched fleeting ahead of him on the wall and the blood sang in his ears. Before him the stalwart form of a policeman took shape, standing with hands upraised.

"Now, my fine lad, and just what is your hurry?" he said, suspicion heavy in his voice.

His breath coming in great gasps, Jones panted out, "Officer, I want to make a complaint."

"Very well, sir. Just a moment now till I get my notebook out. Hm, seem to have mislaid my pencil. If you will let me have yours. Jones handed him a pencil and the policeman continued, "Thanks, now go ahead."

Jones poured his story out in one incoherent jumble, starting to realise how foolish it sounded. He glanced nervously over his shoulder as he concluded "... then he went right through the gate."

Instead of sympathy and understanding, or at least incredulity, coupled with the smelling of his breath, the officer said words that astounded him. "Very sorry, sir, but there's no law against being a ghost."

Startled, Jones spun round. "No law...." The words trailed off, for the policeman had vanished. A movement on the ground drew his eyes just before he started to run again. His pencil rolled to the edge of the curb, poised itself a moment, then dropped into the gutter.

F. D. CLARK.

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### Southdown Fantasy

These are the mighty Southdowns sweeping and curving in gracious majesty to the dancing, twinkling sea. The hills that rise as sentinels up from the fertile plain—rising gently, gently, then suddenly curving to the bright, blue sky.

These are the hills that overlook the Channel—the channel that inspired men of England to deeds of greatness: a sea of changing moods, a sea that one day roars and crashes and on another sparkles and dances, pushing reluctant wavelets upon a sandy shore. Upon the beaches where people teem in thousands, at Eastbourne, Brighton, Bognor, Portsmouth, all towns of the Southdown hills, where children paddle and shout for joy, as the humble seas wash round their tiny feet; upon the beaches of the country districts that few have ever seen, where no sounds are heard save the constant swish, swish of the moving waters and the harsh screaming of the wheeling gulls, circling, twisting and swooping with a graceful air around the chalky cliffs that tower above with a light green fringe of grass peeping over the top of their gaunt, white faces.

These are the cliffs of the mighty Southdowns, where furious elements beat and batter, where the sea can show an ugly mood, ugly yet inspiring. The once calm waters heave and swell in a grey-green shining mass, throwing up great white-crested rollers to meet the scudding clouds. This is the time to watch the sea, when the breakers smash down on the shore with a roar and a crash, one after the other. Roar, crash, hiss; roar, crash, hiss—a regularity unsurpassed, throwing up seaweed, shells and stones, drawing fish towards the coast, an offering to the hungry gulls. Roar, crash, hiss, sucking back the shingle, only to hurl it once more upon the yellow sand, moving, moving since Creation, beating and washing the coasts of old England.

The wind howls and whistles, blowing spray and driving rain across the soft green downs, tearing through the valleys on a mad and unchecked caper, sending the rain lashing against the cottage windows and trickling down the panes. The villagers are

safe and snug. They can sit and listen to the raving of things beyond control, the maddened wind and sullen roar of distant, troubled waters. They can sit and wait for finer days—days that make life worth living: the days of a Southdown spring, when the trees of the valleys are bursting forth into colourful bloom, when the holiday-makers surge for the sea and the open air.

A hiker passes through the village, a village that is a picture of perfect peace, an oasis in a mad, tumultuous world, nestling comfortably in the light green woods that circle the base of the hills. He walks to the grove of fruit trees by a gate and pauses, looking up through the pink and white blossom to the gentle blue of a clear crystal-like sky. One who has ever done this very thing will appreciate his feelings, for it is a glorious sight, like entering another world.

Behind the orchard a huge, smiling expanse of hillside, a panorama of green and gold rears its great head to the heavens. From this great hill can be seen the sea, twinkling and lightly moving in a fairy-like dance, bearing on its blue horizon the black smoky shape of a coastal trawler steaming along to some distant port.

These great hills are wonderful examples of nature's deceptiveness, for they seem as high as mountains and yet are hills of normal stature jutting abruptly from a flat and lovely land. They sweep the whole coast of the south, from Eastbourne to Portsmouth, curving and rolling in open pastures of springy turf that seems to make a walker's feet dance for joy and uncontrollable happiness. These are the mighty Southdowns!

B. D. PETERS.

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### Football, 1947-48

This was a satisfactory season, in which we were able to field men who played together well as a team, and who showed a spirit worthy of the School First XI.

It was unfortunate that, as usual at Christmas, we lost several members of this balanced side, with consequent ill effects upon results. Banks, a goalkeeper always full of confidence, and Ford, an inside forward with thrust and ball control unusual in our forwards of recent years, we could not hope adequately to replace. To add to this misfortune we lost the services of Paget and Anderson, both excellent players in their respective positions, for most of the rest of the season. Fortunately, injuries such as they sustained are the exception rather than the rule. In view of these difficulties we did not settle down again easily or quickly last term, but ended up with a convincing and delightful win over Farnborough.

Mention must be made of the effective first-time kicking and tackling of Emerson, F., at back and centre-half, and of Paget's potentialities in the centre. Had half-backs and inside men sufficiently relished his speed, and pushed the ball upfield ahead of him more often, we should greatly have increased our tally of goals. Ball-control of any high order was again conspicuous by its absence, except in the case of Ford, who might well have been taken as a pattern by the rest of the team. He alone seemed always to have plenty of time in which to do as he wished with the ball—always a sure sign of a good-class footballer. Passing was, perhaps because of this lack of ball-control, ragged in apparent intention, and haphazard in effect.

The Second XI had a more successful season than last year's team, but suffered from constant change to make up the First XI. This is a legacy which each year's Second XI takes over from the last. In the circumstances the team played throughout the season with spirit if not with very marked ability.

The Colts' XI went through the season unbeaten until the final game, and thoroughly deserved its successes. When we lost to Hale in the Chamber of Commerce Cup, the occasion was one on which it might truly be said that we had "bad luck," although "bad luck" is usually a synonym for bad football. This is as good a school team of any kind as we have seen for several seasons—full of will and "go," which we hope it can carry up into the senior teams in future.

At the end of the season, colours were awarded as follows: Re-awarded, Anderson, Banks; awarded, Emerson, F., Ford, Paget, K.

The following represented the First XI: Armstrong, Archer, Day, Crotty, Emerson, F., Emerson, S., Geleit, Garner, Harland, Hewes, Downham, Lewis, Paget, K., Wyatt, Sheward, Herrington.

Second XI: Armstrong, Aylwin, Cock, Emerson, S., Bentley, Harland, Hewes, Herrington, Moore, Sheward, Tubb, Wyatt.

Colts' XI: Adams, Aylwin, Bentley, Bowtell, Dawson, Geleit, Eade, Hipgrave, Humphreys, Piper, Prescott, Tilson, Warman. Wyre.

#### FIRST XI

Sept. 20.—v. Midhurst :	Lost 0—3.
„ 27.—v. Queen Mary's School, Basingstoke :	Won 4—1.
Oct. 11.—v. Woking C.S. :	Lost 1—2.
„ 18.—v. Camberley C.S. :	Won 3—0.
Nov. 15.—v. Woking C.S. :	Won 4—2.
„ 22.—v. Eggar's G.S. :	Won 7—0.
„ 29.—v. Price's School, Fareham :	Lost 4—8.
Dec. 6.—v. Farnborough G.S. :	Lost 0—1.
„ 13.—v. O.F.A. :	Lost 3—6.
Jan. 31.—v. Godalming C.S. :	Lost 1—9.
Feb. 7.—v. Queen Mary's School :	Lost 0—3.
Mar. 6.—v. O.F.A. :	Lost 2—8.
„ 13.—v. Farnborough G.S. :	Won 5—3.
P. W. L. D.	Goals
13 5 8 0	For 34 Against 46

## SECOND XI

Oct.	15.—v. Elementary Schools :	Won	6—0.	
„	11.—v. Woking C.S. :	Lost	3—7.	
„	18.—v. Camberley C.S. :	Won	4—3.	
Nov.	15.—v. Woking C.S. :	Lost	1—6.	
„	29.—v. Price's School :	Lost	2—3.	
Dec.	6.—v. Farnborough G.S. :	Lost	1—3.	
„	13.—v. Salesian College :	Lost	3—6.	
Jan.	24.—v. Farnborough G.S. :	Lost	0—6.	
P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
8	2	6	0	For 20 Against 34

## COLTS' XI

Sept. 20.—v. Midhurst:	Won	4—2.
„ 27.—Under 14 v. Queen Mary's School:	Drawn	1—1.
Nov. 22.—Under 15 v. King Edward's School, Witley:	Won	4—2.
Mar. 13.—v. King Edward's School:	Drawn	4—4.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals
4	2	0	2	For 13 Against 9

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CUP

Jan. 31.—v. Wrecclesham:	Won	10—0.
Mar. 5.—v. East Street:	Won	3—0.
„ 24.—v. Hale:	Lost	0—1.

## HOUSE FOOTBALL

## AUTUMN TERM

FIRST XI.—Childe 3, Morley 2; Harding 1, Massingberd 0; School 7, Morley 0; Childe 2, Harding 2; School 5, Massingberd 0; Harding 4, Morley 0; Childe 2, School 1; Massingberd 3, Morley 2; School 2, Harding 1; Childe 0, Massingberd 0.

Points.—1, Childe (6); School (6); 3, Harding (5); 4, Massingberd (3); 5, Morley (0).

JUNIORS.—Harding 0, Massingberd 0; Morley 3, School 0; Harding 3, Childe 0; School 5, Massingberd 1; Childe 2, Morley 1; School 2, Childe 0; Morley 1, Massingberd 0; School 2, Harding 0; Childe 1, Massingberd 1; Morley 3, Harding 1.

Points.—1, Morley (6); School (6); 3, Childe (3); Harding (3); 5, Massingberd (2).

## KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

## SPRING TERM

SENIORS.—First Round: Childe 3, Massingberd 0. Semi-finals: Childe 4, Harding 1; School 4, Morley 1. Final: School 1, Childe 0.

JUNIORS.—First Round: Massingberd 3, Childe 2. Semi-finals: Massingberd 1, Harding 1. Harding 4, Massingberd 2. Morley 2, School 1. Final: Harding 3, Morley 2.

This year an experiment was carried out, namely that the winners of the respective cups played teams selected from the other four houses. As was expected, the "Rest" won both the Senior and Junior matches.

Seniors.—"Rest" 9, School 1.

Juniors.—"Rest" 4, Harding 1.

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## House Boxing

## CLASS 1

Semi-finals.—G. P. B. Webberley (Morley) beat J. D. Banks (School); W. R. Herring (School), bye.

Final.—Herring beat Webberley. There was plenty of action by both boxers, with good, hard hitting. Herring won a close fight by using a very hard straight left to good advantage.

## CLASS 2

Semi-finals.—B. D. Lewis (Massingberd) beat D. J. F. Slater (Morley); M. P. Power (Massingberd) beat J. O. Hutchinson (Harding).

Final.—Lewis beat Power. After a poor first round, the bout became fiercer, and Lewis won, despite Power's superior reach.

## CLASS 3

Semi-finals.—P. Moore (Morley) beat M. D. Lampard (School); K. N. Anderson (School), bye.

Final.—Anderson beat Moore. Little punching in the first round, but the footwork was good; the second round was much better. Moore was beaten by a superior boxer.

## CLASS 4

Semi-finals.—R. E. Mead (Childe) beat F. H. Loveless (Morley); K. D. Paget (School) beat B. Philpott (Harding).

Final.—Paget w.o. Mead.

## CLASS 5

First Series.—R. H. Murray (Childe) beat E. F. W. Tubb (Harding); F. W. Emerson (Childe) beat T. S. Hoy (Morley); V. M. Rich (Massingberd) beat V. K. Winstain (Harding); P. J. Ford (Massingberd) beat R. H. Hewes (Childe).

Semi-finals.—Murray beat Emerson; Ford beat Rich.

Final.—Ford beat Murray. Although Ford was knocked down twice in the first round, in the second he scored to win with hard straight lefts to Murray's nose.

## CLASS 6

First Series.—J. D. Backhurst (Childe) beat R. R. Knight (Morley); A. D. Harland (Childe) beat B. E. Sherwood (Morley); C. Dolley (Massingberd) beat D. A. Bowden (Harding); R. M. Radford (Massingberd) beat M. E. H. Sturt (School); S. Emerson (Childe) beat J. H. Wisdom (Massingberd); P. G. D. Naylor (Massingberd) beat R. A. J. Cable (Childe).

Second Series.—Harland w.o. Backhurst; Radford beat Dolley; Emerson and Naylor, byes.

Semi-finals.—Radford beat Harland; Naylor beat Emerson.

Final.—Radford beat Naylor. Radford beat a good, intelligent boxer.

## CLASS 7

First Series.—D. B. Geleit (Morley) beat M. J. Barnard (Massingberd); N. Brade (Massingberd) beat C. J. Coombs (Harding); H. Walmsley (Harding) beat P. J. Davey (School); M. J. Cock (Massingberd) beat S. A. Armstrong (Harding); P. D. Swinson (Morley), bye.

Second Series.—Geleit beat Brade; Walmsley, bye; Swinson and Cock, byes.

Semi-finals.—Geleit beat Walmsley; Swinson beat Cock.

Final.—Geleit beat Swinson. Geleit won an extremely close fight by using his height and reach to good advantage.

## CLASS 8

First Series.—V. D. J. Wyatt (Harding) beat R. J. Clarkson (Massingberd); M. Adams (Morley) beat A. Trueman (Childe); M. Player (Childe) beat D. A. Gudgeon (School); D. L. James (Massingberd) beat R. C. Wickerson (School); F. J. Rogers (Massingberd) beat T. R. Old (Childe); R. A. Smith (Childe) beat M. Jones (Massingberd); M. S. Warner (Massingberd) beat A. Butler (Morley).

Second Series.—Wyatt beat Adams; James beat Player; Rogers beat Smith; Warner, bye.

Semi-finals.—James beat Wyatt; Rogers beat Warner.

Final.—James beat Rogers. Use of the straight left won this bout, though hard hitting no doubt helped a great deal.

## CLASS 9

First Series.—J. Spiers (Harding) beat A. M. Aylwin (School); D. G. Paget (School) beat J. Prescott (Harding); T. T. Fitzpatrick (School) beat D. B. P. Cressall (Massingberd); B. R. Riley (Massingberd) beat K. W. K. Farthing (Morley); P. Harris (Massingberd) beat E. A. Nixon (Childe); N. Whiter (Childe) beat A. F. Brewer (Morley); M. Barker (Harding), bye; A. R. Naylor (Massingberd), bye.

Second Series.—Barker beat Spiers; Paget beat Naylor; Riley beat Fitzpatrick; Whiter beat Harris.



Semi-finals.—Barker beat Paget; Riley w.o. Whiter (absent).

Final.—Barker beat Riley. Once again a close fight, which Barker just won by good use of the straight left.

#### CLASS 10

First Series.—N. Wyre (Harding) beat J. D. Lewis (School); J. D. Donovan (Morley) beat D. J. Wood (Harding); J. J. Rhind (Childe) beat C. H. Reynolds (Massingberd); R. Humphreyies (Morley) beat D. I. R. Higon (School); M. W. Dawson (Morley) beat J. F. Keating (Childe); B. M. Pearce (Massingberd) beat A. G. Withall (School); V. J. M. Snellock (Morley) beat B. C. Everingham (Childe); A. H. Eade (Morley) beat M. R. Hipgrave (Massingberd); J. Moore (Morley), bye; J. H. Cummings (Harding), bye.

Second Series.—Wyre beat Donovan; Humphreyies beat Rhind; Dawson beat Pearce; Snellock beat Moore; Eade beat Cummings.

Third Series.—Humphreyies beat Wyre; Dawson, bye; Snellock and Eade, byes.

Semi-finals.—Humphreyies beat Dawson; Eade beat Snellock.

Final.—Humphreyies beat Eade. First-class boxing on the part of Humphreyies, with a really good use of the straight left, won him this bout.

#### CLASS 11

First Series.—J. Hudson (Harding) beat M. A. Evans (School); R. F. Gooch (Massingberd) beat D. P. O'Mahoney (Harding); W. J. D. Down (Childe) beat J. M. H. Cotterill (School); R. I. Clark (Massingberd) beat A. D. Searle (Childe); J. D. Munday (Harding) beat K. I. Mentzel (Morley); A. J. Mullard (Childe) beat B. R. Lighting (Harding); M. J. Andrews (School) beat P. G. Sherwood (Morley); R. F. Mitchell (Massingberd) beat J. W. Haigh (Morley); G. C. Andrews (Morley) beat D. S. Nunn (Harding); W. G. Chant (Childe) w.o. G. F. Le Vey (Massingberd) (absent); J. Bassett (Harding), bye.

Second Series.—Hudson beat Bassett; Gooch beat Down; Munday beat Clark; Mullard beat Chant; Mitchell w.o. M. J. Andrews; G. C. Andrews, bye.

Third Series.—Munday beat Mullard; Mitchell beat G. C. Andrews; Hudson and Gooch, byes.

Semi-finals.—Gooch beat Hudson; Munday beat Mitchell.

Final.—Munday beat Gooch. Munday just succeeded in winning a really good bout.

#### CLASS 12

First Series.—A. K. Common (Childe) beat T. J. Venables (Massingberd); D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd) beat J. E. Brewer (Morley); R. B. Coveney (Harding) beat G. A. Pelling (Massingberd); P. W. Ferris (Massingberd) beat R. N. Gibby (Harding); D. J. Phillips (Harding) beat M. A. Rowe (School); S. R. Allen (Childe) beat D. Penny (Harding); M. E. Brazier (School) beat A. J. Tull (Childe); M. J. Tyrell (Harding) beat R. W. E. Cawte (School); C. W. Briody (Childe) beat D. Bassett (Harding); C. D. Inglis (Massingberd) w.o. J. A. Morris (Massingberd) (absent).

Second Series.—Common beat Inglis; Wheeler beat Coveney; Ferris beat Phillips; Allen beat Brazier; Tyrell beat Briody.

Third Series.—Common beat Wheeler; Ferris, bye; Allen and Tyrell, byes.

Semi-finals.—Ferris beat Common; Tyrell beat Allen.

Final.—Ferris beat Tyrell. Ferris won a first-class fight by a narrow margin.

#### CLASS 13

First Series.—B. Kenton (Massingberd) beat S. H. Leishman (School); T. Tubb (Harding) beat D. O. Wyllie (Massingberd); G. L. Hooker (School) beat T. M. Fisher (Harding); D. H. Pullen (Harding) beat A. R. Green (Morley); D. J. Goddard (Morley) beat N. Paget (School); A. J. Butcher (Harding) beat T. C. Wells (Morley); Stroyan (Childe), bye; T. Shakeshaft (Morley), bye.

Second Series.—Kenton beat Stroyan; Hooker beat Tubb; Shakeshaft beat Pullen; Butcher beat Goddard.

Semi-finals.—Kenton beat Hooker; Butcher beat Shakeshaft.

Final.—Butcher beat Kenton. A rather slow fight, because both seemed frightened to give away points.

The results of the Inter-House Competition were as follows : 1, Massingberd; 2, Harding; 3, Morley; 4, School; 5, Childe.

The following were judged to be the best losers : Seniors, R. H. Murray; Junior, M. J. Cock.

## House Shooting

DECEMBER, 1947

Scoring was not so high as usual, although it was not so cold as it often is at this stage.

1.—Childe				2.—School			
R. E. Mead	..	..	91	K. N. Anderson	..	..	88
M. Player	..	..	84	J. D. Bertie	..	..	87
J. Thrower	..	..	81	D. H. Garner	..	..	84
C. S. Bishop	..	..	76	W. R. Herring	..	..	81
J. D. Backhurst	..	..	75	W. G. Herrington	..	..	69
P. D. Wilding	..	..	73	W. F. Bodkin	..	..	68
			480				477
Counted out—				Counted out—			
F. W. Emerson	..	..	65	J. D. Banks	..	..	65
R. H. Hewes	..	..	56	J. A. Crowhurst	..	..	51
3.—Massingberd				4.—Morley			
R. D. Short	..	..	88	D. J. Slater	..	..	89
M. J. Barnard	..	..	79	M. J. Horner	..	..	81
M. J. Cock	..	..	78	J. Day	..	..	80
M. J. Purslow	..	..	78	G. P. B. Webberley	..	..	72
J. H. Wisdom	..	..	77	J. A. Bateman	..	..	70
V. M. Rich	..	..	66	J. M. Jennings	..	..	69
			466				461
Counted out—				Counted out—			
P. G. D. Naylor	..	..	58	J. E. Lunn	..	..	63
C. H. Thomas	..	..	55	H. C. Frost	..	..	51
5.—Harding							
S. A. Armstrong	..	..	89				
D. A. Bowden	..	..	79				
B. Philpott	..	..	77				
J. O. Hutchinson	..	..	73				
R. A. Watts	..	..	68				
C. Prescott	..	..	66				
			452				
Counted out—							
P. C. Bowden	..	..	64				
V. K. Winstain	..	..	47				

The "Spoon" was won by R. E. Mead with a score of 91.

## SPRING, 1948

Scoring was not high in spite of good conditions. An interesting feature was the closeness of the first four Houses. The 87 with which C. S. Bishop won the "Spoon" was remarkable, not for its size, but for the rapidity with which it was fired. Scores:—

1.—Childe				2.—Harding			
C. S. Bishop	..	..	87	B. Philpott	..	..	86
R. H. Hewes	..	..	85	S. A. Armstrong	..	..	83
R. E. Mead	..	..	85	G. L. Baker	..	..	82
P. D. Wilding	..	..	81	R. A. Watts	..	..	80
M. Player	..	..	77	J. O. Hutchinson	..	..	78
J. R. Cherryman	..	..	75	C. Prescott	..	..	77
			490				486
Counted out—				Counted out—			
J. D. Backhurst	..	..	63	D. A. Bowden	..	..	74
F. W. Emerson	..	..	57	H. Walmsley	..	..	74

3.—Morley				4.—Massingberd			
J. A. Bateman .. ..	84			M. J. Barnard .. ..	86		
J. Day .. ..	84			J. H. Wisdom .. ..	80		
G. P. B. Webberley ..	83			R. D. Short .. ..	79		
H. C. Duffin .. ..	80			C. H. Thomas .. ..	77		
F. H. Loveless .. ..	76			M. J. Purslow .. ..	76		
D. J. Slater .. ..	70			M. J. Cock .. ..	72		
	477				470		
<i>Counted out—</i>				<i>Counted out—</i>			
H. C. Frost .. ..	67			P. A. D. Mould .. ..	64		
M. J. Horner .. ..	65			P. G. Naylor .. ..	64		
5.—School							
K. N. Anderson .. ..	85						
D. H. Garner .. ..	81						
W. F. Bodkin .. ..	76						
J. D. Bertie .. ..	72						
W. F. R. Hale .. ..	59						
M. E. H. Sturt .. ..	56						
	429						
<i>Counted out—</i>							
E. A. Bentley .. ..	36						
K. D. Paget .. ..	33						

### Cross Country Run

An "Under 15" team of ten ran against King Edward's School, Witley, on Saturday, March 6th. It was a mild day and good underfoot. Our boys were decisively beaten, probably because they were unprepared for the distance—about four miles—compared with our junior course of three miles. The time was 29 mins. 30 secs. The first six places were taken by our opponents, and after that the placings were: 7, J. T. Legg; 8, K.E.S.; 9, K.E.S.; 10, V. Snellock; 11, K.E.S.; 12, K.E.S.; 13, D. A. Bowtell; 14, A. R. Naylor; 15, D. G. Paget; 16, W. G. Chant; 17, C. A. J. Beadel; 18, G. C. Andrews; 19, A. H. Eade; 20, E. A. Nixon.

Points: K.E.S., 61; F.G.S., 149.

### The Athletic Sports

A new system was inaugurated this year, introducing modifications of our established custom. Preliminary heats were run off on Thursday, May 6th, together with the Jumps, and on Wednesday, May 12th, a single meeting was held to decide the Victores Ludorum and the House Championship. A new grouping was also devised: Open, Intermediate (14 to 16 years on 31st July), Junior (under 14 years on 31st July) and a hundred yard race for boys under 12½. Points were awarded as follows: First, 3; second, 2; third, 1, except in the relay races, when the points were 8, 6, 4, 2. One house point was also awarded to each boy

reaching a "standard" in certain events. Three new events were introduced, for which no points were allotted: Throwing the Discus, Putting the Shot, and Throwing the Javelin.

The day was fine and temperate, to the satisfaction of a considerable number of parents and visitors, whose interest and enjoyment were sustained and increased by the use of a public address system. Altogether it was a very successful occasion.

After the competitions, the trophies were graciously presented by Mrs. Morgan. Results:

#### OPEN

- One Mile.—1, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); 2, B. D. Lewis (Massingberd); 3, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley). Time: 5 mins. 8.8 secs.  
 Half Mile.—1, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); 2, B. D. Lewis (Massingberd); 3, J. H. Crotty (Massingberd). Time: 2 mins. 15.4 secs.  
 440 Yards.—1, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); 2, K. D. Paget (School); 3, H. C. Frost (Morley). Time: 57 secs.  
 220 Yards.—1, D. J. Slater (Morley); 2, K. D. Paget (School); 3, F. W. Emerson (Childe). Time: 25.6 secs.  
 100 Yards.—1, D. J. Slater (Morley); 2, K. N. Anderson (School); 3, F. W. Emerson (Childe). Time: 11.2 secs.  
 Hurdles (100 yards, 9 flights, 3ft. hurdles).—1, K. D. Paget (School); 2, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 3, G. P. B. Webberley (Morley). Time: 15.4 secs.  
 Long Jump.—1, K. D. Paget (School); 2, F. W. Emerson (Childe); 3, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd). Distance: 17ft. 0½ in.  
 High Jump.—1, K. N. Anderson (School); 2, G. P. B. Webberley (Morley); 3, R. R. Knight (Morley). Height: 4ft. 9 in.  
 Discus.—1, J. O. Hutchinson (Harding); 2, H. C. Frost (Morley); 3, V. K. Winstain (Harding). Distance: 65ft.  
 Shot.—1, H. C. Frost (Morley); 2, B. D. Lewis (Massingberd); 3, M. D. Lampard (School). Distance: 28ft. 6 in.  
 Javelin.—1, V. K. Winstain (Harding); 2, M. J. Cock (Massingberd). Distance: 92ft. 6 in.  
 Victor Ludorum.—P. G. Naylor and K. D. Paget, equal.

#### INTERMEDIATE

- Half Mile.—1, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); 2, E. F. Tubb (Harding); 3, V. Wyatt (Harding). Time: 2 mins. 32 secs.  
 440 Yards.—1, R. A. Cable (Childe); 2, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); 3, V. Wyatt (Harding). Time: 63.2 secs.  
 220 Yards.—1, J. D. Backhurst (Childe); 2, B. Philpott (Harding); 3, P. E. Moore (Morley). Time: 27.3 secs.  
 100 Yards.—1, J. D. Backhurst (Childe); 2, B. Phillpott (Harding); 3, G. C. Archer (Childe). Time: 12.1 secs.  
 Hurdles (100 yards, 9 flights, 2ft. 6 in. hurdles).—1, R. A. Cable (Childe); 2, J. O. Hutchinson (Harding); 3, W. J. Brown (School). Time: 16.1 secs.  
 Long Jump.—1, G. C. Archer (Childe); 2 (equal), W. J. Brown (School) and R. H. Hewes (Childe). Distance: 15ft. 9 in.  
 High Jump.—1, R. H. Hewes (Childe); 2, M. J. Cock (Massingberd); 3, J. O. Hutchinson (Harding). Height: 4ft. 8 in.  
 Victor Ludorum.—J. D. Backhurst (Childe) and R. A. Cable (Childe), equal.

#### JUNIOR

- 440 Yards.—1, J. M. H. Cotterill (School); 2, E. A. Nixon (Childe); 3, J. D. Munday (Harding). Time: 69 secs.  
 220 Yards.—1, J. M. Cotterill (School); 2, E. A. Nixon (Childe); 3, G. L. Hooker (School). Time: 29.8 secs.  
 100 Yards.—1, J. M. Cotterill (School); 2, G. L. Hooker (School); 3, M. W. Dawson (Morley). Time: 12.6 secs.  
 Long Jump.—1, J. M. Cotterill (School); 2, A. J. Tilson (Morley); 3, R. J. Cheesman (Morley). Distance: 14ft. 2 in.  
 High Jump.—1, A. J. Tilson (Morley); 2, M. W. Dawson (Morley); 3, V. J. Snellock (Morley). Height: 4ft. 1 in.  
 Victor Ludorum.—J. M. Cotterill.

## 12.6 AND UNDER

100 Yards.—1, G. L. Hooker (School); 2, D. A. Wheeler (Massingberd); 3, A. R. Whiter (Childe). Time : 13 secs. (record).

## STANDARDS

Mile (Open), 5 mins. 45 secs.—H. Walmsley, V. Wyatt (Harding); M. J. Barnard, J. H. Crotty, B. D. Lewis, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); M. D. Lampard (School).

880 Yards (Open), 2 mins. 30 secs.—H. Walmsley (Harding); M. J. Barnard, J. H. Crotty, B. D. Lewis, P. G. Naylor (Massingberd).

440 Yards (Open), 60 secs.—P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); D. J. Slater (Morley).

220 Yards (Open), 26.8 secs.—F. W. Emerson (Childe), M. P. Power (Massingberd); D. J. Slater (Morley); K. D. Paget (School).

Long Jump (Open), 16ft.—F. W. Emerson (Childe); P. G. Naylor (Massingberd); K. D. Paget (School).

High Jump (Open), 4ft. 7in.—K. N. Anderson (School).

880 Yards (Intermediate), 2 mins. 45 secs.—R. H. Hewes (Childe); J. Prescott, E. F. Tubb, V. Wyatt (Harding); J. T. Legg (Massingberd); R. Humphreys, D. B. Shakeshaft (Morley); R. C. Wickerson (School).

440 Yards (Intermediate), 61.8 secs.—

220 Yards (Intermediate), 27.8 secs.—G. C. Archer, J. D. Backhurst, R. A. Cable (Childe); B. Phillpott (Harding); P. E. Moore (Morley).

Long Jump (Intermediate), 15ft. 3in.—G. C. Archer, R. H. Hewes (Childe); W. J. Brown, P. J. Downham (School).

High Jump (Intermediate), 4ft. 5in.—J. D. Backhurst, R. H. Hewes (Childe); J. O. Hutchinson (Harding); M. J. Cock (Massingberd).

440 Yards (Junior), 70 secs.—J. M. Cotterill (School).

220 Yards (Junior), 29.8 secs.—J. D. Munday (Harding); J. M. Cotterill (School).

Long Jump (Junior), 13ft. 3in.—R. J. Cheesman, A. J. Tilson (Morley); J. M. Cotterill (School).

High Jump (Junior), 3ft. 9in.—P. France (Childe), M. W. Dawson, A. J. Tilson, V. J. Snellock (Morley).

## INTER-HOUSE RELAYS

Open (4 x 110 yards).—1, Morley; 2, School; 3, Childe; 4, Massingberd. Time : 53.4 secs.

Intermediate (4 x 110 yards).—1, Childe; 2, Harding; 3, Massingberd; 4, Morley. Time : 55 secs.

Junior (4 x 110 yards).—1, Morley; 2, School; 3, Childe; 4, Harding. Time : 59.3 secs.

## INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP

	Individual.	Relays.	Standards.	Total.
1. School	.. 35½	12	10	57½
2. Morley	.. 28	18	11	57
3. Childe	.. 29½	16	11	56½
4. Massingberd	.. 19	6	13	38
5. Harding	.. 14	8	9	31

The result of the three-legged race (the only representative of the lighter side of athletics) was : 1, R. A. J. Cable and C. J. Coombes; 2, D. G. Paget and N. Wyre; 3, J. O. Hutchinson and M. D. Lampard.

### Imber Court, 1948

We did not return from Imber Court this year with the two trophies for which Grammar Schools of Surrey compete each year; nor did we give any serious anxiety to the schools which triumphed. But our team gained places in five events and is to be congratulated on an all-round high standard of performance. Particularly pleasing was the conspicuous improvement made at this meeting by almost all our competitors as compared with School Sports Day performances—the result of keen training and determination.

June 14th provided excellent weather and perfect conditions. The standard of achievement in most events was higher than ever, and no less than eight records were broken. Those pessimists who talk of decline in British athletics should note the following performances:

High Jump (under 16 years).—5ft. 4in.

One Mile (open).—4 mins. 35.1 secs.

880 Yards (open).—2 mins. 3.6 secs.

220 Yards (open).—22.5 secs.

440 Yards (under 16).—54.5 secs.

Relay (under 16), 4 x 110 yards.—48.9 secs.

220 Yards (under 16).—23.3 secs.

Relay (open), 4 x 110 yards.—46 secs.

Against such opposition our team showed admirable determination, and this spirit of reluctance to admit the superiority of any other school—added to our few successes—gives grounds for considerable optimism respecting our chances in future years.

Those who doubted the team's determination or who despair of F.G.S. ever repeating its triumphs of the past should have been present to see the diminutive Hooker speeding between long-striding Gargantuas—and holding his own with them; or Paget, who, after improving in the long jump to the extent of nearly 2ft. on his Sports Day performance, might easily have produced the extra 9in. required to win this event had he not been obliged to run in the hurdles immediately before his third jump; or Hewes, who cleared 5ft. 1in. in the under 16 high jump; or Naylor who recorded 2 mins. 5.6 secs. in the half-mile against his 2 mins. 15.2 secs. on Sports Day; or Cotterill who came third in the under 14 220 yards, recording a time two seconds faster than on Sports Day; or, finally, the under 14 relay team which did well and might have won the event had the baton changing been smoother. A little extra in each of these events might have caused Tiffin School's supporters to search anxiously through their programmes for the No. 3 and recall who won the senior trophy in 1937 and 1938.

So much for those in our team who scored successes. Let us also give well earned praise to others—to Cable, who qualified

to enter the final of the under 16 half-mile, in which, although unplaced, he ran a good race; to Lewis, who has tried hard this year to improve on his mile; to Emerson and Backhurst, who have also trained hard and improved considerably; and to others of the team, particularly those who have another year to go in their group.

Yes, the School did well enough this year to justify ambitions of winning the Imber Court trophy again. Let next year be a better show still and let us slowly improve to regain the School's former prowess in this sport. Athletes and potential athletes, take note of the improvements made this year by those who have trained regularly. Progress may be slow, but is sure to appear in those who persist.

H.J.R.B.

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## OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

### The Annual Meeting

The variety and interest of the business transacted deserved a better attendance than the score or so who were present.

Mr. G. M. Aylwin reported that the Scholarship Trust Fund stood at the impressive figure of £1,323, but he deprecated complacency on two counts. He thought it was time that money should be applied to assist an O.F. in his education or training, and as a corollary that more insurance policies should be taken through his agency to augment the capital fund.

The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Morgan) stated that £122 had been raised to provide a memorial to the late William Stroud. Of this, £70 had been invested to provide two book prizes annually, one for "service" and the other for geography. The remaining £52 had been spent in providing cups for the best batting and bowling averages, and the best shooting performance under service conditions. Mr. Morgan also stated that the War Memorial plaque would be ready for unveiling on June 5th. The total amount received was £126.

The accounts were presented by the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. G. H. Bacon) and adopted. They showed £72 in the Memorial Field Fund and £388 in the Life Membership Fund. The total assets of the Association amounted to £716.

Mr. Morris, for the Football Club, reported that the £15 borrowed from the Association had been repaid and that the Club had finished up last season with £8 in hand. They had been runners-up in the First Division of the Surrey Intermediate League, but, owing to the loss of players, they were not doing so well in the current season.

The Chairman appealed to members to get the Cricket Club going again and said it would be possible to dovetail with the School 1st XI on the School field.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Bacon; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. Hamilton-Jones; Hon. Auditors, Mr. E. W. Langham and Mr. G. F. Wright; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. A. Bacon.

Messrs. P. E. D. Elphick, L. P. James, J. M. Aylwin and D. L. P. Hopkins resigned from the committee and the following were appointed: Messrs. E. G. Glynn, D. Morgan and D. Lloyd.

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### The Dinner

The British Restaurant accommodated a gathering of 70 at the sixteenth annual dinner on Saturday, February 27th. A silver bound gavel, presented by Mr. E. A. W. Morris, was used by the toast-master, Mr. E. G. Glynn.

The toast to the Association was proposed by Mr. E. C. Patrick, who spoke with satisfaction of the work of the O.F.A. and with pride in the School. "If it was true that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, then our success in the last war was due to the material the grammar schools had made available." He urged that not the least of the functions of the Association was to help the School.

In Mr. R. R. Kirk's response, the accent was on football and athletics, and he hoped the cricket club would be revived.

In a thoughtful and stimulating toast to the School, Mr. G. F. Wright gave rein to conjecture upon how history might have been changed had different courses been taken in the past, with particular reference to recent years. He had no doubt, however, that Mr. Patrick was right in his assessment of the part played by ex-grammar school boys in the years of war and that schools like F.G.S. would need all the help that old boys' associations could give to tide them over a difficult period and secure the continuity of their way of approaching the job. He wished the School well and the man who at present so ably was filling the headship.

In his reply, Mr. Morgan said that the war memorial plaque would be unveiled on June 5th, but it was hoped to do something more than that and he hoped the initiative would come from them—"the happy band of brothers." Speaking of the new Act, he said that it had merits which would endure, but, if administered prematurely by small-minded men, it would pull down and spoil the good things of the grammar schools. He did not think that would happen because of the innate commonsense of the Englishman, and the School would go on doing useful work.



In Memoriam.

NORMAN HENRY HILLYER  
(1919-1924)

died 30th April, 1948,  
aged 39 years.

Norman Hillyer was one of the first members of the revived O.F.A., and a member of the General Committee and Sports Committee. He was vice-captain and team secretary of the O.F. Football Club for some years, and was captain in 1932-33, when the team won the Runwick Charity Cup and were runners-up in the Farnham and District Junior League and Six-a-side Tournament.

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### News of Old Boys

A letter from J. N. ROE (1916-1924) relates that during the war he was production engineer of a large British Telecommunication Industrial Company working for the Services. He has now his own business as a radio and television engineer at Hampton-on-Thames. He is also writing for five technical magazines and has done the leading feature article in the Daily Mirror. He acknowledges his debt to Mr. Bacon for his early lessons in English composition.

P. J. HOLMES (1939-1947) joined up in the autumn and is in the Royal Signals at Catterick, along with J. BAKER.

A. PLAYER (1938-1944) looked in on his demobilisation leave. He had spent some time in Malaya, with which he was so pleased that he wanted to return there as a rubber planter.

W. S. MILSUM (1928-1930) who was interned in Malaya during the war is actually back there, this time as a manager of a rubber plantation. He is much in demand in amateur theatricals.

We were pleased to have a visit from B. G. BARNARD (1928-1935) and rather impressed to learn that he was Civilian Air Attaché at Baghdad.

Congratulations to G. R. DALRYMPLE (1940-1947). At the passing-out examination of naval cadets held in H.M.S. Devonshire in April he was placed seventh in Class I of the Executive and Engineering Group. He is now off to the Far East as a midshipman.

Congratulations again to L. J. STROUD (1921-1933) on his appointment as headmaster of the Deacon School, Peterborough.

## The War Memorial

"It is with pride that I unveil this memorial." With these words Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Smallman (O.F.) drew back the Union Jack (itself having associations with the war in Malaya), and disclosed the bronze plaque bearing the names of those Old Boys who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war. It is attached to the wall of the vestibule by the side of the 1914-1918 memorial, which it faithfully copies in design—a symbol of the continuing effort to preserve the liberties of civilisation, even at the cost of the sacrifice of life.

It was on Saturday, June 5th, that a large number of bereaved relatives and Old Boys gathered on the terrace for the ceremony. Introduced by the Chairman of Governors, Alan Smallman, who played a distinguished part in the war and lost a distinguished brother, gave a thoughtful address.

It was fitting, said Colonel Smallman, that they should be performing that ceremony in the first week of June, a week of great events in the war. It was on June 3rd, 1940, that the evacuation of Dunkirk was completed; on June 1st, 1941, that Crete was evacuated; on June 5th, 1944, that the Allies entered Rome; and on the following day that they landed on the beaches of Normandy.

Addressing the boys, he recalled that when, nearly 20 years ago, he stood in Cadet uniform to watch the unveiling of the 1914-18 war memorial, he had no real understanding of the meaning of the ceremony, nor of the significance of the memorial tablet then being unveiled. He therefore felt strongly that they should understand what was being done on that day.

"I can clearly remember what my thoughts were on that occasion," he continued. "It seemed to me then that war was colourful, chivalrous, and full of high adventure. To-day, with the experience of 1939-45, behind me, I know it for what it is. War is horrible, destructive, barbaric, bitter. It brings calamity in its trail to conqueror and conquered alike. It strikes down the finest of our men and women, it devastates our cities, it wrecks our economic life . . . War has become a loathsome thing and, if it should be forced upon us again, the application of new methods of destruction, new scientific weapons, will serve only to increase its horror for all who take part in it, be they at home or overseas."

What manner of men were they, those whom they especially honoured that day; those who died in the second world war? He knew all of them by name and 57 of them personally. He had not the courage to read their names, but as he saw their names on the paper before him, each recalled to his mind a clear picture of eager, active youth. Some had made names for themselves in the classroom, some on the sports field, some were noisy, some were quiet, some were clever, some were slow.

Most were just average good chaps. They were in fact as typical a cross-section of an English grammar school as they could wish to find.

As he thought of them, he thought of the whole passing pageant of School life; School sports, speech days, School concerts, cricket, football, swimming, all the many things that made up the School year. And against that background he saw those boys, as then they were. Each of them had his place in the School, each was preparing himself for a career, each would have made his own way in the world had he been spared so to do. They were young, but they went out to die in a war which, had they lost it, would have meant the destruction of all they valued.

"Did they die in vain? The answer to that question rests with you, and me, and all of us. We must see to it that they did not die in vain. There cannot be wiped out, twice in fifty years, so great a number of young men without gaps being left in the structure of our world. These men would have been called upon to shoulder, just as you boys in your turn will be called upon to shoulder, their share in the responsibility for the conduct of community, national and international life. We must shoulder their responsibility as well as our own."

Colonel Smallman then quoted Abraham Lincoln, whose sentiments in his speech on the battlefields of Gettysberg in the American Civil War fitted the occasion so well:—"We have come," said Lincoln, "to dedicate a portion of this field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from the honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that those dead shall not have died in vain."

Still addressing the boys, Colonel Smallman asked them to remember that war was a terrible thing and to resolve that their best endeavours would go to the assurance of world peace, but that should they be called upon to fight in defence of their country then they would hold themselves as bravely as those men did. Finally he asked that everything they did would be done with that extra determination, that extra enthusiasm, that extra effort, demanded by the loss of those men, remembering

that they had left gaps in the classroom, in the playground and on the sports field, which must be filled by the efforts of those coming after them.

Turning to the relatives and friends of the fallen, Colonel Smallman said it seemed to him that the memory of those men was not merely a name upon a bronze tablet, not merely a vacant place in their lives. Beyond all that they had left their influence upon those who knew them. Both in their lives and in the manner of their deaths, they had set an example to their fellows. It must be remembered that history was but the lengthening of each man's shadow. Great men were the landmarks of history, but those who made it were ordinary people like those they honoured that day. They had no thought of history, of honour, of glory nor of inspiration when they died, but they had served and would continue to serve as an inspiration to all who knew them. He hoped that the recording of their names upon that tablet would serve as an inspiration to all who passed through the School.

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. But at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

At the conclusion of the address the relatives moved into the vestibule to see the unveiling, after which the plaque was dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford with a few simple prayers and the reading of an inspired and inspiring passage from the Book of Esdras.

The Cadet Corps presented arms; a bugle sounded the Last Post and then the Reveille; the National Anthem was sung. The solemn ceremony was over.

# OLD FARNHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

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## MEMBERSHIP

Since the last issue of the Magazine the following Old Boys have joined the Association:

- TROLLOP, K. S. (1943-1947), 10, Gillian Avenue, Aldershot.  
CADIER, J. M. (1941-1945), 53, Bodley Road, New Malden.  
BANKS, J. D. (1941-1947), 44, Hale Road, Farnham.  
BOWTELL, R. C. (1942-1947), The Mount, Rowledge, Farnham.  
\*SYKES, D. J. (1939-1945), "Sunnyside," 7, Beavers Road, Farnham.  
HERRING, W. R. (1941-1947), "Cranswick," 5, Sumner Road, Farnham.  
ROGERS, H. A. (1911-1915), "Pierremont," 35, Broomleaf Road, Farnham.  
ROE, J. N. (1916-1924), 5, Gloucester Road, Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex.  
RAYER, A. J. (1942-1947), 47, West Street, Farnham.  
GARNER, D. H. (1940-1948), Thurston Cottage, Upper Hale, Farnham.  
JONES, M. R. (1932-1939), Stone Cottage, Hurst Lane, Cumnor, Oxford.  
WICKHAM, W. G. (1941-1942), Lavender Mead, Alton, Hants.  
AUSTIN, C. L. (1941-1947), "Canberra," Weybourne Lane, Farnham.  
KILLICK, F. L. (1940-1941), 2, Russell Avenue, St. Alban's, Herts.  
\* Life Member.

The following members have changed their addresses:

- VANNER, P. A. "West View," 54, Cuckoo Hill Road, Pinner, Middlesex.  
CLIFTON, A. J., Myrtle Villa, Crondall Lane, Farnham.  
ALDRIDGE, T. C., "Midhill," Brambleton Avenue, Farnham.  
LAMBERT, F. P., 29, Eastbury Road, Romford, Essex.  
BODKIN, H. W., "Grey Gables," 5, Middle Avenue, Farnham.  
NUTT, A. S., 44, Craven Gardens, Wimbledon, S.W.19.  
PAGNIEZ, K. D., 64, Woodland Way. N.21.  
HALLS, S. C., "Glenfern," 10, Edward Road, Farnham.  
STYLES, A. G., "Ferry Hill," 14, Victoria Avenue, Camberley.  
DONALD, J. A., North Cottage, Thursley, Godalming.  
DONALD, R. A., North Cottage, Thursley, Godalming.