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## EDITORIAL.

This is the first edition of " The Peveril " under its new staff and we hope that we shall maintain its traditions and high standards to the satisfaction of all. We have often in the past been impatient at those former Editors of this magazine who have written of the difficulty not only of finding suitable and original material for their Editorials but even of expressing it, when found, in an inspiring manner. We have felt that they made a great deal of fuss over nothing and in our innermost thoughts, although we dared not admit it, we have secretly thought their efforts rather trivial. But, we have resolved, everything is to be different in the future. We are going to write something really worth reading and this marvellous state of affairs is to continue as long as the Magazine exists. But first, we find, we must have something to write about. Now, indeed, we sympathise with former Editors and offer them our humblest apologies.

It is customary for Editorials to give the School a pat on the back but this, we feel, is not wholly possible this issue. Although the School has lately been well to the fore in local affairs, thanks to its teams and flourishing societies, we have recently noticed a tendency ( not, we hope, permanent) for too much take and not enough give. We feel that there is a spirit of carelessness and a lack of thought for others present in School life. We should like to call upon everybody to make an effort for the good of the School by striving to be one " who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had, whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction."

And now in lighter vein we should like to extend a perhaps overdue, but none the less hearty, welcome to Mrs. Lawn, who has joined the Staff of the School as Senior Mistress.

We hope that all School teams, societies, circles and clubs, and also the Old Bartonians' Association, will continue to flourish, and we conclude by wishing all our readers a hot and happy Summer.

P.W.

# SCHOOL NEWS.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

### Staff Changes.

Mr. Barry joined the staff as Gym master in September and Miss K. Clarke (whom many know as an Old Bartonian) came as a temporary mistress, leaving at Christmas for a post in Gloucestershire. Mrs. Lawn rejoined the Staff in January as Senior Mistress. Mlle. Cathala is here for a year from France to help with the School's oral French. We hope that she will have a memorable year in England.

### Other News.

Monsieur and Madame Houry, from Vitry-le-Francois, visited the School at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Heartiest congratulations to J. Hounslow, who gained a County Major Scholarship, tenable at the University of Liverpool, and to G. Bowling and W. Stearn who gained Scholarships to University College, Southampton.

On November 5th a party of pupils attended a performance of " Macbeth " at the Avenue Hall, Southampton. It was given by the Salisbury Arts Theatre Company.

At the Town Hall on November 23rd. La Troupe Française performed Bernard's " L'Anglais Tel Qu'on le Parle," and Moliere's " Les Précieuses Ridicules " for the School and for many pupils from other schools. The Sixth Form afterwards visited the cast in their dressing rooms and found that the cast knew even more English slang than the members of the Sixth Form.

Towards the end of November the Dorian trio played at the School and this was much appreciated.

Jean Matthews (VI) and her brother Malcolm (IV) sailed for Australia on December 17th. They are now living at Adelaide, South Australia.

The School Choir again entered the Music Festival at Winchester and on March 15th gained fourth place in their section. We are pleased to note that every member of the Choir made an effort to wear School Uniform and the whole effect was very pleasant.

The three usual school parties for Lower, Middle and Upper School took place as usual at Christmas. Form VI held their annual Valentine's Party on February 12th, and this proved a riotous success, especially the refreshments, which were provided by Form VI themselves.

Some members of Form IV entered the preliminary round of the first County Drama Festival to be held since before the war. It

took place at Stanmore, and although the School cast was not selected for the Final at Eastleigh Town Hall, it received a very good comment from the Adjudicator. The mime " The Tall, Tall Castle," was performed by S. Baker, F. Reed, J. White, J. Cudmore, N. Morgan and M. Greaves, and they were accompanied by the School pianist, M. Hendey, who. was judged as " excellent."

Many pupils attended a Film Show on March 28th. Among the films shown was one on the rebuilding of Plymouth.

There have been various lectures at School, all of which have proved very instructive.

The Library continues to gain in popularity, as is evident at lunch-time. The present Librarian is D. Broadfield.

A party of pupils, together with Mr. Cox, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Cross, visited Montreux, Switzerland, at Easter. Various pupils travelled to France under the exchange system.

J. Tapley is travelling with the British Schools Exploring Society on an expedition to uninhabited Norway in August. We understand that it is quite difficult to obtain a place in one of these expeditions and we hope that our Head Boy will find it an enjoyable as well as instructive trip.

Miss Cross is going to Sweden in July as a member of the Hampshire team which has been selected as the British elite team for the Lingiad in Stockholm. The lingiad is a festival of Gymnastics, rather on the style of the Olympic Games, to which many countries are sending representatives. Great Britain is sending two hundred representatives and we hope that Miss Cross, too, will have every success in Scandinavia.

D. Broadfield has been awarded a vacancy at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and J. Stubbs has gained a vacancy for Exeter College, Oxford, which he will take when he has completed his period of National Service. We extend congratulations to both and hope that they will go through college with flying colours.

P.W.

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## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

#### Ex-officio Members :-

<i>Head Boy</i> : 1		<i>Head Girl</i> :		} D. Broadfield.
<i>Y.F.C.</i>	J. Tapley (Chairman f)	<i>Library</i> :		
<i>Football</i> :		<i>Hockey</i> :		
<i>Cricket</i> :	B. Dowding	<i>Rounders</i> :		} R. Boyce
<i>Netball</i> :	E. Mills	<i>Tennis</i> :		0. Johnson
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<i>III Barton..</i>	M. Abraham+, R. Peacock*		D. Clarke-Jones* .
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**Council Officials :-**

<i>Clerk :</i>	.. G. M. Cousens.	<i>Treasurer :</i>	. . S. Bunday. <i>Deputy</i>
<i>Deputy Clerk :</i>	B. Butcher	<i>Treasurer :</i>	K. Griffin. <i>Technical</i>
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<i>Calendar Secretary :</i>	B. Hockey	<i>Clerk :</i>	J. Lidbury.
	+ Autumn term only,		* Senior Term only.

The Council is still combating its own financial crisis. The raising of the subscription to half-a-crown has not proved sufficient to bridge the gap, owing to the fact that there are not as many subscribers as might be hoped or expected. The expenditure of the various clubs and societies has had to be restricted, as have all travelling expenses. The Finance Committee has handled this serious problem most efficiently.

The rest of the work of the Council has been of a routine nature and no drastic innovations have been proposed. The most active committee, apart from the Finance Committee, is the General Purposes, which has recently arranged a further series of Ballroom Dancing Lessons for the senior members of the school. Mr. A. Almond has at last succeeded in obtaining sufficient material to complete the form-room notice boards which he so kindly offered to construct when the Council pointed out the need for them some time ago.

Although there have been no exciting motions, the Council has competently controlled all the school activities during this period.

G.M.C.



## FOOTBALL.

*Captain:* B. Dowding.

*Vice-Captain:* J. Stubbs.

*Secretary:* K. Griffin.

The school First XI failed to uphold the high standard of football set up by the teams of previous seasons, winning only three matches, drawing one and losing seventeen.

This was largely due to the inability of the forward line to score goals, although there was an improvement towards the end of the season. During the first half of the season the obvious reason for this inability to score goals was the lack of constructive wing-halves, forceful inside forwards and a sharp-shooting leader. This was later partly overcome when Gould and Stubbs moved to fill the wing half-back positions and Noyce came into the team at centre-forward. There always remained, however, the need of two powerful inside forwards capable of splitting open the opposing defences and thus relieving their own defence of constant pressure.

The defence was usually sound and could not be blamed for most of the matches which were lost. This is illustrated by the fact that in just over half of these matches the forwards failed to score.

Except for occasional lapses Adams played very well in goal in spite of several high scores against him and there is no doubt that, taking the season as a whole, he served the school very well. Gould was always a tower of strength, as also was Stubbs when moved to wing-half-back.

Colours were awarded to Stubbs, Adams and Dowding

⊞	<i>Opponents.</i>	⊞	MFB	<i>Result.</i>
		<i>Venue.</i>		
	Brockenhurst County High School	(Home)	Won	2-1
	Andover Grammar School	(Away)	Won	2-1
	Purbrook Grammar School	(Home)	Lost	0-8
	Prices School, Fareham	(Home)	Lost	1-5
	Peter Symonds'	(Home)	Lost	1-2
	St. Mary's College	(Away)	Lost	0-2
	Itchen Grammar School	(Home)	Lost	0-7
	Taunton's School	(Away)	Lost	0-2
	Gosport County High School	(Home)	Lost	0-2
	King Alfred's College	(Home)	Lost	1-6
	Basingstoke	(Home)	Lost	1-2
	Portsmouth Northern Grammar School	(Home)	Lost	0-7
	Andover Grammar School	(Home)	Lost	2-4
	Brockenhurst County High School	(Away)	Lost	3-5
	Gosport County High School	(Away)	Lost	0-2
	Portsmouth Northern Grammar School	(Away)	Lost	1-2
	Taunton's School	(Home)	Drawn	1-1
	Basingstoke	(Away)	Won	4-3
	Peter Symonds'	(Away)	Lost	2-4
	Itchen Grammar School	(Away)	Lost	0-6
	Old Bartonians	(Home)	Lost	0-3

## 2nd XI.

The 2nd XI played three matches, of which they won one, drew one and one was abandoned.

## Colts XI.

The Colts XI had a poor season. They were unfortunate however in losing the services of four of their players who were called upon regularly to play for the 1st XI.

## Under 13 and Under 12 XI.

Both teams showed great promise and were unbeaten in their fixtures. Hart was outstanding in goal.

Thanks are due to Bryan Gould for his wholehearted enthusiasm in coaching both teams.

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## NETBALL REPORT

*Captain:* E. Mills.

*Secretary:* O. Johnson.

The first team had a fairly successful season, winning the majority of their matches. The shooting and defence of the team was extremely good. P. Wilkins adapted herself to her new position very quickly and A. Scott maintained her usual reliable standard of play. J. Angel and M. Williams, as the two shooters, co-operated very well. The centre field did not really settle down after the change of positions until the end of the season. There was a lack of inter-changing and they needed to attack more.

The team consisted of:—E. Mills, O. Johnson, J. Angel, A. Scott, P. Wilkins, S. Flutter and M. Williams.

The Under Fifteens had a very successful season, winning thirteen matches and drawing one of the seventeen played. J. Kidwell and M. Coombs were commended for their high standard of play throughout the season.

The team consisted of:—P. Hooper, J. Dumbleton, J. Colbourne, M. Coombs, J. Kidwell, M. Betteridge and J. Barnes.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES.

1st VII.					
		<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Venue.</i>		<i>Results.</i>
1948					
Oct.	2	St. Anne's School	(Away)	Lost	28-12
	9	Portsmouth Training College	(Home)	Won	14-12
"	16	Southampton Grammar School	(Away)	Lost	23-8
	23	Atherly Grammar School	(Home)	Won	18-16
Nov.	6	Brockenhurst County High School	(Away)	Won	16-12
	13	Itchen Grammar School	(Home)	Won	18--17
"	20	Gosport County High School	(Home)	Won	15-10
1949					
Jan.	15	St. Anne's School	(Home)	Lost	12-9
"	22	Brockenhurst Grammar School	(Home)	Won	14-10
		Portsmouth Training College	(Away)	Lost	22-12
Feb.	5	Gosport County High School	(Away)	Won	15-6
"	19	Southampton Grammar School	(Home)	Lost	21-12
March	5	Itchen Grammar School	(Away)	Won	19-11
"	26	Old Bartonians	(Home)	Won	18-10

## HOCKEY.

*Captain* : Rosemary Boyce.

*Vice-Captain* : M. Williams'

*Secretary* : NI. Williams.

In the Autumn Term 1948 the 1st XI lost four out of six matches, but considering the inexperience of our players this was a comparatively good result. Towards the end of the term an under fifteen team was formed and they lost their first match.

During the Spring Term there was a great improvement in the 1st XI, when a greater team spirit prevailed among the players. The defence has considerably improved; the backs were very successful in clearing the ball. The goal-keeper proved to be very reliable. The halves improved a great deal and although they were quite successful in backing up the forwards they tended to give short passes rather than clear ones. The forward line was rather erratic and much more practice is needed in passing and interchanging, although a considerable improvement was made on the previous term. The first eleven won three matches and drew two, losing only one match in which three members of the team were absent.

The under fifteen eleven were not so successful. They lost all four matches but improved considerably during the term. The defence needs much more practice at clearing the ball, and the forward line needs to attack with much greater force.

The first eleven consisted R. Boyce, M. Williams, J. Girling, J. Lickfold, J. Coom, G. Harris, B. Morris, M. Green, A. Frazer, A. Williams, P. McQueen, M. Lee (Autumn Term only).

Colours were awarded to J. Girling, NI. Williams, M. Green, J. Girling was also chosen as a reserve for the Junior County Team. .

In the under fifteen eleven Jill Edwards and Ida Reed were the outstanding players and were highly commended.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES.

#### Autumn Term 1948

Andover	(Home)	Lost	6-1
Botley Hockey Club	(Away)	Won	7-1
Brockenhurst	(Home)	Lost	5-1
Winchester	(Home)	Lost	5—0
Itchen	(Away)	Lost	6-2
Wykeham House 1st XI.	(Home)	Won	5-1
Wykeham House Under 15 XI		Lost	6-0

#### Spring Term 1949.

Botley Hockey Club	(Home)	Won	3-1
Wykeham House 1st XI	(Away)	Drew	2-2
Wykeham House Under 15 XI		Lost	7-0
Brockenhurst	Friendly	(Away)	Lost 1-0
Andover	(Away)	Won	2-0
Portsmouth Northern 1st XI	(Home)	Drew	1-0
Portsmouth Northern Under 15 XI		Lost	2-0
Itchen 1st XI "A" Team	(Home)	Won	2-1

## THE ARMY CADET FORCE

Since the last edition of " The Peveril," our numbers have been greatly increased by the enrolment of the Fourth Form boys, and we now have about forty cadets on our roll-book.

Every Thursday, several paratroops come to the school, and give the cadets expert instruction on weapons, and also on field craft.

We were to have had a field day with the paratroops, but due to unavoidable circumstances they were unable to put in an appearance. Regardless of this, we carried on, and had a map reading exercise, lasting all day, after which I am glad to report no cadets fainted.

A number of cadets from our platoon are going flying with the paratroops on April 24th and should have a very enjoyable time.

L. P.

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## THE CERCLE FRANCAIS

*Chairman* : E. Mills.

*Secretary* : P. Nicholls.

Our meetings during the two previous terms have been quite successful, and we have adhered to our usual standard of a varied programme. Unfortunately some of our Spring meetings have had to be cancelled. During the summer term, however, we hope to be able to arrange a complete programme.

During the autumn term, Mr. Cox arranged for the school to visit the Town Hall to see the French Players in Moliere's " Les Précieuses Ridicules " and Tristan Bernard's " L'Anglais tel qu'on le Parle." I imagine that the latter play was the more popular as, without a book, the language of Moliere's farce was difficult to follow.

Apart from our usual meetings devoted to song's, games and charades, the members have also enjoyed three meetings with film-strips procured by Mr. Cox. They also enjoyed seeing some advertising posters, which depicted various French resorts and places of interest. At the beginning of the autumn term, Mlle. Cathala spoke to an appreciative audience on " La Vie Ecoliere." Thus we have not been inactive during this half-year.

As a concluding paragraph I once again apologise for the cancelled meeting and utter a hope that next term's programme be complete, and whether it will have any effect or not I will close by reminding all tentative friends that a weekly visit of half-an-hour to the French room would be well repaid.

P.N.

## CHESS CLUB

*Chairman:* B. Narey.

*Secretary:* B. C. Butcher.

*Treasurer:* H. Potter.

The Spring Term has unfortunately seen the attendance at club meetings fall very low indeed.

Earlier in the year a committee meeting was held and it was decided to suspend the Trophy Tournament as so few members were able to enter. The tournament will be reinstated as soon as the necessary support is received. Last term the Trophy was won by H. Potter.

In the Junior Postal Chess League Div. II the school team gained seventh place with a total of thirty-eight points, ten points behind the league winners.

Mr. R. H. Stone organised a problem-solving competition which was won by H. Potter. This competition was not given the support that it should have had. We are all very grateful to Mr. Stone who, at great inconvenience to himself, has done everything possible to promote an interest in the club, and for his patient advice on our efforts to play chess.

It is very unfortunate that meetings have to be held in a classroom, as the surroundings are, to say the least, grim. While the conditions under which we have to play are rather difficult, this is probably one of the reasons why so few pupils are attracted to the club.

We would like to add that chess is an extremely good game and quite easy to learn, so if anyone cares to come along to one of our meetings we will be only too pleased to instruct them in the mysteries of the game.

B.N.

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## THE L.D.D.S.

*Chairman:* J. Stubbs.

*Treasurer:* Gloria Cousens.

*Secretary:* Doris Broadfield.

Owing to increased interest in debating, this has occupied most of the Society's meetings in the past two terms. Two debates have been held jointly with King Edward VI School, Southampton, and another with Winchester College.

For the Society's own debates, motions debated were as follows:-

- October :           4th. " Men's clothes should equal women's in colour and variety." Defeated, 24-13.
- 18th. " Women should have equal pay with men for equal work." Defeated, 23-14,

- November : 8th. " Western Union is incompatible with the British Commonwealth." Carried, 12-9.  
 22nd. " Women are more capable of unselfishness and self-denial than men." 14-14.  
 March 21st. " All schools should be co-educational." Carried, 15-9.

Our first debate with King Edward VI School was held at Eastleigh on December 9th, on the motion " that there can be no society without class distinction." Mr. J. E. W. Percival was Chairman, the motion was proposed by A. Waterman (King Edward's) and seconded by Pamela Waterer. J. Stubbs opposed the motion, seconded by Morris (King Edward's). The motion was carried by 48 votes to 11.

The other debate with King Edward VI School took place at Southampton on February 8th on the motion " that culture is bunk !" M. T. White (King Edward's) was Chairman. B. Butcher proposed the motion, seconded by Percy (King Edward's). J. Holmes (King Edward's) was principal speaker against the motion, seconded by Gloria Cousens. The motion. was defeated by 38 votes to 5.

On March 24th the Debating Society of Winchester College visited the school for a joint-debate on the motion " that modern social policies are producing a decadent race." Gloria Cousens spoke for the motion, seconded by Street (Winchester College). The principal speaker against the motion was Peterson (Winchester College), seconded by J. Mansfield. The motion was finally defeated by 42 votes to 24.

Apart from these meetings, others were held at which plays were produced by Olive Johnson, Gloria Cousens, Sheila Baker, D. Kerridge, L. Gready and C. Hurrell. These plays were taken from new books bought last year, and proved very entertaining.

Members thoroughly enjoyed several Musical Evenings arranged by D. Kerridge, at which he introduced gramophone recordings of various classical compositions. These meetings are becoming increasingly popular, and we hope to give them a larger share of our future programme.

D.M.B.

### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

*Chairman* : B. C. Butcher.

*Treasurer* : H. Potter.

*Secretary* : M. Greaves.

The last two terms have seen a decided increase in the membership of the Society. The average membership per meeting during the Winter Term showed an increase of six on that of the preceding one, and this increase has been well maintained during the Spring term.

This increase in popularity has undoubtedly been caused by a great increase in the variety and interest of the programmes. Lectures have been given on such varied subjects as Wild Animals, Pond Life, Fungi, Birds of Prey, Spiders, Trees and Communal Life. Many of these lectures have been accompanied by film strips, which have greatly added to their interest. On February 9th a lecture on animal camouflage was illustrated by some coloured lantern-slides hired from the British Museum.

At the beginning of the Winter term the Society, with the assistance of Mr. W. Salter, acquired some badges bearing the letter's V.H.S.

During the Winter and Spring terms, the Society has acquired several pamphlets of an informative nature dealing with such subjects as spiders, the flight of birds, migration, the life of the sea-shore, pond life, spiders and bees. These pamphlets are available to members.

During the Winter term the Society embarked on a new venture, the issue of a monthly bulletin. Its production was made possible mainly through the kindness of the Headmaster and Mrs. Brown. The production of this bulletin has been continued through the spring term.

Expeditions to places of interest were necessarily discontinued during the Winter term. They were, however, recommenced during the Spring term, with great success. The first was to North Stoneham, and saw the commencement of a study of that district.

We should like to express our appreciation of the help of Mr. W. Salter and Miss W. Musslewhite; both of whom have lent film strips and arranged competitions. The success of the Society during the last two terms has been, to a large extent, due to them.

B.C. B.

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#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES RAILWAY SOCIETY.

*Chairman* : A. Wateridge.

*Treasurer* : A. Lewr.

*Secretary* : L. Gready.

We have been unable to hold regular meetings during the past two terms because so many of our members have 'buses and trains to catch immediately after school. The branch has been quite well represented, however, at the general meetings at Romsey, Southampton and Brockenhurst.

The two meetings which were held at the school were very successful. The first was on October 29th, 1948, when Mr. D. Viney of the Southern Region gave a lantern lecture on " The Electrification of the S.R." The other meeting was on February 24th, 1949, and it took the form of a Film Show. The programme included : " Building an Electric Coach," and " Relaying by Hand."

The main success of this society since its formation, just under a year ago, has been the Exhibition. This was held in the school building from December 29th, 1948, until January 1st, 1949. It included exhibits of model locomotives, some of which were working models, photographs, a miniature steam railway which provided a great attraction for our younger patrons, and two model electric railways.

We are very gratefully indebted to the headmaster, Mr. H. N. R. Moore, for allowing us to use the school building for the exhibition and for assisting in every possible way.

Next term we hope to welcome more members into this branch, and also, if possible, to commence weekly meetings after school. L.G.

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### YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

*Chairman* : J. Tapley.

*Vice-Chairman* : Pamela Waterer.

*Secretary* : Sheila Buxton.

Since the last issue of the "Peveril," the Club's activities have been limited to indoor meetings, all of which have proved most enjoyable.

On Friday, September 17, 1948 the annual general meeting was held, when the Club's officers and committee were elected.

On Friday 18th October, a film show was held in the Physics Laboratory, and friends and members of other clubs were invited.

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. J. Smetham on "Backyard Poultry Keeping" on November 12th., and live specimens were brought for illustration. Mr. Smetham revisited the Club on Friday, February 4th, 1949, when he gave an account of "Rabbit Keeping," again bringing specimens.

On November 19th, for those interested in gardening, Mr. R. D. Fox gave a colourful talk on "Chrysanthemums."

There was no speaker on February 18th, 1949, and after discussing the coming Rally and Public Speaking Contest, the Club Leader showed a film strip on "Soils" which illustrated Mr. W. Gwynne's talk on "Soils" on 3rd November.

On Friday, March 4th, Mr. T. D. Bailey gave a talk on "Water Supply," explaining how we obtain our water in this area. He showed some slides for illustration.

The qualifying round of the Public Speaking Contest was held this year in the upper school hall on Saturday, March 19th, the winners to go to Winchester on April 2nd. Our intermediate team, consisting of J. Mansfield, J. Tapley, Pamela Waterer and Gloria Cousens, obtained first place, and B. Hockey tied first with the speaker from the South East Hants Club in the junior class.

S.B.



## PRIZE GIVING.

There was no customary. Speech Day at the Town Hall for the presentation of prizes for the year 1.947-48. Instead a Prize Giving was held at School on December 21st when the Mayor (Alderman Quilley), Mrs. Quilley and Mrs. Moore visited us. The Mayor, after he had presented the prizes, addressed a few remarks to the School and spoke of its achievements. It is hoped that Speech Day will take place in July this year, together with the Exhibitions.

P. W.

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## EASTLEIGH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE LIST

**Distinguished Service to the School**—W. Steam.

**Civics (Quilley Prize)**—J. Bailey.

*English.*—Jill Smith, P. Nicholls.  
*English Literature.*—Beryl Morris.  
*Latin.*—Doris Broadfield, Joy Simmons.  
*History.*—L. Gready, Joy Angel.  
*Scripture.*—Edwina Flintham.  
*Geography.*—W. Steam, H. Lassiter.  
*French.*—Janet Pook, D. Buckle, Margaret Sanders.  
*Mathematics.*—H. Potter, J. Foxwell.  
*Physics.*—J. Hounslow, E., Errington.  
*Biology.*—L. Stimson, Pat McQueen.  
*Economics.*—L. Gready, Jacqueline Holloway.  
*Economic History.*—B. Butcher.  
*Art.*—Jill Smith, Joy Simmons.  
*Domestic Subjects.*—Pat Glasspool, Janet Matthews.  
*Woodwork.*—F. West.  
*Music.*—Mavis Sumner, Audrey Brown.  
*Reading in Assembly.*—D. Jeffries.

### **Form Prizes.**

*Form II.*—B. Bunday, J. Churcher.  
*Form III.*—Joy Simmons, B. Hockey.  
*Form IV.*—P. Nicholls, J. Foxwell.  
*Form L. V.*—Jacqueline Holloway, N. Carey, T. Fowler.  
*Form U. V.*—Pamela Waterer, Janet Pook.  
*Magazine Prizes.*—Beryl Morris, B. Filce.  
*Mr. Whitehead's Special Botany Prize.*—L. Stimson.

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1948.

### **Higher School Certificate, July 1948.**

Doris Broadfield passed in Latin+, English+, and French (with special credit in the French Oral examination), with exemption from Intermediate Arts.

Anne Carter passed in English+, French, Geography +, and Economics.

Gillian Cooper passed in Latin+, English+, French (with special credit in French Oral examination), and Economics\*, with exemption from Intermediate Arts.

Vera Geddis passed in Latin+, English, French and Economics, with exemption from Intermediate Arts.

Gillian Holloway passed in Latin, English, Geography and French+, with exemption from Intermediate Arts.

Vera Holloway, having previously qualified for a High School Certificate, passed in Latin.

John Stubbs passed in Latin, English, French, Geography, with exemption from Intermediate Arts.

John Bailey passed in Geography, Botany, Zoology\*.

Geoffrey Bowling passed in Physics+, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing+, with exemption from Intermediate Science.

John Hounslow passed in Physics+, Pure Mathematics+, Applied Mathematics+, Engineering Drawing+, with exemption from Intermediate Science.

John Tapley passed in Physics+, Chemistry\*, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics+, with exemption from Intermediate Science.

John White passed in Geography\*, Physics, Applied Mathematics.

Graham Rodaway passed in Geography, Economics, English Economic History, French, Elementary Statistical Method and Accounting, with exemption from Intermediate Commerce (Parts I and II.)

William Steam passed in Geography, Economics, English Economic History, Elementary Statistical Method and Accounting+, with exemption from Intermediate Commerce (Part II), thus completing his exemption from Intermediate Commerce.

\* indicates a Main Subject passed at Subsidiary standard. + indicates Good in the subject so marked.+ indicates a Subsidiary subject pass.

## General School Certificate, July 1948.

(The subjects in brackets are those in which the " Very Good " standard was attained).

The following candidates gained exemption from Matriculation :

Marguerite Anning	Pamela Waterer (English, History, Latin, French, written and oral, Elementary Mathematics,
Barbara Berry (French, written and oral)	French (written and oral, Latin)
Harvey Dunn (French, written and oral, Elementary Mathematics)	Gloria Cousens
Kenneth Griffin (French, written and oral, Elementary Mathematics)	Jeffery Bartlett (Elementary Mathematics)
Cherry Hill Ronald PaveLin (Elementary Mathematics)	James Maclachlan
Jean Matthews (English, English Literature)	Herbert Potter (Elementary Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics)
Beryl Morris (English Literature, Latin)	Teen Ayres
Janet Pook (English Literature, Latin, French, written and oral, Elementary Mathematics)	Joan Harding
Margaret Sanders (Latin, French, written and oral)	Nelia Leahy (English Literature, French, written and oral)
Jill Smith (English, English Literature, Art).	Brian Ward

The following candidates were awarded the General School Certificate:

May Hendey	Patrica Glasspool
Anthony Lewer (Geography)	Brian Gould
Anne Tryhorn (English, French, written and oral)	Graham Gegory
Roy Bondsfield (English Literature)	John Harris
Peter Hill	Ronald Humphrey
Robert Martin	Patrica Jones
Brian Narey (Biology)	Frederick Locke
Lawrence Stimson (Chemistry, Biology)	Janet Matthews
Zara Wheeler	Joan Murrant
Raymond Banbury	Pamela Naylor
Charles Baxter	Barry Russell (Elementary Mathe- matics)
June Brown	Doreen Scorey
Elmor Capewell	Thelma Talbot (English Literature)
Jean Coom	Brian Thorne
June Fielder (English Literature, French, written and oral)	Derek Trotter

Bernard Butcher, having already qualified for Matriculation, qualified for a Supplementary Matriculation certificate in English Economic History.

David Jeffries, having already passed the School Certificate examination, qualified for a Supplementary School Certificate in Elementary Mathematics and Biology.

### **General School Certificate, December 1948.**

(The subjects in brackets are those in which the " Very Good " standard was attained).

The following candidates were awarded the General School Certificate :

David Grinyer  
John Mansfield (Biology)  
Roy Newland

John Harris, having already passed the School Certificate examination, qualified for a Supplementary School Certificate in Elementary Mathematics.



## THE OLD BARTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

### Secretary's Report.

Another year has just ended for our Association and for the last time, at least for the present, I am writing a few lines about our achievements. To my mind the way in which the Football Club has gone from strength to strength during the past year stands out above everything else. Almost 15% of the members of the Association take an active part in the activities of the Club and many others are connected with it in some way or another. This past year has seen the start of three other ventures in the field of sport—a tennis team, a netball team and a cricket team. With your support they can do great things in the year which lies ahead. I cannot dismiss the sports side of our activities without mention of the athletics match held on the school field in the summer. This was a great success and I hope it will be the first of many such events.

Support for social functions held during the year has, I regret to say, been almost nil. Members do not seem to realise the immense amount of enjoyment to be had from attending these functions. Nor do they seem to realise that full support is essential if the Association is to attain a sound financial status. Increasing the subscription from 2/6d. to 3/6d. covers only the increased costs of administration. It does not swell the balance in hand at the bank and without a healthy bank balance activities must be curtailed.

Old Bartonians' Day was held on Saturday the 26th March and, apart from the dance in the evening, was very poorly supported. For the first time for many years we were unable to raise a hockey team to play against the school and my personal feeling is one of disgust at such a display of apathy among the lady members of the Association. However the netball team turned out and gave the school a good game although they were defeated by 17 goals to 10.

The result of the football match was a 3—nil win for the Association. The school played well, however, and would almost certainly have scored but for the magnificent efforts of Bondsfield in goal. In the first half Creed scored from the wing after 15 minutes and then play remained fairly even until half-time. Early in the second half Baker headed the ball in off a centre from Baxter but after that the Old Boys seemed to lose interest and the school had most of the play. In the final minute of the game Baker slipped a quick pass through to Creed who scored the third goal.

The chief items of note at the Annual General Meeting held in the evening were as follows:—

**Life membership** :—**Acting** on the recommendation of the sub-committee elected to consider this matter the meeting voted in favour of no further action being taken.

**O.B.A. Magazine** :—The meet<sup>i</sup><sub>ng</sub> was in favour of such magazine and it elected Miss Cooper as editor. No action is to be taken however until an extraordinary general meeting has been held to discuss the Association's liabilities to its members in connection with the " Peveril."

**Badminton Club** :—A proposal that members be circularised to see what support there was for such a club was carried and this will be done shortly.

**Elections** :—**Officers** and Committee for the year just commencing are as follows :

*President* : Mr. H. N. R. Moore.

*Honorary Vice-Presidents* :

Miss J. H. Talbot, Miss F. W. Musselwhite, Mr. W. J. Smith,

Mr. E. W. C. Luke.

*Chairman* :—Mr. R. Cannon.

*Vice-Chairman* : Mr. D. J. Hannah.

*Secretary* : Miss O. Meakins.

*Treasurer* : Mr. A. Almond

*Committee*

Mr. J. Bennett, Mr. C. Churcher, Miss M. Cousins, Mr. J. Creed, Mr. D.

Kitchen, Mrs. M. Neale, Mr. J. Percival, Mr. J. Porter, Mr. R. Radford,

Mr. G. Walters.

For the benefits of those of you who were not present at the A. G.M. I would like to emphasise that none of the people nominated for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were willing to stand for election. Miss Meakins and Mr. Almond volunteered to take on the work rather than see the Association fall apart and you cannot do otherwise than give them all the support in your power during the coming year.

May I close by saying thank you to those of you who have given me your help and support during my tour of office especially to the retiring Treasurer, Mr. Baker, and to the Secretaries of the subcommittees, Mr. Churcher and Miss Cousins.

D. J. HANNAH,

Honorary Secretary, 1948/49

## SPORTS COMMITTEE

Plans for the summer activities of the Sports Committee are well in hand and as last year there will be tennis, cricket and it is hoped, athletics.

Cricket this year will be in the very capable hands of the Old Bartonians Cricket Club and I am informed by their secretary that they already have a pretty full fixture list. Members of the Association have recently been circularised and advised of details of the Club.

Subscriptions will be received by the secretary, Mr. E

Ash, at

103 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, at any time. On behalf of the Sports Committee I should like to wish the Cricket Club good fortune for the coming season and trust that members will lend full support in this its first season.

Tennis fixtures are being arranged for what we hope will be the " summer " months and details of these fixtures appear below. Here again the support of members is called for and I am hoping to receive many more names of tennis players before the season opens. Just think about it— have YOU filled in that form ? ?

DETAILS OF MATCHES.			
<i>Date.</i>		<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Venue.</i>
Wednesday,	18th. May	Pirelli-General	Away
Wednesday,	1st. June	Pirelli-General	Home
Wednesday,	15th. June	Pirelli-General	Home
Tuesday,	21st. June	S.R. Institute	Home
Wednesday,	29th. June	Pirelli-General	Away
Saturday,	9th. July	Pirelli-General	Away
Tuesday,	12th. July	Albion T.C.	Away
Tuesday,	19th. July	S.R. Institute	Away
Tuesday,	26th. July	Albion T.C.	Away

Our annual tennis matches with the School have yet to be arranged, as have one or two further fixtures with other Clubs in the district to complete our fixture list. All our home matches will be played at Fleming Park and I should like to see some Association members along there to support our team. I can promise you it will be worth your trouble and any of our matches will be a good evenings sport. But why not put down your name to play? It isn't too late.

Further news of the Sports Committee will be circularised to all members from time to time and meanwhile may I take this opportunity of wishing all members a very successful and enjoyable season of summer sport.

CECIL H. CHURCHER.  
Honorary Secretary.  
Sports Committee.

**Old Bartonians' Football Club.**

When I presented my report to the Annual General Meeting of the Football Club in June of last year I ended with the following quotation:—" What you can do, or dream you can, begin it, Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

The members present at that meeting dreamt that three teams of Old Bartonians could be fielded during the 1948149 season. As a result our players have appeared in the following competitions during the past year, Eastleigh League (Div. I.), Southampton Junior League Div. IV and Southampton Y.O.C. Senior League Div. II.

You will doubtless wish to know what success has attended our efforts, so I append details of our performances in all competitions entered, for results are normally taken as the indicator of success, or otherwise.

RECORD OF ALL MATCHES PLAYED.

	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For.</i>	<i>Goals.</i> <i>Against.</i>
Eastleigh League	16	7	5	4	47	43
So'ton Junior League	25	4	4	17	48	99
So'ton Y.O.C. League	17	6	4	7	48	48
Triants Junior Cup	1	1	0	1	11	8
So'ton Junior Cup	1	0	0	1	1	6
Eastleigh Benevolent Cup	1	0	0	1	2	3
Y.O.C. Senior Cup	2	0	1	1	5	10
Friendlies	3	2	1	0	10	2
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	67	20	15	32	172	219

What are we to learn from those figures ?

I feel that two main facts emerge. Firstly, any hopes or expectations that anyone entertained of our fielding three all-conquering teams have been dashed to the ground. Playing success is not to be easily gained. Secondly, that during the season Old Bartonians have appeared in our colours on no less than 737 occasions.

It is in that second fact, with all its obvious implications, that the real story of our endeavours is told. It is a case of much hard work, coupled with unbounded enthusiasm and loyalty. As secretary I have been in contact with the rear yardstick of success—team spirit. This has been of a high standard throughout, whether in victory or, as has more often been the case, in defeat, and has evinced itself in many ways. When a job has had to be done helpers have never been lacking, both in the ranks of our players and a small band of non-playing members. Then the number of occasions when players have let us down have been so small as to be negligible, and even in those few cases the reason has invariably been circumstances genuinely beyond their control. I cannot go further without referring to the very ready and willing assistance that has been extended to us in so many ways by our President, Mr. H. N. R. Moore. We are grateful to him for the interest he has shown.

It would be foolish to pretend that all has been plain sailing throughout the season. Difficulties and differences of opinion were bound to appear in a first attempt to carry out such an ambitious programme, but these matches have all been discussed and settled at our frequent—and lengthy—committee meetings. We have probably made mistakes, but we can always learn from them. Our club is now in its second season and it does not seem possible to me that we can look back, except to profit by our experience. We have shown that Old Bartonians are capable of tackling a big job and making a good

show of it. Anything that has been done Once can be done again and I feel that we must go forward to the bigger and better successes which surely await us.

I regret that it has not been possible to give a lot of detail in this report so I contend myself in closing with a few of the more interesting points.

*Team Captains :*

EASTLEIGH LEAGUE : C. W. MARTIN.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE :—J. BENNETT.

SOUTHAMPTON Y.O.C. LEAGUE :—D. J. P. TAYLOR.

*Leading Goalscorers :-*

I. Creed, 28; D. R. Baker, 25; E. Coleman, 18; C. Baxter, 12; G. Barclay, 11; L. Manners, 10; C. Churcher, 9.

*Ever-present records :-*

R. Radford and D. W. Taylor (both Eastleigh League).

E. J. PARKER,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## OLD BARTONIANS' NEWS.

*(Editor : Mr. A. Almond)*

Many members may have wondered why they did not receive my usual request for news. The omission was due to illness which prevented me from completing the printing and addressing of the forms in time. I was able to send out 160 letters and these were addressed to those I thought would have news to offer. Twenty replies were received.

The Annual General Meeting and Dance held on the 26th March, enabled me to contact a few more Old Bartonians, Miss Talbot and Miss Vinnecombe came to the tea in the afternoon and again to the dance in the evening. Miss Talbot informed me she was very happily settled in her new school.

My thanks are due to all who helped me to record the following news :

*(Figures in brackets denote the year of leaving school)*

P. Alexander (1947) is working in the office of the The Eastleigh Weekly Printing Works.

J. A. Bailey (1948) is a private attached to the 149 Infantry Brigade (T.A.) at Selby, Yorkshire.

D. A. Baker (1948) is in the Army.

R, Banbury (1948) is working at the National Provincial Bank, Eastleigh,



J. Bartlett (1948) is working in the Post Office Engineers Dept.  
 Joyce Barlow (1946) is working as a Switch-board operator at Wm. Dibbens, Ltd., Southampton.

Harry Baxter (1948) is working at the Castle, Winchester.  
 Barbara Berry (1948) is working at the British Railways Works, Eastleigh.  
 Dorothy Bixley (1948) is working for Barron and Crowthers, Southampton.

J. H. T. Blake (1946) was working for the " Romsey Advertiser " until his call up for the R.A.F. last October.

R. Bondsfield (1948) is an accountant at Causton's, Eastleigh.  
 Daphne Birch (1946) is assistant to Dr. Trowbridge in the Mathematical Dept. of the I.C.I. London.

G. N. Bowling (1948) will take his B.Sc. (Eng.) Part I finals in July at the University College, Southampton. -

D. I. Bran (1946) was released from the Air Force in March last.

A. D. Bull (1943) is completing his fifth year of apprenticeship as Quantity Surveyor with Messrs. Brazier & Sons, Ltd., He takes the City and Guilds Quantities Final this year.

R. Bull (1945) is a Sgt. in the Educational Corps of the R.A.F. at " St. Athens " Camp, South Wales. He hopes to be demobilised in August or September, and to start his teaching again in the Autumn Term.

Elinor Capewell (1948) is nursing at Salisbury Infirmary.  
 Sylvia Clarke (1948) is working for the Hampshire Agriculture Committee, Romsey.

H. G. Capewell (1948) is at Salisbury Training College.  
 Anne Carter (1948) is Junior Appointments Clerk at Winchester Hospital, but expects to enter a Training College for Teachers next year.

Kathleen Clarke (1945) is teaching French at Newent Grammar School, Gloucester.

Lesley N. Coombs (1948) is working at Barclays Bank, Eastleigh.  
 Gillian Cooper (1948) is at present reporting for the " Romsey Advertiser " but hopes one day to become editor of the " Daily Telegraph." She says it is a glorious life with never a dull moment.

Janet Cottle (1948) is working at Vickers-Armstrong's, Hursley, as a Typist and Clerk.

Ivan Creed (1944) is a student at the Shoreditch Training College, London, where he is training for Teaching.

Jeannette Creed (1948) is working at the Eastleigh Post Office. V. C. Daly (1949) has passed the Royal Artificers examination and will commence duties at Torpoint in May.

Harvey J. Dunn (1948) is employed at the Castle, Winchester.  
 Ron Edney (1944) is to be married in July this year.

Mrs. Frank Elkins (*nee* Lina Jewell) (1939) sends news of the birth of twins of most remarkable weights (7 lbs 2 ozs. and 9 lbs.) (see births section). She has a third baby a year older than the twins.

Vera Geddis (1948) is an accountant at Beal & Young, Eastleigh.

J. M. Goldby (1947) is a L/Bdr. in the R.A. Stationed at Pembroke Dock, South Wales.

John Gould (1948) is a Sgt/Inst., Royal Army Education Corps and is now serving in Trieste. He recently won the B.E.T.F.O.R. Harriers 5 miles cross country in Trieste and also, when in Scotland, he won the Scottish Command mile, receiving the Command Medallion.

Gerald F. Gregory (1945) is in the Southampton Isolation Hospital suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis contracted whilst serving in Germany. We wish him a speedy recovery. He has expressed a wish to receive letters from old school friends. His address is available. Pavilion K., Isolation Hospital, Oakley Road, Southampton.

Graham J. Gregory (1948) is an Articled pupil to a Southampton Architect.  
 Grinyer (1948) is working at Pirellis Cable Works;

J. Harris (1948) is an apprentice in the British Railways Works, Eastleigh with  
 • a view to becoming a draughtsman.

C. J. Hartley (1942) has left the service of the British Railways and has joined his father in the Cider business at Fair Oak. In October 1948, he went to the University of Bristol, Department of Agriculture & Horticulture, Long Ashton (Cider Section) Research Station, to gain more experience in Cider making. He is home again applying the knowledge gained.

Cherry Hill (1948) works at the Castle Winchester.

Sylvia Hockey (1945) is teaching infants at Mount Pleasant School, Southampton.

Edna Hockey (1947) is reading for B.A. Degree at University College, Southampton.

K. A. Holes (1941) was elected a Graduate of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers on the 22nd October, 1948.

Vera Holloway (1948) is taking a General Degree Course at University College, Southampton.

John F. Hounslow (1948) is taking his B.Sc. (Eng.) at Liverpool University.

R. Humphrey (1948) is working at Causton's Printing Works, Eastleigh.

Clifford Humphries (1942) is now working as a representative of Messrs. Stewart Ltd., Wholesale Provision Merchants, Southampton.

Rita Light (1948) is the Cashier at Wm. Dibbens Ltd., Eastleigh.

D. L. Hurrell (1948) is in the R.A.F., stationed at Yatesbury.

Pat M. Jones (1948) is taking a Secretarial Course at Clark's College, Southampton.

F. Locke (1948) is an apprentice engineer with Messrs. Parsons Ltd., Southampton.

Jean R. Matthews and her brother Malcolm (1948) have emigrated with their parents to Adelaide, Australia. They are liking their new country very much.

Maurice Martin (1943) is teaching handicraft at Toynbee Road Boys Secondary Modern School.

Brian Maughan (1947) is in the R.E.'s stationed at Barton Stacy. He was on embarkation leave when he came to the O.B.A. Dance on the 26th March. Those who knew him will be surprised to learn he is now just a shadow of his former self. He is very proud of his present figure and claims to be able to run 5 miles in full kit.

Norman L. Merritt (1946) is a Probationary Radio Electrician's Mate (P.R.E.M.) on H.M. S. Defiance, at Devonport.

Trevor W. Merritt enlisted in R.E.M.E. 3rd March, 1949 and is stationed at Blandford. He was selected for O.C.T.U. but chose to pursue his trade courses. He will be transferred to Arborfield on 20th April, 1949.

Joan Murrant (1948) is attending the School of Commerce, Southampton.

Doreen Mills (1946) is working for William Dibbens, Ltd., in the Sales Dept., St. Mary's Road, Southampton.

Pamela D. Naylor (1948) is employed at Barclay's Bank, Eastleigh.

C. R. Peach (1948) is working at Saunders Roe Ltd., in the Press Shop of the main factory preparing parts for the S.R. 45.

R. Pavelin (1948) is employed at the Castle, Winchester.

David Pidgeon (1945) is now demobilised from the R.A.M.C.

Ja net Pook (1948) is working at the Castle, Winchester.

R. G. Robbie (1944) hopes to be returning from the Middle East in time to take up his Scholarship at the Regent Street Polytechnic, London in the Autumn. He should reach this country by August.

Evaline Robbie (1945) gained her Matriculation two years ago and is taking the Higher School Certificate examinations this Summer at the Portsmouth Northern Grammar School for Girls. She hopes to join the Southern School of Art as a student next Autumn.

G. Rodaway (1948) is an Accountant.

Peter Rogers (1946) joined the R.A.F. last August and is stationed in Norfolk.

Barry Russell (1948) is an apprentice at the English Electric Works, Stafford.

Doreen F. Scorey (1948) is a clerk in the Costing Office of the British Railways. She hopes to commence nursing next year.

R. Simmonds (1946) expects to be demobilised from the R.A.F. in April 1949.

Gilbert O. Springett (1945) is a Sgt/Inst. R. A. Education Corps. Stationed in Germany. He is taking the City and Guilds First Handicraft Part I (Teachers) examination in May this year. He qualified for teaching at Loughborough College before he joined the Forces.

Wm. A. Steam (1948) is reading for B.Sc. (Econ.) at the University College, Southampton.

Lawrence G. Stimson (1948) is happily engaged at the Public Health Laboratory, Southampton.

S. Sweet (1948) is working for the Red Line Petrol Company, Southampton. Brian Thorne (1948) is a Cadet at the School of Navigation, Warsash.

D. Trotter (1948) is working in a Shipping Office in Southampton.

Austin Wain (1944) is demobilised from the R.A.F.

- Brian Ward (1948) is working at the Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton. B.

Williams (1943) is now a State-Registered Nurse.

Zara Wheeler (1948) is a Farm Pupil at Oxleaze Farm, Nr. Romsey.

J. White (1948) is serving in the R.A.F.

#### MARRIAGES.

Dorothy Armes (1944) to Mr. Donald Hiscock, 19th March, 1949. Jessie

Leigh (1943) to Mr. R. Fox, 2nd April, 1949.

#### BIRTHS.

Frank and Linda Elkins (*née* Jewell). Twin daughters—Rita and Valerie, 27th October, 1948.



## GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

### LAMENT

It was a seething, stormy night, a sudden swish of rain on the window woke me with a start, and I looked out into the murky, mysterious night. The garden path seemed like a narrow, white ribbon far below, the end of which, enveloped in the gloom, could lead to almost any land of mystery and adventure.

That was just how it must have appeared to Dingle, my erstwhile feline friend, on the several nights which he chose to spend on the bare, bleak fences of our modern residential area, exposed to the elements and at all kinds of adventure. It was also on such stormy nights as this that he used to climb up to my bedroom window, squeeze himself in, land with a terrific thump which hardly ever failed to wake me, and then patter patiently across the stretch of linoleum under my bed, mewling miserably all the time. Then there usually followed a battle of wits. I, blinking and bewildered at my abrupt awaking, knew that I would have to take Dingle downstairs and give him some milk before he would condescend to settle down to sleep. Dingle knew this, too, and he always became surprisingly affectionate when he thought that there was the faintest hope of getting any food. The real trouble, however, was that this kind of incident usually occurred when it was raining, so that Dingle was invariably wringing wet. Thus the next stage must have been rather like a Red Indian war-dance, with Dingle, wide-awake, fondly trying to rub his wet body up and down my legs, and I, half-asleep, frantically fumbling with electric-light switch, dressing gown, slippers and Dingle all at the same time! I must not be too hard on him, though, perhaps he thought that pyjama legs really were the correct things on which to dry himself. Besides, he will never be able to do it again.

That white path, which I can just see on this dark, stormy night, will never again feel the soft pressure of his paws when he hurries home to escape the winter rain, or when he swaggers saucily away to explore on a sunny summer's day. For he will never explore again, nor will he be seen strolling sedately along the top of a fence, or cautiously contemplating a neighbour's garden. We shall never again see his furry, familiar face peering anxiously through the window when a meal is due, nor shall we be startled by the door sliding suddenly open to admit first a pair of pink-padded paws, then a bright-eyed, whiskered face which seeks only the warmth and comradeship of human affection. He can no longer occupy a prominent position on the hearth-rug, and enjoy the ruddy rapture of a fire, or proudly preen himself in his favourite chair; nor will he ever again roll in joyous ecstasy on the springy softness of the lawn, or chase a ball down the familiar garden.

For that lively, boisterous body and that happy, trusting, simple soul, innocent of any conscious or comprehensible crime, are now both void of life. There is no stir or movement in the friendly, fathomless mind, no impulse to move the lithe, supple body, the shining fur, the tentative paws, the tapering tail. There is simply a still, silent something which was once a living conscious creature, a thing of beauty, vitality, feeling, importance and affection. All this has been stolen away for ever, never to return. For death, cruel indiscriminate death, has robbed me of the best-loved friend in the world.

MARGARET J. SANDERS, *VI Arts (17 years 1 months)*.

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## A GAME OF HOCKEY

or

## A VERY FOOLISH PLAY ON WORDS

The Author regrets that he has not produced a serious literary effort but, feeling in a frivolous mood, he has cast away the conventional method of writing, and presents the following with apologies to all concerned. None of the characters in this story are fictitious, and any resemblance to any living person is entirely intentional. Incidentally, the story takes the form of a prefectorial roll-call, although some people, unfortunately, are absent.

While we were out for a walk, we met Gloria's cousins and, after talking for a time, we walked back home past the mills with Eunice. We heard an engine whistle from the railway station, and Adam said, " There's the 3.15 to London. John's on that train with Olive!"

There were many people out for a walk, as it was such a lovely day, and we saw our butcher with his wife and his little girl. We also saw Rosie with a lot of Boyce. Stopping at the smithy farther along the road, we watched Jill's father, the smith, for some time. We were now feeling thirsty, so we went on to the " Davy Jones's Locker," a small café by the side of the road.

We had a drink and then, as we walked on, we saw Doris doing some sketching in a broad-field. " It's that man's-field," she said, pointing to a farmer in the distance. " He gave me permission to come in here. He's cutting down that old gatepost because he says he stubbs his foot against it every time he passes it." At this point, Sylvia suddenly remembered that it was bun-day at the bakers and went off to buy some.

" Do you know Les-lie Brown?" Beryl asked Morris, " because he says he thinks he's got a badge belonging to you. It's got the

picture of a griffin on it." We were near home when we saw Pamela playing in the garden with her "waterer," as she called her watering-can. We then went into the house and—and--well, could anyone else think of a pun on Maclachlan or Kerridge, anyway?

BRIAN R. HOCKEY, *1VL 14 years 0 months.*

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### MUSIC HATH CHARMS

At a certain time in the Spring Term every year, the School is surprised, or startled, by the sound of clear, fresh young voices echoing round the hall. This, ladies and gentlemen, is your School Choir, who (obviously) work so hard to represent you at the Winchester Musical Festival. For the last few days before the festival your ears are filled by the sound of the fresh young voices (*ut ante dictum est*) during class times, and of enthusiastic scale-singers and learners of words, who practice their art in odd corners of the school, out of class.

One morning, however, an ominous silence hangs over the school. The noise in the hall is no more (at least, I mean **that** noise!) and the school sighs at the loss of such an amusing diversion, and resumes its studies.

But what of us the unhappy victims? We are standing in the courtyard outside the Guildhall, shivering nervously, and mumbling our words. Then someone appears in the doorway, and soon we are being lead into the big empty hall, which is to be the arena for the day. As the long rows of seats are filled by choirs, the suspense of the atmosphere mounts higher, and we all confess to feeling "absolutely ghastly" "There is the usual buzz of conversation—" "I'm not sure of that third verse—well if you know it, sing louder, for goodness' sake" and "I only hope and pray we aren't asked to sing so-and-so" and "Has anyone got a spare cough sweet?"—then that horrible adjudicator's bell, and the names of the first three choirs. We listen feverishly, and don't know whether to be relieved when our name is not among them. The first conductor raises his hand, and the competition has started.

At last we hear the long-dreaded summons—"The next choir will be Eastleigh County High," and then (as if we hadn't heard) "EASTLEIGH COUNTY HIGH." We rise to our feet, exchanging what we hope are brave grins, and file on to the platform. What seem like thousands of appraising, taunting eyes are immediately fixed on us, and our fervent hope is that our skirts hide our shaking knees. Then, suddenly, it is all over. We are singing, and climbing down from the platform even more shakily than we climbed up, only that this time it is with pure relief.

After that we regain our usual high spirits, and sit there criticizing the singing and appearance of other choirs. Boys' choirs seem to be very much in the minority, and so we revel in other people's peculiar school uniform, and pass remarks about the choirs on the platform, as, I have no doubt, they passed about us. Looking at the fat girls with short pleated gym slips, the long, thin girls with bony knees and the girl who wears a scarlet cardigan although her school uniform is maroon, we come to the conclusion (individually and collectively) that we are the handsomest choir in the hall. This should give the School an idea of what they have missed. Various conductors also caused us considerable amusement, but they are beyond description and if the School is curious it must join the School choir.

The rest of the day is quite uneventful, containing, merely a rehearsal, carried out in about half the intended time by an exuberant conductor in his shirtsleeves, a picnic dinner, eaten in the park, most of which (I mean the dinner of course) seems to disappear down the throats of the starlings which throng around us, and, of course, a concert in the afternoon, at which some choirs seem to vent their pent up feelings by applauding themselves enthusiastically. This offends our sensitive, ladylike feelings, and we blush for them. Nevertheless this concert is great fun, and what a noise we make!

At last we are all bundled into our train and are on our way home. Somehow, no one feels like singing, but we talk until our throats are sore. Our Festival Music, which we practised so faithfully, and really grew quite fond of, is now a hated sound to our ears. In fact, anyone who ventures a line of " See where the morning sun—" in my presence, is likely to get a book " chucked at 'em."

ANNE TRYHORN *VI Arts (16 years 8 months)*.

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## MY RELATIONS

Everyone has heard the saying, " We were given our relations, but thank God we can choose our friends." I think that this is very true. For example, take a few of mine.

Let us start with Uncle Willie and Aunt Agatha. They are an early Victorian couple in their ways, and have very narrow-minded views about the modern generation. Uncle Willie is tall, and portly. His wife is tall, very thin and extremely sharp.

We go to tea with them once a year, and every year it becomes more of an ordeal. We are expected to sit quietly at the tea-table, and be silent, while our elders converse. If we dare to speak we have a lecture on what would have happened to a person in their childhood who was ill-mannered enough to speak at the table.

After tea, we go into the lounge, and again we have to sit perfectly still while the grown-ups talk. Generally they discuss us, and we hear that we are not as healthy looking as we used to be, and that we all look as though we need a dose of liquorice powder. Then there is an uncomfortable silence while Aunt Agatha subjects us to a complete perusal, and then remarks how like Aunt So-and-so we are getting, and what a pity that is, as she is so dreadfully ugly. Next we hear a discussion on the appalling manners of present-day children, and what would have happened to the said children if they had lived fifty years previously.

Oh yes ! tea with Uncle Willie and Aunt Agatha is more fun every year!

Then there is Uncle Horace, who is a bachelor. He lives alone and is very happy-go-lucky, untidy, careless, and extremely shiftless. I last called on him while he was having his mid-morning cup of tea. " Have a cup?" he greeted affably.

" Er-no thanks," I replied, looking at the mixtures in the pot.

" Go on," he answered, " only you'll have to put some more water in the pot, its run dry. Its quite nice tea. I made it about seven o'clock this morning, and every time I wanted some, I just added more water to the pot. It's quicker that way." At that point, he started to sweep the room.

" Where shall I find the dust pan?" I said, looking at the pile of dust that he had collected in the middle of the floor.

" Oh, don't bother about that,," he replied, " I know a much quicker way, I just lifts up the mat and sweeps the dirt under. See ? " This is typical of Uncle Horace.

Lastly, let us take Uncle Gus. By day he is a barrow-boy, but by night he moves in the best circles. We see him standing by his stall and shouting, " Apples! Shillin' a pahnd ! Shillin' a pahnd! Lovely apples! Only a bob a pahnd! What, you'll 'ave some lady? Right yer are! What a lovely baby mum, ain't he a picture? Oh, it's a she, is it? Er-sorry mum. Blime,' he added, as the lady moved away " if I 'ad a kid like that, I'd go barmy!"

These are just a few of my relations, but I think you will see why I certainly agree with the quotation, " We were given our relations, but thank goodness we can choose our friends."

DORIS CLARKE-JONES 1VX (15 years 3 months).

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## THE SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO

It was a soaking wet night and we sat in the dark on the open stand waiting for the Tattoo to start. Suddenly there was a flourish



of trumpets, the searchlights went on and the curtains of the arena slowly opened. A massed band came out onto the field and the searchlights from either side centred in it as it parted into two, going to either end of the field. The band marched down the field and, when they came to the end, the leaders turned and marched down between the ranks. (I, ignorantly, enquired what "that dressing gown thing was" that the drummer had on. It was a leopard skin).

Next there was a motor-bike trick riding display. One man had a ladder fixed to the back of his bike. He climbed up this ladder and balanced on the top, steering the motor bike as well as he could from his lofty position—until he fell off. Each man had his own trick, some sitting on the seat backwards, others sitting on the handle-bars and so on, each one as amusing as the last.

After that the women of the force gave a dancing display but this was spoilt by the rain. So we were glad when there came the highlight of the evening—the Physical Training Instructors giving a wonderful gym display, their only apparatus a box, a spring board and a mat. First they leapt quickly on to the spring board, one after the other, up on to the box and then a perfect somersault down on to the ground. They performed many wonderful acrobatic turns, each one better than the last, until they came to the climax. Three men got up onto the box. Two knelt down and put their hands on the box and the other knelt down on top of them in the same manner. A fourth ran along, jumped on the spring-board, placed his hands on the top man's back and leaped over as easily and gracefully as if it had been two feet, instead of eight.

When this performance was over the massed band came out again and played for a while. Then they went out, and the searchlights went out, and we left in the rain and dark, trying to find our way through the struggling mass of people, all trying to get out, all trying to get home, all making remarks about the show or thinking about it. We went home talking about the tattoo and going about in a kind of dream, as you do when you come out from the picture house after seeing a particularly good picture.

JANET GREAVES, *11Y* (12 years 9 months).

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