



THORNBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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Editorial

THIS edition of the "Thornburian" has been produced during historic and trying times. For nearly six years the growing austerity of our magazine has mirrored the sacrifices of our country, as she toiled with others to crush the destroyer of mankind, reaping only blood and sweat on the way. But in late months her danger has lessened under the weight of her efforts, and we of the editorial staff consider it an honour to be able to add our small portion of tribute to those (and especially our own Old Thornburians) who have been instrumental in bringing about our victories. Had it been possible, we would have expressed ourselves through the medium of a special large edition of the "Thornburian" to commemorate the occasion, but that being out of the question we can only dedicate the magazine as it stands to them. Space is scarce, material abundant, and a new section featuring University letters has been introduced, so that we cannot claim any measure of elegance for our product; we can only plead that in the present circumstances we can produce no better. We apologise that the publishing date occurs too soon for us to record many of the important sports events.

School Notes

The Victory in Europe has yet to make any material difference in the school. The black-out has been abolished, and other minor restrictions have been eased, but otherwise conditions remain unaltered.

We are very glad however to welcome Mr. Williams back into Our fold, and we hope that he finds it at least as good as when he went away. We also welcome Miss Trower as a Geography Mistress, and we wish to thank Miss Ford (Latin and English), Miss Davis (Music, French and English), and Miss Duffield (French and English) for their help during the Spring and Summer terms. Mr. Cudmore paid a visit to the school before going abroad; we wish him God-speed.

Mr. Ford's decision to leave Thornbury for Runcorn in Cheshire was regretted by the School, which extends him its best wishes and thanks for pest services.

The post of school secretary has now been competently filled by Pamela Pearce, (after having been taken for a term by J. S. Barton).

Apart from those connected with the various societies, there have been four attractive talks by visitor this year. On October 20th Private Betty of the Commandos, an Old Boy and escaped Prisoner of War, described for us his ten months' experience after his escape in Italy. On November 16th the more conservative of us were startled by a caustic and well-reasoned attack upon our preconceived ideas about India:

Dr. Ghose, its author, who has travelled in many countries, presented a picture of his homeland. On November 23rd Captain Barratt of the U.S. Army entertained the school with a light and agreeable conversation" on Thanksgiving Day. His reputation as a humourist and impersonator is still unrivalled in the school. A rather grimmer note was introduced by a description of the work of the Chindits in Burma,

given by Major Hilton on December 15th. He illustrated his informative talk with photographs taken at the time, which showed clearly the difficulties that our men had to overcome. Many questions were asked about Japanese customs.

Founders' Day Service was held on October 19th when the preacher was the Vicar of Thornbury, the Rev. R. C. Rawstone. Many parents and members of the Governing Body were present.

After the two-day holiday on the occasion of Victory in Europe there was a special Thanksgiving Service in the School. It was conducted by the Rev. D. Ford, who gave a fitting and very interesting sermon on the subject of our deliverance.

In the past, strangers have always commented with surprise on the high quality of our School field during difficult conditions, but had it not been for the valuable help of Mr. Hawkins of the Berkeley Vale, and the kindness of Sir Algar Howard in lending his motor mower, to say nothing of the devotion of Mr. Rabley and Mr. Mills, this would soon have deteriorated. An increase in the petrol ration for the motor mower has lately lessened the difficulty of keeping the grass short.

The prefects gave their 1944 Christmas Party to the Staff, Upper V and Commercial form on December 15th. An excellent tea was provided under the supervision of Miss Storey with the generous assistance of the kitchen staff. After it a toast on the occasion of the Headmaster's decennary was proposed by Mr. Morse. In his reply the Headmaster gave a brief review of the happenings in the School during the last ten years.

Mr. Morse has concluded a history of the School since its beginning, and we congratulate him for his painstaking work, which should prove to be a very valuable record indeed.

At Christmas everyone was delighted to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rabley on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

The School mourns the loss of a good friend in Mr. Jupp, who showed his interest in the School to the last.

On March 22nd a party from the School, including several members of the Staff, were conducted around Thornbury Castle by Mr. Caffel, who discoursed on the history of the building. After the visit, the party entered the church, where Mr. Morse gave a brief talk on its history and structure.

Space is lacking for accounts of the societies in the fourth and third forms. Held at the same times, on Friday afternoons, these meetings have consisted, like the senior ones, of debates, readings, lectures, and general knowledge contests, which have rivalled those of the upper school in interest and enthusiasm.

Finally, we wish to thank the School cleaners and kitchen staff for their important contributions to the upkeep of the School, and also Mr. Mills for his unstinted attention to the School grounds.

A Short Review of the Last Decade

The members of the School, given the direction, have been quick to appreciate that, with the new buildings and extended playing-fields, they have excellent facilities for both work and games. Since the beginning of the present régime in January 1935, much has been done in the way of improvements, especially to the field. Bricks and mortar are less easily added: witness the failure of our strenuous attempts to obtain a gymnasium and shower baths. The hedge and ditch between Blakes and Puttleys (the cricket field) disappeared in 1935, the playing surface thus being much improved. In the same year the cricket square was laid by Mr. J. C. Bessant, the groundsman of Bristol University, and a hosepipe was purchased to provide water for the cricket pitch. Mr. Rabley and his woodwork classes have also made two excellent sight-screens. We now have a wicket equal to any and better than most.

Our next efforts were concentrated on the provision of hard tennis-courts and the elimination of that eye-sore, the two existing indifferent tennis-courts. By 1938 their removal enabled us to have two hockey pitches instead of one. This object was achieved, partly from funds raised from whist drives, dances and school concerts, and partly by a grant from the Education Authority, and we now have two first-class courts in what was previously a disused quarry, which had become a rubbish dump.

The next step was intended to be the much-needed improvement of the cricket and hockey pitches by grading the surface and removing the hills and valleys, but September 3rd, 1939, postponed that plan.

Trees, subscribed for by the pupils, were planted round the field to celebrate the Jubilee of His Majesty King George V. Other trees have been planted for, a much more solemn commemoration—in memory of Old Thornburians who have given their lives in our defence.

The background to the tennis-courts will be much improved by the cupressus lawsonianae which have been planted there,

The turf on Blakes is in first-rate condition, thanks to the practice of grazing sheep there in the vacations.

The rose borders were planted in 1937 and are now a delight to the eye—as one visitor from another school said recently, This hardly looks like a school!

We can still go on improving our amenities; those of us now at School will, with the members of the Staff, be as keen as those in the pre-war days.

A Would-be Poet Invokes his Muse

R. H. N. WATTS, VI.

Come, Mistress Muse, and permeate with love
The weary folly of thy poet's mind.
His piteous plea should never fail to move
To mercy thee, my Queen! What then, unkind
Art thou? Methinks a wayward flower indeed
To advertise thy nectar, then oppose
The thirsty bee. For likewise is thy meed.
No flower thou, for never thus the rose.

A poet he can look in Beauty's eyes
And draw his dreams from God's immortal brook
Yet how are untaught men to realize
His joy, or guileless ape the sealed book
Of Heaven, when thou deniest to thy bard
The barest gleanings from the farthest fields
Of thy sweet love? Must his task prove so hard?
E'en so," say we, if Mercy never yields.

Then come Euterpe, rouse thy sisters eight;
Stretch forth, and guide me through the sleepy mire
Of prose, since bidden come I, and not late
To seize the proffered hand. Loose me the fire
Within my heart and charm it into song
That outlives memory: a living offering
To thee, devoted like Proserpine's bough
Such poetry shall be yet, if Fates allow.

A Run in the Dark

BARBARA NEADS, Upper V.

I ran down through the darkened wood, when the hour was late, and the trees' white trunks stood like ghosts, separate, but still like a solid wall. A piece of bark flapped on the ground and a bird awoke, screeching, angry at me for disturbing it. I felt its hostility, and the hostility of the wood, and ran, ran hard from that place. The brambles caught at me, and I stumbled, eyes watched me in the dark, mocking me, loathsome creatures came forth and killed, awful enormities were enacted, leaving evidence for the eyes of morning to see, and the people of morning to shudder at.

I ran and ran, and trees raised roots to trip me. Footsteps? No, the frightened thudding of my heart, I saws light and ran the faster, only to fall on the tree roots through the gate, and the stars winked at me. I went in and shut the door fast, and leaned against the wail, panting, and taking in the benison of light in darkness, home at last.

The Gondola

PATSY HARVEY, HA.

Guido was the owner of the gondola, a queer old man, always dressed in the style of long ago.

Folks said he was rich, but he did not look it, nor did his gondola look as if it had a wealthy owner, for it badly needed a coat of paint.

Then one morning his customers waited vainly for him at the usual place. They rowed over to him, and found him dead.

His will was made, and he left his only possession, his gondola, to his nephew Antonello. No one else wanted the boat, so there was none of the usual quarrelling among the other relations.

The first thing Antonello did was to paint the boat, and put up new hangings. He could ill afford this, but he hoped that Guido's old customers would stay with him, and that he would have new ones as well. There were not many old customers, but they were all rich. But hardly anyone seemed to come. The old customers came once in a while, and a few business men, but he had barely enough to live on.

Guido's old friends used to come down to where Antonello waited, talk to him for a while, ask him rather meaningfully if he had found his fortune yet, and when they heard his answer, they would shake their head., and walk away.

At last he was forced to start living in the gondola, for he could not pay his rent. He had to live on scraps of macaroni and the coarse fish he caught. He had only a few lira left, with which he bought a loaf of bread, and then entered for the boat race, the grand fete, for which half Venice competed, the prize being 250 lire (about £10). He ate half the loaf, and went to sleep with hope in his heart.

In the morning he cleaned up his gondola, and set off for the race-course. Antonello was a good oarsman, and he knew it, but he quailed when he saw all the powerful competitors and their flag-bedecked new gondolas. They lined up, every man tense and alert, and then the signal came. There was a roar as they started, and every man strained his hardest.

Antonello did not waste his powers uselessly, but kept in the middle of the crowd, till in the last half of the race he started to forge ahead. He was fourth in the last third of the race—third, second ... he was straining every muscle now, and though his craft was not as good as that of his remaining rival, he was gaining.

Alberto, the man who was first, looked behind him nervously and just as he and Antonello reached a corner, he swerved slightly, and hit Antonello's craft with his, oar, maiming it, and pushing on his own.

There was not much damage done, save that the planks were cracked slightly and the figurehead broken a little, but it made Antonello lose ground for a minute. Antonello picked up, however, and managed a dead-heat with another man for second place. The second prize was fifty lire, but as two people got it they received twenty-five lire each.

Antonello was bitterly disappointed, and resolved to patch up the gondola, and sell it for what he could get. He bought a hammer, nails, needles and thread and borrowed an axe and a saw. With these last he cut down a sapling, and trimmed it into rough planks. He took a few of these back to the gondola, and made the necessary repairs, and was just going to start mending the hangings when he saw the figurehead was slightly broken. He wondered whether he had better repair it, and decided he would. One of its eyes was gone, and he passed his finger round the other to see how big he must make the pair to it, when—the face opened, and revealed a hollow out of which fell a jingling bag!

With fingers trembling with hope, Antonello undid the leather thong round the mouth of the bag. He tipped it, and out came coins, gold and silver!

He also found a letter from Guido, saying the money was his, and he left it to Antonello, and that his (Guido's) friends had been let into the secret, but must not tell Antonello about the money. This explained why Guido's friends had kept asking Antonello if he had found his fortune. They were themselves too honest to take the money. So Antonello became fairly rich and very prosperous. There was enough in the bag to make him able to marry the beautiful Doretta, and live in a comfortable position. To this day, though he now owns a fleet of gondolas, he has the old boat, though you would not know it, so painted and shining is it, and on summer days, when he takes his children for an outing on the water, he tells them the story of the old gondola, and how it proved the first step to his present fortune.

An Ode to Sugar by Toto

WENDY MOGG, IIB.

O Sugar!
 How sweet thou art
 Thy glistening colour goes to my heart!
 O Sugar, if I try to linger
 (With a small, wet finger)
 D'you think, when everyone else has gone
 I might try a bit, alone?

School Officers, 1944-5

School Captains: Elizabeth I. Meredith (S.), I. A. Keitch (S.).

School Vice-Captains: Pamela I. Coiner (S.), R. A. Diment (S.).

School Prefects: Girls—S. M. Stephenson (S.), R. M. Taylor (S.), H. C. Pullin (S.), H. A. Dicker (H.), I. F. Booth (C.), B. V. Mackey (C.), M. L. Merritt (C.), D. C. Cooksley (H.), M. P. Barry (S.), B. A. Neads (S.). Boys—D. C. Roddick (H.), R. H. N. Watts (S.), D. F. Thomas (H.), S. R. Stutter (C.), E. P. Weeks (S.), E. A. Thompson (H.), J. Molton (C.), M. J. Spreag (C.), J. S. Mercer (C.), P. E. Spreag (S.).

Literary and Dramatic Society : Chairman, R. H. N. Watts (S.), Vice-Chairman, Elizabeth I. Meredith (S.), Secretary, P. J. Winstone (S.).

Junior Literary and Debating Society: Chairman, M. Lewis (S.), Secretaries, Enid Burgess (S.), Joan Masters (C.).

Scientific Society: Chairman, D. C. Roddick (H.), Secretary, R. A. Diment.

World Citizenship Society: Chairman, Elizabeth Meredith (S.), Vice-Chairman L. A. Keitch (S.), Secretary, Anita Dicker (H.).

French Circle: Chairman, P. J. Winstone (S.), Secretary, Barbara Neads (S.)-

Geographical Society: Chairman, R. A. Diment (S.), Secretary, Anita Dicker (H.).

Junior Geographical Society: Chairman, J. Williams (S.), Secretary, R. Sheppard (C.).

House Captains: Howard—Anita Dicker, D. C. Roddick. Stafford—Elizabeth Meredith, I. A. Keitch. Clare—Irene Booth, M. J. Spreag.

Games Captains: Hockey, Maureen Barry (S.), Football, R. A. Diment (S.), Tennis, Eileen Goodfield (H.), Cricket, R. A. Diment (S.).

Physical Training Captains: Pamela Corner (S.), I. A. Keitch (S.).

Athletic Captains: Enid Husher (H.), I. A. Keitch (S.).

Swimming Captains: Elizabeth Longman (H.), R. A. Diment (S.).

Magazine Staff: Editors, R. H. N. Watts (S.), Doreen Cooksley (H.). Treasurer, Pamela Corner (S.).

Examination Results, 1944

The following candidates are to be congratulated on their Examination Successes:

Bristol First School Certificate, 1944

I. F. Booth, D. Carter, P. J. Comer (m), D. C. Cooksley (m). H. A. Dicker (m),
H. C. Foyster, A. J. Gumm. C. E. Hendy, R. A. Hicks, R. M. Hurley (m). J. E.
Pul in, I. A. Keitch, R. E. Knight, J. M. Lydford (m), M. L. Merritt (m), P. D.
Pearce, H. C. Pullin, C. Spratt (m), S. R. Stutter, D. F. Thomas, E. A. Thompson,
E. L. Yardley (m).

m—matriculation.

E. I. Meredith, B. V. Mackey, C. Heath completed their matriculation.

Bristol Higher School Certificate

S. M. McDonald (English, Geography, French).
J. J. Panes (Botany, Zoology, Chemistry).
S. M. Stephenson (English, Geography, French).
R. M. Taylor (Botany, Zoology, Geography).
M. L. Watts (English, Geography, French).

At Christmas the following pupils completed their Matriculation by gaining a credit in an extra subject in the Oxford School Certificate Examination:

I. F. Booth (English language). I. A. Keitch (English language), R. E. Knight (English language).
H. C. Pullin (Mathematics).

E. P. Weeks gained his School Certificate.

R. H. N. Watts gained a credit in Latin.

The Walking Tour

Unfortunately space does not allow a detailed description of the hike last summer holidays, that took seven senior girls through the lovely Wye Valley.

Descriptions of a leaky punt, in which we crossed the Wye, of a village dance from which the mingled noise of palais glides and hob-nailed hoots disturbed our rest, and of the oddities of Chepstow Castle, would prove that a walking tour does not consist of walking only. None of us found the walking too strenuous.

Among those mentioned in dispatches are Miss Cook, who arranged the walk, Miss Smith, who wielded the teapot, her sister, who cared for our blisters, and Joan Pullin, who did miracles with the frying pan.

This year a similar walk has been arranged. Good luck to it and all school hikes in the future

Christmas Holiday Conference of World Citizenship Society

I. A. KEITCH

During the Christmas vacation I attended a conference of the World Citizenship Society in the Central Hall, Westminster. About 2,500 of us were welcomed by the Lord Mayor of London.

Each morning we heard lectures by notable speakers, on immediate problems of world citizenship. In the afternoon we discussed these problems in groups of about forty to fifty, who themselves elected their chairman and secretaries. The secretaries submitted reports to a central committee, who drew up a general report, presented on the last day.

The discussion groups were well directed and soon developed friendly, heated arguments. Several resolutions were passed on Unemployment, Education in Colonies, Town and Country Planning, and a Durable Peace.

Other features were a speech by Dr. Barbara Symmons (mis-reported by certain sections of the Press), a Brains Trust, and a film show and lecture by Paul Rotha.

On the last afternoon Mr. Herbert Morrison addressed us and we finished with a grand social.

Calling all Classics

Whence and what art thou execrable shape
That dar'st, though grim and terrible advance
Thy miscreated Front athwart my way
To yonder gates? Through them I mean to pass.
(Milton, *Paradise Lost*, Bk. II.)

A Junior on approaching the cloakroom:

"Then follow the cries of men and the crack of sinews."

(Virgil, *Aeneid*, Bk. I Xtrans. Ed.)

Ball in right!

"My tables—meet it is I set down."

(Hamlet.)

More—notes.

We hear that Upper V hopes for a hundred per cent pass in Geometry— Eu-clidding?

The Library

This year Barbara Neads has proved a most useful librarian, and several other girls have kindly given time to the issuing, checking, and repairing of books.

Many of the new books we should like to add to the permanent collection are still unavailable, but a steady supply of interesting reference hooks has come from the Geographical and Scientific Book Clubs, and we are most grateful to all those friends who have kindly supplemented it with gifts. A list of their names is appended.

Doreen Cooksley and Joy Shepherd have been responsible for the County Library books loaned to the school each term.

Miss M. E. Gale, Mrs. A. C. Rouch, Audrey Sale, P. J. Winstone, J. Molton.

Dramatic Work

At the end of the Autumn term members of IIIA performed scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in these P. Clutterbuck deserves mention as a vivacious Puck, and D. R. Cooper as a dignified Obaron. On the same occasion the Literary and Dramatic Society gave a reading of the first scene of "St. Joan." They seem to have succeeded in arousing interest in the play, which a large number of seniors later took the opportunity of seeing at the Theatre Royal.

In March Miss Gale produced a French play, "La Cuivier," in which June Wilson gave a spirited performance as a shrewish wife, and M. D. Reed as her henpecked but successfully rebellious husband. In "The Pie and the Tart," the tale of a beggar's stratagem, A. H. Perry acted with outstanding confidence and vigour, which delighted the audience. He was keenly supported by other members of IIIB.

Literary and Dramatic Society

The Society is still flourishing, although owing to demands on Friday afternoons by other societies only three meetings have been held.

At the first officers were elected and readings from various poets were given by members, who provided us with an enjoyable half-hour.

The second meeting consisted of a lively debate on Compulsory Military Training for All, and this motion won the day. Time restricted another debate.

At the last meeting two successful humorous play readings were given by members, and D. C. Monk put forward a proposal for a new type of Brains Trust which has yet to be tried.

Scientific Society

This year the society had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Williams after an absence of three and a half years, and are grateful to Miss A. S. Jones who carried on so gallantly while he was away. Four successful meetings have been held this year, including lectures by Anita Dicker and D. C. Roddick on "Mosquitoes," and "Heredity" respectively; I. A. Keitch on "Bacteria," Ruth Knight on "Animal Behaviour," and Betty Longman on "The Golden Crested Wren." Three fifth farmers, Monk, Hardman and Addis showed much promise when they lectured on "The Moon," "Properties of Liquids," and "Alternating Current and Electric Power Distribution."

World Citizenship Society

The society has had many interesting meetings this year, talks being given by Major Sir Derrick Gunston, M.P., on his mission to Newfoundland; by Mr. St. John Reid on post-war planning; and by Mrs. Ankerston on the Polish A.T.S., in Poland.

Two spirited political discussions have been held, followed by a secret ballot, the result being a Liberal majority of six votes. "That Communism should be confined to Russia" was the subject of another discussion.

We are pleased that the shyness of some members is fast disappearing, and that all are taking a more active part in meetings.

French Circle

The French Circle has now established itself and two very successful meetings have been held.

The first one was in last October when charades were acted, followed by a recital of records from Biset's light opera, "Carmen."

In May there was a very successful meeting, with a quiz about France and a French spelling bee. Competition ran high and the boys were very pleased when they finally won.

Geographical Society

During the past year the activities of the Society have been fairly varied.

Short talks have been given by Keitch, on South Wales; Winstone, on Italy, and Cole, on Cherbourg.

Mr. Morse lectured on the connection between History and Geography, illustrating his points with examples from the locality. Quizzes have been held; either inter-form competitions, or boys against girls.

At one meeting about thirty members came dressed representing various countries, some giving short talks on the countries they represented. Prizes, kindly given by Miss Trower, were presented by the Headmaster to June Wilson, Patricia Frost and Mary Rouch.

Speech Day, 1945

The salient feature of Speech Day 1945 was the talk by Mr. R. R. Dobson, J.P., our visitor, who emphasised our responsibilities now that we had safely survived the greatest war in history. During the talk he gave a definition of education: it was, he said, nourishment for the mind, the intelligence and the imagination, and he went on to describe the new education bill. It was to effect great improvements in the education of the country, giving everyone education to the age of sixteen—but not yet. The Bill recognised that the scholar was not necessarily of more value to the community than the craftsman. The most important thing was to lead a full life and develop one's faculties. He concluded by asking that the School should have an extra day's holiday.

Hockey Notes, 1944-5

The Hockey team has had a most successful season, the play being at a higher standard than last year. There are more signs of good stick-work, although there is still room for improvement here. The team's knowledge of the game is good, and they play with very good speed and enthusiasm.

Goalkeeper. Elizabeth Meredith had some very good patches and on the whole was fairly reliable. She never lacked courage.

Left Back. Mary Merritt was fairly safe, and had a good strong hit, but was too often slow to tackle. Barbara Neads, who now takes her place. has more speed and is a most promising back.

Right Back. Eileen Goodfield makes up for her lack of real speed by accurate timing and good clearances; a steady player.

Left Half. Hilary Batten is very a promising hockey player, being very quick off the mark, having good stickwork, and marking her opponents well. Her anticipation is remarkably good. She has the honour of playing for the County Junior and Senior teams.

Centre Half. Maureen Barry (Captain) was an efficient captain. Her play has improved greatly this year, and she has developed into a really sound centre half who can stay the pace of the game, and who has stickwork worthy of high praise. She distributed the ball well, and holds her team together.

Right Half. Sybil Craik-Smith is a quick, neat player, with good stickwork, but she needs more strength when tackling.

Right Wing. Mary Lovell is erratic; she has put in some very good play, but is often too slow to be up to the standard of the other forwards.

Right Inner. Doreen Hathway is gaining control and is a useful member of the team; some good shots at goal.

Centre Forward. Audrey Harraway would be outstanding if always on her best form, as sometimes her play is brilliant. She does not always seize her opportunities; an excellent shot.

Left Inner. Jennifer Rouch is a most promising player. We have the highest hopes for the future of her hockey.

Left Wing. Pamela Harper is very fast and has done some very good work. Sometimes she leaves her centres too late.

The 2nd XI has been playing well this year, and has some very promising members. The Captain is Irene Booth; Vice-Captain, Betty Smith.

Colours were awarded to Maureen Barry, Hilary Batten, Eileen Goodfield, and Audrey Harraway.

RESULTS: FIRST ELEVEN

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
September 30th	Red Maids	A	Won	7-3
October 14th	University	H	Won	4-0
October 28th	Colston Girls' School	H	Won	5-3
November 25th	Chipping Sodbury G.S...	H	Won	9-1
March 3rd	Redland High	H	Won	3-1
March 7th	Redland High	A	Lost	2-1
March 10th	Colston Girls' School	H	Won	3-1
March 17th	Maritime R.A.	H	Drawn	1-1
March 24th	Maritime R.A.	H	Drawn	3-3
March 26th	Headmaste's Team	H	Lost	2-0

SECOND ELEVEN

October 28th	Colston 2nd XI	H	Won	5-3
November 25th	Old Thornburians	H	Lost	6-3
December 16th	Hortham Nurses	A	Won	9-0
February 24th	St. Cross Hockey Club	H	Won	7-3
March 3rd	Redland High	H	Lost	2-1
March 10th	Colston 2nd XI	H	Lost	5-2
March 24th	Hortham Nurses	A	Won	5-0

Football Notes, 1944-5.

A School XI, which can defeat a strong Old Boys' side, must be at least a useful one, and the 1944-5 team was better than that. With a little extra basic skill in such elementary details as ball control and kicking, and a little more speed off the mark, it would have been a good one. The play was more rugged than clever, except for the headwork, which was excellent: a pity the feet should have been so weak! Before Christmas E. A. Thompson, E. P. Weeks, and I. A. Keitch made a good defensive triangle, and J. Molton, S. R. Stutter, and J. Pridham a useful line of halves in defence, but without much constructive ability. B. C. R. Fuller, at fullback when Weeks took Stutter's place at centre-half, kicked very well indeed, but only Keitch's covering speed saved his slowness from being disastrous. N. Walker, at outside right, did nothing much until the later matches, when he at last began to fulfil his early promise. D. C. Roddick and R. A. Dimeitt (Captain) worked very hard in the inside positions, helping the defence in many awkward situations. In attack they were not so prominent. D. C. Cullimore solved the centre-forward position, which before- the opening match looked incapable of solution. Quick off the mark, and able to shoot with either foot, he scored many fine goals with feet and head. At the moment he has little constructive ability, and without the strength of Roddick and Diment he would not have done so well. D. J. Hawkins at outside-left played with determination, but his centres were weak. M. J. Spreag showed good form in the last two matches, and in the game against the Old Boys the wing to wing play by Walker and him was very attractive to watch, and very effective. The match with Chipping Sodbury Grammar School, at home, was one of the best games seen on the ground for some years, the visitors, especially, playing attractive football in the first half, and it was only after a hard struggle that the School ended the winners.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
September 30th	Kingswood	A	Won	5—2
October 14th	Chipping Sodbury	A	Drawn	3—3
October 21st	Kingswood	H	Won	7—1
October 28th	Wotton-under-Edge	A	Won	7—1
November 11th	Maritime R.A.	H	Lost	1—3
November 18th	Chipping Sodbury	H	Won	8—5
December 2nd	Maritime R.A.	H	Drawn	3—3
February 3rd	Fairfield	H	Won	8—1
February 24th	Cotham 1st	H	Lost	3—6
March 3rd	Old Boys	H	Won	5—3

Colours: Re-awarded for 3rd time—I. A. Keitch.

Re-awarded for 2nd time—R. A. Diment.

Re-awarded for 1st time—D. C. Cullimore, D. C. Roddick.

Awarded for 1st at time—E. A. Thompson, E. P. Weeks.

Rugby

Severe weather handicapped our progress in the handling code, but considerable improvement was shown, especially by Diment, Roddick, Cullimore, Walker and Molton. Mr. H. W. Phillips again gave much valued assistance. Next year it is hoped to arrange one or two matches.

Tennis Notes, 1945

We have been unfortunate with regard to the weather this year, and our early matches were cancelled, which had something to do with the team's lack of confidence on one or two occasions, perhaps. The general play of the team as a whole is of a far higher standard than last year, and shows some elements of style, although all members have a lot to learn. One noticeable improvement this year is that most

of the team are quick off the mark, and move about the court more easily. We hope for some really good tennis next year. as the team should be almost intact.

RESULTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Score</i>
June 2nd	ChippingSodbury	H	Won ..	63—46
June 23rd	Thornbury	H	Lost ...	47—52
June 30th	Colston Girls' School	H	Lost ...	47—52
July 7th	Parents	H	Won ..	52—47
July 14th	Old Thornburiana	H	Won ...	48—33

Cricket

The cricket side promised to be a good one, despite the absence of E. A. Thompson. the only “quick” bowler. In general the promise has been maintained, though too much “performance” has rested with too few players—P. Spreag. bowling, and R. A. Diment, D. G. Roddick and, on two occasions, D. C. Cullimore. The tail-enders have yet to justify their inclusion in the side. The batting of the older players is somewhat uncertain, the short ball on the off causing some very tentative hooks to be made. The fielding is good, the wicket-keeping fair. Some rain-damaged wicket have been responsible for low scoring.

RESULTS:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Score</i>
April 28th ..	Thornbury C.C	A	Lost	89—176
May 12th ...	Cotham	H	Won	200for 7—122
May 26th ...	Dursley	H	Won	86—38
June 2nd	Chipping Sodbury	A	Won	50—49
June 7th ...	Clifton College Colts	A	Drawn	40—21 for 6
June 9th ...	Maritime R.A	H	Won	205 for 8—56
June 16th	Fairfield	H	Won	136—68
June 23rd	Wotton-under-Edge	H	Won ...	152—48
June 30th ...	Maritime R.A.	H	Lost	137 for 7 dec. 140 for 7 wkts.
July 7th ..	Parents	H	Won	278 for 8 dec. —83
July 14th ...	Old Thornburians	H	Lost	132—138

House Notes

CLARE

Captains: M. J. Spreag, Irene Booth.

This year Clare unfortunately lost the Cross-Country Shield, but two members, D. Cole and C. Watts, came first and third respectively in the Senior race.

The Senior Hockey side won one and lost three of its matches, but the Juniors were more successful, winning three and losing one. On the football side, the Seniors lost all their matches, but the Juniors did better in theirs.

In September we welcomed Miss Trower to the House. On the return of Mr. Williams, the House said farewell to the Headmaster, who had ably led us for four years.

STAFFORD

*Captains:*I A. Keitch, Elizabeth Meredith.

Stafford, fortunately retaining some senior members, has had a fairly successful year, although once more we have to congratulate Howard on winning the Games Shield by a very narrow margin. The boys wrested the Cross-Country Shield from Glare, while a fine display of diving by the boys helped to gain the Swimming Shield. The girls brought us the honour of winning the new McDonald Hockey Shield.

The House Crest now hangs above the boys' notice-board, and it is hoped that one will soon be obtained for the girls.

HOWARD

Captains: D. C. Roddick, Anita Dicker.

So far this year, the House holds the Athletics Shield, the Games Shield, the Academic Shield and the Cricket Bat, although we have been unfortunate in losing the Swimming Shield to Stafford by a narrow margin of points. We congratulate Stafford, but hope to regain it and also retain those we now hold, especially the Athletics Shield as it has been in our possession for six consecutive years.

All Howard members send their best wishes to J. Panes and D. Thomas, two House officers, who have joined the services during the past year.

Old Thornburians

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

U.CS.W.E.,

Exeter, *May*, 1945.

Dear Editor,

As the end of our first year at University approaches, we naturally begin to reflect upon its significance in our career. University life—as all who have been fortunate enough to enjoy it will agree—has many advantages, from which only the thought of impending examinations detracts.

For it is better, as Stevenson wrote, to travel hopefully than to arrive; while keeping a tangible goal in view we may yet enjoy the travelling to the full. Here we can explore fresh fields of learning both wider and more intensive than could be admitted in a school-day time-table, while the way is made easier for us by increased freedom of activity. Music and art, now ever-present, play an increased part in our lives, and it is here especially that students from all faculties can meet on common ground.

Also, valuable experience can be gained from intercourse and exchange of outlook with fellow students from many varied walks of life and particularly with those who come to us from other countries.

All this and more College life has to offer—even in' such a comparatively small community as our own at Exeter. In sending our greetings to the School and expressing our confidence in its continued success, we would consequently urge as many as possible to join us in receiving the numerous benefits of a University education.

Very sincerely,

Exoniensis.

Bristol University,

May, ~ 1945.

Dear Editor,

This year the names of three Thornburians appear in the books of Bristol University.

Bristol has carried on successfully throughout the war, inspired, no doubt, by the leadership of Winston Churchill who we can boast, is our Chancellor. Now it will enjoy the peace and grow in size as it has already grown in reputation.

For any pupil who wishes to carry on his education beyond the sixth form we can recommend Bristol University. Here students undertake both work and play heartily, for in the fields of athletics, music and politics, as well as in their particular subjects they are educated to take a place in the world as good citizens fully prepared for the tasks ahead of them.

We hope many pupils will take advantage of a University so near at hand, and expect later on to see a greater number from Thornbury keeping up the tradition of the School.

Yours sincerely,

Bristolienis.

We send special greetings to the Old Thornburians serving in H.M. Forces. including:

	R.N.	
M. Hutchinson	K. Sheppard	F. Cunningham
W. Phillips	E. Slade	L. Powell
P. Stockham	W. Hibbott	R. Wilcox
H. Appleby	N. Ashcroft	N. Cunningham
I. Lanham	A. Pitcher	J. King
A. Symes	I. Rugg	F. Midwinter
H. Foyster	D. Thomas	J. Lydford
P. Weeks	D. Dearing	E. Pitt
	F.A.A.	
T. Godwin	T. Lanham	H. Knight
R. Morris	J. Lambert, D.S.M.	
	W.R.N.S.	
J. Bruton	I. Cough	C. Dearing
	R. Poole	
	M.N.	
C. Panes	P. Hewes	
	S.L.I.	
	C. Coster	
	R.M.	
	C. Lambert	
	Devons	
	D. Lansdowne	
	R.T.C.	
L. Stovold	V. O'Neill	D. Hitchings
	R.A.S.C.	
R. Ball	J. Lansdowne	A. Garrett
W. Lewis	D. Trayhurn	
	R.A.M.C.	
H. Lewis	L. Dearing	
	Reconnaisance Corps	
W. Appleby		C. Carry
	Hampshire Regiment	
	J. Clarke	
	Royal Veterinary Corps	
	B. Watson	
	Gloucestershire Regiment	
K. Poole	P. Eacott	R. Collins, M.M
J. Batty	A. H. Smith	Lt. H Tymms.
	Royal Corps of Signals	
J. Hosken	C. Jacobs	H. Batt
	R. Blanchard	
	Leicester Regiment	
	K. Wright	
	Royal Glos. Hussars A.C.C.	
	A. Ponting	
	Somerset	
	Airborne Division	
G. Carter		J. Midwinter
	R.E.M.E.	
E. Hook	C. Clements	G. Slade
	A. Nash	
	R.A.	
S. Hunt	R. Ford	W. Fossett
J. Maggs	J. Skinner	F. Irskine
W. Speller	M. Bull	D. Bennett
H. B. Lee	K. Pennington	

	R.E.	
D. Hawkins	E. Pitcher	R. Curtis
I: Mersh	Mr. Sager	D. Brooks
	G. Gingell	
	R.A.C.	
H. Stanton	C. Jacobs	J. Panes
Mr. Garnish	A. Daniell	
	R.A.O.C.	
C. Allen	D. Watkins	L. Cunningham
J. Clutterbuck	J. Bennett	
	Gurkha Rifles	
	D. T. Owens	
	A.T.S.	
B. Bruton	M. Callivan	N. Watkins
I. Skuse	J. Speller	S. Appleby
J. Clarke	A. Webb	K. Maggs
P. Burcombe	S. McDonald	
	Army Nursing Service	
	D. Williams	
	R.A.F.	

C. Meredith	T. Price	Mr Cudmore	E. Eddington
R. Hand	E. Eacott	C. Morris	D. Bayliss
E. Watkins	V. Oates	R. Eacott	W. Vjzard
V. Harding	J. Leaky	J. Bruton	N. Salisbury
J. Watkins	R. Smith	R. Barton	R. Moss
C. Daldry	A. Hills	N. Batten	I. Pitt
J. Newman	C. Lewis	A. Pitt	C. Coward
C. Simmons	I. Sheppard	F. Champion	C. Vaisey
R. Eacott	L. Taylor	I. Knight	H. Court
C. Hulbert	J. May	D. Nation	H. Hobpin
C. Hibbott	K. Bezant	E. Hulbert	R. Hopkins
J. Hayward	J. M. Dennis, D.S.O., D.F.C.		C. Hook
D. Williams	T. Poole	H. Gould	P. Daldry
R. Smith	E. Coster	C. Heath	L. Pearce

W.A.A.F.

M. Bryant	M. Nicholls	M. Travail
A. Carter	B. Pullin	H. Lansdowne
	S. Thompson	

ROLL OF HONOUR

The School honours the memory of those of its members who have given their lives in defence of the country.

Captain Hedley Clark, Royal Marines.	Sergeant James Brace, R.A.F.
Lance-Bdr. Jack Williams, Maritime R.A.	Sergeant Douglas Garn, R.A.F.
Lance-Corporal John Nation, R.T.C.	Sergeant Frank Burns, R.A.F.
Norman Taylor, Merchant Navy.	Sergeant Hugh Powell, R.A.F.
Sergeant Mervyn Burns, R.A.F.	Sergeant Brian Dennis, R.A.F.
Sergeant Royce Cazzard, R.A.F.	Flying Officer Paul Mercer, R.A.F.
Sergeant Eric Williams, R.A.F.	Flying Officer Geoffrey Hartley, R.A.F.

The School sends its best wishes to Old 'Thornburians everywhere, but especially those serving in the Forces. We remember you with pride and gratitude and fervently hope that you will soon be home again—not just on leave, but for good! For any omissions from this list please accept the Editor's apologies and do please tell us.

