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Mrs. Bradly

We record with great regret the death of Mrs. Bradly, the wife of Mr. S. R. N. Bradly, who was Headmaster of the School from 1908 until his retirement in 1934.

Throughout this period Mrs. Bradly was his constant companion, taking the keenest interest in the School and all its activities. Many of the older Old Boys have happy memories of her help and affection during their schooldays.

We offer to Mr. Bradly on behalf of the Staff and School, past and present, our sincerest sympathy in his loss.

IT is very pleasant to have to congratulate so many people on their Examination results. Watts was on the reserve list for a State Scholarship and, at a time when competition is desperately keen, Miskin and Ellis gained County Major Scholarships; and we have reason to hope that we shall do as well again next year. In all, thirteen boys secured Higher School Certificates and the number of School Certificates too was highly satisfactory.

The Football team, if it did not rival the Cricket team in its success, was nevertheless a useful and hard-working combination, and it is fair to say that there is a great deal of talent in the lower school. On the stage, "Badger's Green" was an outstanding success, a great deal of it due to the hard work put in by the Chairman and Hon. Secretary. On the last afternoon of term there was the now well-established Carol Service at the Church of S.S. Peter & Paul. We may say that if the School still has to work under some difficulties connected with the buildings and equipment, it makes a very creditable effort to overcome them.

Examination Results

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.—P. J. Ellis, C. E. Miskin.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—H. C. Barker, †A. J. Figes, H. Innocent, P. J. C. Keemer, C. E. Miskin, C. P. Nobes, L. E. Rowe, R. F. Rudgley, *C. J. Shaddock, *D. G. Watts, A. R. Webb and †P. J. Ellis.

† One Distinction.

* Two Distinctions.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—*L. S. Abbs, A. W. R. Allwood, J. Bailey, R. S. J. Bald, M. V. Blackman, D. M. Boyer, N. C. Brown, P. C. D. Chalmers, P. R. Chapman, *P. R. Collins, P. Cook, J. P. Cooper, A. C. Corbett, *C. S. Critchett, K. M. Devlin, I. W. Dukes, *K. Eldred, F. Farrell, J. T. Farthing, B. A. Gatesman, *T. R. Gilham, *R. B. G. Hedgecock, M. F. J. G. James, D. J. Jones, *R. Y. Marshall, *E. B. Moulson, D. J. Palmer, D. J. Herbert, *G. R. Ireland, B. E. Jackman, E. T. Pitman, W. A. K. Prescott, *D. J. Parker, A. P. Paterson, D. A. Perryer, B. Rolf, M. R. C. Sammons, *A. J. Sherwood, *F. P. Verdon and *R. H. Wilcox.

*Exemption from London Matriculation.

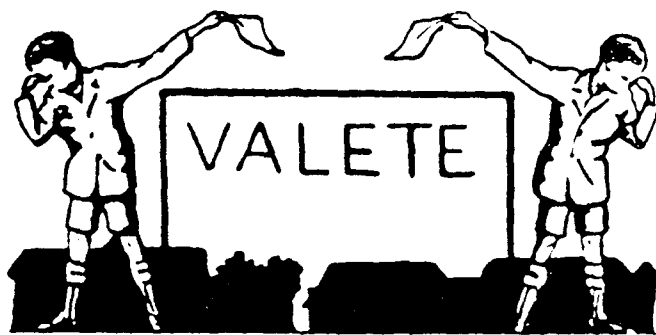


BLACKBROOK. J. Birdsall, E. A. Chambers, P. Dugan, G. E. Gilbert, T. D. Rodgers, R. A. Pettitt.

CAMS.—P. J. Adams, A. E. Bath, B. R. Burke, J. C. Farmer, R. H. L. Thompson, N. A. Trivett, W. J. Jopling.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—D. C. Abercromby, J. Eden, M. P. Gillard, J. V. Hodgkinson, W. R. Kilford, F. E. Knight, B. R. W. Lee, P. J. McMinn, G. H. Matthews, M. W. Mellish, C. B. Powell, D. Terry.

WESTBURY.—P. C. Bird, K. Burch, P. J. Field, D. B. Johnson, J. B. Kemp, M. I. Kirby, E. J. Lawrence, J. L. Lewis, I. McLarty, D. S. Millett, D. J. Morvan, C. Rutter, D. J. Scott, E. H. Sheath, M. E. Shreeve, M. A. Wynne.



BLACKBROOK.—J. Dyer, A. W. R. Allwood, M. F. Padwick.

CAMS.—J. P. Bradley (1st XI Football), C. F. Fowler, F. P. Verdon, J. Burridge, M. W. Blackman, J. T. Farthing, A. C. Corbett (C.Q.M.S., Cadet Corps).

SCHOOL HOUSE.—R. F. Rudgley, N. C. Brown (C.S.M., Cadet Corps), B. A. Gatesman, P. Cook.

WESTBURY.—W. A. K. Prescott (Sgt., Cadet Corps), G. P. Stone, M. Stone, D. J. Williams, D. M. Boyer, D. Edwards, K. Edwards.

Cadet Corps

This term is not notable for any "outside" activities and so only general progress can be reported.

Training has gone on very satisfactorily, and this has been proved by the very good Certificate 'A' results, where, in a total of 36 entrants, only 8 failed. These results have been bettered on other occasions, but I understand that a certain tightening-up of the examination has been ordered. The N.C.O's. responsible for this training have been very keen and have instructed the Cadets in a manner well up to the high standard set by previous N.C.O's.

At Camp this year (held at Lulworth) we had a very good time. The weather was exceptionally kind, the food was good and plentiful and the quarters roomy and comfortable. No complaints were received, and I should think that large numbers will want to go next year. I should like at least 70% of the Company at camp. Those that have not been, do not realise what a good time we have.

We were unfortunate in having to lose to the Army, C.S.M. Brown, who was one of the best C.S.M's. this Company has ever had, and we all wish him well.

You will not read these notes until after Christmas, so I will just hope you have had a merry one and that you will all advance in the New Year.

T. H.

The Scout Troop

Last Scout notes for "The Lion" were written before Summer Camp. By now we are more ready to look forward to next Summer Camp than to read lengthy reports of the past. Suffice it to say that we had glorious weather, a glorious camp site, with a magnificent view. On three nights, small parties hiked to the Harting hills to camp there and signal back to camp with morse lamps. A good flash light, focussed and sighted accurately, was clearly read over a distance of four miles in the dark. We camped with our old friends, the 21st Portsmouth, and it was interesting to meet among them the patrol that represented Portsmouth, which our boys had met when they were one of the representatives of Fareham at the Hampshire County Competition.

The main thing of note last term was the effort made by the Scouts' Parents to raise funds for the Troop. They did a tremendous amount of work to produce a sale which raised over £45 profit. Our thanks are particularly due to Mrs. Dove, among many other workers. It is a very great help to the Troop to have a loyal band of helpers among the parents. This is the first time that they have made an effort on this scale.

This term there are two events of note. One is the Parents Night, which is in the first half of the term, when we hope all parents and friends will come to see the troop and lantern slides of last summer camp. The other is a Jumble Sale towards the end of the term which is the boys' effort to raise funds. Two years ago, the Troop raised just over £60 by a jumble sale, which enabled us to start getting good camping gear of our own.

More first class scout work has been done lately, but it is difficult to arrange for this at ordinary troop meetings when there are so many present who have not passed the second class tests; so the first class work is due a good deal to individual effort. We are indebted to Mr. Dove for help he has given us in this.

“Badger’s Green”

For a play to be a success, there must always be co-ordination between the various people who contribute to both production and acting of the play, and that this co-ordination was present in no small degree in the Dramatic Society’s production of “Badger’s Green” was evident in the final result. This was due, no doubt, to the hard work that Miss V. Jewell and Mr. Hilton, as assistant producer and producer respectively, put in. Behind the scenes an exuberant Mr. Forder kept the boys in a state of amusement, and at the same time he made an excellent job of the scenery. These people behind the scenes are rarely mentioned, and their work, if thought of, is often taken for granted. At first it may have seemed that they were, perhaps, anxious to be freed from certain school periods, but, when it is known that they gave up a large amount of their time after school hours, we all give them a hearty vote of thanks.

The reception of the play naturally depended on the audience present at any particular performance, and on the first night the particular audience was a little ‘cold.’ Numerically the audience was much smaller than on the following nights, and this may have heightened the impression of this ‘coldness.’ However, the cast was good, and their reward came on Thursday and Friday. Whether this was due to the fact that a good few Price’s boys (and friends) came on those evenings will never be known, but it is shrewdly suspected by some people.

Of the cast, it would be unfair to pick out separate members and praise them individually, for such was the standard of acting, that they all seemed almost to live their parts. To act in front of a large number of one’s friends is difficult, for they always think of one as their friend and not as the person portrayed, but when that friend can actually forget the person in question, the cast can feel pleased with themselves. Of course, this is also remarked when certain lines which would normally have not created a laugh reduce the audience to laughter, and this play proved no exception.

On the last night of the play, the appreciation of the services rendered by Miss V. Jewell and Mr. Forder was shown in what was hoped to be a suitably tangible manner.

It is necessary to end by dispelling the rumour that the Landlord of the “Blue Boar,” Mr. Rogers, is being engaged next season to help with the refreshments for First and Second Cricket Elevens. He is not. The tea urn will not have a stiff tap either. Any suspicion of a taste of grease will naturally be pure imagination.

The Library

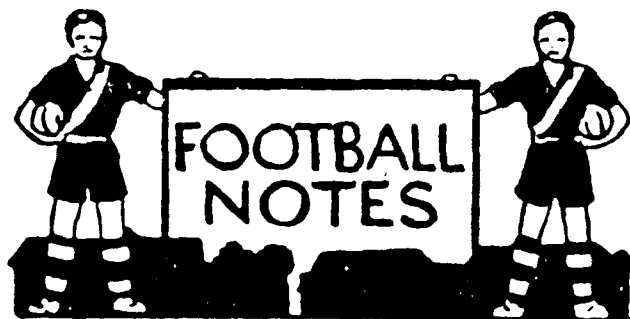
We have to thank Cooper for the gift of some useful books this term, and we are pleased to see the number using the Senior Department increasing. Next term the Library is to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Break, and it may be used by all members of the School from Form 3 upwards.

Chess Club Notes

Membership of the Club has remained about the same, for although some of the older members have left school to pursue their various careers, the vacancies thus created have been filled by younger boys. The mixed standards of play have prevented any League matches from being arranged during the Christmas term, but it is hoped that the next term will again see League play.

It is, perhaps, a pity that most of the members do not make use of the small 'Library' of chess books that the Club possesses. Of course, boys may find it hard to cram chess between their studies at home.

A vote of thanks must be given to Mr. Shaddock for the lively interest which he takes in the Club. Certain members are indeed grateful to Mr. Shaddock for staying quite late some evenings whilst the members in question are engaged in their problems. If any boys wish to join the Club, will they please come to any of the meetings, when they can be enrolled as members.



FIRST ELEVEN

The School 1st XI has enjoyed a reasonably successful season, in spite of frequent changes in the forward line. The defence has remained steady and has on only four occasions conceded more than one goal, and a little more thrust in attack might have pulled off games which ended in a draw.

There are a number of skilful players in this team, but they have all one fault in common: they are far too slow in bringing their skill into effect. One has the feeling that they will play well if given plenty of time to bring the ball under control, to make ground, and to reflect a little before making a pass. When the opposition has been weak, we have seen them play well, if slowly, but much too often we have seen them beaten to the ball by a more thrustful opponent, or waiting to see what he will do rather than attempt something themselves. It would be pleasant next season to see more dash, with players going first-time for the ball, making ground quickly if they are going to make ground, passing hard and accurately, and immediately running into a space for a return pass.

This slowness seems to be widespread among the younger boys as well, and it is to be hoped that next season they will learn to speed up their game without the sacrifice of skill.

SECOND ELEVEN

The 2nd XI has had some enjoyable games, in which enthusiasm has often played a greater part than skill. Quinlan has led his team with great keenness, shared by the others in turn. It is good to see the readiness with which some of the older boys turn out when there is little hope of promotion to the 1st XI, playing the game for its own sake.

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COLTS

The Colts have had, on the whole, a successful season and we have seen some promising young players. There are, too, plenty of likely youngsters waiting to fill vacant places in the team next year. Some of them might have had a try-out this year had they been a little bigger. On the whole, the situation in the Lower School is very promising indeed.

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Finally, a word of thanks to two people who have been giving us help unobtrusively this season : to Gregory, for keeping the balls blown up and properly laced, and to Shaddock for his help with the teas. It is particularly pleasing, in the latter case, to find a Senior boy who is not himself a games player, concerning himself with the needs of those who are.

FIRST ELEVEN PLAYERS

Cozens (Right-back, Capt.)—A steady player, with good positional sense, but sometimes rather slow to recover when beaten. Has given his side a good example of wholehearted endeavour.

Ditchburn (Goalkeeper, Vice-Capt.)—Has sometimes kept goal very well indeed. On his day a very sound goalkeeper with a safe pair of hands.

Jarmain (Inside-left).—A thoughtful, constructive player. Kicks the ball well and passes accurately. Would do better with a little more speed and dash, and must work harder in midfield.

Turner (Centre-half).—Has played some good defensive games, but rarely starts an attack, which he might do if he placed his clearances with more care. Sound with his head.

Gregory (Left-half).—Has improved considerably since last season, and has become one of our most forceful and constructive players, always ready to start or to back up an attack.

White (Inside-right).—Has shown good ball control and has usually been one of the liveliest of our forwards.

Stubbington (Outside-left or Outside-right).—Although he had previously played only in the defence in school football, Stubbington has acquitted himself creditably in his new role, showing the ability to centre the ball hard from either wing.

Abbs (Right-half).—Tackles hard and brings the ball through very quickly and forcefully, but too often with no clear idea of where and when to part with it. Must also learn to fall back to help the man behind him.

Foster (Centre-forward).—With no claim to any great skill, he has added much-needed vitality to the forward line, and has scored several good goals.

Purkis (Left-back).—A young player who has held his own against older opponents. Marks his opponent, tackles, and heads the ball well, but rather slow in recovery, and inclined to limit his efforts to covering his own particular corner of the field.

Bradley, Wadey, Biggs, Byng and Dimmock have also played for the 1st XI this season.

September 24th. Portsmouth Southern Grammar School. Home. Drew 4-4.

During the first half we were forced on the defensive for long periods and the Southern Grammar soon opened the scoring. Our forwards immediately retaliated and were unlucky not to score on three occasions. However, owing to mistakes by our defence, our opponents scored another two, and at half-time we were 3-0 down.

At the beginning of the second half we were still on the defensive, but we started to get the better of our opponents. After several attempts Bradley opened our score, but then the Southern came back to score their fourth. Our forwards were now beginning to take the offensive and White, seeing an opening, banged in our second goal. Immediately after, Jarmain put in a good goal and with a few minutes left to play, Stubbington pushed in the equaliser from a good pass by Wadey. This game showed the weakness of our passing—too often behind the man.

September 28th. T. Hilton's XI. Home. Won 2-1.

Soon after the kick-off we went on the offensive and kept on the attack for the rest of the game. The whole forward line was shooting for goal and but for some good goal-keeping we would have had more than the one goal—scored by Wadey—at half-time.

During the second half White scored our second goal, beating the goal-keeper as he came out. Near the end of the game, our opponents put on a spurt and Mr. Rolland Jones, after beating innumerable players, scored. Our team played considerably better than during the last match.

October 8th. St. Mary's College. Home. Won 3-1.

In the first few minutes of this game, St. Mary's scored, owing to a misunderstanding between Turner and Parker, who played in goal for this match. Immediately after this, Foster put the ball a few inches the wrong side of the post. During the rest of the half we had more of the play than St. Mary's, but no more goals were scored.

At the start of the second half we put a little life into the game, Foster scoring two quick goals, but we soon returned to our first half method of play, holding the ball too close and too long, and passing inaccurately. Jarmain scored our third goal from a penalty. Not an impressive game.

October 15th. Portsmouth United Banks. Home. Won 2-1.

This game consisted mainly of periods of either complete defence or complete attack. At the start we went on the defensive and the Banks missed several opportunities for scoring. We then started to attack, and finally Jarmain put in a well placed shot to open our score. Soon after, White passed through to Bradley, who pushed the ball past the goalkeeper for our second. For the rest of the first half we returned to the defensive and prevented them from scoring more than one goal, although they were given the chance to equalise from a penalty.

During the second half both sides fought strongly, but no more goals resulted.

On the whole the School played extremely well, although several players are still slow in recovering when beaten in the tackle.

October 22nd. Purbrook C.H.S. Home. Lost 0-1.

When the match started, the ground was in an extremely muddy condition, and when it finished there were puddles on the pitch. Both sides played as well as they could in such conditions. Purbrook scored their goal in the second half, rather against the run of the play, and we were unlucky not to equalise on two occasions when the ball just rolled past the post with their goal-keeper on the ground.

Our team played well, but the weather prevented any real football.

November 12th. Farnham G.S. Home. Drew 1-1.

During the whole of this game an extremely high wind was blowing straight down the pitch and both sides found this a great disadvantage when playing up the slope. In the first half we were completely on the defensive, although we missed a perfect opportunity to score in the first five minutes. Our side played well, and Farnham only scored once.

There was a complete reversal in the second half and we were shooting at their goal from every direction. Bradley put in the equaliser, but although we kept pressing, no more goals resulted.

The defence played well throughout this game, but there was still some need for improvement in the forward line.

November 19th. Old Priceans. Home. Drew 1-1.

Owing to the loss of Jarmain, White and Bradley the team had to be re-arranged considerably, bringing in Byng, Dimmock and Biggs, none of whom let the team down. The Old Boys turned out a better side than usual and the game was fairly even.

In the first half the Old Boys opened the scoring, and then both sides had the ball kicked off the line with the goal-keeper out of position. The school kept their opponents out, but our play was rather scrappy.

The team began to play better football in the second half, however, and Foster headed in a pass from Stubbington on the right wing soon after the kick-off. Our team continued to press but met with no success.

November 30th. Knowle. Away. Lost 2-5.

In the first half both sides had a fair share of the attacking, but where our opponents managed to put two into the net, one direct from a corner kick, we only succeeded in having several very near misses. Our side played well though and Knowle by no means had all the play.

The second half started at a brisk pace and continued so until the final whistle. The school was getting the ball more and using it better, and soon Gregory opened our score. However, Knowle again scored direct from a corner kick and then Purkis kicked one into his own goal. Soon after, Mr. Rolland Jones lobbed the ball forward for Foster, who ran through and scored. They headed in their final goal just before the whistle.

Mr. Rolland Jones made a considerable difference to the side, and Ditchburn's grand goal-keeping prevented our opponents' score from being any higher.

December 3rd. Gosport G.S. Away. Lost 3-4.

Jarmain returned to the team for this match, luckily as it happened, for apart from his and Ditchburn's performances, the team played a terrible game. Players were slow, out of position, and when they did get the ball they did not know what to do with it, except possibly pass it to an opponent.

At half-time we were 4-1 down, our goal being scored from a good shot by Jarmain. In the second half, although with the wind behind us, there was no improvement. Ditchburn saved a penalty and then Jarmain beat the goal-keeper completely. He continued to put the ball in the centre when he could, and Stubbington put in our third goal.

Altogether a shocking performance, and the high wind cannot be used as an excuse. If the other team could make headway against it, we should have been able to do the same.

December 10th. Portsmouth Northern G.S. Home. Drew 1-1.

This was a great improvement on the last match. Passing was better and kicking was more accurate and powerful. For most of the first half, we were on the offensive and our goal resulted from a pass by Jarmain across the goal, being put in by Wadey.

After half-time we were mainly defending our goal. However, we managed to stop them from scoring more than one, although they hit the woodwork several times.

Perhaps we were a little lucky in drawing, but the team did try hard in this game.

December 14th. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Lost 1-2.

Owing to the state of the field we had to play on the Colts' pitch, but even this was very muddy. In the first five minutes of the game three chances to score were missed by our forwards and so it continued throughout the match. Open goals were missed, players waited just a second too long before kicking, or else they preferred to pass instead of shooting.

The play was fairly even in the first half and White opened the scoring early on. Large gaps were being left in the defence however, and St. Vincent equalised.

Kicking down the slope in the second half, the School had most of the play, but still the forwards could not get the ball in the net. St. Vincent scored the winning goal from a penalty after Gregory had brought a player down in the area.

A disappointing result, as the ball should have gone into their net more than it did. Whether the forwards failed to score through bad luck or bad play is difficult to say, as apart from failing to score they played a good game, especially as two reserves were playing.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI				Colts			
Blackbrook	4	Westbury	1	Blackbrook	4	Westbury	1
Cams	2	School House	1	School House	9	Cams	0
Blackbrook	8	School House	0	Blackbrook	1	School House	1
Cams	3	Westbury	1	Cams	1	Westbury	1
Blackbrook	2	Cams	0	Blackbrook	2	Cams	1
Westbury	2	School House	0	School House	9	Westbury	0

Table Tennis

Although all last year's "A" had left, we fared quite well in our matches last term. The "A" team won two matches and lost one, while the "C" team won one and lost one. The best match from our point of view was against Portsmouth Northern Grammar School, which we won 9-1 although our 6-4 victory over a Serpents team which contained three members of last years "A" team was also noteworthy.

The most important event this term will be the House competition for the cup presented by P. J. Ellis, which will be held at the beginning of the term. Later on in the term the School Championship will be held, in two sections as before, for seniors and juniors. It is hoped that this event will receive as much support as it has in previous years.

By the time of publication, we should have obtained our new table, so that the conditions for the School Championship and House Competition will be considerably better than before, and we shall also be able to arrange more home matches during the term.

P. J. C. K.

Swimming Club Notes

Naturally no organised practical events were arranged last term, but the Life Saving Class continued. The class last term was slightly larger than the first one and all members attended fairly regularly. Land and resuscitation drills were practised and the water drills will be performed at future convenient dates.

Many of last term's Class have put their names down for the badges that they are entitled to wear on their costumes and coat lapels, and by the time that these notes are in print they will probably have obtained them. It is to be hoped that they will maintain the required standard of proficiency and will not imagine that a badge is the only thing to worry about.

Members of the Club who are keen enough, and still wish to get in some swimming can always visit indoor swimming baths during some of the out of season months. Unfortunately the baths which most members could make use of are at the Guildhall, Portsmouth, and for the majority, are not very easy to reach. Whatever happens let us hope for an early summer.

L. E. R.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

Last term the main event was the inter-house football competition. In this we were very successful, the Seniors winning their cup, and the Juniors sharing theirs with School House.

The Seniors, although winning all their matches were never so steady that they could be depended upon to win. However, if they did not play polished football, they played hard all the time and it payed dividends, as can be seen by their total score of 14 goals for, and only 1 against. The defence was not overworked, but fought strongly when called upon; the forwards combined quite well and were never slow in attempting a shot.

Lydyard in goal and Critchett at back played steadily, while the wing half-backs, Rowe and Swift, fed their forwards well. Turner at centre-half played a good, attacking game and was always there when we were on the defensive. Quinlan on the right wing proved very useful and Stubbington on the left put over many excellent centres. The inside forwards, Keemer and Chalmers played forcefully, and Foster at centre forward endeavoured to get the ball in the net when given the slightest chance.

In the match against Westbury, our opponents scored early on in the first half, but Foster soon equalised. The play was fairly even in this half, but no more goals resulted. In the second half we put on more pressure. Foster completed his "hat-trick" and Turner scored from a long, high lob.

We had no trouble in beating School House and were continually attacking. Foster again scored a "hat-trick," while Stubbington scored two and Keemer one. School House put two into their own net.

The match against Cams decided who was to have the Cup, and was the best we played. Neither side had complete superiority and we had to fight all the way to maintain our lead of two goals scored by Turner and Foster.

The Juniors had a very good team this year, although they were a little disappointing as far as goals were concerned. This was chiefly due to the fact that the wing half backs were apt to leave their men unmarked. Consequently, attacks were not broken up as soon as they should have been, and the forwards did not get as good a service as they had a right to anticipate.

Individually, Menzies was very good in goal. Porter and Clarke as backs got through a lot of work, but Porter's kicking was, on occasion, uncertain, and Clarke sometimes delayed his tackle too long. Purkis, a regular member of the 1st XI, was excellent at centre half and captain; the other half backs, Ingle and Scale, were both good, but rather apt to wander. In the forward line, Watkins is a very promising centre who has only to grow; he was excellently supported by the two inside forwards, Cardy and Percival. Of the wingers, French on the right was always dangerous, whilst Gordon on the left is rather small and light at the moment.

In the actual games, Westbury were beaten 4-1 with some degree of comfort, Watkins heading in all four goals, but we only beat Cams 2-1, both scored by Cardy, after a determined struggle.

The match with School House was probably the best Colts House match for years; we had rather more of the play, but perhaps a draw was not an unfair result.

A successful football season for the House, as apart from winning the Cups, four of our Senior team and one of our Juniors played for the School 1st XI, five Seniors played for the 2nd XI, and two Juniors played in the Colts XI.

To conclude, we welcome Mr. Betton, who is now helping with the House.

Cams

The only thing to report about last term, was the inter-house football. Unfortunately, after holding the Senior Cup for two seasons, we lost it this year after a very hard struggle. We were only able to field a full team once, and that was against Westbury.

In the first match we played School House on the Colts' Pitch. During the first half, with the aid of the wind and slope, we did most of the attacking, but were unable to score. After changing over the team showed that it could play better up the slope than down. We scored twice, through White and Phelan, and won an exciting match 2-1.

The next match was against Westbury, also on the Colts' pitch. The team could not seem to combine all through the first half. Westbury scored just before half-time, Biggs being allowed to take the ball right through from the half-way line. After a very hard struggle up the slope we scored two quick goals through Bradley, and then White scored a good goal just before time. The final result was 3-1.

The final match, against Blackbrook, was the decider of the competition. A weakened team must be congratulated on holding Blackbrook down to two goals; the whole team played very well. In this match the defence had to take the brunt of the work and stood up to it admirably. In the second half the attack came close to scoring several times.

It is difficult to mention individuals from the team, but White and Bradley were first class. Most of the mid-field work in all three matches fell on them; they did it and more besides.

The Juniors were not very successful this year. In the match against School House, their wingers were allowed too much rope and consequently we lost 9-0.

The team played much better against Westbury, and drew 1-1.

Against Blackbrook the team played its best match. They lost 2-1, but in the second half nearly snatched the equaliser.

In a team which always tried hard, Byng II kept goal very well, and Dimmock captained the side well.

It is a pity that those members who are not in the House teams cannot make the effort to come and support the House. I should like to congratulate those two Juniors who came up to watch each match.

I hope the whole House had a Happy Christmas and are now ready to work hard this term.

D. T. J.

These notes would not be complete without mention of the fact that Jarmain, newly elected House Captain, was prevented from playing in two of the three House matches. This was a great personal disappointment to Jarmain, a serious blow to the House team, but, in the result, a great compliment to the eleven who did so well in spite of his absence.

School House

Last term the only inter-house activity was the competition for the Football Cups. The Seniors tried hard and did their best with a weak team, but were unable to win a game. The Juniors however, did very well and were perhaps unfortunate in only sharing the cup, having scored 19 goals and only one against.

Against Cams, the Seniors were hopeful after the first half, when they had held out against the slope and a very strong breeze. We were disappointed however, for Cams penetrated our defence and scored twice. Our consolation came when Gregory scored with a curving shot from near the corner flag.

Blackbrook were definitely too strong for us. We fought hard, but our task was made hopeless by three defensive blunders, each leading to a goal.

The game against Westbury was of no importance. It started off as a keen four-a-side game and degenerated into a happy voluntary. We lost 2-0.

Throughout these Senior games our defence was good, Abbs being a good solid centre half. The fact that the only goals we could hope for would come from the wing halves, left many weak spots of which our opponents took full advantage.

Our Juniors, playing well against Cams, were only 1-0 up at half time, after playing with the slope, but in the second half piled in eight more goals. This speaks for itself; we were by far the better side.

Blackbrook offered much stiffer opposition. At half time we were 1-0 down, but shortly before time Judd scored from a free kick.

Westbury were decisively beaten 9-0. Again the team played admirably, and thoroughly deserved their win.

We all offer our congratulations to our Junior team, and hope they will do as well next year. The team will be very little changed and the excellence of the reserves augurs well.

It is difficult to pick out any outstanding players from this team, but Kilford, very safe in goal, Wassell, outstanding in an excellent half back line, and Rudling, who captained the side, deserve special mention.

In conclusion we must welcome all new members to the House, and hope that we have all returned from the Christmas holidays refreshed and ready for hard work both on the field and in the class-room.

C. P. N.

Westbury

The only House competition which took place last term was the struggle for the Football Cups.

Westbury attained the distinction of being the only side to register a goal against Blackbrook. We lost 4-1, but they were lucky to score at least two of them. This match was the first of the three games and was played on the 1st XI pitch. Blackbrook won the toss and elected to kick against the wind and the slope. Westbury

pressed strongly most of the first half, Biggs, Sidwell and Prescott being very prominent on the left. Blackbrook broke away on several occasions, but failed to score until after about twenty minutes, when Foster scored from close in. Almost immediately James equalised with a fine goal. After half time the heavier and more experienced Blackbrook side wore down the Westbury defence, and scored three more goals. In the Juniors, Westbury were beaten 4-1, Spencer scoring from a penalty. Morris, in goal, played a good game.

The match against Cams was played on the Colts' pitch and we faced the slope during the first half. The Westbury defence was under almost continual pressure, but several breakaways put Cams in difficulties. Just before half time, Biggs gave us the lead with a very fine solo effort. In the second half Cams greatly improved, and our forwards could make no impression on their defence. As a result the Westbury defence was overworked and Cams scored three good goals. The whole Westbury team played well, but Palmer played a particularly good game at centre-half. The Juniors drew 1-1, Spencer again scoring Westbury's goal, Morris in goal, played another fine game.

As the Cup depended on the game between Blackbrook and Cams, the Westbury versus School House game was, of course, played on the Colts' pitch. School won the toss and defended the slope during the first half. The game did not show a great deal of football skill, but it was keen and hotly contested. On the whole, Westbury combined better than School House, and as a result won 2-0, one being scored in each half. Palmer played a strong game at centre half. A weak Junior side lost 9-0 to School House.

The Senior football side was by no means disappointing. They may have lacked the necessary skill, but if enthusiasm and energy had counted for anything, we would have won the cup easily. The side's energy faded out in the second halves of both the Blackbrook and Cams matches, but against School House, Westbury played strongly all the time and thoroughly deserved their victory.

I must extend a warm welcome to all the new members of the House, and impress upon them the importance of the House Competitions, and I hope they will all do their best to further the cause of Westbury in the various struggles.

I offer my congratulations to all those who gained School Certificates and Higher School Certificates last July. By the time you read this, Christmas will be over, so I can only hope you all have had a Merry Christmas and have come back to school brimming over with energy and the desire to work.

R. D.

Impressions of South-Western England

It is in the few months around Christmas time that thoughts often drift back to the activities of the previous summer and it is in this frame of mind that these days are recalled here. It all began when a family took it into their heads to have a camping holiday. The family consisted of the writer's parents and their dog, of doubtful origin, with mongrel written all over him. Let us therefore take a look into the log of the trip which began on Saturday, 27th August, 1949.

The means of transport were a 1937 Standard 12 and with this loaded with provisions and camping gear, we set off for our first camping site, Bridport, Dorset. The intentions were that official camping sites be chosen because of the facilities they offer. The first camp meal was supper that night, thick soup; and so to bed. In spite of the tiredness of the writer, he found difficulty in getting to sleep owing to loud snores that a tired father seemed to find no difficulty in producing.

Monday 29th provided the next move via Exeter, Okehampton, Launceton, Bodmin and Newquay, where we arrived at 5.30 p.m., unable to locate the recommended camp. Imagine our surprise, on 'phoning the owner, to find that we were almost at the camp's entrance. Having set up camp we walked into Newquay. A few words about this place will not be amiss here, and any boys who may have been, will, perhaps, not mind if a few notes are added for the benefit of those who have not been so fortunate. Newquay, often called "The Queen of the West," can be compared with its counterpart, Torquay in Devon.

The scenery around both is quite rugged, but in contrast to the Devon resort, the climate at Newquay is surprisingly bracing. The motion of the waves at the latter is different, for the Atlantic rollers tumble home here, and in fact this feature is marked all along the coast here, giving rise to the very popular sport of "surfing" on small, light surf-boards. The principle seems to be that one waits facing the shore, and with a wary eye open for a suitable roller approaching from behind, one then thrusts forward at the desired moment and lies on the surf-board and, if lucky, is away. It must be explained that the principle is not the same as when surfing behind a speed-boat, for instead of being above the water, one is actually in the wave. A friend who had tried this sport said that the sensation could not be described in words, and the feeling of speed was very great. When the average speed of a roller is taken, however, I suppose that the difference between this and a normal swimming speed is quite great.

On the Tuesday we walked to Pentire Head, which is just a little S.W. of Newquay, and although there was only a slight swell that morning, waves were dashing against a rocky island called the "Chick," on our left, and a second called the "Goose," in front of us, and as far as the eye could see, waves were rolling over sand and rock, and above all was a salty spray.

Our camp was overlooking an inlet about a mile long, the "Gannel," which was filled at every tide, and over the sand of which one could walk at low tide. At high tide it would have been hard to realise that in a few hours time only a mere trickle of water would be flowing and yet there it was at every low tide. At rest on one bank of the "Gannel" was an old schooner named "Ada," on board which, lived a gentleman who, in his various travels about the world, had collected curios of every kind, and who used the schooner as home and museum. For a small charge he showed visitors his collection, and very interesting it proved to be. The exhibits ranged from a large Swiss musical box with ten rolls, to a remarkable wooden chain with apparently no joins whatsoever in it; from a peculiar picture (the parts of which were controlled by a clockwork motor, and which represented a negro from the cotton-fields and showed his face changing from joy to despair in a most amusing way) to various weapons of war that were used by certain tribes.

Whilst in the Newquay area we also paid a visit to Bedruthen Steps, where some steps, hewn out of the cliffs, lead down to a collection of sandy coves with caves at the base of the cliffs at many places, which can be seen at low water spring

tides. On the day that the writer saw these caves there had been a steady drizzle of rain, but not content with a little discomfort like this, he proceeded to demonstrate the best way to paddle, in almost new shoes, after having slipped off a rock into a small pool.

The next move was to Marazion, just outside Penzance, and this place acted as a base for further tours to Land's End, St. Ives, etc., but in contrast to the highly commercialised Newquay, the writer will endeavour to give an impression of a small fishing village, Polperro, which was visited about midway through the second week of the holiday.

Polperro is an extremely quaint little place with its tiny harbour and little streets. It makes brave attempts to sell small articles, perhaps at exorbitant prices, to the "unwary" traveller who has been lured there by its charms. One can hardly mention Polperro without its next door neighbour, Looe, although Looe is again commercialised. Polperro may have retained its natural state, but whereas it has now no fishing trade of any importance, Looe has a flourishing fishing fleet, and one of the most enlightening sights is to see the fish-market in full stride after a large catch. Imagine hundreds of screaming gulls whirling round a building open on three sides, in which is a crowd of men whose main object in life seems to be removing the unwanted parts of the fish caught. Not only do they remove these parts, but the speed with which they perform this operation is remarkable, and the whole work from flapping fish to crated remains is rather like one of the cartoons seen in a popular magazine. An old fisherman told us that quite often some of the lines which are used, have as many as 7,000 hooks, and the average catch is about 2,000 fish. When one remembers the five or six hook that tangled themselves up on the last fishing trip one went on!

Napoleon was once supposed to have said something about an army and its stomach, and for those persons who think there is some truth in the statement, and who also find that fish and chips can be very tasty, the writer can recommend these small fishing ports, for the above "dish" can be obtained not only cheaply, but the fish is generally only a few hours old. In one case the writer was almost certain that his fillet, given a slightly greater depth of fat, would have swum away.

The writer hopes that he has conveyed the impression of the two extremes that are met in S.W. England, of unspoilt beauty, and the more popular resorts with their "city" facilities. The latter are a painful necessity, but it is the former that will draw the writer back at the first possible chance.

L. E. R.

Old Pricean's Association

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December, 1949.

Dear Members,

First of all may I draw your attention to my change of address.

Our Re-union on the 19th November was a distinct success.

We witnessed a very interesting football match between the School 1st XI and an O.P. XI, the result being a draw 1-1.

We then held our usual meeting which was quite well attended.

In the evening we adjourned to the Melgrade Hall and partook of an excellent repast.

Toasts were as follows :—

His Majesty The King	...	Mr. Ashton
The School	...	L. F. Biden
Reply	...	Mr. Ashton
The Association	...	Mr. Shaddock
Reply	...	E. G. Dimmer
Absent Friends	...	E. R. J. Hinxman

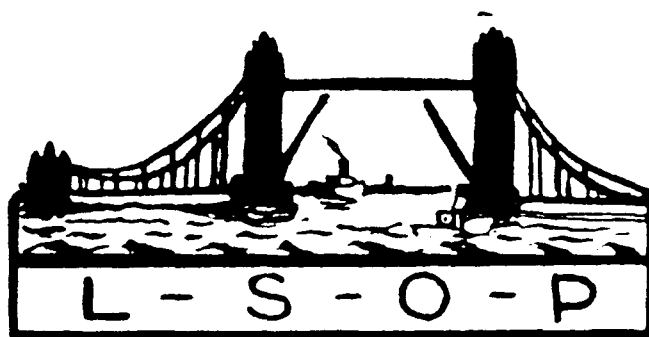
The highlight of the evening was the presentation to Mr. R. O. Johnston, by C. F. Coghlan, on our behalf, of a Barograph, Coghlan, in some very interesting reminiscences, reminded us of days gone by. Mr. Johnston replied with some witty remarks which were much appreciated by us all. We sang the Old School Song "Forty Years On" and afterwards had many interesting things to say to each other, in fact they were so interesting that nobody seemed to want to leave. This dinner was, I believe, one of the most enjoyable we have had. There were many present whom we had not seen for years. Let us hope these enjoyable functions will eventually bring many more Old Priceans back, so that we may grow into a very strong, vigorous body.

Best wishes to you all for 1950.

Yours sincerely,

E. G. DIMMER,

Hon. Secretary.



The winter session of monthly meetings commenced on 26th October. Most of the old faithfuls were present, but we are still sadly lacking in new blood. I am sure that there must be many young O.P.'s living in and around London, but we have yet to welcome at a meeting anyone who left School later than 1937. Can it be that those who have left School in recent years are less interested in maintaining contact with School associations than were their predecessors? It is to be hoped that such is not the case, and that the present lack of enthusiasm is merely a passing phase, otherwise London Section, and in fact all O.P. activities must, in due course, die a natural death.

We now possess handsome bound volumes of "The Lion," covering the years 1922-1940. We should like to complete another volume, but are short of certain

copies, particularly for the years 1941-44. If any kindly disposed person has copies for those years and feels he could part with them, we should be most grateful.

We have to congratulate L. V. Martin on his recent appointment as an assistant Government Actuary.

In conclusion may I remind readers that our meetings are held at 6.30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month, between October and May inclusive, at the à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, W.1. If prospective members who feel that they may not recognise anybody at the restaurant care to drop me a line beforehand, means of identification (additional to the O.P. tie) can no doubt be arranged.

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