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Editorial.

It seems as if "that man" must interfere, directly or indirectly, with everything concerning other people's enjoyment, including school magazines, the "Thornburian" being no exception to the rule. Owing to prevailing war conditions, it was found necessary to postpone the publication of this issue until the summer term, and even now we are sorry not to be able to provide our readers with the usual cover. We hope that tradesmen who usually insert advertisements in the magazine will understand that owing to limitation of supplies, and the rising cost of newsprint, the number of pages has had to be drastically reduced, and consequently we find it impossible to include any advertisements this year.

Thanks to this same individual the school could frequently be seen last summer and autumn trooping across to the shelters, equipped with coats, books, gas masks, and last, but not least, jam jars. These last are rather reminiscent of our tadpoling days, which, of course, we put behind us on -entering the precincts of the Grammar School; only, instead of watching with glee the antics of tiddlers inside them, we sadly see the candle affording our only light slowly burning away into oblivion.

In spite of these difficulties we have produced a magazine, which we hope you will judge kindly. While not claiming angelic status, we feel justified in quoting Young: :-

"Who does the best his circumstance allows,

Does well, acts nobly; angels could no more."

School Notes.

The interim since the publication of the last magazine has been a very eventful and even unsettled one in the annals of the school.

Ouring the last summer holidays, Mr. B. H. Cudmore was called upon to join the Royal Air Force, since when he has had leisure to study the sand dunes off Blackpool ! He has recently earned his commission, being now a Pilot Officer. His first successor was Mr. Cornish (London Degree with Honours), who only stayed long enough to find a place in our affections, and then he had to leave to join the Arm[^]. After half term, early in November, Miss H. Hughes, of Aberystwyth University, came to stay[^] until December. We were then fortunate in the arrival of Miss E. M. Preston, whom we welcomed at the beginning of the Spring Term. Miss Preston (Honours Geography) graduated at the University College of the South-Wesi, and was teaching at Jersey Ladies" College, in the Channel Islands ,until invasion by the Germans became imminent.

At the end of the Christmas Term the school sustained a great lo.^r in the retirement of Miss Dicker, who has rendered such long and valuable services here since 1923. The School contributed to a cheque, which was presented by the School Captains after prayers one morning last term.

We should now like to extend a hearty greeting to her successor as Senior Mistress, Miss M. Audrey Scott, M.A., Cantab., who has so admirably filled Miss Dicker's place in all aspects of school life. Miss Scott graduated, with Honours in English, at Newnham College. Her previous schools have been Benenden School, Kent; Atherley School, Southampton; and the Church of England College for Girls, Edgbaston.

Then, in the Easter holidays, everyone was very sorry to hear that Mr. Williams would have to leave us to work in a Government factory in South Wales. We were glad that before going he produced and led such a good physical training display last term. Now that he has been transferred nearer home we hope to see more of him than of late, and we are looking forward to days of peace, when he will once more join our merry throng.

At this juncture we must voice our appreciation of the way in which Miss Hill is carrying on the Mathematics and Science of the Upper School, apart from her own subject. She is being helped in the latter by Mrs. Timbrell, who left the school staff in 1930, returning to take the lower school for Biology. Miss Hill offered to do this extra work as the school could obtain no satisfactory successor to Mr. Laycock, or substitute for Mr. Williams.

The school has been very lucky in obtaining the services of Miss M. J. Haddelsey, who has taken over the boys' Physical Training and Games in place of Mr. Cudmore and Mr. Williams, and is also helping Mrs. Martin with the girls when necessary. Miss Haddelsey holds the Diploma of the Bergman Osterberg Physical Training College, Dartford. At Roedean she was responsible for the hockey, lacrosse and cricket teams, and after further experience at Runton Hill, Norfolk, Miss Haddelsey took charge of the physical training at Edgbaston Church of England College. She has played hockey and cricket for Warwickshire, and in the women's English cricket team against Australia.

At various times Mrs. Rouch has helped us out, and we are now very glad that she has definitely joined the staff.

Another newcomer is Mr. Mills, who was appointed School caretaker at the end of October after the unfortunate death of Mr. Wilcox. Although the latter set such a high standard, we are pleased to see that the school grounds are as well kept as ever.

The Headmaster is now Housemaster of Clare, there being just three masters now left, and -we, personally, think that he is proud of his position. instead of being "entirely neutral."

Mr. Rabley succeeds Mr. Laycock as Senior Master.

Within the last eighteen months the School has had two notable examination successes. In 1940, Mary H. H. Turner gained an Exhibition in Geography to Girton College, Cambridge, and this year Audrey M. LydfonJ was offered a vacancy at the same College, and also an Exhibition at University College, Exeter. The school is very proud of these achievements.

Speech day was held on Wednesday, July 31st, when Mrs. Rouch presented prize certificates to the successful pupils. No books were given owing to war economy, and no parents were invited because of transport difficulties.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Rabley and H. B. Lee for marking the hard tennis courts, and thus saving the School several pounds; also Doreen Smith and Doris Legge, who, with several boys as willing helpers, gave up some of their holiday-time to come down and clean all the school windows.

A welcome addition to the Domestic Science Department has been the installation of a very fine Esse Cooker, and about 150 dinners are being served every day. The School is grateful to Miss Storey and her staff for their efficient running of this important part of our activities.

The top of the field has been fenced off as sheep pasture to save petrol in mowing it. Unfortunately, some of the sheep escaped one night and ate all the flowers from several rose bushes in the border behind the school, but what worried the Head most was that they also

broke into his garden and attacked twelve of his best brussels sprouts !

Many pupils of the Upper School belong either to the A.R.P. Service or to the Home Guard, and others, girls included, take their turn in fire-watching at the School.

The School has now started a second-hand clothes store, through which unwanted clothing of pupils, past or present, may be given or sold to others who have difficulty in obtaining new uniform as a result of clothes rationing.

We should like to thank the following people for gifts of books to the School Library during the past year : W. N. Batten. H. B. Lee, Maureen Hunter, Marion Watts, Norma Leadbeater, Barbara Neads, Freda Green, Jennifer Rouch, also a friend of the School, Kathleen Stephens.

There are now quite a number of pupils at the school owing to war conditions, and we sincerely hope that they will find their stay here pleasant, and that as many as possible will remain after hostilities cease.

Home Guard : A. B. T. Hills., H. J. Holpin. J. Hosken, H. B. Lee.

Fire Watching : T. A. F. Godwin, Audrey Lydford, Pamela Mumford, Lilian Taylor. Eileen Roddick, Maureen Hunter, Marion Watts, C. Coward, R. Elliott, I. Knight. H. C. Hooper, R. V. Morris. J. Panes, W. Garland, D. J. Smith, P. Daldry, F. I. hompson T. James. D. Barber.

A.R.P. : A. R. Lewis, T. A. F. Godwin, H. Tymms, F. Morgan, J. Rugg, R. V. Morris, H. Gould, T. Lanham, G. Harrison, J. Lewis., N. Gunningham, D. Roddick.

Youlb Service : A. R. Lewis, Ellen Exell, Rita Ford, Doreen Smith, Doris Legge, I. Knight, H. Tymms, J. Rugg, Peggy May. Kathleen Davis, Rosemary Poole, J. Lewis, J. Williams, W. Garland, Mary Merritt, Marjorie Humphries.

Obituary.

The School suffered two severe losses in the past year, when Mr. Laycock, the Senior Master, and Mr. Wilcox, the groundsman, were killed in road accidents.

Mr. Laycock, a graduate of Manchester University, began his service here in September, 1919, and for many years he has been responsible for Mathematics throughout the school. His thorough teaching was enlivened by his Lancashire humour—as he frequently reminded us, he went to the same school in Rochdale as Gracie Fields.

His keen interest in cricket and football led him to travel far and wide to see matches, often accompanied by members of staff or pupils. In peace time his loss would have been severely felt, but in these days he is irreplaceable.

As a member of the Home Guard, our well-known groundsman, Mr. Robert Wilcox, was proceeding on duty when he was knocked down by a motor-cyclist, receiving fatal injuries. Bob, as he was known to most of us and in the town itself, was a character. Many of us will remember his yarns about his experiences in India, and our doubt about how many of these were to be accepted literally.

The School grounds have deservedly won a wide reputation for their excellence, an excellence which has been maintained even in war time, and to him goes the credit for this achievement. Attention which he lavished on the cricket square produced first-class wickets, upon which runs could be made easily and freely, even by ageing parents, and the rockery and rose borders are evidence of his skill as a gardener. Most visiting schools "wondered how it was done, but those of us who had been wakened by his motor mower in the early hours, or had heard it in the dusk, knew his great enthusiasm for the school, and that part of it entrusted to his care.

The funds raised in memory of Mr. Laycock and Mr. Wilcox have been invested, and the permanent memorials will not be decided upon until peace returns again.

The School offers its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Laycock and Mrs. Wilcox.

Double Acrostic.

B.S.M

Loud cheers from Stafford and Clare, I ween,
Eke Howard, when this on the field is seen.

1. Quite alone
Without a stone,
U makes good
But unrationed food.
2. The first? No, the last do I see.
The language is quite Greek to me.
3. One with a letter in its heart
Can no longer play a part.
4. This inside brackets you may see,
Equivalent to " Oh, dear me !
5. The bird may haply in the dawn
Obtain some breakfast on the lawn.

A prize of 2s. 6d. in savings stamps will be awarded to the owner
of the first correct solution opened.



To a Lily of a Valley

A TRIOLET.

S. McDonald.

Oh, why hide your head in leaves so green,
Sweet Lily of the Valley ?
A prettier flower was never seen ;
O, why hide your head in leaves so green?
Your equal there has never been
In mansion or in alley.
Oh, why hide your head in leaves so green.
Sweet Lily of the Valley ?

School Officers, 1940-41.

School Captains : A. M. Lydford, J. Hosken.

School Vice-Captains : E. Exell, H. B. Lee.

School Prefects.—*Girls*: P. M. Mumford, M. L. Bryant, J. Meredith,

M. L. Watts, E. M. Roddick, S. M. McDonald, L. Taylor. *Boys* :

A. B. T. Hills, A. R. Lewis, H. Blpin, R. Elliott, T. A. Godwin

H. Could, R.V. Morris.

Literary and Dramatic Society.—*President*: A. B. T. Hills; *Vice-President* : M. L. Watts ; *Secretary* : R. Ford.

Scientific Society.—*President* : P. M. Mumford ; *Secretary* : T. A. F. Godwin.

Young Farmers' Club.—*Chairman*: M. L. Watts; *Vice-Chairman*: S. M. McDonald; *Secretary* : R. Lovell.

Gardening Club.—*President and Secretary* : A. R. Lewis.

House Captains.—*Howard*: P. M. Mumford R Elliott.

Stafford : E. Exell, A. B. T. Hills.

Clare: A. M. Lydford, J. Hosken.

Games Captains.—*Hockey* : P. M. Mumford ; *Football* : H. B. Lee ; *Cricket*: J. Hosken; *Tennis*: L.Taylor.

Magazine Staff.—*Editor* : P. M. Mumford.

Examination Results.

We congratulate the following upon their examination successes: —

Exhibition to Girton College , Cambridge : Mary Turner, Geography.

Exhibition to University College, Exeter : Audrey Lydford, Geography.

Bristol Higher School Certificate.

Mary Turner (Geog. (d). Hist., Maths.); Audrey Lydford (Geog., Hist., English); Enid Watkins (Geog., Biology, Chemistry); Marjorie Veale (Geog., Biology, Chemistry); W. N. Batten (Geog., H(ist., English).

Bristol First School Certificate.

J. Meredith, M. L Bryant, M. E. Longman, E. Exell, P. M. Mumford (m), S. Harding, D. N. Nation, W. J. Vizard, W. Robbins, T. A. F. Godwin (m), C. Morris (m), A. N. Garrett, K. Shepherd, G. B. Plowman, N. Brock (m), F. Gunningham (m).

(m) Matriculation. (d) Distinction.

Commercial Form.

Barbara Pierce, Pitman's Shorthand Speed Certificate, 90 w.p.m.
R.S.A. Intermediate Typewriting Certificate, 1st Class.

Edna Bartlett, R.S.A. Book-keeping Stage 1 Credit. R.S.A. Typewriting, Stage I.

Merryl Evans, R.S.A. Typewriting, Stage 1 Credit.

Cynthia Dearing, R.S.A. Typewriting, Stage 1 Credit.

Literary and Dramatic Society Notes, 1940-41.

Despite adverse conditions brought about by the war, the Literary and Dramatic Society has managed to hold meetings regularly during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

We suffered a great loss at the end of the Autumn Term when Miss Dicker, who has been connected with the society ever since it started retired. She has been responsible for the success of the ; many school concerts, which \ vere enjoyed by everyone. We are indeed indebted to her for the ceaseless interest she has shown in the welfare of the society, and wish her \ every happiness in the future.

To her successor, Miss Scott, we extend a hearty welcome, and are very grateful to her for the way she has worked to keep the society going, despite much extra work incurred by prevailing conditions.

This year the senior society has been joined by the fifth forms, and meetings are held every Friday for the purpose of play-reading, except in the summer term.

The juniors have been very busy this year, and have produced many

plays which were acted before the junior school. Several of the plays were written by the members themselves, and the results were indeed promising.

The activities of the year were brought to a close by a general meeting at the end of the Spring Term, at which members of both branches of the society took part in a number of small debates.

It is hoped that the society will be able to carry on next year, and we all look forward to the time when school concerts are more than pleasant dreams of the past.

Scientific Society Notes, 1940-41.

This last year the activities of the Scientific Society have not been so extensive as we might have hoped. Early in the term. Tymms and Rugg gave an interesting lecture on "Electricity"—its methods of generation and general uses. They could not tell us what electricity was, but, if some of the wireless fans can remember, neither could the "Brains Trust." It is interesting to note here that one of its members described electricity as "particles of nothing, having positive and negative charges." The society regrets the loss of Mr. Williams, whose help in organising the meetings and demonstrations has been invaluable. We are all looking forward to the time when peace is declared so that he can return.

Young Farmers' Club.

During the Spring Term of 1940 we were able to have three lectures, all given by Mr. Stubbs, who is in charge of the Thornbury Branch of the Y.F.C. They were: "The Order of Conducting a Meeting," "Judging Dairy Cattle," and "Clean Milk Production." All were extremely interesting, and undoubtedly proved useful to those who heard them.

In the Autumn Term it was impossible for Mr. Stubbs to continue visiting us, because his other duties were increased by the war. However, we held one successful meeting, in the form of an Agricultural Bee, in which the boys were defeated by the girls.

Much assistance with potato planting has been given to local farmers by parties of pupils since last April, and the farmers have not been slow to express their appreciation of this help. Special mention should be made of the IV b root hoeing party.

The School's War Effort.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Secretary: Mr. Rabley.

After a period of pre-war inactivity, the School Savings Group has re-awakened to the Nation's call for thrift, and; during the last twelve months has collected nearly £200 by regular weekly contributions.

The group at its re-start enrolled about sixty members, and had a weekly average of £3 15s. At the present time the membership is double, and the weekly average has gone up to well over £6. This increase, both in membership and contribution, is very gratifying, but there is still room for the membership to be again doubled.

There is an advantage in joining a Savings Group instead of buying stamps individually from a Post Office, and anyone doing the latter would be well advised to contribute through the School Group.

The secretary will be pleased to explain this advantage to anyone who desires further information on this subject.

The total of £1,236 collected during War Weapons Week was a magnificent one, and far exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic.

All worked most enthusiastically, and the persuasive powers of many

of our pupils must indeed be exceptional, judging by the way the parents dug so deeply into their pockets.

This splendid total shows what can be done when a real effort is made, and although results like this are not expected each week, it is hoped that every pupil will endeavour to contribute regularly, and with every increasing sums.

No amount is too big or too small, and our Government needs and welcomes every penny lent to them.

Remember that our future depends on our victory, and the benefits of victory will be felt more by the younger generation than by their parents, and it is therefore the duty of every youth to help our country in every way.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

This very important branch of the National War Effort is carried out quite enthusiastically by members of the school. The task of collecting large weights of waste paper is becoming increasingly difficult, for old sources of supply, such as newspapers, periodicals and "wrapping paper, are strictly limited. Quite often, however, some old hoard of books is discovered, and then there is great excitement on the part of the lucky individual whose House benefits by this "treasure trove."

The collection scheme is carried out on competitive lines by the Houses, and up to the present Clare House is leading by a wide margin.

GARDENING CLUB NOTES

A garden is a lovable thing, God wot !

Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Fern'd grot,

The veriest school of peace."

Certain it is that if Thomas Edward Brown had been alive to-day and had taken a glance at the School gardens he would soon have modified the above lines. Indeed, any member of the gardening squad would be pleased to expostulate as to the correctness of calling a garden " a love-some thing."

Nevertheless, the gardening this year is going very well, and it is highly probable that the loss of revenue caused by the poorness of last year's crop of potatoes will be made up for this time.

The plots have been laid down to small crops, such as parsnips, carrots, onions, lettuce, turnips, beet, etc., and at the time of "writing everything is flourishing.

To conclude, let us hope that the results of our labours will be bountiful, and that we shall soon find the victory for which all of us have been digging so energetically.

Sports Comments.

FOOTBALL NOTES, 1940-41

Captain : H. B. Lee.

Vice-Captain : R. Elliott.

In the Autumn Term the football team, despite all the efforts of the Captain, displayed the poorest form imaginable. Handicapped by injuries and the departure of Old Colours, especially W. Vizard (who had a great effect during the seasons in which he played in the eleven), the team failed completely to show any cohesion whatever. The forward line was especially poor, the more so as the old members, H. Tymms and T. Godwin, wandered aimlessly about, often in no direction at all.

Of the newcomers, J. Bartlett, produced out of the bag as a goal-keeper, showed reasonable form; W. Garland, at full back, improved with every match. J. Lewis was slower than Shakespeare's school-boy, and I. Keitch, on the right wing, disappeared at times into oblivion.

After Christmas the long-delayed revival took place, with Diment showing promise in goal and Hosken and Garland playing steadily at back. Lee, at centre-half, Ranked by Panes and R. Morris, knit the

half-back line, if not into a constructive force, at any rate into a good destructive one. Tymms and Godwin, on the left wing, began to do what Nelson expected his men to do. Elliott, in the centre, had flashes of brilliance, and Midwinter and Keitch, on the right "wing, showed some knowledge of football tactics.

Hence a refreshing return to the football usually shown by the School, even in defeat, and the memory of the autumn displays was almost, but not completely, forgotten.

Colours awarded at the end of the season were: —A awarded for first time: J. Hosken, T. Godwin, H. Tymms. J. Panes; re-awarded for first time: R. Elliott; re-awarded for second time: H. Lee.

FOOTBALL RESULTS, FIRST XI

Date.	Opponents.		Res.	F.	A.
1940.					
October 5th ....	.. Kingswood G.S. ....	.. A ..	.. Lost	2	6
October 19th ....	.. Cotham I. ....	.. H ..	.. Won	10	2
October 24th ....	..Chipping Sodbury G.S.	.. H ..	.. Won	4	2
November 16th .	.. Kingswood G.S. ....	.. H ..	.. Lost	0	1
November 23rd .	.. Old Thornburians .....	.. H ..	.. Lost	3	12
November 30th .	.. Old Thornburians .....	.. H ..	.. Drawn	4	4
December 4th	.. Army XI. ....	.. H ..	.. Won	6	3
December 7th	.. Wotton G.S. ....	.. H ..	.. Lost	3	4
December 11th .	.. Army XI. ....	.. H ..	.. Won	3	0
1941.					
January 18th ....	.. Cotham I. ....	.. H ..	.. Won	3	2
February 15th	.. Chipping Sodbury G.S.	.. A ..	.. Drawn	4	4
March 8th .....	.. Cotham I. ....	.. A ..	.. Drawn	3	3
March 15th ....	.. St. George S.S. ....	.. A ..	.. Drawn	2	2

HOCKEY NOTES, 1940-41

Captain : Pamela Mumford.

Vice-Captain : E. Roddick.

The 1st XI was ably led by P. Mumford as centre forward, and throughout the season she -was an energetic and enthusiastic captain.

After losing two matches at the beginning, the team settled down to a successful season. The forwards—R. Poole (left wing), V. Knapp (left inner), P. Mumford (centre-forward), J. Gough (right inner), and P. Hutchins (right wing)—were as last as any the School has had, but they were inclined to hesitate in the circle, often missing chances of goals through slow shooting.

The half-backs—L. Taylor in the centre. E. Roddick on the left, and H. Moxham on the right—were untiring in their efforts at defence, and showed improvement during the season in backing up their forwards.

The two backs, J. Meredith and S. McDonald, usually worked -well, but were sometimes not quick enough to getting back to their positions after they had come too far up the field. E. Meredith, as goal-keeper, needed more practice, especially in foot work. She is young, however, and should in time prove capable in this position.

Colours were awarded to the following players for the first time :— J. Meredith, J. Gough, R. Poole, H. Moxham, V. Knapp; for the second time: E. Roddick. L. Taylor; for the third time : P. Mumford.

The results of the matches played during the season were :—

Date	Opponents		Res.	F.	A.
1940					
October 5th	Kingswood G.S.	A	Lost	2	4
October 12th	Red Maids' School	A	Lost	2	4
October 19th	St. George S.S.	H	Won	17	0
October 26th	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	H	Won	9	0
November 16th	Kingswood G.S.	A	Won	1	0
November 23th	Redland High School	A	Won	4	1
December 7th	Wotton G.S.	H	Won	8	0

1941					
February 19th	University Hnds	H	Won	4	3
March 1st	Colston Girls' School	A	Drawn	2	2
March 5th	Staff	H	Won	3	2
Other match	Prefects v. Old Girls	H	Won	3	2

A notable feature of the season is the fact that the School very deservedly, after repeated attempts, succeeded in defeating the Staff in a most enjoyable match.

CRICKET NOTES, 1940-41

1940. *Captain*: J. Hosken. *Vice-Captain*: W. Vizard.

The batting during this season was consistently good, and thus it was only on a few occasions when the team did not succeed in topping the hundred. The brunt of the bowling was borne by C Morris, who took 32 wickets for an average of 5.1. Hills and Tymms, although not so successful, also bowled well. The season was fairly successful from the results point of view, the greatest defeat being suffered at the hands of the parents.

Colours were awarded to: H. Tymms, C. Morris; re-awarded to: J. Hosken. H. Lee, W. Vizard, L. Taylor.

1941. *Captain*: J. Hosken. *Vice-Captain*: A. Hills.

With several Old Colours, and other members of last year's XI available again, the cricket eleven was expected to be good. Unfortunately, here again keen disappointment has been the lot of the "fans" in some matches. The star batsmen have failed to scintillate, or even twinkle, the fielding has been fair, and the bowling was not made full use of in some matches. A pity; the team looked a really good one on paper.

The wickets have been quite good, but the handicap of not being able to use water is severe.

TENNIS NOTES, 1940 and 1941

1940. *Captain*: Mary Turner. *Vice-Captain*: P. Mumford. Team: M. Turner, P. Mumford, B. Pierce, E. Bartlett, E. Watkins, L. Taylor. Others who played were D. Panes and M. Veale.

The season was not so successful as many we have had before, and it was late in the term before a satisfactory team was arranged. Weakness of service and backhand strokes lost many games, and although B. Pierce showed great improvement during the term, the only colours awarded were to M. Turner for the 4th time, and to P. Mumford for the 1st time.

RESULTS.

1940	Opponents		Res.	F.	A.
May 28th	Kingswood G.S.	A	Lost	39	60
June 1st	St George S.S.	H	Won	57	42
June 8th	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	A	Won	53	46
June 15th	Colston School	H	Lost	36	63

1941. *Captain*: L. Taylor. *Vice-Captain*: P. Mumford.

The team is fortunate in still having L. Taylor and P. Mumford available from last year, but the season has not been as successful as many in the past. The newcomers are on the whole young and inexperienced in match play, and they should make a good team next year. Vera Knapp, in iVa, shows especial promise, but her game at the moment is rather uncontrolled, a fault which she will learn to rectify by next season. Peggy Hutchins has shown marked improvement during the term, but Joan Meredith still serves far too many double faults. Joyce Gough and Rita Curtis have both played for the team, and should prove valuable players for the School next year.

RESULTS TO DATE.

1941	Opponents		Res.	F.	A.
May 10 th	Kingswood G.S.	A	Lost	39	42
May 17 th	Colston School	A	Lost	27	54
June 7 th	Kingswood G.S.	H	*	13	21
June 14 th	St George S.S.	A	Won	50	49
June 28th	Wotton G.S.	H	Lost	48	51

*Unfinished.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Before Mr. Williams left us for the duration of the war, he presented the School with a Cross-Country Championship Shield.

The cross-country championship was run this year on March 28th, over a three-mile course. Once again Howard were successful, and Mr. Williams managed to come back to present the Shield to the Howard captain, Elliott.

The winner of this year's senior championship was H. Tymms (Stafford), who was closely followed by P. Daldry and R. Elliott, both in Howard.

The junior championship, run over the same course as last year, was held before the senior race. S. Stutter (Clare) came in first, followed by three Stafford runners, G. Pook, Court and Carter. All Houses put up a very good show.

The School heartily congratulates Howard on bringing off such a coup, and both Clare and Stafford will do their best to prevent them doing it again.

SWIMMING NOTES

Captains : P. Mumford, R. Morris.

Last summer swimming progressed very favourably, as the good weather permitted regular practices. Fifteen boys and about the same number of girls gained Distance Certificates.

The Girls' Swimming Sports, held on July 31st, were won by Howard. Stafford were runners-up, and Clare last. The Boys' Swimming Sports were held on July 31st, Clare winning easily, with Howard and Stafford second and third respectively. When the points were totalled up Howard were found to be the winners of the Swimming Shield for the second year in succession.

This summer, swimming began later than usual because the baths were being re-cemented and having a new diving board installed.

The boys were unfortunate in losing Mr. Williams, but Mr. Morse was kind enough to take his place.

Thanks must be extended to Miss Storey, Miss Gale, Miss Hill and Mrs. Rouch for coming so regularly and helping the beginners.

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1941.

We are very sorry that only a few parents were able to attend our Sports this year, but for the first time in memory the weather was against us, and we were compelled to postpone the meeting.

Despite this set-back, we held the Annual Athletic Sports on Wednesday, June 4th. Mr. Cudmore's place as starter was taken by Mr. J. E. Rogers, B.A., who kindly presented the shields to the captains of the successful House, Howard. The House positions were as follows :—

Howard.	Stafford.	Clare.
104½	99½	91

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAYS

During the Autumn and Spring Terms, certain of the boys attended voluntary physical training classes after school several afternoons a week, at which they practised vaulting and agility exercises. The first display was given in the Hall on December 17th, 1940, and those taking part were Morris, Knight, Garland, Roddick, Thomas, Lewis, Diment, Hignell, Keitch and Midwinter.

At the beginning of Spring Term the classes were re-started with seven old members and three new recruits; good progress was made in the more advanced vaults and agility exercises, "while there was a steady improvement in style. The programme for the second display, held on March 25th, 1941, included difficult head-spring and overswing vaults on the box, and a triple agility movement (hand-spring, head-spring, back-spring), which was successfully accomplished by most of the team. Those taking part—Hills, Morris, Elliott, Tymms, Roddick,

Thomas, Lanham (T.), Keitch, Hignell and Midwinter—are to be congratulated on their general proficiency and keenness. Hills put up an excellent performance, and, together with Morris, gave valuable assistance in standing-by, while the younger boys showed great promise.

House Notes.

CLARE

Captains :Audrey Lydford and J. Hosken.

We have not been able to win one of the Shields this year, but the standard of Athletics has improved considerably, and we hope that the Juniors, especially, will persevere with the games and swimming in the near future.

The boys did well on the whole, although the Junior Football XI was rather weak. Both parts of the House did their share in the cross-country championship.

The girls did their best, but in spite of great efforts they won only one of the hockey matches, and we hope that next year's players will be able to have more practice in working as a team.

Last November the House suffered a very serious loss in the death of Mr. Laycock. He was Senior House Master when the House was first formed, and was always ready with valuable help and advice. We miss him very much, and we shall never forget his boundless energy and enthusiasm, or his store of anecdotes.

We were sorry that Mr. Williams had to leave, and we should like to thank him for the hours of work he put in to ensure the smooth running of this year's sports. We welcome two newcomers to the House, Miss Haddelsey and the Headmaster—we know that their experience in sports will be very valuable to the House, and we hope that its members will be willing to learn.

STAFFORD

Captains : Ellen Exell, A. Hills.

For two years now Howard has successfully carried off all the Shields, but this year Stafford managed to break what had almost become a tradition by winning the Games Shield, with a large majority of points.

We nearly had the Athletic Shield to our credit, but after a hard struggle on Sports day Howard beat us by the narrow margin of six points. It was a grand fight, and all enjoyed it.

Next year we hope to be more successful and to win the rest of the Shields at present adorning the wall above Howard's notice board.

It was unfortunate that we should lose Mr. Cudmore at the beginning of the school year. We are sorry he was not here to encourage us on Sports day, but hope he will be able to support us next year. We are very pleased to have Miss Preston here, and already she has shown keen interest in House activities.

The end of this year shows that we have started on the upward grade, and soon hope to capture the rest of the shields.

HOWARD

Captains: Pamela Mumford and R. Elliott.

The House has reason to be proud of its performances during the last year, as all four shields are at present in our possession.

Although our anticipations have been somewhat unexpectedly fulfilled, we have maintained the high standard of our predecessors.

The girls proved to be the mainstay of our House, and we are mainly indebted to them for our successes during the hard struggles for the athletic, swimming and games shields. The boys, however, can be congratulated on being the first possessors of the cross-country championship shield, given: by Mr. Williams on his departure to take up war work.

We have during this year lost our House Senior Mistress, Miss Dicker, who during her period of office did much valuable work for the House. We welcome, as her successor, Miss Scott, who has already shown keen

interest in the House, and given proof that she will fill the breach admirably.

The House can hardly expect to repeat its last year's performance of winning all the trophies, but if the present enthusiasm continues, we hope to retain the majority of them, and will certainly make it hard for our rivals to take any away.

Old Thornburian Notes

All Old Thornburians and present members of the School were very grieved at the news of the passing of Norman Taylor when his ship was torpedoed in convoy last term. He came to the football field in November to say ' Good-bye ' to those of us watching a School match, as he was off the next day to join his ship at a Northern port,

He had barely three months in the Merchant Navy before the end came for him at the early age of twenty.

Douglas Garn was one of the best known Old Thornburians in the town, and was secretary of the Society. Joining the R.A.F., he obtained the coveted wings without difficulty, and was posted in April to a Bomber Station in England. Within a very short time he was reported as "Missing," and no further news has come through yet. Garn obtained his School Certificate, and Cricket Colours, in 1935, and after spending some time with a local firm of auctioneers he obtained a post at the Civilian Anti-Gas School. He came along last term and gave a very interesting talk about his training to boys of the Upper School.

The School offers the deepest sympathy to the parents of these Old Thornburians in their time of sore trouble.

Other Service Old Thornburians to call in have been : Sergt.-Observer Hugh Powell, who gave a very pleasant and instructive talk to some of the boys; V. Oates, J. Sheppard, E. Williams, J. Newman, T. Price (all R.A.F.); Staff- Sergt. Howard Lewis, R.A.M.C., to whom the School offers its congratulations on his recent marriage to another Old Thornburian, Miss Eileen Thompson. Cadet Gordon Panes, Clan Line, is a welcome visitor between trips, but resolutely refuses to be drawn into lecturing on how he brought the sugar from Mauritius. D. Hosken, School Cricket Captain in 1937, is now a Sergeant on the Army Physical Training Staff. The memories of " Men in blue jerseys are not my fishermen " are now almost pleasant ones to ancient members of the P.B.I, on the Staff. Webb, Hawkins, Ball, Garry and Eacott were some Old Thornburians to come safely through the Dunkirk affair. W. Appleby wandered from Cherbourg to Rouen, then to Le Mans and back to Cherbourg and home again during the German break-through last summer—a real mystery tour, which included no training on the celebrated Bull Ring at Rouen! Pace canaries!

To those and all other Old Thornburians serving with the Forces the ScKool calls "Good luck and a safe return!"

The Old Girls' Hockey Club played several matches last winter, including games with the Staff and School XI s, all of which the School sides won after keen play. The Old Boys produced a team of their own to defeat decisively the School Eleven, while they helped the School on two occasions to win matches against Army sides.

