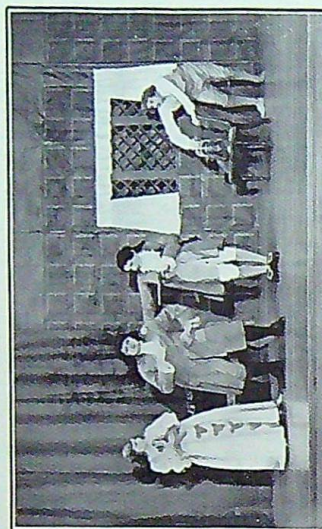


Boniface: "At one end of that gallery . . ."



Gibbet Taberner G., Boniface Sefton, K. Houndslow Bagshot Titley, G. Dixon, A.

THE CAST



Mrs. Sullen Jean Marland, Gibbet Taberner, G. Francis Archer Whitehead, F. Scrub Gardner, J.

Gavotte



Squire Sullen Thistlethwaite, C. Mrs. Sullen Jean Marland, Sir Charles Freeman Lloyd, K. Thomas Aimwell Wilkinson, G. Francis Archer Whitehead, F. Dorothy Ball



Lady Bountiful: "Drink it off, sir!"



Scrub Gardner, R. Francis Archer Whitehead, F. Dorinda Dorothy Ball Lady Bountiful Florence Hurchings Mrs. Sullen; Jean Marland Thomas Aimwell Wilkinson, G. Gypsy Kathleen Wood

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EDITORIAL

German hordes press through Europe swallowing up country after country; daily, lives are lost and beautiful buildings crumble to dust in the bombing of our cities. In the midst of this havoc and destruction we at Balshaw's are thankful to be able to go on normally with our activities.

When the good things of life are apt to lose importance in the physical struggle for existence, we were happy that the School Play was again presented in spite of all difficulties.

A School Magazine that fulfils its purpose should be alive with the spirit of the School it represents. Though the departure of another of our masters and one of our school-fellows who went straight from working with us into the Army, brings the significance of the war nearer to us, I am sure that as you read this issue of "*The Balshavian*" you will find that no black shadow overhangs our happiness. Fire-watching, digging in the school garden, helping with War Charities and other contributions to our war effort, which have become part of our school life, are all infected with a cheerful enthusiasm.

We realise that it is the companionship of our lives in School which makes these tasks easy, and that the work and play and opportunities of service connected with our School make for happiness in these difficult times.

SCHOOL NOTES

PREFECTS OF THE SCHOOL.

Boys: Head Prefect: Hope, T. E.

Prefects: Lloyd, H., Thistlethwaite, C. S.

Sub-Prefects: Eckton, R. E., Lund, H., Wilkinson, G. T.

Girls: Head Prefect: C. M. Marshall.

Prefects: B. Hamer, M. W. Holding, A. Lee.

Sub-Prefects: A. K. Bradshaw, J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft, B. Y. Sharples, E. Wilson.

During the Autumn Term, we were pleased to entertain at the School some of the troops in the neighbourhood one night a week. A talk was given on each occasion by a member of the Staff and this was followed by light refreshments and a concert. We were glad, too, to have the opportunity of welcoming them to a Christmas dinner at the School.

We all regret the absence of Mr. Fisher who was called to do work of national importance last term. He takes a position in the Ministry of Supply.

However, we are glad to have with us Miss F. Lewis, who has taken over Mr. Fisher's duties.

On Dec. 13th, the Osiris Players gave a performance of "*The Tempest*", an appreciation of which is included in the magazine.

On Jan. 29th, a large party of pupils went to Preston to see "*Macbeth*" played by the Old Vic Company with Sybil Thorndike and Lewis Casson.

On January 30th some instructive A.R.P. films were shown to the school, and on February 3rd pupils were entertained by Ministry of Information films.

On March 5th, Mr. J. A. Petch, gave an interesting lecture to the whole School on "Roman Britain".

On Saturday, March 29th, the School Dramatic Society presented "The Beaux' Stratagem" by George Farquhar.

On the last day of the Spring term the Prefects' Social was held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the School Hall. All Seniors including the Fourth Forms were invited and brought contributions of food. We thank Mr. Hilditch for arranging this enjoyable party.

Over 200 pupils have been treated under the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme. The first injection took place at School on March 25th, and the second on May 2nd.

The gas mask of every pupil was thoroughly inspected last term by the local Wardens' Service and necessary repairs were made to damaged filters and face pieces.

During last term a system of fire-watching was arranged. Each night a master and two senior boys are on duty. Beds have been placed in the Tuck Shop for use when there is no 'Alert' and stirrup-pumps and buckets of sand and water are arranged at strategic points. Also, masters and senior boys have received practical instruction in the use of the stirrup pump and in dealing with incendiary bombs.

Netting is being fixed on all the windows as a precaution against blast.

From the beginning of this term the County Education Committee undertook to defray part of the expenses involved in the provision of lunches at Secondary Schools. In consequence, from 29th April, the cost of the school lunch was reduced to 6d.

This term, morning school again begins at 9 a.m. and afternoon school at 1.45 p.m. Thus School Societies can recommence on Friday afternoons. Some changes have been made. A Junior Dramatic Society takes the place of the Model Engineering Society and a Knitting Society and a First Aid Society have been formed.

Again the Annual Athletic Sports will be held on two days. The boys' events will take place on Thursday, May 15th and the girls' events on the following day. By these arrangements air raid shelter accommodation will be available for all present.

During the local War Weapons Week, Savings Certificates to the amount of £321/18/- were bought at School. In the absence of Mr. Fisher, Mr. Parry directs the National Savings Group.

At the end of the Autumn term over 200 articles of clothing were collected for evacuees and 216 toys were brought by pupils and sent to Dr. Barnado's Homes.

At Christmas time, some Senior boys helped to sort letters at the Leyland Post Office and to deliver them.

Clayton House must be congratulated on winning both the Hockey Knockouts and Leagues and the Rugger Knockouts and Leagues.

Farington House headed the Merit Order last term and again retains the Silver Griffin.

Hockey Colours have been awarded to P. Briggs, B. Haigh and B. Sharples ; and Rugger Colours to Hough, R., Lloyd, H., Sefton, K. and Sutton, H. We congratulate them all.

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Last term we received a very welcome visit from Mr. Downer.

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We acknowledge with thanks the 'Ashtonian', the 'Barbican', the Journal of Farady House, the Wigan Grammar School Magazine, the Preston Catholic College Magazine and the 'Ubique Reminisci'.

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SALVETE.

To Clayton House: E. M. C. Jenkins, Duckworth, F. K., Richardson, K. D.

To Cuerden House: Burniston, J. D., Farnell, N., Powell, T. E.

To Farington House: J. Smith.

To Worden House: Bamford, E.

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VALETE (Girls).

A. Chew.—L.VI. Clayton House. School Certificate, 1940. 2nd XI. Hockey. Tennis, Rounders League Teams.

M. H. Whitehead.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940.

M. Norris.—Va. Farington House. Hockey, Rounders League Teams.

M. Bretherton.—Vb. Farington House. Hockey, Rounders League Teams.

E. D. Neville.—Vb. Cuerden House. Tennis League Team.

R. Taylor.—IVb. Clayton House. Hockey, Rounders League Teams.

M. Dawson.—IVb. Worden House.

F. J. Pinder.—IVb. Farington House. Hockey, Rounders League Teams.

K. E. Draper.—IVb. Clayton House.

E. Glover.—IIIB. Farington House.

B. Greener.—Ia. Farington House.

K. Farnsworth.—Ib. Clayton House.

VALETE, (Boys).

Sutton, H.—U.VI. Clayton House. School Prefect. School Certificate, 1939. Rugby Captain. Rugby Colours, 1938-41. Cricket Captain. Cricket Colours, 1939-40. Cross-Country, 1st Team.

Banks, R.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. Cricket League Team.

Butterworth, D.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940.

Carter, J.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940.

Hough, R. G.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby 1st XV. Rugby Colours, 1940-41. Cross-Country, 1st IX. Cricket League Team.

McCann, A.—L.VI. Farington House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 2nd XI.

Meredith, J. W.—L.VI. Worden House. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Read, D.—L.VI. Cuerden House. School Sub-Prefect. School Certificate, 1940. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Molyneux, A.—Va. Clayton House. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 1st XI.

Chew, B.—Vb. Clayton House. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket League Team.

Daley, D. W.—IVb. Cuerden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Kelly, G. N.—IVb. Cuerden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

Morphet, K.—IVb. Clayton House. Rugby 1st XV. Cricket 2nd XI.

Smith, C. N.—IVb. Worden House. Rugby and Cricket League Teams.

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"THE BEAUX' STRATAGEM."

Our choice this year was unfamiliar to most of our audience, and indeed there can be few school dramatic societies which have ever played it. Restoration comedy for school presentation needs considerable editing, though there was no danger of the audience taking the play seriously. They gazed for a time upon the amusing antics of a group of gaily dressed puppets which had no connection with real life and they enjoyed them thoroughly.

"The Beaux' Stratagem" has all the ingredients of a successful comedy, and it is remarkable that it is not seen oftener. It has highly dramatic situations, clear cut and easily recognizable characters and rollicking if not brilliant dialogue. It is hard to realise that it was written by Farquhar on his death bed. It lacks the elegant and vicious wit of Congreve, it is already in fact pointing the way to the more human comedy of Goldsmith and Sheridan. Lady Bountiful and the sly old landlord Boniface are household words, but few know that it was Farquhar who created them.

The plot deals with the adventures of two young gentlemen, Aimwell and Archer, who come down from London to repair their broken fortunes by finding wealthy brides. With a capital of £200, unlimited assurance and the trick of masquerading as one another's servant alternately, they contrive to make an excellent impression. True, one of the young ladies they manage to meet in Lichfield has a husband already, but he is only too willing to part with her. Aimwell, who had posed as his brother Viscount Aimwell, finds he really is the Viscount, and everyone at the end is thoroughly satisfied.

What undoubtedly gave the feeling of success to the show was the sparkling performance of Jean Marland as Mrs. Sullen. It was the best performance by a girl since Joan Iddon played Rosalind, and one of the best in the history of the Society. Maddening and charming, capricious and wistful, and tearful and radiant by turns, one could both marvel at Squire Sullen's aversion and yet see his point of view. It seems ungracious when so many tricks of intonation and gesture were delightful to add that her "posture needs care" as gym. mistresses say. Thistlethwaite as Squire Sullen played up to her splendidly, and the final quarrel scene which went at a great pace worked up to a grand climax which did really rouse the audience and for once gave the producer a genuine thrill. (It is one of the few satisfying moments in a producer's life to work up to a climax and find it *is* a climax.) Perfect too was it after a pause to hear the dry quiet tones of Lloyd, "and *now*, Mr. Sullen—." If only it could be all like that! This was Thistlethwaite's first character part, and he seemed relieved to shake off the hero's burden and really let himself go. He was far the most experienced in the cast and it was the best work he has done. Mr. and Mrs. Sullen lived their parts.

The rest of the cast had played very little before and there were bound to be some weaknesses as well as some pleasant surprises. In her first part Dorothy Ball as Dorinda was very graceful and appealing, but until the interval she was difficult to hear, and she has yet to realise how much it is necessary to emphasise and exaggerate on the stage, how much concentrated energy it needs to "put it over." However in the gavotte she certainly came into her own. Here she really was Dorinda and outshone them all.

Wilkinson and Whitehead as Aimwell and Archer played well together and caused plenty of fun. Wilkinson was appropriately languid and affected, and did far better on Saturday than he had ever done before. He tends to slouch at times and might have played with more energy and feeling in the scenes with Dorinda, but he improved steadily throughout rehearsals and he was always trying. Whitehead has a clear voice and a good presence, and did very well in his first show, if he did not seize all his opportunities. He was often left with the "curtain line" and it should be declaimed, if necessary stagily, but it should go with a bang.

One of the big successes of the show was Florence Hutchings as Lady Bountiful. Her walk, her tones, her gestures and motherly solicitude were just right. She came in very modestly as a substitute for Betty Hamer, and we were very fortunate to have such an understudy. An excellent bit of acting too came from Olwen Bretherton as the pert and spirited Cherry, daughter of Boniface. She has considerable talent and could sustain

a much heavier and more emotional part. Many noted too how Kathleen Wood tripped on and off brightly as servant to the ladies, and never once tripped on and off at the wrong time.

As Boniface the landlord, Sefton had a good part, a part which he certainly looked, though his performance was not quite so satisfying as his appearance. He has a good voice, easily heard, but should cultivate greater variety of tone, pace and volume. He certainly did not let the play down, and the audience liked him. Taberner as Gibbet the highwayman and Dixon and Titley as his confederates were very popular and obviously enjoyed themselves. It was hard to say whether Gibbet was funnier when trying to be a gentleman with a gentleman, or a gentleman with a lady. His facial expressions were a sheer joy, and here may the producer add reluctantly that it was his own idea to look up and around for the diminutive Foigard who was arresting him, a piece of business which got one of the biggest laughs of the afternoon. It was surprising to find how amusing Foigard the French priest was since there seems little in the part, and Webster deserves full credit for the air of imperturbable gravity with which he played it.

Lloyd, as the useful if colourless Sir Charles Freeman, brother of Mrs. Sullen, who comes to clear everything up, was quiet and dignified, and not nearly so wooden as he had been! He manfully restrained his tendency to gallop his lines and above all he stood still. There was very little fidgeting in fact by anybody, and this repose was a great achievement. Gardner, another noble volunteer, made a valiant attempt to play Scrub and at times he did play him, but there was a lot more in the part. He can act and with more experience he will learn what is effective and what is not.

In small parts Jean Elliott, Joyce Boothman, Edna Downham, Pat Howson, Pat Turner, McIver and Glover made their contribution to a very charming production. The elaborate costumes, on which we must congratulate Miss Whewell and the parents, stood out well against the simple panelled setting. At times the stage picture seen from the gallery, was delightful, especially in the gavotte and the fainting scene. Mr. Bennison was as usual a tower of strength as stage manager, and gave invaluable help in getting the scenery ready. Our thanks go also to Miss Bartlett for teaching the dance which many said was the best thing in the show, to Doreen Bradley who played the piano, to Miss Robinson for the business arrangements, to Mr. Hewartson for the stage construction, and to Eckton for the lighting. We must also thank Mr. Banwell (who made such a splendid job of the villains), and Mrs. Winter for giving Mr. Wilkinson a hand with the make-up, and to Mrs. Elliott for so willingly lending us furniture. Many seemed to think it was a risky and doubtful business giving a play at all in these days, but a full and enthusiastic house gave us our reward.

C.S.H.

“DAS BETRETEN NICHT VERBOTEN”

Oh to be in England now that Hess is there !
 For whoever wakes in England finds superior fare
 To the ‘ersatz’ bread and inadequate beef
 For which we must daily thank our Chief.
 Herr Goering longs to bolt with his Frau
 To England now.

And after Goering when Goebbels follows,
 While the Gestapo in purges wallows,
 We’ll all give talks to the Sunday Press
 And be featured along with Comrade Hess,
 Whom supple reporters with glamour endow
 In England now !

—Anon.
(with apologies to Robert Browning).

MACBETH

By the Old Vic Company.

On Wednesday, January 29th, a party from School went to the Queen’s Hall, Preston, where the Old Vic Company gave a performance of “Macbeth,” in which Lewis Casson and Dame Sybil Thorndike played the parts of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.

It is strange to think that the performance in Preston of such a famous play by the greatest repertory company in England was only made possible by the war : for it was the war that caused the Old Vic players to begin their tour of provincial towns and cities. It has been said that in war-time we should not become so occupied with immediate problems that we give no thought to the future : we must rather look for improvements in our way of life which can be carried out when the war is over. Here is an opportunity which ought not to be missed; if we can see the Old Vic Company in provincial towns during war-time, why should we not continue to do so when peace comes ? Such performances, we know, are greatly appreciated. Formerly only a small and fortunate minority were able to visit the Old Vic and Sadler’s Wells, because their performances only took place in London : now that the Old Vic Company has come to us, it is our duty to see that we have even more opportunities to see them in the future.

T.E.H., Form UVI (Clayton).

LIGHTENED LOADS

We can’t always live in the sunshine,
 We can’t always have the best ;
 All of us at one time
 Have sorrow as our guest.
 Pain won’t always pass by you,
 Smiles must give way to tears,
 All our joys and happiness
 Are overshadowed by fears ;
 But the difficult way will be easier,
 If our troubles with someone we share,
 And our loads that weighed so heavy
 Will be lighter then to bear.

D. P. Form IVa. (Worden).

A SHELTERED LIFE

It was with rugs and blankets that we hurried to the shelter, for the alert had sounded a few minutes ago. The drone of aeroplanes could be heard in the distance, and that distinct throb told its own tale.

The usual guests had already arrived, and it was with a sigh of relief that we sat down and made ourselves comfortable.

I studied the other occupants of the shelter. There was Mrs. Perkins, a fat jovial woman who was engaged on a task which seemed endless-knitting a pullover “for the navy” as she put it-and by the looks of it I think it would be quite big enough. She had a daughter, Elsie, a shy little girl whom I liked very much. The Joneses from next door-a regular Darby and Joan couple-were also present. At last my eyes came to rest on a young man whom I had never seen before. He had a shock of red hair and twinkling blue eyes, which I found to my consternation were at the moment looking at me, and coming out of my day dream I was conscious of someone saying :

“... and this is Mr. Binks who has come to stay with us for a while”.
 “Oh, how do you do ?” I replied.

At that moment footsteps were heard outside and a little later in came our warden, Mr. Burton, a man whom I heartily disliked. He was a born I-told-you-so and we had termed him Mr. Know-all (one thing he didn’t know). He had met Mr. Binks before and it was evident as the conversation flowed on that there was no love lost between the two men.

“I wonder if that’s one of ours or one of theirs”, Burton said suddenly. Then there came a scream of bombs followed by loud explosions.

"One of theirs," replied Binks with a cynical smile. Burton went slightly purple in the face and glaring angrily stalked up the steps (a thing which he had constantly advised us not to do) and there he stood, looking, listening and probably praying. Suddenly he shouted,

"There's one coming! Blimey it's so close I could catch it!"
Then came two deafening explosions as the bombs fell nearby. We all turned a little green all except Mr. Binks who cupped his hands to his mouth and shouted,

"Butter fingers."
This was the last straw. Burton was down in one.

"Let me tell you young man," he said, "I've tramped these streets every day and looked after my shelter every night! Why don't you do something for your country? You've been lazing about this place all week!" He was about to continue when a man appeared in the doorway. He was dressed in an Air Force blue uniform.

"Hullo, may I come—Why, Binks!" he exclaimed turning to the unfortunate victim of Burton's tongue, "I haven't seen you since the day we crashed in Flanders. Congratulations on the D.F.C. What on earth are you doing in 'civvies'?"

Outside the "all clear" was sounding but when I looked round for Burton he had disappeared.

H.S. Form IVa. (Cuerden).

MY EVACUEE

This week I had brought to me
A very small evacuee;
He came away from a bombed town,
Just a ball of feather and down,
A little sweet green linnet.

He has been put into my care,
He has so many gifts to share:
His happiness and glorious song
He gives to me the whole day long,
This little sweet green linnet.

D.P. Form IVa. (Worden).

THE TEMPEST

On December 13th, the school received an eagerly awaited visit from the Osiris Players. Their presentation this time was "The Tempest".

Although our standards of drama were raised by the Old Vic Company last winter, we were by no means disappointed in the Osiris Players' performance; rather do we the more appreciate the versatility and adaptability of this band of actresses.

As usual the scenery was very simple, consisting of curtains and a few chairs, but by means of a well-arranged lighting system, interesting effects were produced.

The casting was up to its customary standard, Caliban appearing especially grotesque; their presentation of Ariel and Juno showed the determination of these people to overcome all difficulties. Another point in the Players' favour is that they were able to present a very feminine Miranda and equally masculine Prospero.

In these troubled times all praise and encouragement is due to such companies and we hope to see The Osiris Players at school again soon.

M.W.H. U.VI. (Worden).

THE CONVOY

There's a convoy into port again,
In long and straggling lines,
They've dodged the lurking U-boats,
The bombers, and the mines,
To bring us food and weapons,
From the country in the west,
To help us fight the Nazi,
For the land that we love best.

And though we have our airmen,
To defend our native land,
We must not forget the sailor,
And the Merchant Navy grand,
For they go through many dangers,
And with all their might and main;
They see that there will always be,
A convoy home again.

G.F.B., Form IIA (Clayton).

A.R.P. FILMS

The A.R.P. films shown to the school on January 30th, proved interesting and instructive. They dealt with the efficient handling of emergencies arising from air attack, from the extinguishing of an incendiary bomb, to rescue work from a bombed house.

The manipulation of a stirrup-pump was explained, two or three being by to work the pump and supply the water, while the other person, crawling along the ground and opening any doors carefully, first applied the jet to any burning hangings or furniture, and then extinguished the incendiary with the spray. The alternative was the use of sand and the bomb shovel, smothering the incendiary when the danger of flying metal had passed. We were shown, also, how to handle a person whose clothing had caught fire.

The correct way to move about a partially destroyed house, we were told, was to keep to the strongest parts of the structure, crawling down stairs if necessary and creeping along the walls, and the method of removing an unconscious person from such a building was demonstrated.

There was a very interesting film on the work of a Rescue Squad, showing us their tasks in detail, from their first entrance, with what information the warden could give them, to the eventual removal of all occupants from the damaged building.

Every member of the party had his work to perform, whether superintending the apparatus, forcing a blocked door, or rendering First Aid. In some cases strong constructions had to be put up in a very short time, where a flight of stairs had collapsed, or where an injured person had to be lowered to the ground from an upper storey in a horizontal position. Every floor was searched, and those trapped beneath crashed furniture or fallen bricks given First Aid and removed on stretchers, through the windows if other ways were impossible; others, suffering from shock or faintness were carried by means of the "fireman's lift." When the exit from the cellar was blocked, by-standers were called upon to clear the rubbish from the pavement, and an escape was made by using the man-holes. There was no halt in the work until the rescued people had been driven away in waiting ambulances and cars, and even then, their work was over for a short time only: they would be needed again the next night, and the next, and there would be many like them, as courageous and valuable.

O.M.B., Form L.VI (Worden).

THE FISHERS

The wind blows soft across the bay
In the fading sunlight glow,
And out into the dying day
The fleet of fishers go.
Silent and swift, no cause to stay —
But when the night is o'er,
The winds that take them far away
Shall waft them back to shore.

L.T., Form IIA (Worden).

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION FILMS

More Ministry of Information films were shown to the school on February 3rd. They dealt with the training of men in the Services, and with various wartime activities of civilian life.

Many of their subjects were familiar, and none more so than the first — "Scrap Iron." We saw the scrap, which forms 33 per cent. of our iron, collected, mostly from among household cast-offs, and taken to yards for sorting. Huge electro-magnets were used for transferring the iron, which was either broken into straight lengths, or, if of an irregular shape, pressed into a solid bulk. Eventually it would be used in some branch of war industry, quite probably in an aeroplane factory.

"Britain can take it" was the title of the American journalist's commentary. Describing the constant air attacks on London, he congratulated the defence and other services on their courage and resistance, and warmly praised the attitude of the people.

Two very interesting films dealt with the training of sailors, and of Canadian pilots and airmen. Both stressed the need for quickness, intelligence, and a full training to reach the standard of efficiency necessary in these services.

It was explained that, before a pilot could take his first flight, a thorough knowledge of air-craft was necessary: not only the pilot, but also the gunner, navigator, wireless-operator, were undergoing a period of hard training.

We saw the same thoroughness of study in a survey of training in the navy. It was necessary that the sailor should be just as competent in his sphere as the airman in his, and whether engaged in mental or physical training, he showed the same eagerness to learn.

In the form of a short drama, we were warned not to let careless talk give away vital secrets. In this case, the thoughtless repetition of a sailor's remark led to catastrophe. The information, the time of a ship's leaving port, was passed on to an apparently harmless person, who was, nevertheless, on the look-out for careless people. The information thus gained, they gave into more destructive hands: the result was the sinking of that ship, and we realized then, the importance of being careful. O.M.B., Form L.VI (Worden).

ROMAN BRITAIN

On the afternoon of March 5th, the School was treated to a really interesting lecture on "Roman Britain," given by Mr. J. A. Petch.

The Lecturer began by saying that the Romans were in control in Britain for three hundred years. The Romans invaded England, not for wealth, as is often supposed, but to find a boundary for their Empire. In the attempt to fix a boundary they penetrated as far north as Perth, in Scotland. They failed entirely in their quest. Eventually they decided to build a wall from the Tyne to Carlisle.

This defence was not just a line of forts, but was a defence in depth. There was what we would call a "defence zone" from the wall as far south as Chester. This military defence zone was aimed to keep out the Picts and Scots.

So Southern England fell in with the ideas of Roman life, shut out from their enemies in the North by the six Northern counties.

The Romans built roads in order to maintain control of the countries they captured. England was no exception. Roads were built from Chester to Carlisle, and along the East Coast. There were milestones erected at intervals of a mile. Along the roads forts were erected every twelve miles. These were all practically identical. Round each were walls with gates in places. Inside the walls were the officers' headquarters, the granaries, barracks, stables, baths and other conveniences for the garrison. The remains of most of these forts have been removed for building, yet some remains still exist. An example is *Borovicium*.

The barracks were divided into small rooms for the men and there was a big room for the N.C.O's. Thus the building, which held a hundred men, was built in the shape of an L.

The officers' headquarters contained two courtyards. There were three ordinary rooms, a chapel where the standards were kept, and two military rooms.

The forts also had strong rooms, but the most comfortable place was the commandant's house; he had all the conveniences of the time, including central heating. For this the floors were built on pillars and there were hollow tiles in the walls, through which the heat passed.

A good sanitary system was to be found at the forts, and water was laid on from a nearby spring. Baths were to be found. It was compulsory for the Roman soldier to use the bath.

It should be noted that the soldiers serving in Britain were probably not real Romans, but troops from Germany or elsewhere who were fighting under the Roman Standard. There was not much fighting to be done, so the soldiers filled, more or less, the position of our police. However, their influence on the English standard of living was great and beneficial.

As for the external defences of the forts, they consisted of holes with spikes in the bottom, like tank traps, and were covered over with bush.

Around the forts communities grew up, consisting mainly of the families of the soldiers in the garrison.

Our Lecturer then went on to the subject of Hadrian's Wall, from the Tyne to the Solway. This wall had large forts at intervals of six miles, with smaller ones each mile. These were made of wood at first, but were later reconstructed of stone and thoroughly built. The stones used were big and cranes were needed. Slaves worked on a treadmill which operated a cable and this in turn lifted the stone.

Between the castles were turrets, like big sentry boxes; and between these were smaller turrets each for one man.

The construction of the wall was revealed when part of it was destroyed for road-making material. There were two walls proper. These were set at a distance and the intervening space was filled up with stones which were held together with mortar.

There were of course gateways in the wall. It had been the custom of the Romans to go out to meet their enemies but now they stayed to wait for them in their forts. The gates were always at the forts.

It will be of interest to note that the Romans built a wall from Glasgow to Edinburgh, but held it only for forty years.

The merchandise the Romans got from England was tin, lead, pearls, and dogs for hunting.

Silchester is an example of one of their towns. It contains the main elements of a Roman town, but it is irregular in shape and is therefore not pure Roman.

Bath was a town for pleasure and London was a trading centre.

Circular theatres were built and a number of temples erected. But the style was not classical, so that we see that life in Roman Britain remained partly British.

The Romans were in control of Britain during the period 100-400 A.D. With them they brought roads and laws, but perhaps, above all, the "Pax Romana", which prevailed so long in Europe.

C.S.T., Form U-VI (Clayton).

THE LITTLE SNOWDROP

I'm a modest, little snowdrop,
So very frail and white,
I spring up in your garden,
While you're asleep at night.
I'm nothing much to look at,
I do not strive to be,
But just a little flowerlet
Of sweet simplicity.
My head is always drooping,
I seldom see the sky,
The trees, the birds, or house-tops,
However much I try.
I am the first to greet you,
And say that Spring is here;
If I'm tended very carefully,
I'll come again next year.

B.P., Form IIA (Worden).

SPRING

I love the pleasant sunny days,
When Spring is in the air,
When birds come out and sing their lays,
And drive away all care.

I love to see the pretty flowers,
A-nodding in the sun,
And people spending pleasant hours,
And children having fun.

I love to hear a babbling brook,
Go splashing on its way,
With a lovely shimmering silvery look,
This sunny month of May.

I love to see the old oak trees,
With buds on every bough,
And flowers a-dancing in the breeze,
Oh! it's beautiful just now.

J.P., Form I.A (Cuerden).

THE SCHOOL SOCIETIES

The Musical Society

Since the last issue of this magazine, our Society has become bigger and, we hope, better. Week by week we have played selections from composers such as Delibes (Coppelia and Sylvia Ballets), Smetana (the Overture to the "Bartered Bride"), Gounod (Faust Ballet Music) and Schubert.

Recently our activities have been restricted owing to a defect in the gramophone. Wartime repairs are necessarily slow and we have to await the good time of the repair dealer.
B.L.W.

The Photographic Society

Work in this society consists chiefly of developing and print making, while sepia toning finds much favour.

Meetings are often turned into "question time" when little practical work is available and this is a very helpful type of meeting. Filters, "portrait attachments", and other topics have been discussed as a result of members' questions.

The iodine method of print reduction was recently demonstrated. This often "saves" a print from a negative which is apparently too thin to give a good print.

We still find great interest in our stock of back numbers of photographic papers, and we would welcome any additions to our library.
F.P.

The Reference Library

During the last few months there has been considerable improvement in the general tidiness of the library; for this we have to thank not only those members of the school who have used the library, but also the members of the sixth form who have done duty there.

Greater efforts are necessary, however, in the matter of signing up for books which are borrowed. Before the magazine is published, a new Borrowers' Book should have appeared on the catalogue table, with a pencil attached, and we hope that this will encourage borrowers to keep the rules. We should also be grateful if borrowers would place the books they return on the catalogue table, and not on the shelves.
K.R.

Gardening Society

For the last few months we have been busy digging, manuring, and breaking up the soil, and we are now looking forward to the more interesting processes of seed-sowing, and planting.

We have raised young plants of cabbages, brussel sprouts, onions, leeks, and lettuces in the greenhouse, which will soon be ready for transplanting. The marrow seedlings in the seed boxes are pushing through the soil like mushrooms, and we are expecting another spectacular crop.

Strangely enough for Lancashire, we are waiting for rain, which is holding up some of our operations, but this phenomenon is not likely to be of long duration.

Last year we received several batches of vegetable plants from pupils, and we should again be very grateful for gifts of any spare plants.
R.A.B.

The Dancing Society

The dancing society is now reserved for the girls of the first two forms. The National Dancing proved so popular last term that we decided to continue it. The members of the Society have made excellent progress and we hope to get much more practice in the future.
D.B.

The Dramatic Society

Mr. Hilditch's article on 'The Beaux' Stratagem' production is to be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Art and Craft Society

This year we can honestly claim to have made excellent progress. Many new members have been enrolled, all of whom have proved keen craftsmen. Articles ranging from trays to trinket-boxes have been produced. Materials used are of wide range, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain supplies with the Government restriction on production.

Many of our members gave invaluable help in the preparations for the play, stencilling curtains, painting scenery and sewing costumes.

The great success of the society is largely due to Miss Whewell's deep interest in, and helpful suggestions for, each member of the society. A.L.

The French Society

During last term we discussed, for the most part, the political situation of France and her Empire. We brought newspaper cuttings and articles on France, and were able to discuss them together. We also had talks on the position and nature of the French Empire and several members of the society are to give talks on various parts of France.

Miss Robinson gave us a very interesting talk on Joan of Arc, and we saw especially, that the political situation of France at that time was very similar to that of the present day. Miss Robinson has also told us about the Free French wireless programmes, and it is hoped that members of the society will listen in to them. B.Y.S.

The Greenhouse

Last term we had a very fine show of spring flowers in the greenhouse — the daffodils and jonquils doing especially well. At the moment the rockery is looking fresh and green and several of the rose bushes are in bud. We have also received several tomato plants and we hope they will produce a good crop.

We have raised from seed, many onion, cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli, lettuce and marrow plants, which are to be planted out in the School garden. The potato sets, which have been sprouting in the greenhouse, are now ready to be planted. B.Y.S.

The Junior Dramatic Society

Since the Junior Dramatic Society started late last term not a great deal has been done. Meetings have been held, and a play has been read which we hope to produce in the near future.

Since all the members of the society are male and many of the parts in the play female there has been much general amusement at the efforts of some who have been trying to emulate the lady's voice and gesture.

By the time the play is produced, we hope to have the players wigged and skirted, and with the help of Miss Lewis whose guidance and assistance are much appreciated, we wait to entertain you all. F.G.S.

The Choir

Since the last publication of "The Balshavian, the Choir has held its annual Carol Service; this event took place on the last day of the Autumn Term. As usual, the Choir wore white dresses and red hoods and capes. Many of the carols and solos were sung in the light of lanterns and of candles on the Christmas tree; the effect was very beautiful. All our thanks are due to Miss Rahill and Miss Robinson who coached us and arranged it all.

After the service everyone was served with refreshments in the dining hall.

Owing to the shortened dinner hour, choir activities were curtailed during the Easter Term, but we hope to see our ranks filled once more, and our members spurring on to further effort next term. M.W.H.

The Scientific Society

Since our last account we have had very few meetings. At our first meeting we had no time to set up any definite thing to do so we obtained a few scientific books from Mr. Lomax and from the School Library. For our next meeting Mr. Lomax kindly offered to give a lecture on "The Weathering of Rocks." In the course of the lecture Mr. Lomax showed clearly how rain, snow and the wind wore the surface of the rock away, and we saw how the queer shapes of boulders are formed. At our third meeting we were again indebted to Mr. Lomax for a talk on "Bees and Wasps." We were told about the various kinds of bees and of their habits. At our fourth meeting Marsden gave a lecture on "The Power of Gases and their uses." We saw the uses made of gas in modern inventions. At our next meeting we again had no time to prepare a lecture so we read science books from the School Library. On May 9th, Salisbury gave a lecture on "Voyage into Space," in which we were shown the methods now being devised for Space Travel.

We hope to hold a meeting every Friday until the end of the Summer Term and to continue learning from one another by means of these lectures. C.M.

The Knitting Society

This is a newly formed society taking the place of the Classical Society. In the few meetings during the Winter, all the members mastered this useful craft and a number of garments, mostly for the Forces, were made. A.B.

The Literary and Debating Society

The activities of this society have been somewhat limited by the small number of members, and these mostly from the middle school.

However, we made the most of our weekly meetings, and though at first, many of the boys and girls were reluctant to stand up and make a speech, in the end this was overcome, and many points of view have been exchanged.

The last and most successful debate was 'That civilised man is less free than the savage.' This was carried, after keen discussion, by seven votes to five. E.W.

The Needlework Society

For the past two months I have been doing some tapestry for the top of a stool. This is a new venture of mine and it is very interesting. M.A., II.B.

My work in the Society last term was embroidering 'cut-work' table mats. It was an enjoyable subject, and you may be sure I shall attempt another piece of work with more confidence. C.L., II.A.

Last term I enjoyed the Needlework Society, embroidering a cover and knitting a jumper. The work was interesting and new to me. L.T., II.A.

I have just started to knit a pair of string gloves which favour crochet work. Z.N., III.B.

I have embroidered a cushion cover, and have now begun to embroider a table runner. O.H., III.B.

During the past few weeks I have been making my second dress which is progressing favourably. B.S., IV.A.

This term we are both attempting something new, a dress and a blouse. They are the most intricate garments we have ever attempted, but we are getting on with them very well. J.S. and J.M.T., IV.A.

This session I have been trying my hand at dress designing and I decided to use one of the patterns to make up a frock, which has turned out quite well. A.K.B., LV.I.

A very successful session!

The First Aid Society

When society activities commenced once more last term the First Aid Society was inaugurated.

The elementary course which we are taking is very interesting and enjoyable and since one or two of our members have had previous instruction in First Aid, we have made considerable progress.

So far, in our meetings, we have concentrated particularly upon the various methods of artificial respiration and bandaging, and we are now collecting all the articles required to equip a First Aid Box. B.S.

The Geographical Society

The Geographical Society is still going strong and we have quite a large number of enthusiastic members. At some of the recent meetings we have had short talks from Jean Kennedy on Pittsburgh, Betty Speed on Switzerland, and Scott on Southern Rhodesia. These talks were illustrated by photographs projected on to the screen. Tonge gave an account of his ramble round Rivington Pike at Easter. At this meeting many of us got some information about walks in this district.

At other meetings, groups of three or four did Geographical jig-saw puzzles, which, as many of us found, showed gaps in our Geographical knowledge, and I am certain that we profited by doing them.

As we are a fairly large society it is hoped that in the coming term we shall have a good selection of talks and new ideas for varying the meetings. H.L.

The Knitted Comforts Fund

Since the inauguration of the Knitted Comforts Fund in February, 1940, a total of over £65 has been collected, and some hundreds of knitted comforts have been sent to Army, Navy and Air Force Depots for general distribution. Parcels have also been sent to Army and Air Force Chaplains for more personal distribution, and contributors to the Fund have supplied their own relatives and friends in the forces.

Contributions, especially from the girls, have been steady. It is easy to give on the first flush of enthusiasm, but this weekly drain on pocket money is a more searching business. These forms are particularly to be praised: I.A, II.A, V.B, V.A, and L.VI.

I should like to see more enthusiasm for the knitting itself: at the moment there is a great deal of wool still on needles which should be keeping some soldier, sailor, or airman warm. Please finish your articles and send them in for distribution. M.A.R.

National Savings Group

The total amount collected by the School National Savings Group has now exceeded £1,830. During the local War Weapons Week we collected £321/18/-. This was a very valuable contribution to the local effort.

The "Form Thermometers" in the Entrance Hall show that I.I.A have subscribed the largest amount. Congratulations, I.I.A! Their leading position is largely due to their having regular subscribers, and almost every member of the form is also a member of the Group.

There are still a number of pupils who are not Savings Group members. We should like to see everyone in School a purchaser of National Savings Certificates. To present members we say: Thank you for your valuable contribution to the War Effort; to non-members we say: Help yourselves and the war effort by becoming group members now! F.P.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1940/41

Captain: Sutton, H. 1940/41.

At the beginning of the season we had several of last year's XV again available, and with these as a nucleus, the team quickly developed into what was probably the best all round side we have had. In the Autumn term we scored 239 points without our line being crossed, or a point scored against us. The success of the team was not due to individual brilliance, but to sound football by the whole side. The forwards worked hard, pushed in the scrums, were very lively in the 'loose', and backed up well. The backs in defence were quick on their men, tackled hard, and kicked well, while in attack they handled cleanly, and ran hard and straight. The value of team work and of the above qualities, which are the basis of good rugby, was well illustrated in this year's XV.

The instruction in the first principles of the game, in house practices, is of primary importance, and we have been fortunate in recent years in having boys who have been keen, and who have done their jobs well in this respect. It is these boys who made this year's team.

CHARACTERS OF 1st. XV.

Sutton (Captain):—A very keen and capable captain. He set an excellent example on the field, and gave his side confidence at full back. His tackling, kicking, and judgment were very good.

Morphet:—A very determined wing threequarter, with a good hand-off. No half-hearted high tackle ever stopped him.

Marsden:—Developed into a good centre threequarter. He always handled and kicked well—this year he learnt to tackle, and improved his attack.

Tonge:—Played some very good games at centre three, especially in attack, where he quickly sensed an opening, and was especially dangerous with his kick ahead. He must, however, learn to do his best in an unfamiliar position when the interests of the team require him to play there.

Hough:—Tackled splendidly at fly-half. He stopped most of our opponents' passing movements before they got going. In attack he ran hard and straight. He was much missed after Christmas.

Rigby:—Quietly efficient at scrum half. He sent out his passes neatly, and never failed to go down to the ball.

Lloyd:—A dashing forward who never spared himself. In the loose 'the ball followed' him.

Sefton:—A good hooker whose weight was invaluable in the scrum. When careful, his kicking was excellent.

Brinmand:—A sound all round forward who did his job in the scrum, 'line-out', and in the 'loose'.

Wilkinson:—Developed into a very sound forward who, with Lund, in the second row, gave the scrum solidity and unity. He also managed to be up with the ball in dribble.

Lund:—A good second row forward who was never seen hanging round the outside of a loose scrum.

Dalton:—Did well in his first season, especially in the 'line-outs'. He should make a really good forward.

Read:—Did particularly well in the front row of the scrum, and always played hard to the end of the game.

McCann:—A sound scrummager. Although not fast in the 'loose', he kept going, and had plenty of pluck.

Porter:—Played an intelligent game in the forwards, and was conspicuous in opening out the game.

Thistlethwaite:—Handled and kicked well, and with more determination would be a useful threequarter.

Salisbury:—Came into the side after Christmas, and showed much promise.

Wightman and *Robinson* also showed signs of future prowess.

R.A.B.

Sat., Oct. 12th. School 1st XV v. Newton Grammar School 1st XV. Away. Won.

Weather conditions were ideal. Immediately after the start Newton went very near to scoring. It soon became evident, however, that although the School were somewhat smaller they had a stronger team. The School took advantage of a slight wind and play was

carried into the Newton half. Hough soon opened the score from a fine solo run, and Sefton made no mistake with the kick. Tonge and Morphet added further tries in the first half. Invigorated by such an inspiring start the School continued to increase their lead in the second half. Hough's clever manoeuvring together with the weakness of the Newton defence enabled Tonge, Marsden and Sutton to score tries.

The School forwards deserve credit for the excellent work they got through.

Result : School, 26pts.; Newton Grammar School, Nil.

Sat., Oct. 19th. School 1st XV v. St. Joseph's Coll. (B'pool) 1st XV. Home. Won.

With neat passing and splendid backing up, the School proved too good for St. Joseph's. The School obtained a degree of mastery right from the start. Hough rounded off a neat run with a good try. The School forwards completely overwhelmed St. Joseph's forwards, both in the set scrums and in the 'loose'. The forwards led by Sefton were soon rewarded for their strenuous work when Wilkinson went over for a try. Tries were scored by Tonge, Sefton and Morphet. Sefton had little difficulty in converting. The School continued their attack in the second half and their very effective movements produced try after try. Our strong assaults met with little resistance. Sutton, Chew, Dalton, Morphet, Hough and Tonge scored in the second half.

Result : School, 47 pts.; St. Joseph's College, Nil.

Sat. Nov. 2nd. School 1st XV v. A Merchant Taylors' School XV. Away. Won.

The School experienced little difficulty in disposing of a Merchant Taylors' side. The clever tactics of Hough and Rigby resulted in a try by Hough which Sefton converted. Play was chiefly among the forwards and Dalton scored in one of our many forward rushes. Other tries were added in quick succession by Hough, Thistlethwaite and Tonge (2), in the back division. By half-time Merchant Taylors' defence had conceded 28 points without any response. In the second half Merchant Taylors' were again outplayed in all quarters. Thistlethwaite, Tonge (2), Hough (2), Rigby, Chew and Sutton scored in good three-quarter combination. Tries by Molyneux, Wilkinson and Lloyd among the forwards took the School total to 65.

Result : School 65 pts.; A Merchant Taylors' School XV, Nil.

Sat., Nov. 9th. School 1st XV v. A Sedbergh School XV. Home. Won.

The School maintained their winning sequence against a Sedbergh XV. The opening stages of the match were evenly contested. From a powerful forward onslaught Lloyd scored an unconverted try. The School held slight advantages in the early scrimmages, although the Sedbergh set was much heavier. Chew picked up the ball in the 'loose' and dashed over the Sedbergh line. The School forwards were a constantly threatening danger with their fast forceful play. Dalton scored from a short dribble. Just before half-time the School went still further ahead through Tonge.

In the second half, play fluctuated from one end of the field to the other. Sedbergh tried several times to pierce the School defence, but tackling was keen. Hough, Morphet and Tonge scored tries and Sefton improved two of them.

Result : School 25 pts.; A Sedbergh School XV, Nil.

Sat., Nov. 16th. School 1st XV v. Blackpool Grammar School 1st XV. Home. Won.

The School retained an unbeaten record against Blackpool. The backs showed plenty of initiative and a move started by Hough, together with Lloyd's splendid backing up, ended in a try by Thistlethwaite. Sutton scored a further try which Sefton converted. Blackpool were hard pressed and Sefton made no mistake with a penalty kick awarded to the School. In the latter part of the game Blackpool rallied a little but it did not last long. Wilkinson scored a try in the forward rush. The School forwards were not up to their usual standard. Tonge's skill was a feature of the School's play. Before the end Tonge and Thistlethwaite scored for the School.

Result : School 20 pts.; Blackpool Grammar School, Nil.

Sat., Nov. 23rd. School 1st XV v. Ormskirk Grammar School 1st XV. Away. Won.

The School had the major share of the attack in a thrilling game against Ormskirk. It was an even game for some time, Molyneux and Lloyd being conspicuous in the School pack. Later Ormskirk were pushed on the defensive, and Lloyd went over the Ormskirk line. Dalton and Wilkinson scored in short forward dribbles. Tonge was unfortunate not to score when he cleverly intercepted a pass in his own 25 and ran almost to the Ormskirk line before being tackled. Ormskirk made a few dashing breakaways which were stemmed and all other attacks were successfully repelled by the School.

Result : School, 11 pts.; Ormskirk Grammar School, Nil.

Wed., Nov. 27th. School 1st XV v. A Stonyhurst College XV. Home. Won.

Right from the start the issue was never in doubt. It was a hard match throughout, but apart from a short spell in the first half the School were complete masters. The back divisions had plenty of work to do, but they proved themselves equal to this task. Hough played the principal part in the School's triumph. Morphet scored two tries in the first half. In the second half Hough scored two capital tries. An excellent passing movement gave Tonge two more opportunities to increase the School score. The School forwards gave invaluable service and Sefton displayed some fine kicking.

Result : School, 28pts.; A Stonyhurst College XV, Nil.

Sat., Nov. 30th. School 1st XV v. A. Eason's XV. Home. Won.

The School entertained this XV which included many Old Balshavians. Early play was rather scrappy and unsatisfactory. In our opponents' side individual striving was

more pronounced than a combined effort. The School took the lead through Lloyd's following a 'loose' raid. The lead was increased when Tonge scored from a three-quarter movement. The School forwards packed well and completely dominated the 'loose' play. Tonge and Marsden took part in a movement from a penalty kick by Sefton which ended in Marsden's scoring in delightful style. A try was scored by Dalton, and a further one in which the whole scrum shared.

Result : School, 15 pts. ; A. Eason's XV, Nil.

Sat., Dec. 7th. School 1st XV v. Kirkham Grammar School 1st XV. Home. Won.

The School won a sparkling game, which was a hard, keen struggle throughout. Both sides indulged in many fine handling movements, but the School's good marking and sound tackling prevented any score. Kirkham found the School backs rather elusive. Marsden scored the only try of the match, by a pass from Thistlethwaite. Hough made some daring tackles, besides starting some skilful passing movements. The Kirkham team threatened our line several times, but they were pushed back each time. The School forwards did good work both in the 'loose' and the set scrums. In spite of determined play by Kirkham, they were well held. All the School team played a hard game. Hough's tackling at fly-half was especially good, and he was largely responsible for the inability of their backs to penetrate our defence.

Result : School, 5 pts ; Kirkham Grammar School, Nil.

Sat., Jan. 25th. School 1st XV v. Hutton Grammar School 1st XV. Away. Lost.

A much weakened School XV lost to Hutton. Hutton began by immediately exerting great pressure on the School defence. Poor tackling and bad marking allowed Hutton to score a try and they later increased their lead through a penalty awarded to them. Good passing movements enabled Hutton to go still further ahead during the second half. Only a few of the School backs put up any sound resistance. The School forwards did not bind sufficiently in the 'loose' scrums. We badly missed some of last term's side.

Result : Hutton Grammar School, 14 pts. ; School, Nil.

Sat., Feb. 1st. School 1st XV v. Kirkham Grammar School 1st XV. Away. Lost.

Kirkham inflicted a severe defeat on the School. Having won the toss, Kirkham had the wind in their favour in the first half. Kirkham commenced in dashing style, and after a relentless attack they went over for a try. Shortly afterwards they increased their lead. The School had more of the attack after the interval, but periodic breakaways by Kirkham proved disastrous. The forwards played a big part in a game which contained few thrills. Sefton scored the only try in a forward rush. The School's back division was not as sound as usual, and could not hold a faster set of backs.

Result : Kirkham Grammar School, 21 pts. ; School, 3 pts.

THE RUGGER KNOCK-OUTS.

Clayton proved too good for Worden, and Cuerden successfully eliminated Farington from the Rugger Knock-outs.

FINAL.

This year the Rugger Knock-outs were won by Clayton in a replay.

Although both Clayton and Cuerden strove hard neither side could obtain any advantage and the game ended without any score. Play was evenly divided except for a spell in the first half when Clayton had the better of the attack.

In the replay Clayton had to battle hard for a 5-0 win. The game contained plenty of incident, although it was not very attractive rugby. Play was chiefly among the forwards. Lloyd was very prominent in the Cuerden pack. The Cuerden three-quarters were more thrustful than the Clayton backs. Marsden featured in some good movements for Cuerden. Throughout the match Clayton went dangerously close to scoring but Cuerden fought back gallantly.

It was not until extra time was played that Clayton were able to score. Thistlethwaite was responsible for the try and Sefton ably converted. In spite of this Cuerden continued to attack strongly right to the end.

Result : Clayton, 5 pts. ; Cuerden, Nil.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1940/41.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st XV.....	11	9	—	2
Colts XV.....	3	—	1	2

RUGGER LEAGUES.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
Clayton.....	9	7	—	2	14
Worden.....	9	4	—	5	8
Farington.....	9	4	—	5	8
Cuerden.....	9	2	—	7	4

Shield Winners : Clayton.

HOCKEY, 1940/41

The team has come through this season undefeated. There were six vacancies to be filled in September, and after various try-outs we arrived at the best combination. Each player pulled her full weight and the only regret we all had was that bad weather restricted the matches in the Spring Term.

The Junior Team faithfully copied the 1st XI and were also undefeated, many of the players showing good promise for future seasons.

TEAM CRITICISMS.

Left-Wing : B. Sharples.—Makes good use of her speed and centres extremely well. Dodging tactics good, but needs to use discretion in the use of them. Has been a very competent captain.

Left Inner : C. Marshall.—Combined particularly well with the Left-wing, but needs to improve the right pass. Positioning good.

Centre-Forward : E. Wilson.—Has made a good dashing Centre-forward. Her quickness in the circle, combined with a well produced drive, has brought many satisfying goals.

Right-Inner : J. Boothman.—A strong player, particularly good in the circle. A little slow, however, in the field.

Right-Wing : A. Bradley.—A promising player who certainly "uses her head." Passes and dodging tactics very well-timed.

Left-Half : Z. Norris.—Has had a successful first season on the team and has played whole-heartedly throughout. Has a well produced drive.

Centre-Half : B. Haigh.—A very steady and reliable player. Marking and tackling very good, and passes to her own forwards are well-placed.

Right-Half : P. Briggs.—Has played well throughout the season. Marking and anticipation exceptionally good.

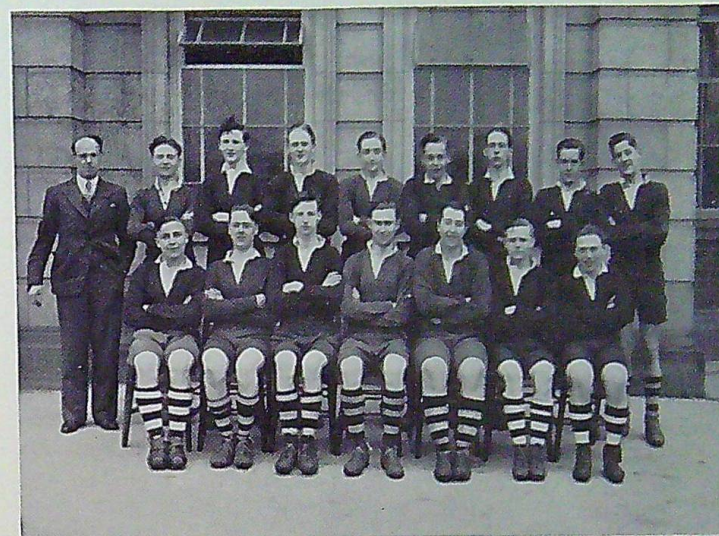
Left-Back : J. Marland.—Makes good use of her speed in tackling her opponents. Needs to be more careful in clearing out to her own forwards.

Right-Back : M. Hunt.—Has a strong forceful drive, but needs to be quicker in tackling back.

Goal-Keeper : O. Bretherton.—Has developed into a cool competent Goal-keeper. Clears out well. M.K.B.

Sat., Oct. 26th. School 1st XI v. Upholland Grammar School 1st XI. Home. Won.

Considering that this was the first match of the season the School team combined very well. Although the Upholland forwards were fast, they tended to muddle their



THE SCHOOL RUGBY 1st XV, 1940-41.

Back row : (left to right) ; Mr. Bennison, Tennant, Lund, Wilkinson, Eckton, R., Marsden, C., Thistlethwaite, Dalton.

Front row : (left to right) ; Tonge, Brinnand, Lloyd, Sutton, Sefton, Rigby, Salisbury.
Played 11 : Won 9 : Drawn 0 : Lost 2.



THE SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI, 1940-41.

Back row : (left to right) ; Z. Norris, E. Wilson, J. Marland, P. Briggs, A. Bradley, J. Boothman.

Front row : (left to right) ; C. Marshall, B. Sharples, Miss Bartlett, B. Haigh, O. Bretherton.
Played 6 : Won 6 : Drawn 0 : Lost 0.

defence, and thus our forwards found it easy to break through. Our halves were especially prominent — marking their opponents well, and backing up the forwards.

The match was keenly contested, although the School team was obviously superior.

Result : School, 6 goals ; Upholland Grammar School, 1 goal.

Sat., Nov. 9th. School 1st XI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield 1st XI. Away. Match Abandoned.

This match was played under unfavourable conditions. The pitch was heavy and water-logged, and it rained during the whole of the second half. Although the School was playing two reserves, the teams were evenly matched. Our forwards were faster than Ashton's, but the Ashton halves marked well, making it difficult for us to break through. The School defence, especially the goalkeeper, deserves credit for the way in which it held the Ashton forwards. We were leading 1 goal to nil, when rain stopped play and the match had to be abandoned.

Sat., Nov. 30th. School 1st XI v. Chorley Grammar School 1st XI. Away. Won.

Although the School team was superior from the first, this match was by no means dull. The Chorley team was keen and their forwards were as fast as ours, but they did not combine, thus losing many opportunities of scoring. Our forwards employed more successful rushes into the goal-circle, but their shooting was not as accurate as it might have been.

Result : School, 9 goals ; Chorley Grammar School, Nil.

Sat., Feb. 1st. School 1st XI v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st XI. Away. Won.

This was a hard match for the School team, since both teams were evenly matched. Our defence, however, was slightly superior to Newton's, the School backs clearing well and making openings for attack. Our forwards and halves also played well, helping to defend, and constant in the attack.

Result : School, 2 goals ; Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School, Nil.

Sat., March 8th. School 1st XI v. Ormskirk Grammar School 1st XI. Home. Won.

This was the hardest and most exciting match of the season, and considering that we had had very little practice, the School team played well.

Our halves had great difficulty in marking the Ormskirk forwards, who were very fast and waited well up the field for their passes. At half-time the score was one all, and it appeared as if the match was going to end in a draw. Two minutes from the end, however, the School scored a goal from a corner hit.

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

Wed., March 12th. School 1st XI v Preston Convent 1st XI. Away. Won.

For this match, the play of the School was not up to its usual standard. Our halves and backs were hesitant and slow in tackling back, and thus the forwards had to make their own openings for attack.

At half-time there was no score. During the second half, however, the School had most of the play, and scored three goals.

Result : School, 3 goals ; Preston Convent, Nil.

March 12th. School 2nd XI v Preston Convent 2nd XI. (Away). Won.

This was the only 2nd XI match of the season, and unfortunately our team was not at its strongest. However, our team was stronger and combined better than the Convent team.

Result : School 2nd XI 3 goals ; Preston Convent, 2nd XI 1 goal.

Oct. 19th. School Junior XI v Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School Junior XI. (Home). Won.

Although the Newton team was heavier than ours, our team was much faster and combined better than theirs. Our Juniors really deserved a better result since they had most of the play. Their shooting, however, was not hard enough and so the Newton defence found it easy to save many goals.

Result : School Junior XI, 2 goals ; Newton Grammar School Junior XI 1 goal.

Oct. 26th. School Junior XI v Upholland Grammar School Junior XI. (Home). Won.

In this match, the School team was superior from the first. Our forwards' shooting had improved very much, and our defence marked their opponents well and backed up the forwards.

Result : School Junior XI 6 goals ; Upholland Grammar School Junior XI nil.

Sat., Nov. 9th. School Junior XI v Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School XI. (Away). Won.

This match was keenly contested. Our Juniors, however combined better than the Ashton team, and their attacks were more determined.

Result : School Junior XI, 3 goals ; Ashton Grammar School Junior XI, nil.

Sat., Feb. 1st. School Junior XI v Newton-in-Makerfield Grammar School Junior XI. (Away). Won.

The School team started extremely well and had the advantage throughout the game. Our defence played well and therefore the Newton forwards could not break through to shoot.

Result : School Junior XI, 4 goals.; Newton Grammar School Junior XI, 1 goal.

FINAL OF HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1940/41.

The final of the Hockey Knock-out was between Clayton and Farington. Farington started off extremely well and scored one goal in the first half. Towards the end of the second half Farington seemed to have tired themselves out and Clayton were easily superior. The match was very exciting and both teams played well.

Result : Clayton, 3 goals ; Farington, 1 goal.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES, 1940/41.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI.....	6	6	0	0
2nd XI.....	1	1	0	0
Junior XI.....	4	4	0	0

HOCKEY LEAGUE TABLE, 1940/41.

House	P.	W.	D.	L.	No. of Points
Clayton.....	9	7	1	1	15
Cuerden.....	9	5	1	3	11
Farington.....	9	4	0	5	8
Worden.....	9	1	0	8	2

Shield Winners : Clayton.

B.Y.S.

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).

Our congratulations this term must go to the members of our Hockey and Rugby teams; thanks to them, our House room is once more adorned by the Rugby and Hockey Knock-out Cups and League shields. Well done Clayton!

Having shown the School our capabilities, let us not relax. The Annual Athletic Sports are imminent and we look to all our members, especially the new ones, to help us win the House Championship Cup.

We look forward with hope to the season of Cricket, Tennis and Rounders.

It is with shame and despair that we point out once more that Clayton ranks fourth in the Order of Merit. We keep this miserable place in spite of many efforts to raise the scholastic standard of the House; and therefore we urge every member of Clayton to do his utmost to haul us to the top of the Merit Order and install the Griffin in our House room.

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch.

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell.

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

It is with no great pride that we look back upon the efforts of the House since the last recording of our history.

In all the games activities, Cuerden has not been very successful, both the boys and the girls suffering defeats. The Rugby League Shield and the Rugby Knock-Out Cup were taken from us. The latter was lost after a hard and prolonged struggle, and it is rather unfortunate that for the second time Cuerden just missed the chance of obtaining a replica of this cup to accompany our replica of the Hockey Knock-Out Cup.

The girls failed in the Hockey Leagues and were defeated in the first round of the Hockey Knock-Outs, through the unlucky absence of our best players.

Neither has the House distinguished itself intellectually, Cuerden again failing to head the Merit Order, and it is to be hoped that we shall improve on this position this term.

The social life of the House has passed into regrettable oblivion, and with little hope of its revival until after the War.

The Summer Term is now upon us, and the success of the House in this term depends upon the enthusiasm of its members, and of their ability for athletics.

With the loyal co-operation of everybody there are good prospects during the coming season, for the recovery of our lost glory, and the upholding of our illustrious name.

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. H. J. Lomax.

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy.

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

Alas for our high hopes of the Autumn Term. Those hopes, that our minds then harboured, are now worthless things. Let us state the facts in cold, impersonal language.

Farington has not had a single success on the field of sport since the Summer Term.

First let us consider the boys' part in this catastrophe. In the Rugby Leagues, our team struggled valiantly enough, but the points just failed to fall to our portion. One redeeming factor arose from this defeat. Farington were not at the foot of the table, when the day of reckoning came. In the Knock-Outs, Farington fought desperately against overwhelming odds in the shape of Cuerden; Taberner and Edmondson must be congratulated on their successful attempts to cross the Cuerden line.

Now let us turn our attention to the activities of the girls of the House. Again the League Shield was contested for with great vigour, but alas, in vain. In the Knock-Outs, the team succeeded in reaching the final. At the close of the first half Farington were actually leading, and the House drew in its breath for a cheer, but it was expelled in a sigh, as Clayton went ahead and never looked back till the final whistle.

Enough of this gloomy retrospect; let us look once more into the future. Summer has returned and with it come hopes of a Farington success on the Sports field. It is up to the members of Farington House to raise its name from the abyss to which it has so recently sunk. Let us, once more, see the House Room filled with glittering trophies concrete proof of prowess on the field of sport.

In the words of Mr. Morrison, let us "Go To It."

WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson.

House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill.

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

House notes are being demanded by the Editor and therefore once again we have the pleasure of recording the activities of Worden House during the past term.

We offer to the world a chronicle of valiant effort expended to no avail. Our striving Rugby Football and Hockey teams failed in their efforts to recover cups and shields which continually, and with monotonous regularity, evade our grasp. We dream, but dream in vain, of a House Room gorgeously bedecked with glittering trophies.

However, this record of gloom does not call for despondency. Let us set aside our dreams and, in the coming weeks of athletics, cricket, tennis and rounders, by combining our never-failing enthusiasm with the skill which will be ours by diligent practice, endeavour to place our House once again in the lead.

It is on this note of optimism that we close, reminding our junior members that, if we fail during the coming season, they will have many more opportunities to restore to Worden the trophies which in past years ornamented the House Room. May we venture to hope that in some future issue of "The Balshavian" there will be many successes to report.

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"NON SIBI SED ALIIS"

December 6th, 1940—Leyland Spitfire Fund.—£6/0/8.

December 16th, 1940—Dr. Barnardo's Homes.—216 toys.

December 20th, 1940—W.V.S., Manchester.—198 articles of clothing for evacuees.

January 24th, 1941—Troops stationed in and around Leyland.—£1 and articles of furniture.

March 24th, 1941—Polish Relief Fund—£3/9/5.

December, 1940 — May, 1941.—Knitted Comforts Funds.—£20/7/0.

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ROLL OF SERVICE

"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

Berry, H.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1931-36
Briggs, C. A.	Fleet Air Arm	Clayton	1926-34
Darnell, P. W.	R.A.	Farington	1929-37
Davies, R. J.	R.E.	Clayton	1932-33
Downer, W. J.	R.A.O.C.	Master	1935
Downie, J.	R.A.	Farington	1929-38
Duxbury, J.	R.A.	Farington	1930-36
Etherington, J.	R.N.	Farington	1926-32
Fisher, R. W.	Ministry of Supply	Master	1934
Fishwick, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1928-35
Gold, D.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1931-36
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
Marland, G. W.	R.A.F.	Worden	1932-36
Marland, L.	R.A.F.	Worden	1929-34
Marland, W.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1927-33
Miller, J.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-38
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, H.	R.C. of Signals	Clayton	1933-40
Sutton, R.	R.A.F.	Cuerden	1931-37
Taylor, F.	R.A.F.	Clayton	1933-38
Turner, Richard	R.A.	Worden	1931-39
Turner, Ronald	R.A.F.	Clayton	1932-38
Wildman, R.	R. C. of Signals	Cuerden	1926-31
Wilkinson, C. G.	R. C. of Signals	Worden	1931-33
Wilkinson, E. G.	R.A.F.	—	1920-28
Wilkinson, J. N.	R.A.	Clayton	1931-36
Witter, W.	R.A.	Cuerden	1932-36
Yates, F.	R.A.F.	Farington	1932-36
Yates, H.	South Staffs.	Clayton	1931-36

Old Balshavians serving in H.M.'s Forces are asked to send to me additions or alterations to this preliminary list. I should, in fact, be very glad to receive particulars from any source about any Old Pupil whose name does not appear on the list.

V. U. OLDLAND.

CALENDAR

1941		APRIL.	Sports Results
Tu.	29	Summer Term commences. Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, B. V. Sharples, Eckton, R. E.	
W.	30	Sports' Heats continued.	
		MAY.	
Th.	1		
F.	2		
S.	3		
M.	5	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, J. Elliott, Lund, H.	
Tu.	6		
W.	7		
Th.	8		
F.	9		
S.	10		
M.	12	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, M. W. Holding, Wilkinson, G. T. Last date of entry for contributions to 'The Balshavian', Vol. XVII, No. 1.	
Tu.	13		
W.	14		
Th.	15	School Photograph 2-30 p.m. Annual Athletic Sports, 1st Day (Boys' Events)	
F.	16	2-30 p.m. Annual Athletic Sports, 2nd Day (Girls' Events)	
S.	17		
M.	19	Supervision Duty : Miss Royle, E. Wilson, Thistlethwaite, C. S. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
Tu.	20	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	
W.	21	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
Th.	22		
F.	23		
S.	24	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI (a) School 2nd XI v. Chorley G. S. 2nd XI (h) Rounders : School 1st IX v. Hindley G. S. 1st IX (h) School Jnr. IX v. Hindley G. S. Jnr. IX (h)	
M.	26	Supervision Duty : Mr. Hilditch, J. C. Howcroft, Hope, T. E. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	
Tu.	27	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
W.	28	Tennis : School 1st VI. v. Rivington G. S. 1st VI. (a) 2-30 p.m. : Ministry of Information Film Show. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(1) ; Cu. v. W.(1)	
Th.	29	Publication of 'The Balshavian', Vol. XVII, No. 1.	
F.	30		
S.	31	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Preston Catholic College 1st XI. (a) School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI (a)	
		JUNE.	
2nd - 6th - Whit. Holiday.			
S.	7	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI. (h) School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI (a)	
M.	9	Supervision Duty : Miss Milroy, A. Lee, Lloyd, H. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
Tu.	10	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(1) ; Cu. v. F.(1)	
W.	11	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(1) ; F. v. W.(1)	
Th.	12	Tennis Knock-outs : Cl. v. Cu.	

		JUNE—continued	
F.	13	Rounders Knock-outs : F. v. W.	
S.	14	Cricket : School Colts XI v. Preston Catholic College Colts XI (a) Rounders : School 1st IX v. Upholland G. S. 1st IX (a) School Jnr. IX v. Upholland G. S. Jnr. IX (a) 9 a.m. Entrance Examination for new pupils.	
M.	16	Supervision Duty : Mr. Bull, B. Hamer, Eckton, R. E. Tennis Knock-outs : F. v. W. Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2)	
Tu.	17	Rounders Knock-outs : Cl. v. Cu.	
W.	18	Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI (a) Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. F. (1st Day) Cricket Knock-outs : Cl. v. F. (2nd Day)	
Th.	19	Oxford School Certificate Oral French Examination.	
F.	20	Cricket : School 1st XI v. A Sedbergh School XI (h)	
S.	21	School Colts XI v. Chorley G. S. Colts XI (h) Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st IX (a) School Junior IX v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S. Junior IX (a)	
M.	23	Supervision Duty : Miss Robinson, C. M. Marshall, Lund, H. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2)	
Tu.	24	Rounders League : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2)	
W.	25	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. W. (1st Day) Tennis : School 1st VI v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st VI. (h)	
Th.	26	Cricket Knock-outs : Cu. v. W. (2nd Day)	
F.	27		
S.	28	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Chorley G. S. 1st XI (h) School 2nd XI v. Chorley G. S. 2nd XI (h) Rounders : School 1st IX v. Ormskirk G. S. 1st IX (a) School Jnr. IX v. Ormskirk G. S. Jnr. IX (a)	
M.	30	Supervision Duty : Mr. Wilkinson, B. V. Sharples, Wilkinson, G. T. Higher School Certificate Examination commences. Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2)	
		JULY.	
Tu.	1	Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2)	
W.	2	Cricket Leagues : Cl. v. F.(2) ; Cu. v. W.(2)	
Th.	3	Tennis : School 1st VI. v. Old Girls' VI (h)	
F.	4	Final of Tennis Knock-outs.	
S.	5	Cricket : School Colts XI v. Ormskirk G. S. Colts XI (h) Tennis : School 1st VI v. Upholland G. S. 1st VI (h) Rounders : School Jnr. IX v. Upholland G. S. Jnr. IX (h)	
M.	7	Supervision Duty : Miss Fletcher, J. Elliott, Thistlethwaite, C. S. School Examinations (First Day). Tennis Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2)	
Tu.	8	School Examinations (Second Day). Rounders Leagues : Cl. v. W.(2) ; Cu. v. F.(2)	
W.	9	School Examinations (Third Day). Cricket Leagues : C. v. Cu.(2) ; F. v. W.(2)	
Th.	10	Oxford School Certificate Examination commences.	
F.	11		
S.	12	Cricket : School 1st XI v. Kirkham G. S. 1st XI (a) School 2nd XI v. Kirkham G. S. 2nd XI (h) Rounders : School 1st IX v. Newton-in-Makerfield G. S. 1st IX (h)	

JULY—continued.		
M.	14	Supervision Duty : Miss Whewell, M. W. Holding, Hope, T. E.
Tu.	15	
W.	16	
Th.	17	5-10 p.m. Final of Cricket Knock-outs (1st Day).
F.	18	Final of Cricket Knock-outs (2nd Day). Final of Rounders Knock-outs.
S.	19	Cricket : School 2nd XI v. a Merchant Taylor's XI (h)..... Tennis : School 1st VI v. Preston Park School 1st VI (h).....
M.	21	Supervision Duty : Mr. Parry, E. Wilson, Lloyd, H. Final of Cricket Knock-outs (3rd Day).
Tu.	22	
W.	23	Tennis : 1st VI v. The Staff..... Cricket : 1st XI v. The Staff.....
Th.	24	Rounders : 1st IX v. The Staff.....
F.	25	Midsummer Term Ends. Autumn Term commences : Tuesday, September 16th, 1941 (provisional).

MISCELLANEA.

<i>Clayton House :</i>	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.
<i>Cuerden House :</i>	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.
<i>Farington House :</i>	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., (Boys). House Colours : Gold. House Room : IB.
<i>Worden House :</i>	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. (Boys). House Colours : Blue. House Room : IA.
<i>Boys. Head Prefect :</i>	Hope T. E. <i>Prefects :</i> Lloyd H., Thistlethwaite C. S. <i>Sub-Prefects :</i> Eckton R. E., Lund H., Wilkinson G. T.
<i>Girls. Head Prefect :</i>	C. M. Marshall. <i>Prefects :</i> B. Hamer, M. W. Holding, A. Lee. <i>Sub-Prefects :</i> J. Elliott, J. C. Howcroft, B. V. Sharples, E. Wilson.
<i>Captain of Cricket :</i>	Lloyd H.
<i>Captain of Rounders :</i>	E. Wilson.
<i>Captain of Tennis :</i>	B. Haigh.
<i>School Lunch :</i>	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 6d. Pupils should purchase a week's supply of tickets from the Secretary.
<i>Milk :</i>	10.45 a.m. in Dining Room. Certified "Grade A" Milk can be obtained at "Break," price ½d. per bottle (with straw).
<i>School Buses :</i>	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 5.10 p.m. daily.

Tuck Shop : Open from 10-45 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day.

Commissariat : In Secretary's office at 12-30 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 IIb 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 6 p.m. each day.

School Periods :

Morning Periods :	9-0 to 9-10 a.m.	Prayers.
	9-10 to 9-15 a.m.	Form meetings.
	9-15 to 10-0 a.m.	First Period.
	10-0 to 10-45 a.m.	Second Period.
	10-45 to 11-0 a.m.	Break.
	11-0 to 11-45 a.m.	Third Period.
	11-45 to 12-30 p.m.	Fourth Period.

Afternoon Periods : (a) on afternoons when there are no meetings of Societies :

1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-50 to 2-30 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-30 to 3-15 p.m.	Sixth Period.
3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Seventh Period.

(b) on afternoons when there are meetings of Societies :—

1-45 to 1-50 p.m.	Form meetings.
1-50 to 2-15 p.m.	Fifth Period.
2-15 to 2-45 p.m.	Sixth Period.
2-45 to 3-15 p.m.	Seventh Period.
3-15 to 4-0 p.m.	Societies

Meetings :

National Savings Group (Mr. Parry and Miss Fletcher)—in Library 12-30 to 1 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 2.40 to 3.0	Practice and Science of Gardening (IIA). English (IVB.).
Tuesdays :	11.25 to 11.40 2.35 to 3.0	Games with words (IA). English (IIIA and IIIB).
Wednesdays :	2.15 to 2.35 2.40 to 3.0	General Science (IVA) English (IB).
Thursdays :	11.40 to 12.0 2.0 to 2.15	Geography (VB). 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 :

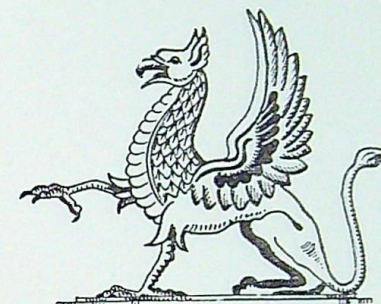
Day	CRICKET (Boys)	ROUNDERS (Girls)	TENNIS (Girls)
M.....	House Practices (F. & W.)	1st XVIII Practice	House Leagues
Tu.....	1st XXII & Colts' XI Practices	House Leagues	1st XII Practice
W.....	House League Matches	House Practices (F. or W.)	House Practices (F. or W.)
Th.....	1st XXII Practice & Juniors' Games	Juniors' Games & Junior IX Practice	Juniors' Games
F.....	House Practices (Cl. & Cu.)	House Practices (Cl. or Cu.)	House Practices (Cl. or Cu.)
S.....	School Matches	School Matches	School Matches

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Form Master: H. J. Lomax, Esq., B.Sc., A.R.C.S.

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Form 111a.

Form Mistress : Miss K. Robinson, M.A.

House	Name	Age	Art	English	French	Geography	Greek	Handicraft	History	Housecraft	Latin	Maths.	Science I.	Science II.	Order of Merit
W.	J. Brinnand	14.1	12	6	2	10									
Cl.	D. Clarke	14.8	5	11	15	7			8	12	3	2	2	5	2
Cu.	K. M. Frost	13.9	2	8	3	3			3	6	15	15	4	12	11
Cl.	M. Garnett	14.1	10	22	16	8	5			13	4	8	2	12	4
Cu.	I. Greenhalgh	14.2	10	16	6	3			13	2	22	19	6	12	16
F.	I. Hindle	14.10	24	12	6	11	3			11	5	9	16	6	9
F.	J. Hughes	14.8	15	3	10	16			14	18	10	7	27	23	17
Cl.	M. Hutchings	14.5	6	26	20	32			2	5	12	12	6	3	5
Cl.	E. Johnston	14.11	4	7	12	5			17	3	25	22	24	10	20
W.	A. Newsham	13.9	1	17	10	11			10	1	18	14	6	12	8
F.	J. Smith	14.11	26	9	13	26			11	10	13	3	13	18	13
Cu.	M. Sutton	13.9	7	22	16	18			8	13	19	25	26	19	19
Cu.	I. Thornley	14.4	2	15	6	15			3	4	21	23	18	6	18
W.	J. Tipping	14.2	16	1	1	1			12	9	6	6	16	20	12
F.	D. Walmsley	14.10	8	4	14	6	2			16	2	5	10	1	1
W.	J. Watson	14.5	24	19	22	20			3	7	8	13	9	16	7
F.	K. Wood	14.9	13	25	19	21			16	18	17	21	22	22	23
Cu.	L.B. Wrennall	13.10	13	10	4	9			15	17	20	9	22	23	20
F.	E. Yates	13.11	18	2	18	2			18	15	13	1	1	2	10
W.	Catterall, J.	15.7	29	20	30	28			1	7	16	11	18	4	6
Cl.	Edwards, S.	15.3	23	12	24	24	6	4	21		30	28	29	29	30
W.	Graham, G. B.	14.0	8	29	28	25		9			26	19	25	26	25
F.	Hesketh, L.	14.5	28	28	26	26		1	23		29	27	28	20	27
F.	Kirkham, L.	14.6	30	18	25	29		10	20		22	26	13	26	26
Cu.	Marsh, A.	14.6	20	12	29	19		11	19		24	24	30	30	27
Cl.	Marginson, L.	14.5	22	20	23	17		5	6		28	30	4	9	22
Cl.	Meadows, G. S.	13.6	20	30	21	23		7	7		7	13	15	11	15
W.	Salisbury, E. E.	14.4	17	5	4	13	1	2	21		11	18	20	25	24
W.	Singleton, K. E.	14.9	27	27	27	30		7			1	4	10	8	3
W.	Sweetmore, D.	14.1	18	24	6	14		5	24		27	29	21	26	29
(30)	Average Age	14.5					4	3			9	13	12	19	14

Form IIIb.

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House	Name	Age	Art	English	French	Geography	Handicraft	History	Housecraft	Maths.	Science I.	Science II.	Order of Merit
Cl.	D. Ainsworth	14.2	28	17	19	23		21	15	26	30	25	25
Cl.	D. Cowell	14.7	4	3	4	17		2	14	22	14	9	7
F.	A. Deacon	14.0	16	14	11	7		13	11	11	18	7	12
Cl.	A. Dixon	14.8	9	27	26	15		19	8	20	14	26	18
F.	A. Farrington	13.8	5	4	6	10		3	3	7	23	4	5
Cl.	E. Hanson	14.8	30	30	28	26		29	6	28	28	16	30
Cu.	O. Hargreaves	14.3	16	4	3	8		5	2	1	3	3	3
Cl.	J. Haydock	14.1	1	10	29	18		8	3	12	10	19	11
Cl.	D. Hurst	14.8	7	28	27	28		28	15	26	29	20	29
Cl.	J. Iredale	13.9	16	1	10	6		11	9	24	18	22	10
Cl.	D. McKittrick	15.2	6	24	30	28		20	12	22	25	28	26
F.	Z. Metcalf	14.6	25	22	12	10		18	13	30	17	20	21
W.	D. Norris	14.9	23	17	22	27		7	5	9	13	13	13
Cu.	D. Pearce	14.3	27	7	7	3		17	20	5	1	12	6
	L. Pickup					24		17	14				

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