

## THE SCHOOL FARM CAMP AT NATEBY

JULY/AUGUST, 1940.



- (1) An Interloper.
- (2) Farrington and Wilkinson have trouble with Transport.
- (3) A Man's Job (Ashcroft).
- (4) One of our Hosts.
- (5) Sefton takes charge of the Cooking.
- (6) A Break for Refreshments.
- (7) It's a Good Life on the Farm. (Chew, Brinnand, Ashcroft, Porter, Eckton.)

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### EDITORIAL

After a year of war, we sit down, (still in our comfortable arm-chair) to "take stock" of our School activities. During the half-year since the publication of our last Magazine, many tragic and historic events have taken place in the world outside—the invasion of France, Belgium and Holland, and the intensification of war within our own shores; yet apart from occasional visits to the air-raid shelters (not unwelcomed by all), we have suffered few inconveniences in our School Life. A glance at the list of School and Higher School Certificate results will go far to prove that our scholastic activities have not been much curtailed; we were, however, fortunate in being able to return to School duties very soon after the declaration of war.

We have consequently much to be thankful for, and we are thankful; and when we give our pounds and pence to the "causes" to which we are asked to subscribe, we do so generously and freely, knowing that we are helping to hasten the day when our School will return to its normal life.

### SCHOOL NOTES

#### PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys: *Head Prefect:* Hope, T. E.  
*Prefects:* Lloyd H., Sutton H., Thistlethwaite C. S.  
*Sub-Prefects:* Eckton R. E., Lund H., Read D., Wilkinson G. T.

Girls: *Head Prefect:* C. M. Marshall.  
*Prefects:* B. Hamer, M. W. Holding, A. Lee.  
*Sub-Prefects:* J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft.

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Maureen Humble, a member of Form IB, on July 2nd. She is greatly missed by her friends, and we offer our deepest sympathy to her mother and father, and also to John.



The whole School regrets the absence of Mr. Downer, our Classics master, who was called up for military service in August. Before the publication of our next Magazine, others of our Staff will in all probability have registered, thus increasing still further the list, already numerous, of members of the Staff and Old Students serving in His Majesty's Forces.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Miss C. M. Fletcher, who has taken over Mr. Downer's duties.

Our Congratulations go to Norman Anderton, who has won an Open Exhibition to Manchester University, a County Major Scholarship, and a John Stanning Memorial Grant : also to Fred Haworth, who has won a Tate Open Scholarship in Science at Liverpool University.

On October 16th, a party from the School went to a presentation of "She Stoops to Conquer" by the Old Vic Company at the Plaza Theatre, Chorley. A further description of this visit is included later in the Magazine.

On October 18th, Miss Esmé Church, a member of the Old Vic. Company, gave us a most interesting lecture on the subject of "The Old Vic and its Future."

On November 13th, there was a lecture by Mr. Fitzgerald, of Manchester University, to the senior boys and girls of the School ; the subject was "Germany's claim to a Colonial Empire."

On October 24th, a party from the Science VI paid a visit to Leyland Gasworks, an account of which is included in this issue.

The School Gardening Society has continued to reap the fruits of its labour this term ; products from the allotments have helped to make for a pleasing variety in School Dinners.

The Whitsuntide School Camp at Derwentwater was this year a sorry disappointment for all who came. Difficulties in the obtaining of equipment, in acquiring a site, in travelling, and in rationing were all overcome and a record party arrived at the site hoping for a good week of camping. Unfortunately we had only two nights under canvas, having to strike Camp in about two hours on the Monday and return to Leyland for the emergency re-opening of School on the Tuesday. For all concerned this was a very unhappy ending to our Sixth School Camp.

Mrs. Harrison, the School cook, left in November after nine years' faithful and useful service. She came to us when the system of hot dinners was inaugurated, and it is largely due to her that they have been such a success. She now feels that she deserves a rest. The School and Staff gave her a fireside chair and a tea service in recognition of her work here.

This year, the School Dramatic and Elocution Societies presented two one-act plays on Saturday, May 4th ; they were "The Prince who was a Piper", by Harold Brighthouse ; and "Elizabeth Refuses," by Margaret Macnamara. A detailed description of the productions is to be found elsewhere in the Magazine.

This term there was another Police Lecture to the School, given by an officer of the Lancashire Constabulary ; it dealt chiefly with the new dangers on the road created by abnormal wartime conditions.

The following eleven pupils received the full Higher School Certificate this year :

Anderton, N. G. (Distinction in History) ; Eckton, R. E. ; Haworth, F. (Distinction in Chemistry) ; Hope, T. E. ; Martindale, D. ; Thistlethwaite, C. S. ; M. B. Andrew ; A. Lee ; C. M. Marshall ; M. E. Ryding ; J. Shepherd.

Letters of Success were gained by : Mitchell, F. L. ; Pickburn, E. R. ; P. M. Sagar.

The following forty pupils received the Oxford School Certificate this year :

Ashcroft, Banks, Burgess, Butterworth, Carter, Gardner, Hoey, Hough, Johnston, Lea, J. A., Meredith, McCann, Pinder, Read, Rigby, Rosbotham, Shepherd, Tennant, Wilkinson, B. Booth, A. Bradley, K. Bradshaw, O. Bretherton, P. Briggs, A. Chew, I. Cooper, E. Downham, J. Elliott, B. Haigh, A. Hindle, E. Newsham, B. Pickburn, B. Sharples, J. Speed, D. Topping, M. Whitehead, D. Whittaker, F. Whittaker, E. Wilson, Y. Winter.

The annual Athletic Sports were "staggered" over a period of two days this year : the boys' events took place on April 25th, and the girls' on April 26th. This arrangement was necessary owing to the limited air-raid shelter accommodation for the spectators. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. W. S. Woodcock.

We congratulate Farrington, E. and Brenda Sharples on their success in winning the Victor Ludorum and the Victrix Ludorum respectively.

This year the House Championship Cup and the Relay Cup were both won by Farrington.



The Tennis Knock-Outs were won by Clayton, to whom we offer our sincere congratulations.

We congratulate Clayton on winning the Cricket Knock-Outs this year.

Farington were successful in winning the Rounders Knock-Outs this season.

The Merit Order was headed again this year by Farington, who consequently retain the Silver Griffin.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines: Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S., Wigan G. S., Wellingborough G. S., Blackpool G. S., Preston Park School, Preston Convent School.

#### SALVETE

*To Clayton House:* M. Ball, E. W. Burnie, J. Coutts, E. C. Dixon, K. Farnsworth, S. K. Guymer, J. Hankin, S. A. Haydock, V. E. M. Lambert, M. R. Regan, Little, W. E., Meadows, A., Turner, H.

*To Cuerden House:* D. R. Ackers, D. Atkinson, M. Downham, B. Illingworth, M. I. Lightfoot, J. L. Marsden, J. Parkin, E. Seers, A. Seers, E. Smith, B. White, Aspinall, H., Bennett, A. H., Briggs, R. B., Davies, G. W., Edmondson, P. W., Ellis, J. K., Heyes, D. T., Knowles, S. A., Roberts, J. M., Sharples, R.

*To Farington House:* J. Balmer, M. V. Bamber, B. Greener, M. Grime, M. Maughan, M. Parker, J. Proctor, M. L. Slater, K. Traynor, A. Whelan, S. M. Williams, Bagot, J. G., Bailey, P., Bush, D., Hesketh, L., Hodge, D. B., Hughes, H., Moon, H., Newton, G. W. A., Pye, W. H., Skeldon, R. P., Thornley, M. E.

*To Worden House:* J. E. Bretherton, J. E. Fraser, P. M. Fraser, M. P. Heaps, M. Jopson, M. Lund, H. K. Sharp, M. Sharp, M. S. Thwaites, K. B. Tyson, Atkinson, D. Barker, G., Glover, R. H., Miller, R. D., Skilbeck, D.

#### VALETE

*J. Shepherd.*—U.VI. Cuerden House. Girls' Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate, 1936. Higher School Certificate, 1938-40. Rounders' Captain, 1937. 1st XI Hockey. Colours: Hockey 1937-39. Victrix Ludorum, 1936-1939. Tennis League Team.

*M. B. Andrew.*—U.VI. Farington House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1938. Higher School Certificate, 1940. Hockey 2nd XI. Tennis and Rounders League Teams. Sub-Editor of "The Balshavian".

*M. E. Ryding.*—U.VI. Farington House. School Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate, 1937. Higher School Certificate, 1939-40. Hockey Captain. Hockey Colours, 1938-1940. Rounders Colours, 1939-40. Rounders 1st IX. Tennis League Team.

*P. M. Sagar.*—U.VI. Farington House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1938. Tennis and Rounders League Teams. Hockey 2nd XI.

*W. M. Carr.*—U.VI. Farington House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1938. Tennis Captain. Hockey 1st XI. Rounders 1st IX. Colours: Hockey, 1938-40, Rounders 1939.

*M. Snape.*—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1939. Tennis, Rounders, Hockey League Teams.

*Y. Winter.*—Va. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey League Team.

*A. Hindle.*—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940.

*J. Owen.*—Va. Worden House. Hockey League Team.

*D. Topping.*—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis Captain. Rounders' 1st IX.

*A. Glover.*—Va. Farington House. Hockey 1st XI, Tennis 1st VI, Rounders 1st IX.

*B. I. Booth.*—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey 2nd XI. Rounders' League Team.

*D. Crossley.*—Vb. Clayton House. Hockey League Team.

*J. Wood.*—Vb. Farington House.

*I. Cooper.*—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Hockey, Rounders' League Teams.

*G. Roberts.*—Vb. Worden House. Hockey, Tennis League Teams.

*D. Bretherton.*—Vb. Clayton House. Hockey, Rounders' League Teams.

*D. Bagshaw.*—IVa. Cuerden House. Hockey League Team.

*B. Lee.*—IVa. Farington House. Hockey 1st XI. Tennis, Rounders' League Teams.

*H. E. S. Sayada.*—IVb. Worden House.

*A. Mason.*—IVb. Cuerden House. Hockey League Team.

*M. Deacon.*—IVb. Farington House.



*A. M. Briggs.*—IVb. Cuerden House. Hockey League Team.

*P. C. Gilleade.*—IVb. Cuerden House.

*B. M. Littler.*—IIa. Farington House.

*J. G. B. Savory.*—IIa. Clayton House.

*B. H. B. Savory.*—Ia. Clayton House.

*Anderton, N. G.*—U.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate 1939. Open Exhibition (History) Hulme Hall, Manchester University, May 1940. County Major Scholarship, July 1940. John Stanning Memorial Grant.

*Haworth, F.*—U.VI. Cuerden House. Prefect. School Certificate, 1937, Higher School Certificate, 1939. Tate Open Scholarship in Science, Liverpool University, 1940. 1st XV Rugby.

*Martindale, D.*—U.VI. Cuerden House. Prefect. School Certificate, 1938 Higher School Certificate, 1940. Training College Scholarship 1940. 1st XV Rugby.

*Mitchell, F. L.*—U.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1938. Sub-Prefect.

*Pickburn, E. R.*—U.VI. Farington House. Boys' Head Prefect. House Captain. School Certificate, 1938. 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket, 1st IX Cross Country. Victor Ludorum, 1938-1939.

*Farrington, E.*—L.VI. Farington House. Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1939. 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket. Victor Ludorum, 1940.

*Fisher, W. J.*—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1939. 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket.

*Holme, R. V.*—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1939. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Hoey, C. E.*—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Kenyon, F.*—Va. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Pinder, A. H.*—Va. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Rosbotham, T.*—Va. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. 2nd XI Cricket.

*Ashcroft, D.*—Vb. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. 2nd XV Rugby.

*Bamber, K.*—Vb. Farington House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Burgess, J. A. D.*—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams. 1st IX Cross Country.

*Johnston, F. J.*—Vb. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Lea, J. A.*—Vb. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

*Morgan, H.*—IVb. Farington House.

*Wilcock, R. B.*—IVb. Worden House. Rugby League Team. 2nd XI Cricket.

*Derbyshire, M. J.*—IIIa. Cuerden House.

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## THE SCHOOL FARM CAMP, 1940.

Within a few weeks of our return from the ill-fated Whitsun Camp, we decided to have a second attempt in the Summer. Our decision this time was to run a Farm Camp. The Lancashire War Agricultural Committee had issued an appeal to all Schools in the County to run these camps, and allotted to each School taking part in the scheme a suitable site. Our site was at Black Lane Head Farm, Nateby.

There were eighteen boys in our party, all over sixteen years of age. We arrived at the site with our equipment at about mid-day on Sat. July 27th. The weather had been bad early in the morning but cleared long enough to allow us to pitch the tents and marquee. Our site was scarcely an ideal one; we faced due west with no sheltering trees and suffered a good deal of buffeting from strong westerlies which brought with them an unpleasantly persistent amount of rain; the soil was very fine, offering little grip for tent pegs, and the tent-poles had a nasty habit of sinking about a foot into the ground during the night; in the early days we were also the subject of much inquisitive exploration by sedate and solemn-looking cows. But these draw-backs did not prevent us from enjoying life. We received much help and advice from our farmer, Mr. Cross, who took a great interest in us throughout our stay.

Each day the boys went out to work at neighbouring farms, the main work being potato pulling. At the beginning of the first week this work was not easy to get. We were the first Farm Camp on the site and farmers were not yet used to the idea of school boys working for them. As the days passed we managed to get more and more work to do and on some days we had not enough boys available to meet the farmers' demands. We were unfortunate during the second week, when rain prevented us from doing much work. Where farmers could work in the rain the boys worked as well, but much of the potato-pulling needed fine weather. We had 10½ working days, during which the boys put in a total of over 800 hrs. work. We had many words of praise from all the farmers, and one took the boys who worked for him, for an evening car run and then gave them supper in Garstang. From the point of view of work done the Camp was an outstanding success.

We had at first had qualms about the cooking arrangements and were very much relieved when Miss Whitehouse and Miss Whewell volunteered to come with us and take charge of



the catering. This side of the Camp activities was left almost entirely to them and the Camp owed much of its success to their efficiency and untiring support. Mr. Downer did very good work about the site and never failed to find interest in the rather monotonous task of chopping and sawing wood for the fire. He also did wonders in cutting and making sandwiches which the boys took with them for the mid-day meal. The evening meal was the most important meal of the day and after a day's work in the fields the boys had enormous appetites. Of the "O.C. Camp" it was remarked that he was seldom if ever seen to be doing anything.

Visitors called on us almost without a break, particularly at the week ends when we had about twenty to see us. To nearly all we gave a cup of tea and some cake, whilst some had a full meal with us. On these occasions the Camp took on the semblance of a summer garden-party, and the spirits of all were light and cheerful.

In conclusion we thank all those, and they were many, who helped us in any way, however small, and assure them that their support was very much appreciated by those in Camp. To Mr. Blackburn, in particular, I wish to express my own thanks for his very ready and willing help. When we found, on the Friday night before Camp, that our equipment was marooned in a railway siding at Farington, he obtained a lorry, came to the station with us and stayed with us until we had got back to Leyland. At Farington we had to unload a railway van, transport our Camp equipment on our backs along some fifty yards of cinder track, up a steep slope and so on to the road and our lorry. This was no easy task for three people, and few, even at the Camp, realised that had it not been for Mr. Blackburn we should probably never have got our equipment until half way through the next week.

We returned to Leyland on Sat. Aug. 10th, with the knowledge that we had done some useful work and with interesting memories of a fortnight 'down Winmarleigh way'.

R.W.F.

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## THE OLD VIC.

Lecture by Miss Esme Church.

Some time out of evil cometh good. It took a European War to bring the Old Vic to Lancashire. It cannot be said that Balshaw's failed to take advantage of the famous company's visit. On Wednesday afternoon 16th October, 96 pupils and six of the staff went to the Plaza Cinema, Chorley to see a brilliant performance of "She stoops to Conquer." On the Friday we had the honour of a personal visit from Miss Esmé Church when the whole school heard a lecture by that distinguished actress and producer (formerly principal of the Old Vic Dramatic School) on "the Old Vic, its past and future." Afterwards, over tea, the Headmaster and several of the staff, had a most enjoyable hour's conversation with Miss Church, consisting chiefly of "Do you remember So and So in Such and Such a thing?" her visit concluding with a tour of our own dramatic records along the corridor and some very kindly encouragement and advice to one or two of the pupils.

Miss Church began her lecture with an account of the rise of the Comédie Française, from the Wandering Company of Molière to its present rank of perhaps the greatest school of acting in the world. She told us of the terrors of audition, after graduation at the local conservatoire, when no pupil is accepted unless one of the great players of the Comédie will take him or her, of the thrilling experience of the novice when he appears on his first night in his first big part with a team of stars all helping to pull him through. As an instance of the quality of Comédie Française training she gave an example familiar to most of her audience—Paul Muni.

The nearest approach to such a standard of acting and play production in England was the Old Vic. A famous theatre in the early 19th century it fell upon evil days in the time of Dickens and Thackeray until Miss Emily Cons bought it in 1880 to give penny concerts to keep the working class of the district out of the public houses. She was not very successful, perhaps the entertainment was too prim, but in 1897 her niece Miss Lilian Bayliss improved the concerts and from then the Sadler's Wells Opera Co. arose.

It was in 1914 that Miss Bayliss decided to make the Old Vic a Shakespearean Company, and it set out on the way to world fame. In 1923 it achieved a world record, having performed every one of Shakespeare's plays by the time of the tercentenary of the publication of the first folio. By now all the famous players, producers and scenic artistes of England and some from the United States were proud to do their finest work here, and all this time the Old Vic had kept its original purpose steadily in view, to give the people entertainment at a price the people could afford; and half a million people a year availed themselves of it.

In 1930 Miss Bayliss bought the Old Sadler's Wells theatre, as Miss Cons had bought the Old Vic, by public subscription, and here the Opera Company now had its own home.

In 1939 came the invitation of the Government to tour Portugal, Italy, Egypt, Greece and Malta, as ambassadors of British culture. Most of the players in Chorley that week had been on that tour. Another great experience of the Company was in 1937 when they played "Hamlet" (with Laurence Olivier in the title role) in the grounds of Elsinore, the first English company to play there since Shakespeare's day.

Miss Church concluded her lecture with an appeal for support of the theatre. The Cinema gave excellent entertainment, but was after all an industry. You could not get everything at Woolworth's. There was no substitute for the living art of the theatre. "When you grow up," she said, "ask for the theatre in your towns and see that you get it".

C.S.H.

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## Letters From California

In common with many other girls at school I write to a girl in California, a girl I have never seen, in a country I shall probably never visit and yet I feel I know her very well.

She lives in Whittier near Los Angeles and from the photographs it seems a very pretty town with avenues of maple trees, overlooked by a hill on which stands a massive, framed letter "W" which represents "Whittier", and which can be seen for miles around.



There are groves of oranges, lemons and avocados, oranges being the chief product.

We write to each another about everyday things of life; our school life, our friends, our homes, our games, pets and hobbies. She is interested in our games at school. One of their games is 'horseshoe ringing' about which she seems very enthusiastic.

She described in one of her letters a visit to the film studios at Los Angeles whilst the filming of "David Copperfield" was taking place. She said that all the time she was there the actors who were taking part kept coming through a door and saying a few words, and when she went to see the actual film that part had been cut out. She also tells me that if you saw the film stars in the streets you would not notice them.

This summer many of the girls from her school went to the orange-packing factories to help with the wrapping and packing of oranges.

Afterwards they went camping on the coast, spending their evenings roasting "weenies" and frying hamburgers.

I was interested to know that irises, calendulas, honeysuckle, fuchsias, English ivy and narcissi grow in their gardens alongside fig trees, orange trees, lemon and peach trees.

If there are some things she writes about that I don't understand, I ask her in my next letter, and she explains when she replies. On the other hand she too needs some explanations: she thought a budgerigar was a bull dog! We describe the different places that we have visited. She was interested in my visit to Canterbury and the historical places in London, and I was interested in her visit to the San Francisco Fair. She asks me questions about the war, which of course, I cannot answer and she says that everyone she knows wants Britain to win.

Since the war she has not heard from her correspondents in Holland and Switzerland, and she seems very afraid our letters might be lost. I hope we may continue to write to each other for many years to come, and one cannot help thinking friendships like these between children of different countries should be more widely encouraged, as a means of bringing about a better understanding between the people of one country and another.

B.R.L., Form Va (Worden).

## LECTURE ON GERMAN COLONIAL CLAIMS

On Wednesday, November 13th the senior boys and girls were given a lecture by Mr. Fitzgerald of Manchester University on the German Colonies.

We were just about to go back to lessons owing to his delay when Mr. Fitzgerald appeared just in time to save us.

After the Franco-Prussian war, Germany began to join in the game of colony grabbing at which England and France had been so successful. In 1884 Bismarck asked Gladstone

"DIGGING FOR VICTORY."



THE SCHOOL GARDEN, 1940.



## ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1940.



- (1) *Victrix Ludorum* : B. Y. Sharples.
- (2) *Victor Ludorum* : Farrington.
- (3) *House Championship* : Farington House.

if he could take the district in Africa now known as the Cameroons and the strip of desert along the west coast. England, not particularly wanting this district herself but undesirous of seeing anyone else possessing it gave no definite answer, and when Germany walked into these territories there was only a mild protest from England. Her other colony in East Africa was acquired in the following year. She also possessed some islands in the East Indies, but these are not so important.

German government in the Cameroons was rather harsh but with their usual ability to make people work, they set the negroes about successfully producing cocoa, coffee, sugar etc., on a fairly large scale. But to be fair, their government was not, in all its actions, selfishly in favour of the white man. One German Governor realizing the efficiency of British control over Nigeria paid a high tribute to Lord Lugard by sending men there to study Lugard's methods. Lugard had wisely left undisturbed the successful rule of the Mohammedan princes instead of substituting an alien government which might or might not have worked. These methods were subsequently used by the German Governor in the north of the Cameroons where conditions were the same as in northern Nigeria.

After Germany's defeat in 1918 her colonies became mandates of the League of Nations. German West Africa was put under the mandate of the Union of South Africa and German East Africa also became a British mandate. The Cameroons were put under French mandate. In 1912 in return for Germany's recognition of the French right to Morocco, France had given Germany territory extending for 100,000 miles adjoining the Cameroons. On Germany's defeat France took this land back as her own instead of regarding it, with the Cameroons, as a mandate.

To bring his lecture to an end Mr. Fitzgerald showed us slides of some of the fine types of natives, from the fierce lion hunters of central Africa to the native of the north who is, in feature, quite like a Southern European. Some of these types are almost exterminated owing to their receding further and further into the desert on the exploitation of their land by white men. Judging by the standards of our own civilisation these natives are inferior to white men, but in his own surroundings the black man is superior and only he can work comfortably under the blazing sun. In viewing the future of Africa after the war Mr. Fitzgerald hoped, as we all do, that these men will be given first consideration and that their lives and country will not be exploited by the several European countries merely for the benefit of white men.

This is not the first time Mr. Fitzgerald has spoken to us on such important subjects, subjects on which it is the duty of everyone to be well informed and we hope he will soon visit us again.

A.B. Lower VI. (Clayton)

## THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1940

The Athletic Sports were held this year on Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th., this arrangement being necessary in order to ensure that there should be sufficient shelter accommodation for spectators and competitors.



In the Events held before the day, both Open Long Jump records had been broken. Pickburn, with a very good jump of 18ft. 11ins., broke by 7 ins. a record which had stood for six years. Brenda Sharples raised the Girls' Open Record a further two inches.

The Days' Events were held on the Thursday in weather which was hardly calculated to produce fast times. Two records were, however, broken during the afternoon; Marsh, in the 440 yds under 15, and Tennant, in the mile,—each lowering the previous records by 2 secs. During the later events, rain fell intermittently and its effect was noticeable in the poor times returned in the House Relays. Farrington did remarkably well in the Team events, winning all three Relays and both Tugs.

The Victor Ludorum Cup was won by Farrington with the very high total of 88 pts.

The Girls' Events were run on Friday afternoon under much better conditions. In the 100 yds. Hurdles, Joan Shepherd beat the existing record, but times in the other events were rather slow.

The Victrix Ludorum Cup was won by Brenda Sharples with 47 points.

The House Championship Cup and the Relay Cup were both won easily by Farrington, Cuerden being runners up in each case.

At the conclusion of Fridays' events, prizes were graciously distributed by Mrs. W. S. Woodcock. Mr. Oldland presented her with a suitably inscribed replica of the shields won by prize winners.

The results are given below in detail.

\* Denotes : Record Broken

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Sefton (Cl.); 3, Fisher (Cu.); Standards: Johnston (Cl.); Martindale (Cu.); Marsden (Cu.); Haworth (Cu.); Hough (Cu.); Rosbotham (Cu.); Pickburn (F.); Brinnand (W.).

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (under 15).* Boys.—1, Singleton (W.); 2, Kelly (Cu.); 3, Sharples (Cu.); Standards: Marginson, L. (Cl.); Riding (Cl.); Taberner (F.); Whitaker (W.); Goater (W.).

*Kicking the Rugger Ball (under 13).* Boys.—1, Graham (W.); 2, Marsden (Cu.); 3, Oldland (F.).

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (Open).* Girls.—1, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 2, W. Carr (F.); 3, M. Andrew (F.). Distance: 60 yards.

*Hitting the Hockey Ball (under 15).* Girls.—1, O. Bretherton (W.); 2, P. Briggs (Cu.); 3, I. Thornley (Cu.); Distance: 61 yards. Standards: E. Johnston (Cl.); A. Bradley (Cl.); J. Boothman (Cl.); M. Garnett (Cl.); B. Haigh (Cl.); J. Beal (Cu.); E. Whistlecroft (Cu.); M. Sutton (Cu.); M. Norris (F.); B. Sagar (F.); K. Howard (F.); Z. Norris (F.); J. Shaw (W.); D. Gibson (W.); K. Hall (W.).

*Throwing the Rounders Ball (under 15).* Girls.—1, B. Haigh (Cl.); 2, A. Bradley (Cl.) and B. Pickburn (F.). Distance: 47 yards. Standards: M. Garnett (Cl.); A. Dixon (Cl.); E. Johnston (Cl.); J. Boothman (Cl.); M. Davies (Cl.); I. Thornley (Cu.); P. Turner (Cu.); E. Whistlecroft (Cu.); P. Briggs (Cu.); J. Ballantine (Cu.); D. Walmsley (F.); J. Montague (F.); Z. Norris (F.); K. Wood (F.); E. Glover (F.); K. Staziker (F.); J. Shaw (W.); A. Newsham (F.); M. Norris (F.).

*Throwing the Rounders Ball (Open).* Girls.—1, A. Glover (F.); 2, B. Lee (F.); 3, B. Y. Sharples (W.). Distance: 61 yards. Standards: B. Haigh (Cl.); P. Howson (Cl.); F. Hutchings (Cl.); D. Topping (Cu.); J. Shepherd (Cu.); M. Ryding (F.); W. Carr (F.); B. Pickburn (F.); B. Booth (W.); J. Marland (W.).

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Tonge (Cu.); 3, Edmondson (F.). Distance: 72 yards. Standards: Dalton (Cl.); Marsh (Cu.); McKittrick (F.); Webster (W.); Singleton (W.).

*Throwing the Cricket Ball (Open).* Boys.—1, Sutton (Cl.); 2, Farrington (F.); 3, Ashcroft (Cu.). Distance: 85 yards. Standards: Sefton (Cl.); Molyneux (Cl.); Bond (Cl.); Tennant (Cl.); Thistlethwaite (Cl.); Haworth (Cu.); Martindale (Cu.); Marsden (Cu.); Fisher (Cu.); Rosbotham (Cu.); Pickburn (F.); Porter (F.).

*Long Jump (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Marsh (Cu.) and Edmondson (F.); 3, Hinchcliffe (Cl.). Distance: 14 ft. 2 ins. Standards: Kelly (Cu.); Sharples (Cu.); Blackham (F.).

*Long Jump (Open).* Boys.—1, Pickburn (F.); 2, Farrington (F.); 3, Chew (Cl.). \*Distance: 18 ft. 11 ins. Standards: Hope (Cl.); Johnston (Cl.); Marsden (Cu.).

*Long Jump (Under 15).* Girls.—1, P. Briggs (Cu.); 2, B. Pickburn (F.); 3, J. Boothman (Cl.) and G. Cross (W.). Distance: 13 ft. 7 ins. Standards: A. Bradley (Cl.); I. Thornley (Cu.); I. Greenhalgh (Cu.); D. Walmsley (F.); J. Roberts (W.); O. Bretherton (W.); I. Hall (W.); D. Gibson (W.); K. Hall (W.).

*Long Jump (Open).* Girls.—1, B. Y. Sharples (W.); 2, D. Bretherton (Cl.); 3, P. Briggs (Cu.). \*Distance: 14 ft. 1 in. Standards: J. Shepherd (Cu.); M. E. Ryding (F.); M. Andrew (F.); E. Newsham (W.); J. Owen (W.); O. Bretherton (W.).

*100 Yards (Under 13).* Boys.—1, Scott (W.); 2, Heaton (F.); 3, Carr (Cl.). Time: 12-7/10 secs. Standards: Meadows, E. (Cl.); Marsden (Cu.); Bretherton (Cu.); Humble (W.).

*100 Yards (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Marsh (Cu.); 3, Edmondson (F.). Time 11½ secs. Standards: Busfield (Cl.); Marginson, L. (Cl.); Samuels (F.); Singleton (W.).

*100 Yards (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Pickburn (F.); 3, Lloyd (Cu.). Time 10-9/10 secs. Standards: Johnston (Cl.); Wilkinson (F.); Pinder (F.).

*High Jump (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Kelly (Cu.); 2, Edmondson (F.); 3, Riding (Cl.). Height: 4 ft. 2 ins.

*80 Yards (Under 12).* Boys.—1, Carr (Cl.); 2, Humble (W.); 3, Bretherton (Cu.). Time 10-3/5 secs. Standards: Stickland, H. (Cl.); Schofield (Cu.); Grimshaw (W.); Fisher (W.); Moon (W.).

*120 Yards Hurdles (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Pickburn (F.); 3, Morphet (Cl.). Time: 16½ secs.

*120 Yards Hurdles (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Marsh (Cu.); 2, Kelly (Cu.); 3, Edmondson (F.). Time: 18-1/5 secs.

*High Jump (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Sutton (Cl.) and Lloyd (Cu.). Height: 5 ft. 2½ ins.

*220 Yards (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Salisbury (W.); 2, Marsh (Cu.); 3, Edmondson (F.). Time: 28-1/10 secs. Standards: Busfield (Cl.); Sharples (Cu.).

*High Jump (Under 13).* Boys.—1, Oldland (F.) and Scott (W.); 3, Marsden (Cu.). Height: 4 ft. Standards: Stickland, D. (Cl.); Stickland, H. (Cl.); Carr (Cl.).

*220 Yards (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Pickburn (F.); 3, Lloyd (Cu.). Time: 25½ secs. Standards: Sutton (Cl.); Wilkinson (F.).

*440 Yards (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Marsh (Cu.); 2, Edmondson (F.); 3, Busfield (Cl.). \*Time: 62-4/5 secs. Standard: Lea, A. E. (F.).

*440 Yards (Open).* Boys.—1, Farrington (F.); 2, Pickburn (F.); 3, Morphet (Cl.). Time: 58½ secs. Standard: Lloyd (Cu.).

*180 Yards (Under 13).* Boys.—1, Heaton (F.); 2, Carr (Cl.); 3, Booth (Cl.). Time: 26-2/5 secs. Standard: Marsden (Cu.).

*880 Yards (Open).* Boys.—1, Hough (Cu.); 2, Sutton (Cl.); 3, Martindale (Cu.). Time: 2 mins 22½ secs. Standards: Hope (Cl.); Marsden (Cu.); Morgan (F.).



*The Mile (Open).* Boys.—1, Tennant (Cl.); 2, Burgess (F.); 3, Bond (Cl.). \* Time : 5 mins 15½ secs.

*House Tug (Under 15).* Boys.—Won by Farington.

*House Tug (Open).* Boys.—Won by Farington.

*House Relay (Under 13).* Boys.—1, Farington; 2, Clayton; 3, Worden. Time 57-3/5 secs.

*House Relay (Under 15).* Boys.—1, Farington; 2, Clayton; 3, Cuerden. Time : 2 mins. 4-3/5 secs.

*House Relay (Open).* Boys.—1, Farington; 2, Cuerden; 3, Clayton. Time : 1 min. 47-3/5. secs

*100 Yards (Under 13).* Girls.—1, J. Haydock (Cl.); 2, A. Deacon (F.); 3, K. Hall (W.). Time 13-1/10 secs.

*100 Yards (Under 15).* Girls.—1, P. Briggs (Cu.); 2, K. Staziker (F.); 3, B. Haigh (Cl.). Time : 12-7/10 secs. Standards : J. Boothman (Cl.); D. Walmsley (F.); B. Pickburn (F.); D. Gibson (W.); I. Hall (W.).

*100 Yards (Open).* Girls.—1, E. Newsham (W.); 2, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 3, B. Y. Sharples (W.) Time : 12½ secs. Standards : M. Bretherton (F.); M. E. Ryding (F.); G. Abram (F.); B. Booth (W.).

*High Jump (Under 15).* Girls.—1, D. Walmsley (F.); 2, J. Boothman (Cl.); 3, O. Bretherton (W.) Height : 4 ft. 2½ ins. Standards : A. Dixon (Cl.); A. Bradley (Cl.); M. Garnett (Cl.); E. Johnston (Cl.); B. Haigh (Cl.); P. Briggs (Cu.); H. Sage (Cu.); J. Hughes (F.); H. Walmsley (W.); A. Newsham (W.) J. Shaw (W.); I. Hall (W.).

*100 Yards Hurdles (Over 15).* Girls.—1, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 2, B. Y. Sharples (W.); 3, E. Newsham (W.). \* Time : 15-1/5 secs. Standard : B. Booth (W.).

*High Jump (Under 13).* Girls.—1, A. Deacon (F.); 2, M. Sutton (Cu.); 3, K. Hall (W.). Height, 3 ft. 8-3/4 ins. Standards : J. Smith (Cu.); I. Greenhalgh (Cu.); P. Turner (Cu.); K. Frost (Cu.); A. Newsham (W.).

*80 Yards (Under 12).* Girls.—1, P. Turner (Cu.); 2, J. Smith (Cu.); 3, J. Beal (Cu.); Time : 11-3/10 secs. Standards : B. Harrison (Cl.); S. Maders (Cl.); E. Darbyshire (Cl.); B. Silcock (Cu.) G. Cross (W.).

*High Jump (Open).* Girls.—1, B. Y. Sharples (W.); 2, J. Shepherd (Cu.); 3, G. Abram (F.) Height : 4 ft. 5 ins. Standards : P. Howson (Cl.); J. Boothman (Cl.); R. Ratcliffe (F.); E. Newsham (W.); B. Booth (W.).

*House Relay (Under 13).* Girls.—1, Cuerden; 2, Worden; 3, Clayton. Time : 61-1/10 secs.

*House Relay (Under 15).* Girls.—1, Cuerden; 2, Clayton; 3, Farington. Time : 56-2/5 secs.

*House Relay (Open).* Girls.—1, Worden; 2, Farington; 3, Cuerden. Time : 55-3/5 secs. R.W.F.

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## SIX DAYS AT YOUTH HOSTELS IN THE LAKES

The idea of the Youth Hostel Movement is to encourage hikers and cyclists of both sexes, and to enable them to have cheap and good accommodation for the night.

My friend and I had heard about Youth Hostels and we resolved to get details, and if possible try them out. After much correspondence we were made members on the payment of 2/6. We found the overnight charge was 1/-, breakfast and dinner at night 1/- or 1/3, and lunch-packets 6d. We also found that we had some duty to do such as washing-up and that we were expected to possess a sheet sleeping bag.

At last the day came and we set out to cycle up to Windermere to our first hostel. We arrived there early and had plenty of time to find the hostel. The warden was very friendly and answered our many questions. We went into our bedroom and discovered that the beds were in pairs one above the other. There was a mattress, a pillow which was placed inside a "pocket" in the sleeping bag and three very thick blankets. The food was excellent and plentiful. Breakfast the next morning was also very good : porridge, fried egg and bacon and bread and marmalade. After breakfast we were given the job of washing the knives and forks. We left the hostel on foot, because we were coming back again at night, and did some hill climbing near Troutbeck village. That night we came back to another good meal and the next day set out for the Borrowdale hostel.

This was a farm at the southern end of Derwentwater at the foot of the hills. Everything here was very clean and the food was even better than at Windermere. We stayed here three nights and the people were all very friendly. One incident in particular I remember : I had been down in the valley all day in the boiling sun and I had just come back to the hostel. I happened to mention to a rockclimber who had coils of thick rope round his body that it had been very hot. "What ?" he said, "Hot ? I've been frozen stiff all day hanging on to bits of rock." The next two days were spent climbing and then I found out what he meant, clouds all around you, biting winds, and in one place even snow.

The next day we went to the Coniston hostel, stayed a night and then cycled back to smoky Preston after the best six days I have ever spent, all on thirty-five shillings.

B.R.M., Form Va (Worden)

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## ON THE ALERT

One evening when the darkness came  
We tried our skill at every game,  
Until we got to such a pitch  
There surely had to be a hitch.

We knew it was the next door cat,  
But father grabbed his warden's hat,  
Out in the darkness he did fly—  
Slap-bang into a passer by !

Investigation soon did prove  
That no one else was on the move ;  
He found that he was all alone—  
The sound he heard was not a drone !

Arriving back distinctly damper,  
Came father in a nasty temper,  
For out upon the back-yard wall  
There sat Fluff the cause of it all.

K.H. Form IIa (Worden)



## "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

By The Old Vic Company

All the pupils of this school who, on Oct. 16th, saw the Old Vic Company play "She Stoops to Conquer" will agree that "it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good" For the same tragic upheaval which has already caused so much misery in Europe has enabled more people than ever before to see great drama acted by the best players in England. In its tour of the northern counties the Old Vic Company stayed for a time at the Plaza Theatre, Chorley, and here, at a special matinée, pupils of the neighbouring schools saw 'She Stoops to Conquer' for the price of 6d.

Given superb acting, scenery and costumes a play such as 'She Stoops to Conquer' can be enjoyed to the uttermost. In this play Goldsmith showed himself to be a master of stagecraft. The characters do not, as in some modern plays, sit about anyhow and talk, but form animated, colourful pictures on the stage. One scene glides subtly into the next, exits and entrances are natural yet dramatic. It is a play teeming with comical situations—there is not a dull moment. When the curtain fell after the last act we felt we had had a sparkling glimpse into the life of the eighteenth century. We had seen drama at its best and except that we want some more, nothing further can be said about it.

A.B. Form Va (Clayton)

## A WINTER'S DAY

Softly, thickly but ever faster the snow flakes fell. It was the first fall of the year. Now swiftly and strongly, now slowly and softly the wind played with the little white feathers from the skies. Silently they covered the rough, bare earth and clothed the trees in glistening splendour.

When they ceased to fall, I saw a strange, silent world before me : trees, houses, fields and roads had all been gently sprayed with a coat of white. On a nearby branch a robin perched, voicing his thoughts to the cold winter air. He flew down and hopped about, looking for crumbs.

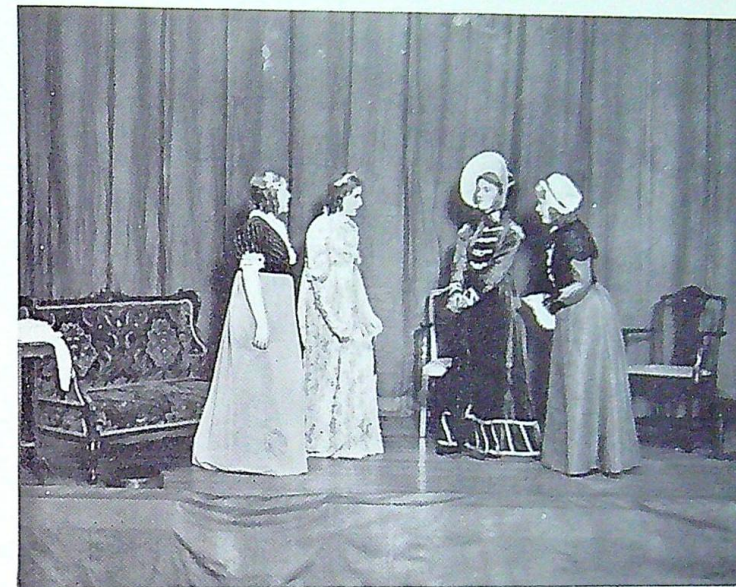
This pretty scene could not last, I knew. Soon the children would come home, and play games in the snow. In towns and cities the soft heaps of glistening finery would be reduced to mud and grime or pools of dirty water.

But now, the soft little feathers are falling again. When they cease they will again reveal a world of white.

In the evening the silver moon looks down upon an unknown land, a strange white world where there are white trees and white towns and cities of white-roofed houses.

M.T. Form IIa (Worden.)

## "ELIZABETH REFUSES"



Mrs. Bennet : " Lady Catherine, my daughters."

Elizabeth.	Jane.	Lady Catherine.	Mrs. Bennet.
(Betty Hamer)	(Yvonne Winter)	(Joan Speed)	(Jean Elliott.)



Mr. Collins : " I have singled you out as the companion of my future life."

Elizabeth Bennet.	Mr. Collins.
(Betty Hamer)	(D. Read)



## "ELIZABETH REFUSES"

Elizabeth.  
(Betty Hamer)Mr. Collins.  
(D. Read)Lady Catherine de Bourgh.  
(Joan Speed)Jane.  
(Yvonne Winter)Mrs. Bennet.  
(Jean Elliott)

## A VISIT TO THE GASWORKS

On October 24th, the Science Section of the Sixth Form, accompanied by Mr. Bennison were conducted round the local gasworks.

First of all we were shown the various types of coal, ranging in size from slack to cobbles. We were told that 40 tons of coal were used each day in the manufacture of approximately half-a-million cubic feet of coal gas, together with numerous important by-products.

Next we were taken to see the retorts, which are in horizontal beds, and are made of fireclay. The coal is baked in these retorts until all the coal gas, together with anything else which is in a gaseous state at the high temperature of the retorts has been driven off. The heat is derived from the combustion of producer gas (nitrogen and carbon monoxide), easily made by passing a blast of air over red hot coke. We were in time to see the recharging of the retorts after the coke had been removed, red hot, and transported in iron trucks to the yard. The contrivance for charging the retorts consists essentially of a continuous belt, moving with terrific speed, which shoots the coal into the back of the retorts, each of which holds about 3 cwt.

When the gases come from the retorts they are at a temperature of 150-170°F and are therefore cooled to cause the condensation of products which are not permanent gases at ordinary temperatures. Examples of these products are tar, light oils, and some ammonium salts in solution, which are all run into the underground tar-well, where the tar sinks to the bottom.

We then saw the exhausters, steam-driven rotary pumps, which propel the crude coal-gas through the various components of the purifying system. Ammonia is removed in a tower some 50 feet in height down which water is sprayed. The water absorbs the ammonia from the gases as they pass up the tower. The ammonia solutions obtained here are run into the tar-well.

Hydrogen sulphide must also be removed. This is effected by passing the gas through large iron containers which are filled with trays of hydrated ferric oxide. The hydrogen sulphide reacts with the ferric oxide to form ferric sulphide, which is replaced from time to time. We saw the inlet and outlet of this purifier tested with lead acetate paper for the presence of hydrogen sulphide. At the inlet the paper was blackened, but at the outlet remained unchanged, showing that the purifier was very efficient.

Naphthalene is also removed by a process of oil-washing.

The coal gas is now quite pure, but its calorific value is too high for the town supply. It is therefore mixed with a certain amount of "tully-gas", which is made in a special plant. This reduces the calorific value to the required figure. We saw the building where the mixture of the two forms of gas takes place and can be regulated. The mixture next passes through the Station Meter, where the amount made is registered, and then into the Gasholder so that the gas is under a pressure sufficient to force it through the pipes to the consumers.



We were now taken to the Chemistry Laboratory and saw the apparatus used for finding the calorific value of the gas by a continuous flow method. In the laboratory also the analysis of the gas can be carried out by a system of absorption pipettes.

In the Showrooms we saw specimens of some of the by-products of the industry. There are hundreds of these by-products, nearly all of them very important, especially in time of war. The retorts yield coke and gas-carbon, the latter, a form which conducts electricity. The tar has an amazing number of derivatives, ranging from T.N.T. (tri-nitro toluene) to scents such as musk and lavender. Ammonium sulphate is used as a very effective fertilizer, while other ammonium salts find application in pharmacy manufacture, etc. The ferric sulphide obtained in the purification of the gas is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

Our spirits would not allow us to leave the works without climbing part of the way up a gasholder, by means of the ladders fitted for the purpose.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Elliott for allowing us to look round the works.

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R.E.E. Up.VI (Worden)

## THE SCHOOL AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Since the first few weeks of war, there have been eight air raid shelters in the school grounds. The shelters are of concrete-sections surrounded by earth and covered with turf. There are seats running the full length of each shelter and a certain amount of lighting. Some people are already armed with light travelling rugs and the girls, especially, have a varied and weird assortment of woollen garments with which they augment their usual clothing.

An air raid warning is made known to the school by the intermittent ringing of the school bell. Every emergency which might arise has been foreseen and steps have been made to meet it.

Should an air raid alert be sounded in school-hours arrangements have been made by which everyone remains in the shelters until the "all clear" is given. If this is given after nine p.m. all pupils who are not called for by their parents or other responsible persons will remain at school all night and will be given supper and breakfast before being sent home on the following day.

During the long nights a concession has been announced by which pupils who wish to do so may leave school at 3.30; moreover school begins at 9.30 and the dinner-hour is reduced by fifteen minutes. Games are held in school hours on two days a week.

The result of these regulations is that lessons have been shortened slightly, but are we worried?

A.H. Form Va. (Worden)

## THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

This year for the first time since 1933 we could not give a full length play or an evening entertainment, but we upheld our dramatic tradition by giving two afternoon shows on Friday, 3rd. May to the school and on the Saturday to parents and friends. Two one-act plays, three part songs and two dances made up an enjoyable programme.

"Elizabeth Refuses", Margaret Macnamara's version of the proposal scene from "Pride and Prejudice", given by the Elocution Society and produced by Miss Milroy was very well received. ("Pride and Prejudice" might well be considered for some future performance). As the pompous and egregious Mr. Collins, Read gave his best performance by far. His smug complacency, unctuous pulpit manner and the lightning decision with which he transferred his affections were admirable. Betty Hamer as Elizabeth Bennet made every point tell and many of our young players would do well to note the effects which she knows how to obtain by modulation of the voice, by variation of pace and pitch. Jean Elliott was appropriately fussy as the match making Mrs. Bennet and did well on her first appearance as did Joan Speed whose performance as Lady Catherine de Bourgh was a surprise to many. She was probably wise to make her Lady Catherine cold and contemptuous rather than arrogant and overbearing. Yvonne Winter had little to do but made a quiet and dignified Jane. The play was charmingly costumed by Miss Milroy herself and we are indebted to Mrs. Singleton and Mrs. Elliott for the use of Furniture, including the couch which some years ago made its appearance in "The Rivals". It just had to be that couch!

The Dramatic Society gave Harold Brighouse's fantasy "The Prince who was a Piper" produced by Mr. Hilditch. Many were the problems which had to be solved. The prince had to be taught to pipe, and Miss Robinson performed wonders here in a very short time (and provided the pipe as well) though even up to the very last Thistlethwaite was very loth to make use of his newly acquired skill. In the end he acquitted himself quite well and gave us the whole of the tuneful little repertoire that had been arranged for him. Miss Bartlett, after many hours rehearsal and experiment, succeeded in arranging country dances for the chorus of peasant boys and girls which could be managed on our stage and by our chorus. For we had determined that all members of the Society should be in this show if they never appeared in another. And if this was not the most polished performance we have given, for we found rehearsal more difficult, none was more thoroughly enjoyed by the performers. And may we add that no cast ever gave less trouble behind the scenes.

The story is of a prince who disguises himself as a strolling piper (except for his tell-tale gold shoes) in order to see the princess he is to marry, while she poses as a statue in order to see him. It is strange that this charming little play is not better known for it is very suitable for open air performances.

Thistlethwaite as the Prince had a difficult role and he did well, especially on the second day when he let himself go. Muriel Holding was a dainty Princess Maie, at her most effective



in coaxing and bullying the Chancellor, her governess and her maid, less convincing in the final scene with Denis. Anderton as Jégu the Lord Chancellor was the hit of the play on the Friday before the school; the outraged explosive pomposity of his "Don't be impertinent" could not have been bettered. Unfortunately on the Saturday he was not at all well and his timing was less effective. Margaret Hunt (Lizina) made Jégu an admirable foil. Hoey as the King, in his last part at school, put all he knew into it as he always has. Jean Marland (Hélène) and Olwen Bretherton (Marzinne) were the season's discoveries, although Jean has had small parts before. They played with genuine feeling and we hope to see more of their work. Meredith (who has now alas! left school) played the sentry who was as entertaining as his Demon Barber in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle". Holme (Bernéz the Prince's equerry) and Barbara Haigh (Téphany, Maie's maid) did all they had to, which was to look pleasing and be agreeable. Edith Neville, Kathleen Wood and Hilda Sage showed promise in small parts. Thanks to Miss Whewell's costumes the production was always colourful and the closing scene was particularly effective.

Mr. Bennison stage-managed both plays with his customary efficiency and speed, and Mr. Fisher, though he did not have much chance to show what our new lighting can really do, saw as usual that nothing went wrong. Mr. Hewartson once again saw to the stage construction.

The two dances by Jean Beal and Margaret Fidler of Ia were a new departure for us and were very much enjoyed. We are indebted to Miss Rahill for her patience in rehearsing them and acting as accompanist throughout. Of the part songs, "Now is the month of maying" by Morley and "Pastoral" by Holst, it may be said that many were disappointed that Miss Robinson and her group did not give us more. We shall know better next time.

Finally let us once again thank the parents who so willingly provided the costumes. A distinguished visitor recently asked us where we hired them. But we suspect that to many of our players half the fun of being in a play is having the costume made.

C.S.H.

## National Savings Group

Up to the time of writing, the School National Savings Group has collected a total of £1101/5/6, representing approximately 1468 National Savings Certificates costing 15/- each. This is a very satisfactory achievement.

Our School Total Thermometer in the Entrance Hall can register £1200. We hope to pass the total, and thus start a new "Thermometer" before the end of the present term.

We would like to see all members become regular contributors, and bring in their savings each week. At present a number of members are only occasional contributors.

Membership of the School Savings Group is not confined to pupils. Any member may bring contributions for relatives and friends.

F.P.

## "THE PRINCE WHO WAS A PIPER"



Hélène.  
(Jean Marland)

Prince Denis.  
(C. Thistlethwaite)

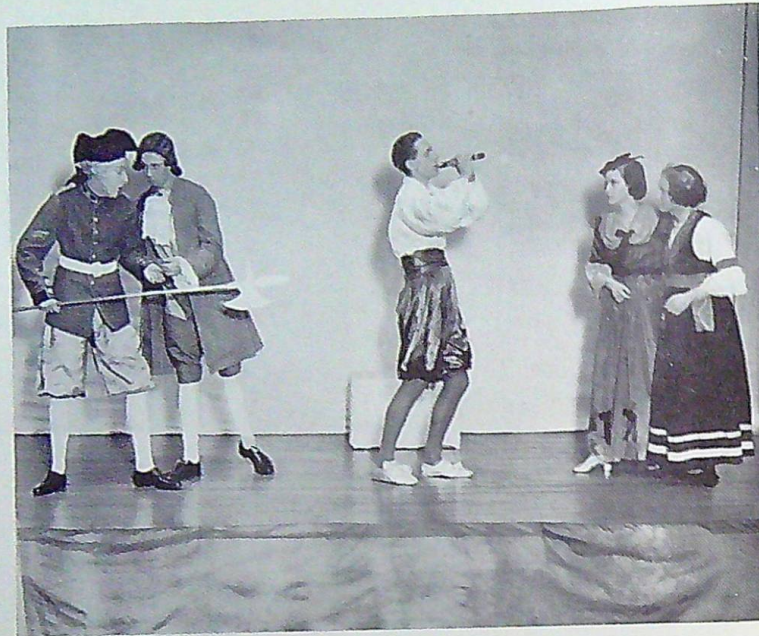
The King.  
(C. Hoey)

Princess Maie.  
(Muriel Holding)

Bernéz.  
(R. Holme)



## "THE PRINCE WHO WAS A PIPER"



Denis : "Wait ! Wait ! My Music is Magical !"

Sentry. Bernéz. Denis. Hélène. Marzinne.  
(J. Meredith) (R. Holme) (C. Thistlethwaite) (Jean Marland) (Olwen Bretherton)



Jegu : "This may be a snare, sire."

Lizina Bernéz Jégú King  
(Margaret Hunt) (C. Holme) (N. Anderton) (C. Hoey)  
Sentry Denis Valet  
(J. Meredith) (C. Thistlethwaite) (P. Webster)

## The Musical Society

Our symphonic revelries this term were cut off in their prime. Bach and Ballet yielded to the demands of Ball Games and the Black-out.

Of the records heard during the Term we select the popular one from Verdi's "Rigoletto" entitled "La Donna e mobile," or, as I know it, "Woman is Fickle." There were also one or two records of "Carmen", and we devoted a whole afternoon to Delibes, selecting two of his Ballet Suites: "Coppelia" and "Sylvia."

There was Handel's "Water Music," composed to appease the wrath of George I who, to Handel's discomfiture, became King of England and who was King of Hanover when Handel left Germany to take up residence in England. "The Water Music" was played on the river in a boat following His Majesty's.

Other items included Tschaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas Overture," and Schubert's "Rosamunde Overture"

B.L.W.

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## The French Society

Activity in the French Society has continued on the same lines as before, our aim being to set up as a French puppet theatre. After much experimenting with bent wire, papier mâché, paint and various odds and ends we were able, under Miss Whewell's guidance, to evolve a method of making puppets of our own. This was already giving good results when, owing to the wartime situation, the Society had to come to an end.

K.R.

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## The Reference Library

This term the library has had to suffer grievous loss, for the departure of Mr. Downer and Anderton has robbed us of two people whose interest, patience and thorough knowledge of the library system contributed so much to its smooth running.

Our task was enlivened by the fact that it was possible to order an excellent consignment of new books—the first since the war began. These are now in use in the library.

The strict observance of rules would greatly help the librarians in their new work. In a library catalogued on the Dewey system a book misplaced is a book lost, and we therefore ask borrowers to leave the books they return on the tables, and not to attempt to replace them on the shelves. We should also be grateful if people would not leave personal property strewn about the library, and would help in keeping it tidy.

K.R.



## Gardening Society

We have spent most of our time this term harvesting the fruits of our labour during the earlier part of the year. Considering the scanty preparations we were able to give the ground, the crops did quite well. We were especially proud of our marrows which yielded a total weight of nearly 400 lbs. Unfortunately marrow seems to be an acquired taste and most of the pupils were more interested in watching their rapid growth than in their appearance at dinner. We also supplied the school with potatoes, lettuce, onions, cabbages and brussel sprouts.

We are now "digging for victory" The importance of the work cannot be over-emphasised. It may not sound very interesting but it is very necessary and it is good exercise. Pushing a spade into the ground is a satisfying process and it gives one such an appetite that we are obliged to give extra helpings to gardeners at second dinner. Remember, too, that each thrust and blow of the spade which pulverises the soil is a thrust and blow that will help to pulverise Hitler! So we again ask for help from all pupils and wish, at the same time, to thank those who did much excellent pioneer work in the spring.

R.A.B.

## The Knitting Society

Since the inauguration of the Knitting Fund in February of this year, a total of £45 has been collected in weekly donations: some two hundred articles have been sent to depots or distributed among friends of the school, and many articles are at the moment being knitted. In addition two woollen blankets have been sent away; those at present being knitted are destined for our own shelters.

It gives me great pleasure to record how willingly and generously the School has contributed; while one or two Junior forms have broken all records for the *amount* they have brought, the steadier contributions have come from Forms IV, V and VI. The boys in these forms give their weekly penny without a murmur. I mention this particularly, since the boys of the Middle School seem to regard the whole affair as a concern of the girls only.

M.A.R.

## The Photographic Society

The older members of this society continue to make good progress in the developing of films and in making prints in "Gaslight" paper from the resulting negatives.

New members have been given special talks on the important subject of "Exposure", and in print making.



THE CAST.

"ELIZABETH REFUSES" and "THE PRINCE WHO WAS A PIPER"

"THE PRINCE WHO WAS A PIPER"



Prince Denis: "I could have sworn it moved!"

Princess Maie  
(Muriel Holding)Prince Denis.  
(C. Thistlethwaite)



Much interest was aroused by the demonstration of two methods of toning black and white prints. The Hypo-Alum process gives varied tones from sepia to a cold purplish brown. The Sulphide process gives a warm sepia, and is a very reliable method, provided the print has been carefully and thoroughly fixed and washed before toning.

Through the generosity of an old member we have many back numbers of several photographic papers. These still provide interesting reading, and the criticisms of photographs are especially helpful.

F.P.

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## The Elocution Society

When the society met once more this term we found that a few of our old members had deserted us. In spite of this, we have been very pleased to welcome many new members and to report a great increase in number. It is gratifying to see that interest in the society is not confined to the girls, and this term, for the first time, we have been joined by a number of junior boys.

The society meetings have been as varied as possible. So far, however, we have concentrated particularly upon exercises in speech training and have made good progress. In addition to this, members have taken part in story and poetry reading and recitations. We have been fortunate in being able to borrow some very fine records made by John Gielgud and Edith Evans, which were both instructive and enjoyable.

Although not lacking in keenness, most members have still much shyness to overcome, especially the seniors, and we hope that more self-confidence will be shown in future.

J.E.

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## The Needlework Society

The introduction of this Society proved very popular among the girls, and each Friday during the second half year of its continuance saw the Domestic Science room packed with enthusiastic members.

The work done during the past year varied greatly and included dressmaking, tapestry work, felt work, knitting and many kinds of embroidery. Several attractive Christmas presents were made during the first term.

The Society also made blankets from the knitted squares collected in the School. These were at first sent to the Army hospitals, but are now being made for use in the School shelters during the Winter months.

All members hope that the Needlework Society will recontinue in the near future.

B.S.



## The Choir

We have the pleasure, this term, of welcoming many new juniors to the choir, and of extending an invitation to any others who would like to join, but have not yet done so. Several junior boys now swell our ranks and assert that some of their friends can also sing, but are too shy to have their voices tested, so, here again, we invite them to pluck up courage and come along.

Preparations are now speeding ahead for the carol service at the end of term. We hope to sing some new carols, which Miss Rahill has taught us, as well as many of the old favourites. At the end of the service, as last year, we hope to serve refreshments to everyone in the dining hall.

M.W.H.

## The Scientific Society

We began our second year in October minus a few of our senior members of the previous year. We received one or two new members this year to whom we give a warm welcome.

The first meeting this year was spent in a demonstration of glass blowing and bending by Mr. Lomax. We were shown correct and incorrect bending of glass tubing. The second meeting was spent in glass blowing and bending again, but this time it was the members of the society who did the operations. Some members made various types of bends while others blew glass bubbles. Some also made glass sensitive flame tubes.

On our third Friday Mr. Lomax gave a talk on "The Weathering and Formation of Rocks." In this Lecture Mr. Lomax explained how various queer shapes were formed in rocks by weathering in the past centuries.

Our last meeting was spent by the members in reading various scientific books from the School Library and from Mr. Lomax to whom we offer our thanks for the loan of the books.

C.M.

## The Art and Craft Society

The members have created some very interesting and attractive specimens in painted wood and soft pewter.

Lamp shade making in painted parchment has proved a popular craft with both boys and girls.

Felt work, leather slippers, glove making and cane work have all claimed the attention of members.

K.W.

## The Dancing Society

In the summer term the Dancing Society enjoyed Ballroom Dancing, but during the hot weather we changed to Folk Dancing which we had put in the grounds.

This term we welcomed a number of fresh members and began a new type of dance — National Dancing. We all enjoyed this very much, and were greatly helped by Doreen Bradley, our pianist.

M.K.B.

## The Model Engineering Society

One of the greatest drawbacks from which the Model Engineering Society has always suffered is caused by the large number of its members. It is a difficult task to find an occupation for everyone of our budding engineers! The model railway track still attracts the largest number of members; employment at least is never lacking!

Many members have taken up Model Aircraft Construction as a hobby, and the Society provides them with a useful opportunity to air their views upon the subject. A knowledge of the appearance of various types of aircraft is particularly useful in war-time; some Model Aircraft Clubs even provide scale models to local A.R.P. centres for use in the training of "Jim Crows" and Aircraft Recognition Squads.

Towards the end of this term a system of lectures on engineering subjects was inaugurated by Vessey, who gave an interesting talk on the subject of the Lee-Enfield Rifle. Such a system proved very useful in view of the crowded nature of the Society, and will probably be reverted to in any future meetings.

T.E.H.

## The Greenhouse

Lately we have been planting bulbs in the Greenhouse, and are expecting a fine show of Spring flowers next term.

At the moment the orchid plant is showing signs of further bloom. Also the aurelia moseri plant, which is similar to the eucalyptus, has flowered for the first time. The chrysanthemums, double yellow and single pink ones, are now in bloom.

We have been given a cactus and a Japanese lantern plant, which along with the vine and other foreign plants, are now thriving well.

It was very pleasing to see the marrow plants, which were grown in the greenhouse, bear such large fruit, and still more pleasing to see the marrows appear on the school dinner-table.

The goldfish have not yet been rationed in their food stuffs, and in spite of the war, continue to exist. Perhaps one day they too might have the honour of appearing on the school dinner-table, and we, the pleasure (?) of eating them!

B.Y.S.



## The Geographical Society

A large number of members entered the Geographical Society this year. They were mainly from the lower forms, but they were very keen. One of the young members, Hill, gave a talk on "Industries," and Betty Speed gave one on "Madeira," illustrating them with photographs. At other times members amused themselves with geographical card games and jig-saw puzzles.

A.M.

## CRICKET, 1940

*Captain* : Sutton, H.

To one who is writing these notes on a cold and wet November day, it seems a long time since we played cricket, since we sat on the gym. steps in the Summer, watching the play, listening to the sounds of cricket, and talking about the game with the sun warm on our faces. Those of us who coach were pleased to see a better style in batting. The 1st XI had a very good season largely due to steady batting. A sound technique is not readily acquired, and at first the results may not seem to justify the struggle after a straight bat, left elbow well up and head over the ball. But it pays and will serve you well to the end—it will enable you to get runs when your eye is beginning to go, when something gets in the way as you bend and when the ground seems further away than it once did.

League cricket was again full of noisy enthusiasm and tense and exciting finishes. The house captains and XI members deserve credit for the instruction and encouragement they have given in the house practices, which are now much more efficiently carried out than they used to be. Many of these younger boys have cricket in them, and we look forward to seeing it grow and flourish.

### CHARACTERS OF THE 1ST XI.

*Sutton* (Captain).—A keen and conscientious captain. A sound, stubborn bat, he made a lot of runs and was always difficult to get out. His left arm bowling was always useful, and on a sticky wicket, deadly.

*Eckton*.—Kept wicket well. His batting is neat and correct and he played some good innings.

*Lloyd*.—Always bowled steadily. He had his inspired moments when he bowled with real fire and hostility.

*Sefton*.—Hits the ball hard and will get many runs. Despite a naturally confident and at times over-optimistic attitude towards the bowling, he played some sound and valuable innings.

*Farrington*.—A useful bat and bowler with a deliberate style. Although lacking in rhythm he bowled well and fielded splendidly.

*McKittrick*.—A born cricketer whose batting and bowling have a natural rhythm and elegance.

*Porter*.—Has an attractive batting style — he plays some very nice shots. When he makes up his mind always to get his foot to the pitch of the ball, he will prevent a premature end of many promising innings.

*Pickburn*.—A good fielder who had many useful knocks with the bat.

*Molyneux*.—A useful bat — he will get runs when he overcomes his lackadaisical style.

*Marsden*.—A useful change bowler who also fielded well.

*Rosbotham*.—Showed promise as a bowler.

*Bond*.—A late discovery. A medium paced bowler who turned the ball a little, bowled a good length and always needed watching. He will get many wickets.

*Tonge*.—A natural cricketer. Watches the ball right on to the bat which explains much of his success. A useful bowler and a safe fielder. I hope and believe he won't be spoilt by overconfidence. R.A.B.

**Saturday, May 25th. School 1st XI v. Preston Catholic College 1st XI. Home. Drawn.**

Although the sky was cloudy the rain did not interfere with the match until near the end. After a short delay the School opened on a dead wicket. Runs came frequently and the School reached 27 before the first wicket fell. The School total rose rapidly, Sefton especially distinguishing himself with a bright 32 which consisted of many boundaries. Sutton's scoring was steady throughout and assisted by a well-deserved 20 by Pickburn the School's total was carried to 154 before they declared. The College opened confidently, but they had some narrow escapes. In the end the weather saved the situation for them.

*Result*: School, 154 (for 4 wickets); Preston Catholic College 69 (for 6 wickets).

**Saturday, June 1st. School 1st XI v. Rivington G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.**

Rivington having won the toss decided to put the School in. Sutton did not last long and Eckton had the misfortune to be run out when the School's total was rising smoothly. However, the remainder of the School's batsmen batted with confidence, and the score was taken to 170 for 9 before the School declared. McKittrick's 62 was a very outstanding feat.

Rivington began their innings against the School's rather formidable total. After Rivington's opening pair had been separated, the School were able to dismiss the batsmen at one end only; Brindle at the other end could not be moved. Through perseverance, however the School attained a good victory with only three minutes to spare. Sutton took 5 for 27.

*Result*: School, 170 (for 9 wickets declared); Rivington, 120.



**Wednesday, June 5th. School 1st XI v. A Merchant Taylors' XI. Away. Won.**

The School were favoured with ideal weather for cricket. They opened their innings rather shakily and Eckton had once more the ill-luck to be run out after a promising start. Merchant Taylors' bowling was then steadily attacked by Farrington and Sefton, and with the aid of Porter's stylish innings of 26, the conflict was turned in our favour. The School declared shortly after tea leaving Merchant Taylors' about one and a half hours to bat. The scoring was slow and after Farrington had gained a quick wicket the remainder of their batsmen quickly fell to the deadly bowling of Lloyd. Lloyd took 7 wickets for 6 runs. The match was thus won with only a few minutes to spare.

*Result:* School, 92 (for 9 wickets declared); Merchant Taylors, 28.

**Saturday, June 8th. School 1st XI v. Preston Catholic College 1st XI. Away. Won.**

We began our return match against our keen rivals in glorious weather. The College having won the toss decided to bat. The School started well, dismissing four of the College batsmen for only 16 runs but soon afterwards the School lost their grip. The College captain and Sudell attacked the School bowling fiercely and the pair put on 53 before they were separated. Lloyd then dealt with the other batsmen. The School started very dramatically Eckton being dismissed in the opening over, but Farrington and Sutton took command and 30 runs were amassed before Sutton was run out. The remaining School batsmen then did the rest, neatly passing the College total with 2 wickets in hand.

*Result:* School, 98; Preston Catholic College, 95.

**Wednesday, June 12th. School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI. Home. Drawn.**

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather the start was eagerly awaited. After the School's opening pair had made a stand of 33, Farrington then assisted Sutton with 21. Pickburn made a neat 20, and Lloyd was once more on the top of his form, hitting five fours in his 26. Kirkham started badly losing a wicket in the first over, and Farrington soon took the situation in hand. However a stubborn eighth wicket stand enabled Kirkham to play out time with only one wicket to fall.

*Result:* School, 146 (for 7 wickets declared); Kirkham G.S. 73 (for 9 wickets).

**Saturday, July 6th. School 1st XI v. Kirkham G.S. 1st XI. Away. Lost.**

Much to everyone's surprise and dismay the School were decisively beaten in their return match at Kirkham. Although the sky was cloudy rain did not interfere with the match at all. Kirkham batted first and the score was taken to 75 before the first two were parted. The School made a few errors in the field which proved to be fatal. Kirkham finally declared at 148 for the loss of 9 wickets.

The School were soon in difficulties, and only Eckton could withstand the Kirkham attack. The School faded out with only 54 runs on the board.

*Result:* School, 54; Kirkham G.S., 148 (for 9 wickets declared).

**Saturday, July 13th. School 1st XI v. Urmston G. S. 1st XI. Home. Won.**

Although the sky looked dull before the match, Urmston started their batting in glorious sunshine. The School showed their superiority right from the start. Lloyd and Farrington ably dealt with the Urmston batsmen whose final total was 29. The School passed the Urmston total with 10 wickets standing.

*Result:* School, 161; Urmston G.S., 29.

**Saturday, July 20th. School 1st XI v. Urmston G. S. 1st XI. Away. Drawn.**

Our return match with Urmston took place in showery weather. The School did not expect Urmston to put up such a strong resistance but they shocked us by knocking up 116. The School took the field first. Urmston lost a wicket before they had 10 runs on the board, but the School found a difficulty in breaking a second wicket stand which took the Urmston total past 50. Although their total stood at 100 for 3, their 'tail-end' collapsed and they were all out for 116. Lloyd was the most successful bowler.

The School steadily attacked the Urmston bowling with only just over an hour left to bat, but although they fought hard the match was finally drawn.

*Result:* School, 89 (for 6 wickets); Urmston G.S., 116.

**Wednesday, July 24th. School 1st XI v. Staff XI. Home. Won.**

This year the School achieved a crushing victory over the Staff. The School opened their innings on a rather slow wicket, and the loss of early wickets made the situation look a bit black. The balance later swung in our favour, the School 'tail-end' wagging admirably and with the addition of Sutton's 70 the School's innings closed at 141.

Matters did not progress very well for the Staff, who lost 2 quick wickets with only 5 runs scored. The School showed their supremacy in removing Mr. Bennison, the Staff's main hope and although the Staff made futile attempts to get the better of the bowling they were all out for 70.

*Result:* School, 141; Staff, 70.



## SCHOOL 1st XI AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1940.

## BATTING

Name	No of Innings	Times Not out	Runs	Most in Innings	Average
Sutton.....	9	1	262	74	32.8
Eckton.....	9	0	123	50	13.7
Porter.....	9	2	93	26	13.3
Farrington.....	9	0	117	21	13
McKittrick.....	8	1	88	62	12.6
Sefton.....	9	0	107	32	11.9
Lloyd.....	7	2	57	26	11.4
Fisher.....	3	2	11	5*	11
Pickburn.....	9	1	72	20*	9
Marsden.....	5	2	26	12	8.7
Molyneux.....	8	1	29	10	4.1
Rosbotham.....	3	0	10	7	3.3

\* Not Out.

## BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Lloyd.....	76.1	14	196	28	7
Farrington.....	82.1	16	197	28	7.04
Sutton.....	58.2	19	155	15	10.3
Fisher.....	20	2	75	3	25
Marsden.....	19	2	59	2	29.5

Results of other School Matches were :—

Wed., June 12th. School 2nd XI v Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI. Away. Lost.

Result : School 2nd XI, 98 runs (for 8 wkts.).

Kirkham G.S. 2nd XI, 154 runs (for 4 wkts. declared).

Sat. July 6th. School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI. Home. Lost.

Result : School 2nd XI, 98 runs.

Kirkham G.S. 2nd XI, 112 runs.

Sat., May 25th. School Colts XI v. Preston Cath. College Colts. Away. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 87 runs (for 8 wickets, declared).

Preston Catholic College Colts XI, 20 runs.

Sat., June 1st. School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI. Away. Draw.

Results : School Colts XI, 56 runs (for 4 wickets).

Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI, 95 runs (for 5 wickets, declared).

Sat., June 8th. School Colts XI v. Preston Catholic College Colts XI. Home. Won.

Results : School Colts XI, 77 runs.

Preston Catholic College Colts XI, 39 runs.

Sat., July 13th. School Colts XI v. Urmston G. S. Colts XI. Home. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 85 runs (for 7 wickets)).

Urmston G. S. Colts XI, 12 runs.

Sat., July 20th. School Colts XI v. Urmston G. S. Colts XI. Away. Won.

Result : School Colts XI, 87 runs.

Urmston G. S. Colts XI, 13 runs.

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI.....	9	5	3	1
2nd XI.....	2	0	1	1
Colts XI.....	5	4	1	0

## CRICKET KNOCK OUTS.

Much enthusiasm and rivalry was shown in the Cricket Knock-outs this year. Clayton proved to be stronger than Worden, although Worden put up a gallant fight against heavy odds. In the other match Cuerden defeated Farrington in an exciting game.

## THE FINAL.

In the first innings Cuerden hit up 59 runs, chiefly owing to weak bowling on the part of Clayton. Clayton replied with 123. Sefton displayed some big hitting in his 70 and Thistlethwaite assisted him with a noteworthy 26. In their second innings Cuerden put up little resistance, and thus they were easily conquered by Clayton. Sutton took 5 for 11.



## CRICKET LEAGUE TABLE, 1940.

House	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Cuerden.....	6	4	0	2	10
Farington.....	6	3	2	1	7
Clayton.....	6	1	3	2	4
Worden.....	6	1	4	1	3

Shield Winners :—Cuerden.

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## ROUNDERS, 1940

We were very lucky to have practically all of the 1st and Junior team players from last year available this season. The batting was fairly good, and the fielding was excellent. Both teams have met with considerable success.

*Bowler* :—*E. Wilson*.—Her first season as a bowler has been very successful. Her balls are swift and her fielding alert and quick.

*Backstop* :—*B. Sharples*.—A very safe backstop. Throws accurately to 1st base and manages 4th base well.

*1st Base* :—*D. Topping*.—Combines very well with Backstop and 3rd Base.

*2nd Base* :—*B. Haigh*.—Fielding is very safe and batting good. Can place the ball well.

*3rd Base* :—*A. Glover*.—Bats well and combines well with 1st Base. Fields balls thrown in from the deep very successfully.

*1st Deep* :—*J. Marland*.—Bats quite well, fields well and throws in accurately.

*2nd Deep* :—*N. Ryding*.—A very good deep-fielder. Has been a very competent captain.

*3rd Deep* :—*B. Lee*.—A strong batter. Fields and throws in well.

*4th Deep* :—*P. Howson*.—Quite a safe fielder — throws in well.

M.K.B.

April 27th. School 1st IX v. Hindley G. S. 1st IX. (Home). Won.

At the beginning of this match our team made a flashing start and in the first innings proved itself superior to the opposing team. Our opponents seldom succeeded in hitting out, and when they did our deeps fielded and backed up well. The combination between bases and backstop was good on the whole.



SCHOOL 1st VI TENNIS, 1940.

Back row : A. Glover ; A. Bradley ; E. Wilson ; B. Sharples.  
Front row : D. Topping ; Miss Bartlett ; B. Haigh.  
Played 7 ; Won 3 ; Drawn 2 ; Lost 2.



SCHOOL 1st IX ROUNDERS, 1940.

Back row : (left to right) : J. Marland ; P. Howson ; B. Sharples ; B. Lee ; A. Glover.  
Front row : (left to right) : D. Topping ; M. E. Ryding ; Miss Bartlett ; B. Haigh ; E. Wilson.  
Played 5 ; Won 3 ; Drawn 0 ; Lost 2.





SCHOOL 1st XI CRICKET, 1940.

Back row : (left to right) : Mr. Bennison ; Porter ; Molyneux ;  
Rosbotham ; Sefton ; Marsden ; C. ; Thistlethwaite.

Front row : (left to right) : Lloyd ; Pickburn ; Eckton ; Sutton ;  
Farrington ; McKittrick.

Played 9 ; Won 5 ; Drawn 3 ; Lost 1.



SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1939-40.

Back row : Pickburn ; Haworth ; Hope ; Martindale ; Farrington ;  
Sutton.

Front row : M. Andrew ; W. Carr ; J. Shepherd ; P. Sagar ; C. Marshall ;  
M. E. Ryding.

The School team's batting was by no means exceptional, but almost every ball hit past the posts gained us a rounder.

*Result* : School, 13 ; Hindley Grammar School, 1½.

**June 1st. School 1st IX v. Ormskirk Grammar School 1st IX. (Away). Won.**

We played this match under very unfavourable conditions; the grass was wet and the bases muddy. In spite of these drawbacks, the game was very even. Neither team scored many hard hits, and most of the rounders were due to overthrowing by the fielders. The deeps got little work to do on the field, but the backstop and bases were always on the alert for short hits.

*Result* : School, 4 ; Ormskirk Grammar School, 3.

**June 8th. School 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st IX. (Away). Lost.**

In this match two of our best batters were missing, and so we had a hard struggle to reach anywhere near the score of our opponents. The opposing deeps were exceptionally quick in fielding and accurate in throwing in. Our fielding was hardly a match for the excellent batting of the Ashton team. The backstop and first base did good work, but the deeps were rather afraid of fielding out.

*Result* : School, 6 ; Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School, 10.

**June 29th. School 1st IX v. Chorley Grammar School 1st IX. (Home). Won.**

The School team had the upper hand all through this game. Nevertheless our fielding was rather slow, but the opponents' batting and running were equally lacking in sting. The School's batting was quite good, but we often took too great a risk in trying to score off a comparatively short hit. The match resulted in an easy victory for the School team.

*Result* : School, 8 ; Chorley Grammar School, 0.

**July 6th. School 1st IX v. Upholland Grammar School 1st IX. (Away). Lost.**

This was undoubtedly the best and most exciting match of the season. Our opponents were in good form, but we were able to give them a hard game. They batted well out, but our deeps fielded well, and were supported by reliable bases. Our batting was also good, but it took all our skill and energy to come within half a rounder of Upholland's score.

*Result* : School, 9 ; Upholland Grammar School, 9½.

**April 27th. School Junior IX v. Hindley G. S. Junior IX. (Home). Won.**

In this match the School Juniors managed to win, but there was little difference in the merits of the two teams. Our team batted very well, hitting out and running hard, but their



fielding was a little fumbling; they made attempts at covering but were often too late. The opposing team showed no exceptional batting skill, while their fielding was generally good.

*Result* : School Junior IX,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; Hindley G. S. Junior IX,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ .

**June 8th. School Junior IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield Junior IX. (Away). Drawn.**

The School Juniors played up against Ashton very well. It was no easy matter for them to score a draw, but they batted doggedly bringing up the rounders by occasional halves. The opposing team were very quick fielders.

*Result* : School Junior IX,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ; Ashton G. S. Junior IX,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ .

**June 29th. School Junior IX v. Chorley G. S. Junior IX. (Home). Won.**

Our Juniors had no great difficulty in winning by a big margin. Their fielding on the whole was good. The deeps covered well and threw in accurately, and the backstop and bases combined well. Their batting, though not outstanding, was quite effective. The opposing team were very slow fielders, and their batting was ineffective in the face of good fielding.

*Result* : School Junior IX,  $20\frac{1}{2}$ ; Chorley G. S. Juniors IX, 3.

**July 6th. School Junior IX v. Upholland G. S. Junior IX (Away). Won.**

In spite of their victory the School Juniors found it no easy task. The opponents' batting was weak, but their fielding was quite good. The deeps covered and caught well, but the bases were inclined to overthrow. Our team batted exceptionally well, but fielding was hardly up to standard: the deeps did not combine or throw in as well as usual, but there was little inaccurate throwing by the bases and backstop.

*Result* : School Junior IX,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ; Upholland G. S. Junior IX, 2.

**July 13th. School Junior IX v. Upholland G. S. Junior IX. (Away). Won.**

This match was played under very favourable conditions and the School team played very well from the beginning. The combination between the first base and backstop was very good, and at the end of the first innings the School were winning by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  rounders to none.

In the second innings, however, the opposing team batted well but we succeeded in beating them by  $15\frac{1}{2}$  rounders to 3.

*Result* : School Junior IX,  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ; Upholland G. S. Junior IX, 3.

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
Ist IX.....	5	3	0	2
Junior IX.....	5	4	1	0

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## ROUNDERS LEAGUES TABLE, 1940

<i>House</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>Pts.</i>
Farington.....	6	5	1	0	11
Clayton.....	6	3	1	2	7
Cuerden.....	6	2	1	3	5
Worden.....	6	0	1	5	1

Shield Winners : Farington.

## TENNIS, 1940

Only one player was left from last year's 1st Tennis Team, and it was a difficult job to fill the other vacancies, as so many players seemed much of the same standard. However, after much practice and changing round of couples, the team began to take shape.

The back-line strokes were good, but the players needed a great deal of practice in volleying, positioning, and placing the ball. As the season progressed, they developed their game very well and became an exceptionally good team.

## TEAM CRITICISMS.

*Ist Couple. B. Haigh.*—A very steady player. Has played well in all the matches. Good forehand, backhand, and volley. Should come up to net more often as her winning shots from here are good.

*A. Glover.*—Plays a good game. Forehand drive and volley good.

The first couple has the distinction of having won every set in each match, except the one against the 1st couple of the Old Girls.

*2nd. Couple. D. Topping.*—Has a good strong forehand-drive. Places the ball exceedingly well. Has been a good captain.



*B. Sharples.*—Volleys very well, but forehand and backhand drives need more control. Quick on her feet.

*3rd Couple. E. Wilson.*—Has the makings of a very good player. Strokes need more control. Very quick on her feet.

*A. Bradley.*—Also promising. Drives need more control. Makes good winning shots.

#### SCHOOL MATCHES.

**May 8th. School 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield-G.S. 1st VI (Home) Lost.**

This being the first match of the season, most of the team lacked confidence at the beginning of the match. However, they succeeded in 'playing themselves in' and put up a very good fight, being beaten by only five games.

*Result :* School 47 games; Ashton G.S. 52 games.

**May 23rd. School 1st VI v. Old Girls' 1st VI (Home).**

The School team was determined to put up a good show against the Old Girls this year. We began very well and were just holding the lead when the match had to be abandoned owing to rain.

**May 29th. School 1st VI v. Old Girls' 1st VI. (Home). Lost.**

The School team faced a rather stronger Old Girls' team this week. Our team played very well, particularly the first couple who were congratulated on their good play by the Old Girls. The match was really exciting as the result depended on the last game, which, unfortunately, we lost. There was a large number of spectators.

*Result :* School 49 Games; Old Girls 50 Games.

**June 5th. School 1st VI v. Rivington G.S. 1st VI. (Away). Won.**

By now, the team was much more confident, and the couples were playing well together. It was intensely hot—certainly not ideal weather for tennis—but the heat seemed to affect us less than our opponents. Our net play was good, and points were finished off successfully in this way.

*Result :* School 55 games; Rivington G.S. 44 games.

**June 12th. School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI. (Home). Won.**

The weather looked very doubtful when we started playing, and it seemed likely that, as in the last two years, we should have to abandon the match. However, the rain held off, and we had a very enjoyable match. The standard of tennis was good, and the teams were well matched. We won by good positioning and placing of the ball.

*Result :* School 57 games; Park School 42 games.

**June 15th. School 1st VI v. Rivington G.S. 1st VI. (Home). Drawn.**

This was an unsatisfactory match, as the visiting team had to leave early before it was finished. We were leading by four games and were feeling quite confident of the result.

*Result :* School 40 games; Rivington G.S. 36 games.

**July 13th. School 1st VI. v Upholland G.S. 1st VI. (Home). Won.**

In this last match of the season, each player proved that she had learnt to combine with her partner, and to make winning shots in an attacking type of game. The result was that we had an easy victory.

*Result :* School 71 games; Upholland G.S. 28 games.

#### RESULT OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
Ist VI.....	7	3	2	2

#### TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS.

We congratulate Clayton House on winning the Tennis Knock Out.

#### TENNIS LEAGUES TABLE, 1940.

<i>House</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>No. of Pts.</i>
Farington.....	6	6	0	12
Clayton.....	6	4	2	8
Cuerden.....	6	2	4	4
Worden.....	6	0	6	0

Shield winners : Farington.

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## HOUSE NOTES CLAYTON HOUSE

*House Master :* Mr. A. J. Bull.

*House Mistress :* Miss F. W. Royle.

*House Captains :* Hope, T. E. (Boys) ; B. Hamer (Girls).

Once more in the round of the year we find ourselves in the Autumn Term. Since the last publication of "*The Balshavian*" most of our members have travelled higher up the



school and several new members have arrived. We welcome all new members of the House and renew our exhortations to the older members to do their utmost to improve the state of House affairs.

The annual sports were held last term. We were glad to see the increased enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the House, and it is our sincere hope that this enthusiasm will not diminish in the future. We congratulate all members of the House who were successful in the sports, especially our record-breaking 'miler'. However, despite our valiant efforts we were unable to recapture the Sports' cups. Maybe we shall have better luck next time.

As far as cricket is concerned, Clayton walked away with the Knock-outs. After an easy victory over Worden in the first round, we met Cuerden in the final. We expected a very hard struggle, but we were surprised at the ease with which Cuerden were overwhelmed.

In the Cricket Leagues the boys were unlucky. However, they managed to secure second place in the table for the second year in succession.

The girls added to Clayton's successes in the Summer by winning the Tennis Knock-outs. Incidentally, two of the House members won the School Tennis Tournament.

Rugger is now in full swing and up-to-date Clayton have only sustained one defeat in the League. Good, boys! — keep at it!

There are prospects of victory in the Rugger Knock-outs and doubtless the girls will support the House by gaining a victory over their rivals in hockey.

We must confess, however, that any visitor to the House room is struck by the absence of shields and cups. Surely this can be remedied!

Again it is our painful duty to point out that Clayton are still at the foot of the Merit Order. We cannot allow this to go on! There can be two explanations of our position; either the members of Clayton House are entirely without brains or they are slacking. The first is certainly not the explanation, therefore it must be second. With a little effort surely we can manage at least a place above the last!

Finally we must remember our House Captain, Betty Hamer, who has just undergone an operation; we send her our best wishes and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

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## CUERDEN HOUSE

*House Master* : Mr. C. S. Hilditch.

*House Mistress* : Miss K. Whewell.

*House Captains* : Lloyd, H. (Boys); A. Lee (Girls).

Winter is now upon us, a Winter that promises to be as cold, dark and wet as the last. Our Summer holidays have faded into the dim past, and we must settle down to work.

Last season failed to see us heading the Merit Order, but we hope that the Christmas Examinations will leave us occupying again the proud position we held for three years, for which, incidentally, we received the replica of the trophy for Order of Merit.

Our hearty congratulations go to all those who were successful in public examinations and those who have entered Training Colleges and Universities. The girls, especially, will miss Joan Shepherd whose inexhaustible interest in all House affairs made her such a fine leader. For four years in succession, 1936-39 inclusive, she was the *Victrix Ludorum* at the Annual Sports. We hope she will be as successful in her new life at London University.

We welcome all newcomers to the House and hope that they will spare no effort, either physically or mentally, in upholding the tradition of the House.

On Sports Day, Farington were first by a large margin of points, but we proved an easy second. Perhaps we will beat this next time. Of late, the boys seem to have had more success than the girls in games. They won the Cricket Leagues easily, but were beaten by Clayton in the finals of the Knock-outs, while the girls were defeated after a hard struggle in Rounders and Tennis. Better luck next time!

House parties seem to be a thing of the past, although this does not necessarily mean the collapse of our social life. Since it appears we are to spend most of the Winter in shelters, it is in this direction that our social efforts must be concentrated. Many suggestions have already been made, but there is still room for more.

Now that the Winter is here, it brings with it new opportunities for distinguishing ourselves at Rugger and Hockey. Let us go to it!

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## FARINGTON HOUSE

*House Master* : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

*House Mistress* : Miss A. Milroy.

*House Captains* : Wilkinson, G. T. (Boys); R. Ratcliffe, (Girls).

Once again we must record the activities of Farington House. Since the last publication of 'The Balshavian', we have gained several successes upon the field of sport.

Our first great success was the capture of the Challenge Cup for Athletics. We also won the Inter-House Relay Cup, which coveted trophy we have not had in our possession for some time. Our thanks and congratulations go out to all those who participated in these magnificent victories. We must also congratulate Farrington, E., who became *Victor Ludorum*, and offer our condolences to Pickburn, R., who just failed to gain this honour for the third time.



After these early successes we naturally entered the Summer term with hearts which were beating high with expectations. Alas! for those self-same hopes. The mighty effort in the athletic sphere seemed to have begun a state of torpor amongst the boys. The Cricket Leagues and Knockout shields both eluded our covetous grasp. It was the girls who came to the rescue, and raised the name of Farington from the depths to which these failures caused it to sink. We offer our congratulations to the fair sex upon their great feat of winning both Rounders and Tennis Leagues, and also the Rounders Knock-outs, and also our humble apologies for any uncomplimentary remarks upon their powers that we might previously have made.

Our congratulations go out to all those who gained success in the Oxford School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations. It behoves the members of Farington to follow their example, and thus retain in our proud possession the Silver Griffin for scholastic merit.

We regret to record the loss of our House-Captains, Nellie Ryding and Ronald Pickburn, who have given us such a great lead in the past. We offer them our best wishes as they enter another stage in their careers.

Enough of the glorious past. Let us now look to the future. The House was considerably weakened in July when the great majority of our senior members left. We still retain some of our former strength, and so we look to the Winter with confidence. We welcome all new members, and exhort them to strain every muscle, both literally and figuratively, to keep the name of Farington in its present honourable position.

## WORDEN HOUSE

*House Master* : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill.

*House Captains* : Eckton, R. E. (Boys); C. M. Marshall (Girls).

Once more, the long sunny hours of Summer have vanished, and seem but a vision when we think of the cold wintry days we are having. However, we have begun a new school year, and must make it our resolution to see that it becomes one of the best that Worden has had.

The walls of our house-room look rather bare, especially when we think of past glories. But this should only prove a greater incentive to do better. During the past year, Wordenites have done their best, and we hope they will continue to do so. It is also to be hoped that the newcomers will live up to the tradition which has been built up in the past.

We must congratulate all members who have been successful in obtaining scholarships and certificates, and Brenda Sharples, who won the *Victrix Ludorum*. We hope that all Wordenites will follow their example, and try their best to win the Rugby football and

Hockey shields and cups, together with the Griffin for scholastic merit. Owing to the war, there are fewer social events than usual, but we hope that this will soon be changed.

During the past few years, Worden has not been very successful in gaining trophies, but there is great promise for the future in every sphere, and we hope that our expectations of new successes for the house will soon be realized.

## “NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

May 25th, 1940.—Lostock Hall Convalescent Hospital.—360 eggs.

June 27th, 1940.—Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.—£1/14/9.

July 6th, 1940.—Alexandra Rose Day.—£1/16/2.

November 1st, 1940.—St. John's Ambulance Collection.—£2/5/7.

November 16th, 1940.—Preston Infirmary County Linen League.—£1/10/-.

Since February, 1940.—Knitted Comforts Fund.—£45/-/-.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter has been received from an ex-member of the School Staff now serving in H. M. Forces :

23/11/40.

Dear Balshavian,

It is perhaps unfortunate that it should be raining heavily as I sit down to write a few words on Army life — one can't write with an unprejudiced mind after being marooned for several hours. But, on the whole, this military life has much in its favour: it would be absurd to say that there are no snags or discomforts at times, but it would be equally unfair to say that any slight disadvantages are not amply compensated. As evidence of this, one might point to the many veterans of the last war who lost no time in joining up again as soon as they had the opportunity. Likewise, of the newcomers, nearly all settle down very quickly and “mix in” — though I know of one unique exception, who approached his C.O. to discuss the possibilities of giving notice!

Three months ago I had only the vaguest ideas of the purpose served by the R.A.O.C. I can now confidently assert, without any professional boast, that we are, from certain aspects, the backbone of modern fighting. All wars depend on ammunition: we supply that, to say nothing of the guns and arms of all sorts to make that ammunition effective. But, besides this, we are now concerned with a war involving more mechanical transport than any before. We supply that too. What is more, all over the battlefield, either attached to the fighting



units, or moving about in the open field, are R.A.O.C. men, whose job is to keep all this mechanical transport in efficient working order. To cut the story short, our job is to supply the army with everything except food and petrol — *and* to see that everything we supply remains serviceable after issue.

The work is immensely varied and interesting, but that does not mean that it is a satisfactory exchange for the days spent in the classrooms of Balshaw's. I have felt many *yearning pangs* for that peaceful and friendly existence, and look forward with the keenest anticipation to the time when it can be resumed.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank *en masse* those many pupils who have given me the pleasure of a letter, and with it a refreshing whiff of the atmosphere of School life. I am always glad to hear from anyone who can find an opportunity to write.

*Salvete omnes!*

W.J.D.

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*"Non sibi sed aliis."*

Ainsworth, J.	R.A.F.	Farington	1929-34
Barrow, N.	R.A.	Cuerden	1928-34
Bentley, H.	R.A.F.	—	1929-30
Briggs, C. A.	Fleet Air Arm	Clayton	1926-34
Darnell, P. W.	R.A.	Farington	1929-37
Davies, R. T.	R.E.	Clayton	1932-33
Downie, J.	R.A.	Farington	1929-38
Duxbury, J.	R.A.	Farington	1930-36
Etherington, J.	R.N.	Farington	1926-32
Fishwick, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1928-35
Greenall, R.	R.A.	Worden	1931-36
Harrison, G.	R.N.	Clayton	1934-38
Haydock, J.	Yeomanry	Worden	1928-35
King, J.	R.N.	Clayton	1931-35
Lawton, F. H.	R.A.	Cuerden	1926-32
Parker, R.	R.A.	Farington	1927-32
Parker, L.	R.A.S.C.	Worden	1930-36
Parkinson, C.	R.A.F.	Farington	1933-37
Rimmer, A.	R.A.O.C.	Clayton	1929-36
Salthouse, F.	R.A.M.C.	Cuerden	1929-35
Shepherd, F. W.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1929-33
Shepherd, R.	R.A.	Cuerden	1929-32
Smith, S. E.	R.A.F.	Worden	1930-33
Sutton, R.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1931-37
Turner, Richard	R. A.	Worden	1931-39
Turner, Ronald	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-38
Wildman, R.	R. Signals	Cuerden	1926-31
Wilkinson, J. N.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Wilkinson, E. G.	R.A.F.	—	1920-28
Witter, W.	R.A.	Cuerden	1932-36



## CALANDAR

1940		SEPTEMBER	Sports Results
Tu.	17	Autumn Term commences.	
W.	18		
Th.	19		
F.	20		
S.	21		
M.	23	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, B. Hamer, Read.	
Tu.	24		
W.	25		
Th.	26		
F.	27		
S.	28		
M.	30	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, J. Elliott, Lloyd.	
OCTOBER			
Tu.	1		
W.	2		
Th.	3		
F.	4		
S.	5	Hockey : School 1st XI v Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI (a) ..... School Junior XI v Ormskirk G.S. Jnr. XI (a) .....	
M.	7	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, M. W. Holding, Eckton.	
Tu.	8		
W.	9	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v F.(1) ; Cu. v W.(1). ..... Hockey Leagues : Cl. v W.(1) ; Cu. v F.(1). .....	
Th.	10		
F.	11		
S.	12	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XV (a)..... Hockey : School 1st XI v Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st XI (h)..... School Junior XI v Newton-in-Makerfield G.S. Junior XI (h).....	
M.	14	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, J. C. Howcroft, Sutton.	
Tu.	15		
W.	16	2-30 p.m.—Presentation of "She Stoops to Conquer" by Old Vic & Sadler's Wells' Company, at Chorley.	
Th.	17		
F.	18	3 p.m. Lecture : "The Old Vic and its future" by Miss Esmé Church, a member of the Old Vic Co.	
S.	19	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v St. Joseph's College (Blackpool) 1st XV (h)..... School Colts XV v St. Joseph's College Bantam XV (h)..... Hockey : School 1st XI v Upholland G.S. XI (h) ..... Junior XI v Upholland G.S. Junior XI (h) .....	
M.	21	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, A. Lee, Lund.	
Tu.	22		
W.	23	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(1) ; F. v W.(1) ..... Hockey Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(1) ; F. v W.(1) .....	
Th.	24		
F.	25		
S.	26		
M.	28	Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, C. M. Marshall, Wilkinson.	
Tu.	29		
W.	30	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v A Stonyhurst College XV (h).....	
Th.	31		

NOVEMBER		Sports Results
S. 1		
S. 2	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v A Merchant Taylors' School XV (a)	
M. 4	Half Term Holiday.	
Tu. 5	Half Term Holiday.	
W. 6	Supervision Duty: Mr. Wilkinson, B. Hamer, Thistlethwaite	
Th. 7		
F. 8		
S. 9	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v A Sedbergh School XV (h) Hockey : School 1st XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. 1st XI (a) School Junior XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. Junior XI (a)	
M. 11	Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, J. Elliott, Hope. Armistice Day.	
Tu. 12		
W. 13	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v W.(1) ; Cu. v F.(1) Hockey Leagues : Cl. v F.(1) ; Cu. v W.(1)	
Th. 14		
F. 15		
S. 16	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v Blackpool G.S. 1st XV (h) School Colts XV v Blackpool G.S. Bantam XV (h)	
M. 18	Supervision Duty: Miss Whewell, M. W. Holding, Read.	
Tu. 19	Last date of entry for Contributions to 'The Balshavian' Vol XVI No. 2.	
W. 20		
Th. 21		
F. 22		
S. 23	Rugby Football: School 1st XV v Ormskirk G.S. 1st XV (a) School Colts XV v Ormskirk G.S. Colts XV (a) Hockey : School 1st XI v Preston Park School 1st XI (a) School 2nd XI v Preston Park School 2nd XI (a)	
M. 25	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, J. C. Howcroft, Lloyd.	
Tu. 26		
W. 27	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v F.(2) ; Cu. v W.(2) Hockey Leagues : Cl. v W.(2) ; Cu. v F.(2)	
Th. 28		
F. 29		
S. 30	Hockey : School 1st XI v Chorley G.S. 1st XI (a)	
DECEMBER		Sports Results
M. 2	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, A. Lee, Eckton. School Examinations (First Day)	
Tu. 3	School Examinations (Second Day).	
W. 4	School Examinations (Third Day). Rugger Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(2) ; F. v W.(2) Hockey Leagues : Cl. v Cu.(2) ; F. v W.(2)	
Th. 5		
F. 6		
S. 7	Rugby Football : School 1st XV v Kirkham G.S. 1st XV (h) Hockey : School 1st XI v Rivington G.S. 1st XI (a)	
M. 9	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, C. M. Marshall, Lund.	
Tu. 10		
W. 11	Rugger Leagues : Cl. v W.(2) ; Cu. v F.(2) Hockey Leagues : Cl. v F.(2) ; Cu. v W.(2)	
Th. 12		
F. 13	Publication of 'The Balshavian' — Vol. XVI No. 2.	
S. 14		
M. 16	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, B. Hamer, Sutton.	



## DECEMBER—continued

Tu. 17  
 W. 18  
 Th. 19 2-0 p.m. School Carol Service.  
 F. 20 Autumn Term ends.  
 Spring Term Commences : Tuesday, January 14th,  
 Spring Term Ends : Friday, April 4th — Provisional.

## MISCELLANEA.

**Clayton House :** House Mistress : Miss F. W. Royle, B.A.  
 House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull, M.A.  
 House Captains : B. Hamer (Girls), Hope, T. E. (Boys)  
 House Colours : Green.  
 House Room : IVB.  
**Cuerden House :** House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.  
 House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch, B.A.  
 House Captains : A. Lee, (Girls), Lloyd, H., (Boys).  
 House Colours : Red.  
 House Room : IIIA.  
**Farington House :** House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy, B.A.  
 House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax, B.Sc. A.R.C.Sc.  
 House Captains : R. Ratcliffe (Girls), Wilkinson G. T.,  
 House Colours : Gold. (Boys).  
 House Room : IB.  
**Worden House :** House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill, B.A.  
 House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson, M.A.  
 House Captains : C. M. Marshall, (Girls), Eckton, R. E.  
 House Colours : Blue. (Boys).  
 House Room : IA.

**Boys. Head Prefect :** Hope T. E. **Prefects :** Lloyd H., Sutton H., Thistlethwaite C. S. **Sub-Prefects :** Eckton R. E., Lund H., Read D., Wilkinson G. T.

**Girls. Head Prefect :** C. M. Marshall. **Prefects :** B. Hamer, M. W. Holding, A. Lee. **Sub-Prefects :** J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft.

**Captain of Rugby Football :** Sutton H.

**Captain of Hockey :** B. Sharples.

**School Lunch :** First Sitting, 12.35 p.m.; Second Sitting, 1 p.m.; in Dining Room. A two course lunch—meat or fish and two vegetables and sweet—is supplied daily, price 9d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary.

**Tea :** A light tea can be obtained in the Dining Room at 4.5 p.m. Price 3d.

**Milk :** 10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price 1d. per bottle (with straw).

**School Buses :** School buses run from the Ribble Bus Station, Tithebarn Street, Preston, at 8.20 a.m., and from the Ribble Bus Station, Chorley, at 8.25 a.m. daily and pick up pupils *en route*. School buses for Preston leave the School gates at 4.10 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. each day.

**Tuck Shop :** Open at 10.45 a.m. and 4.0 p.m. each day.

**Commissariat :** In Secretary's office at 4.0 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Detention :** 4.0 to 4.45 p.m. in IVa Room.

**Lunch Hour :** In wet weather, girls may stay in IIIb and IVb rooms, boys in Ia and IIa rooms. Boys and girls may, if they prefer, listen to the radio-gramophone in the Hall.

**School Clearance :** All pupils must leave the School premises not later than 5.15 p.m.

**Societies :** Societies meet at 3.15 p.m. on Fridays.

Scientific Society (Mr. Lomax) in Physics Laboratory.  
 Gardening (Mr. Bennison) in School Grounds or Biology Laboratory.  
 French Circle (Miss Robinson) in IVA room.  
 Dramatic Society (Mr. Hilditch) in Library or Hall.  
 Needlework Society (Miss Whitehouse) in Domestic Science Room.  
 Music Society (Mr. Wilkinson) in VI Room.  
 Dancing Society (Miss Bartlett) in Gymnasium or Hall.  
 Arts and Crafts Society (Miss Whewell) in Art Room.  
 Debating Society (Mr. Bull) in IVB Room.  
 Photographic Society (Mr. Parry) in Photographic Laboratory.  
 Model Engineering Society (Mr. Fisher) in Prefects' Room.  
 Elocution Society (Miss Milroy) in IA Room.  
 Geographical Society (Miss Royle) in Geography Room.  
 Classical Study (Miss Fletcher) in IIIA Room.

**Meetings :**

National Savings Group (Mr. Fisher and Mr. Parry)—in Library 12.30 to 1 p.m. and 1.20 to 1.40 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.  
 School Knitting Club—as arranged by Miss Rahill.

"The Balshavian" : Until further notice "The Balshavian" will be published twice a year (price 9d.)—in May and December—instead of once a term.

**Broadcast Lectures :**

Mondays :	1.50 to 2.10	Practice and Science of Gardening (IIA).
	2.40 to 3.0	English (IVB.).
Tuesdays :	11.25 to 11.40	Games with words (IA).
	2.35 to 3.0	English (IIIA and IIIB).
Wednesdays :	2.15 to 2.35	General Science (IVA)
	2.40 to 3.0	English (IB).
Thursdays :	11.40 to 12.0	Geography (VB).
	2.0 to 2.15	Nature Study (IA and IB).
Fridays :	2.0 to 2.15	Travel Talks (IA and IB).

**Masters and Mistresses in charge of Air-raid Shelters :**

No. 1 Clayton (Boys) Mr. Bull.	No. 5 Farington (Boys) Mr. Lomax.
No. 2 Clayton (Girls) Miss Royle.	No. 6 Farington (Girls) Miss Milroy.
No. 3 Cuerden (Boys) Mr. Hilditch.	No. 7 Worden (Boys) Mr. Wilkinson.
No. 4 Cuerden (Girls) Miss Whewell.	No. 8 Worden (Girls) Miss Rahill.

## GAMES.

Day	RUGBY FOOTBALL (Boys)	HOCKEY (Girls)	TENNIS (Girls)
M.....	House Practices (Cl. & Cu.)	House Practices (F. & W.)	Cuerden
Tu.....	1st XXX Practice and Junior Games	Junior XXII Practice and Junior Games	Farington
W.....	House League Matches	House League Matches	1st XXII.
Th.....	1st XXX Practice and Colts XXX Practice.	1st XXII Practice.	Clayton.
F.....	House Practices (F. & W.)	House Practices (Cl. & Cu.)	Worden
S.....	School Matches.	School Matches.	



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