



**THORNBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MAGAZINE.**  
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**Editorial**

We are glad to say that this year, for the first time since the war, the Thornburian is more than a mere record of School events. Literary entries from members of the School have returned, and we hope and trust that the quality has not deteriorated.

The School has benefited this year by the birth of new Societies, and especially the World Citizenship Society. Members are beginning to learn the truth of the saying that "Patriotism is not enough," and are thereby becoming better fitted to take their place in world society. Great work has already been done in promoting international understanding and sense of citizenship in the School.

We have always recognised this to be of prime importance in our attempts to grasp the liberty and security for which many from our own numbers are dying.

**School Notes**

School life still remains comparatively unaltered by the war and, except for the fact that the School has increased, in numbers considerably and the inevitable changes of staff, we are carrying on in our normal routine.

We welcome as new members of Staff: Miss Cook as Senior Mistress (English), Miss Hingley (Science), Miss Pearce (Geography), and Miss Burdess (Games and Music). During the Spring term we were helped by two student teachers, Miss Greenall and Miss Shibco.

We offer our congratulations to Miss Scott, the ex-Senior Mistress, on becoming Head Mistress of Yeovil High School.

The post of School Secretary has been taken by Peggy Hutchins, an Old Thornburian. At the end of the Spring term a lecture was given by Mr. Morse on Humorous Poetry — in which he stressed the effect of sudden shock and surprise. The limericks and other verses with which he illustrated his point were greatly appreciated.

The standards of the School field have been kept up during the past year owing to the persistent efforts of Mr. Mills, helped where possible by the School pupils. We are glad to say that we are now able to mow all the field. Major Howard, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Symes are to be thanked for their co-operation.

On October 14th the first Founders' Day Service was held in Thornbury Church. The Rev. E. Jupp, in his sermon, traced the growth of the School and described the character of the Founders. This Service is now to be held annually.

We regret Mr. Jupp's ill-health, which has prevented him from taking Religious Instruction in the School. The Rev. D. Ford has kindly continued and increased his help in this direction.

Four new School Societies have arisen, namely, the World Citizenship Society, the French Circle, the Geographical Society, and the Philosophical Society. These Societies have become an important feature of School life, attracting many notable men to the School, to give lectures.

We are glad to say that long-needed equipment for the School canteen has now arrived, and has contributed greatly to the efficiency of the hot dinner system. We hope that this will lessen the burden on Miss Storey and her heavily-worked kitchen staff.

The School cleaners deserve praise for their good work in the interior of the School.

We are keeping ourselves as tidy as possible under current difficulties, but the rule concerning the wearing of hats to School has had to be temporarily suspended. Old Thornburians have helped in this difficulty by selling their School uniforms.

There have been three exhibitions this year: at Christmas there was a successful war-time cake competition, supervised by Miss Storey, in which N. Cunningham (Clare) and M. Spreag (Clare) did very well. At the same time Miss Pearce and Miss Timbrell organised an instructive Geographical Exhibition. At Easter, June Hinton, B. C. Fuller and R. E. Smith did well in an Art exhibition arranged by Mr. Rabley.

We congratulate the School Captain, Marion Watts, on gaining an Open College Scholarship in English at Exeter University, and a County Higher Exhibition totalling £120 per annum for three years.

For the second time the prefects held a Christmas party, and again the Certificate Form was invited. Owing to the efforts of the party committee and Miss Storey and her staff, who provided a superb tea, the party was a great success.

Congratulations are offered to Squadron-Leader J. M. Dennis on being awarded the D.S.O. and D.F.C., and to Mr. Williams, who is to be married. His fiancée is the English Mistress at Spilaby High School, from which he came.

There have been two P.T. displays this year, one at Easter and one on Speech Day; both were given by the boys of the special class under I. A. Keitch. On Speech Day a performance was also given by the girls, who had been trained by Miss Burdess.

In Salute the Soldier ' Week the School raised £1,570 19s. 6d.

We congratulate Miss Pearce on her forthcoming marriage.

Finally, we congratulate J. Lydford on being accepted for a seamanship course at Ambercovey, and G. W. Heath on being accepted for an R.A.F. University Short Course.

### **" It Was a Summer's Evening."**

*R. H. N. WATTS, U. V.*

The Summer's evening has always been a time for the mind of man to escape its burden of worldly passions and iniquities, and dwell for a while in the land of honest pensiveness. The day has found it forcing the body and itself to provide a livelihood, but when evening comes it is gradually released from its bondage, and can wander freely away from the limiting subjects of the daytime.

Many men have given much to obtain the pleasures and magical effects of the evening. Stevenson, however, considered that a walking tour was necessary if he wished to think simply as a child, but I believe that he would have obtained his end, merely by strolling in the evening after an ordinary day of commonplaces. Old Kaspar of the poem seemed to appreciate these benefits, but he chose the wrong time to obtain them : the evening of which I speak is immediately before, and for a while after, sunset, and this period seems to have been recognised by Longfellow's Indians, who worshipped the evening star.

Eventide has no equal by night or day. The early morning, while allowing freedom of the body, holds little freedom for the mind, as the coming day's toil must be studied. At noon or midnight the mind is either resting or in the midst of its labours.

Besides giving man peace of mind, evening seems to influence all other things in a similar manner. Cattle are no longer restless in the heat, but browse peacefully. Trees seem to regain dignity, after being belittled by the fierce light. The landscape loses its sharp outlines, and becomes softer, mysterious and inviting. The wind drops for a while, and all is still. No loud noise or human cry dares to impose itself on the quiet of the evening. During this enchanted quiet, the wild life such as rabbits, and moorhens, who hide by day, temporarily lose their fear of

man, and sally forth. Pigeons and crows gradually settle down as the evening advances. If disturbed at first they will flee, but as night approaches, so they approach the state of complete slumber.

The coming-on of evening, after a red-hot day, is a gradual and subtle proceeding. The sun, which for many hours has dominated everything, loses bit by bit its youthful fire, and like a wine, becomes softer and mellow, until it sinks below the horizon, but the rosy western clouds still proclaim its presence until the evening has become night. Dew begins to form, and transforms dead fields and hedges into living, friendly components of the landscaper. It may be that it is this refreshing influence which soothes the mind of man, and leaves it to wander freely in contemplation.

### **With Apologies to the Author**

*JOAN TIMBRELL, IIA.*

Cornelius was a sturdy lad. Red-golden hair Cornelius had.  
His cheeks were round and rosy red, And even the Headmaster said.  
" School dinners do Cornelius good,  
I wish all boys ate as they should." But one day, one warm summer's day  
He screamed out, " Take those beans away,  
Oh, take the nasty beans away ; I won't have any beans to-day."

Next day he began to show  
How lean and lank he soon would grow, And when cheese pudding was brought in  
He made a really dreadful din,  
And screamed out, " Take that cheese away, Why, it's half cold—away, I say,  
I won't eat all that stuff to-day."

The third day, oh, what a sight !  
But still he screamed with all his might. Miss Storey, with a freezing glare,  
Said, " Think of all the proteins there. He even then ne'er ceased to say,  
•• Oh will you take that stuff away, I couldn't manage it to-day."

The fourth day came, he was so ill, He stayed at home and took a pill; 'Twas then too  
late, his mother said, For on the fifth day he was--dead.

### **The Month of May**

*JEAN HAINES, IIIB.*

Of all the seasons of the year  
There is one month that is so dear, That is the month of May.  
When all the flowers are so gay,  
Out in the woods the bluebells come,  
Enough of them for everyone,  
The violets are so bright and gay,  
They liven up the month of May.  
The month of May comes in Spring  
When the bluebells begin to ring.  
Of all the lovely things  
I like Spring.

### **Noise**

With apologies to the Author

*JOAN MASTERS, MB.*

I like noise !  
Whether the yell of boys;  
The clatter of a pail,  
Or a hammer on a nail;  
The hoot of an owl,  
The scrape of a trowel,

The whirl of a propeller,  
 The voice of a seller,  
 Even the wind whistling by,  
 Or a baby's shrill cry.  
 I like noise !  
 I like noise !  
 The trams as they trundle along,  
 Or the birds as they warble their song,  
 Then the housewife as she washes the dishes, Or, when fishing, the splash of the fishes.  
 The boom of the waves, beating on the rocks.  
 Or the bang, bang, bang, when the tradesman knocks, The twang of an arrow as it leaves the bow,  
 Or the humdrum caused when a plane sweeps low, I like noise !

### Things that the Walls Repeated.

"I was riding a bicycle long before you were born, S ----g."  
 " I think that's a fair statement, don't you?"  
 " I will now run over the Paris Basin."  
 "If you would only take the trouble to look *at* the thing".  
 " That's not what we expect in Thornbury."

### School Officers, 1943-44

**School Captains** : Marion L. Watts (S.), J. J. Panes (H.).  
**School Vice-Captains** : Sheila M. McDonald (C.), I. A. Keitch (S.).  
**School Prefects** : Girls—J. M. Gough (S.), B. H. Moxham (S.), S. M. Stephenson (S.), E. I. Meredith (S.), M. M. Beard (H.), S. W. Durnell (S.), J. M. Gazzard (H.). Boys—R. H. Smith (H.), D. G. Roddick (H.), J. Lydford (C.), R. A. Diment (S.), R. H. N. Watts (S.), D. F. Thomas (H.), S. Stutter (C.).  
**Literary and Dramatic Society** : Chairman, Marion L. Watts (S.); Vice-Chairman, R. H. Smith (H.); Secretary, B. H. Moxham (S.).  
**Junior Literary and Debating Society**: Chairman, D. M. Reed ; Vice-Chairman, V. Whitley; Secretaries, Kathleen Pullin and B. Fuller.  
**Young Farmers' Club**: Chairman, R. H. N. Watts (S.); Secretary, May Bennett (H.).  
**Scientific Society**: Chairman, J. J. Panes (H.); Secretary, Mary Taylor (S.).  
**World Citizenship Society** : Chairman, Marion L. Watts (S.); Vice-Chairman, **R. H. Smith (H.)**; Secretary, **Mavis NI. Beard (H.)**.  
**French Circle** : Chairman, Sheila M. McDonald (C.), Secretary, Stella M. Stephenson (S.).  
**Geographical Society**: Chairman, Eileen Yardley (H.); Secretary, Anita Dicker (H.).  
**Philosophical Society** : Chairman, G. W. Heath (C.); Secretary, Jean Witts (H.).  
**House Captains**: Howard—Mavis M. Beard, J. J. Panes. Stafford  
 —Marion L. Watts, I. A. Keitch. Clare—Sheila McDonald, J. Lydford.  
**Games Captains** : Hockey—Joyce M. Gough (S.). Football—J. J. Panes (H.). Tennis—Helen Moxham (S.) Cricket—R. A. Diment (S.).  
**Physical Training Captain**: I. A. Keitch (S.).  
**Athletic Captain** : I. A. Keitch (S.).  
**Magazine Staff** : Editors—R. H. N. Watts (S.), R. H. Smith (H.). Treasurer—G. W. Heath (C.).

### Examination Results, 1943

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

*Bristol First School Certificate, 1943.*

M. M. Beard, M. Bennett, D. M. Child, R. A. Diment, S. W. M. Darnell, J. M. Gazzard, J. M. Gough, B. M. Grant (m), M. W. C. Cunningham, B. Harper, G. W. Heath. I. A. Keitch, B. V. Mackey, P. I. Mercer, E. I. Meredith, G. W. Mills (m), S. M. Pierce, E. T. Pitt, B. Purnell, D. G. Roddick (m), R. M. Taylor, R. H. N. Watts (m), J. A. Witts.  
 m — Matriculation.

- J. P. Lewis completed his Matriculation.

*Bristol Higher School Certificate.*

H. F. Gould (English, French, Geography), P. M. Mumford (Biology, Chemistry, Geography), M. L.

Watts (English, French. Geography).

At Christmas the following three pupils completed their Matriculation by gaining a credit in an extra subject in the Oxford School Certificate Examination : R. Diment (French), Sheila McDonald (English Language), Mary Taylor (English Language).

### **Literary and Dramatic Society**

The Senior Literary and Dramatic Society has this year continued to flourish, although wartime difficulties have made full-dress concerts out of the question. Play-reading has continued to be popular, thanks largely to R. Smith's versatility. A scene from R. C. Sherriff's play

Badger's Green which occupied most of our meetings during the Spring Term, was read to the Schools at the end of the term and was enthusiastically received.

Other Society activities have included impromptu speeches, which were bravely tackled, and a discussion on the question of a world language.

At the end of the Christmas term we were sorry to lose Miss Scott, whose unobtrusive helpfulness was always greatly appreciated by members of the Committee. We welcome Miss Cook in her place.

### **Junior Literary and Debating Society**

This Society came into being on November 12th, since when seventeen meetings have been held. We have tried to follow correct debating procedure, and several interesting and lively debates have been heard. R. Coole, E. P. Hardman, D. Roth, V. G. Bland, Kathleen Pullin, Mary Rouch, and Jean Wiltshire have been prominent among the speakers.

There have also been play-readings, impromptu speeches, Literary Brains Trusts and Quizzes, and readings from members' favourite books.

### **Young Farmers' Club**

The chief activity of the Club this year has consisted of lectures by Mr. Jones, the district herds officer, on cattle rearing and milk production, and we give our thanks to him for so kindly offering his services.

In the British Legion Red Cross Show the Y.F.C. raised £15 by the sale of fruit and vegetables and by holding raffles. We hope that our performance this year will be comparable.

Scientific Society.

With the general revival of the School Societies this year, both the Senior and Junior Societies have held some very successful meetings. Interesting lectures were given by members of the Advanced Course. Some titles were Hydroponics, Penicillin and Plastics. The Junior Society have had lectures, a debate and a Form Competition.

### **World Citizenship Society**

During the Summer holidays (1943) one member of the School attended a six-day conference held by the Council for Education in World Citizenship at Queenswood, Hertfordshire. • The conference consisted of lectures by well-known people such as the Dean of Canterbury, followed by enthusiastic questioning, of discussions on such topics as " India " and " Education To-day and To-morrow," by special study-groups, and of various social events. The chief value of the conference, however, was gained from meeting and exchanging ideas with other people of one's own age.

Out of that conference our World Citizenship Society was born. It is run entirely by pupils but it is affiliated to the Council in London, which gives us much help in the matter of speakers and library books. The aim of the Society is to gain a knowledge of world affairs and thereby to promote international goodwill.

Our fortnightly meetings have been addressed by many interesting people, including an American Red Cross Nurse, Prince Akitoye, heir to the throne of Lagos, who is at present at Bristol University, and Sir Derrick Gunston, M.P. for this district.

Apart from listening to speakers from outside we have divided ourselves into three study-groups, on the lines of

those at the Queenswood and Cheltenham Conferences, to discuss questions on Russia, China and the United States.

Four members attended a week-end conference at Bristol Grammar School in November, and others are looking forward to attending further conferences in various parts of the country.

### **Geographical Society**

The Geographical Society was formed on February 1st, 1944. During the Spring Term three meetings were held. At the opening meeting Eileen Yardley gave a talk on the Geology and soils of the district; and Elizabeth Meredith, D. Cullimore, and R. Watts talked on farming in the locality.

" Some Geographical Aspects of America " was the title of a talk given by Staff Sergeant Burges, of the United States Army.

The Junior Society held a Geographical Bee, and the teams were taken from Forms Va. and Vb., IIIa. and IIIb. At the first meeting during the Summer term Miss Gale talked to the Society about France, and pictures were shown on the epidiascope. Mavis Beard described life in a South Wales village.

Further activities proposed for the Summer term are a talk by Mr. Morse on Persia, with illustrations, and expeditions to Aust and Tytherington.

### **French Circle**

Thanks to the efforts of Miss Gale, the French Circle is a thriving addition to the School Societies. We have had three successful meetings this year and hope there will be more in the future. In the Spring term there was a play-reading from Moliere's " Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," and the second meeting consisted of some very amusing Charades.

At our last meeting, talks were given on French novels by Sheila McDonald, Stella Stephenson and R. Smith, and followed by community singing.

### **Philosophical Society**

For the first time a group of pupils have attempted to probe the mysteries of the philosophical world. After a few meetings we were fortunate in obtaining the help of the Rev. D. Ford, who has ably guided our efforts.

### **The Library**

Since last June eighty-one books have been added to the Reference Library, and twenty-seven to the Fiction Library. This makes a total of two thousand five hundred and sixty. Some additions have been obtained through the Scientific and Trawl Book Clubs, some on the recommendation of the staff and pupils, and a large number are gifts, the names of the donors being given below.

We are most grateful to everybody who is able to help the library in this way and particularly so to Miss Scott for the most interesting twelve volumes of the ' Britain in Pictures series, which she presented on leaving at Christmas. Miss Scott left an even more important contribution to the success of the library in the Dewey decimal system catalogue which she installed.

Marion Watts has continued in charge of the Fiction library and has done most valuable work in issuing and checking books. E. Yardley and B. Neads have assisted her, and D. Cooksley has been responsible for the County library books, of which we receive a fresh selection each term. J. Dawson, B. Neads, J. Gazzard, and Miss Scott (who presented twelve books), Miss Haddelsey, K. S. Smyth and P. Hutchings.

### **Speech Day**

This year so many parents promised to attend Speech Day that we were unfortunately obliged to exclude the second forms from the proceedings.

Our guest was Colonel Gordon, of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and in his address he stressed the necessity and desirability of Anglo- American friendship. We learned that he had been captured in France in 1918 while serving in the last war, and during his speech he uttered a note of warning : " You have learnt much in books," he said ; life will teach you more."

At the beginning of the ceremony, Captain Bennett, Chairman of the Governors, read the names of eight Old

Thornburians who had fallen in the service of their country, and after a silence the gathering sang the hymn I vow to thee, my country."

The Headmaster, in his report, said that he was glad to say that they had managed to keep the School field nearly, if not quite, up to peace-time standards. The standard reached by the various teams was generally satisfactory. A feature of School life this year had been the growth of new societies. After several years of agitation they had a reasonably well equipped School canteen, about two hundred dinners being served daily.

Owing to the overcrowding of classes, the number of entrants to the School this year were to be cut down to levels where efficiency was possible.

He gave thanks to the Governors for their co-operation, and to Mr. W. Phillips, Mr. Edmund Grace, Mr. Bryce Thomas, Mr. J. Willcox, Mr. Frank Biddle, Mr. Colin Rhind and the Rev. Donald Ford as outside helpers. Marion Watts, School Captain, proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Gordon, who replied in the traditional manner by asking that the School should have an extra holiday.

### **Dramatic Work**

Although wartime conditions have somewhat limited the production of plays, a wide variety of short ones has been presented in school during the year.

In December IVa. were responsible for a most amusing rendering of the "Pyramus and Thisbe - scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream.- This play was produced by Miss Scott.

The Spring term ended with some very diverse dramatic work. Illb. acted the trial scene from - The Merchant of Venice - and Vb. Lord Dunsany's - Tents of the Arabs,- both of them under the direction of Mrs. Rouch.

On the same day Va. ambitiously put on a full-length performance of 'Maitre Patelin' in French, a highly creditable production with which they had received a great deal of help from Miss Gale. A play-reading of Badger's Green Act I., by the Literary and Dramatic Society, completed a highly enjoyable entertainment.

### **Hockey, 1943-4**

The Hockey XI. had a very successful season, having won every match but one, against the Head Master's, a mixed team. The team played well as a whole, having a fair amount of speed, and generally an understanding of each other's play. Occasionally there was muddling," but not towards the end of the season.

Marjorie Humphries, in the centre, was outstanding with neat stickwork, good passes out to the wings and quick hard shots. It was her speed which gave us many a goal.

Of the inners, Joyce Gough (captain) was the more reliable; her play was sound if not inspired. Audrey Harraway had many good spurts but her play was more erratic. Sometimes she did very good work. Pamela Harper on the left wing improved during the season and became much more reliable, reaching a good standard, and Sylvia Pierce on the right played well and steadily throughout the year.

Maureen Barry was generally reliable as centre-half, although she had - off "-days. Her stickwork was good. Sylvia Durnell, without much speed, played a good strong game with useful passes to the forwards. Mary Hopkins, as left half, was also a steady member of the team, with better stickwork than most. All the halves could have marked the opposing forwards more carefully.

The backs were both at fault here, too, and could have prevented goals against us by marking the inners more closely in the circle. Otherwise, they were both generally reliable, giving safe clearances in dangerous moments. Marion Watts, in goal, excelled herself on occasions, and apart from a peculiar habit of holding the ball in her hand, and another of losing her balance, she played very well.

The second team was frequently changed during the season. The general standard was fairly good. Mavis Beard was an efficient captain.

Colours were awarded to M. Watts, M. Humphries, and S. Pierce for the first time; re-awarded for the first time to S. Durnell and S. McDonald ; and re-awarded for the third time to H. Moxham and J. Gough.

Results :—		FIRST	ELEVEN.	Venue.	For	Against
Opponents.		Results.				
Chipping	Sodbury .....	Won	.H	...	7	0
Colston	Girls' School .....					0

A.T.S.	Won	..H	...	7	-	0
Chipping Sodbury .....	Won	..H	...	6	...	1
Old Thornburians .....	Won	..H	...	9	...	2
Redland High School .....	Won	..A	...	5	...	4
Colston Girls' School .....	Won	..H	...	7	...	5
Head Master's Team .....	Lost	..H	...	6	..-	1

SECOND ELEVEN.

Old Thornburians	Lost	..H	..5	..	1
Colston Girls' School .....	Won	..H	..2	..	1
Colston Girls' School .....	Won	..H	..3	..	2

### Tennis

After four summers of war, we are feeling the shortage of tennis balls. The state of the tennis balls in use at present is probably the reason for the lower standard, of play throughout the School.

The team are fortunate in having H. Moxham and S. McDonald from last year as first couple, and E. Yardley, who played once or twice last year, partners M. Beard for the second couple. After some alterations, S. Pierce and E. Goodfield how play as third couple.

The players generally are erratic, the first couple being the steadiest. We are glad that the teams are again able to play some of their matches away.

Opponents.	Results.	Venue.	For	Against
Red Maids ...	Won	.. A	... 27	... 17
Women Staff ...	Lost	.. H	... 33	... 48
Redland High School ...	Lost	.. H	... 22	... 59
Colston Girls' School ...	Lost	.. A	... 38	... 51

### Football, 1943-4

One disappointing feature of the football season was the general failure of the older players to improve on the form of the previous season, while the newcomers did nothing particularly outstanding. E. Thompson was a useful goalkeeper, with a weakness in dealing with ground shots. Of the backs, I. A. Keitch did not "come on" as had been hoped, and of his partners P. Weekes was better than P. Spreag, displaying more resolution and speed. The half-back line was not as good as in, 1942-3. S. Stutter at right half shows the determination we always expect from him, without much polish. A little matter of studs proved a painful experience! I. J. Panes, the Captain, gave some useful displays without in any way dominating the centre of the field and without exercising that team control on or off the field which we should like to see from a games captain. D. Cullimore was possibly the best footballer in the middle line, having a good sense of position play and anticipation; he could use his head and both feet.

The forwards were a very mixed bag. C. J. Oakey, at outside right, tried hard, but was too frequently caught on the wrong leg. D. G. Roddick, at inside left, is too slow off the mark, and in distributing the ball, though always working hard. R. A. Diment, moved from goal to fill the gap at centre-forward, did as well as could be expected in a new position.

The inside left position was never filled satisfactorily, M. Spreag being too slow and inexperienced as yet. I. Knapp, on the left wing, has a good football sense, but is handicapped by lack of speed. There was a general absence of thrust about the forward line, which showed little ability to overcome a good defence, and the half-back line was not good in supporting an attack.

The House matches were played with their usual keenness. One feature was the remarkable success of Stafford in reversing a defeat by Howard in the Christmas term, chiefly owing to Diment's good captaincy and Walker's gathering up of unconsidered trifles.

Results : —

Date.	Opponents.	Venue.	Result.
Oct. 2nd ...	Kingswood G.S.	.. A	... Lost ... 7-1
Oct. 16th ...	Maritime R.A.	.. H	... Won ... 5-3
Nov. 6th ...	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	.. A	... Lost ... 4-1
Nov. 13th ...	Maritime R.A.	.. H	... Won ... 6-3
Nov. 27th ...	Chipping Sodbury G.S.	.. H	... Won ... 3-1

### Rugby

Rugby was played throughout the Spring term except for Association House matches. With the assistance of Mr. H. W. Phillips and Mr. Edmund Grace, good progress was made after a poor start.

The players still have much to learn; the tackling was indifferent; the play of the half-backs was very weak, and there were too many passengers in the forwards.

The introduction of Rugby into the 4th and 3rd Forms should enable the Upper School to make more rapid progress.

### Cricket Notes

This season the School Eleven has not been quite so successful as it was last year. The away fixtures were again fulfilled with the aid of bicycles.

The team has been handicapped this year by weakness in bowling, indifferent wicket-keeping, failure of the opening and experienced batsmen in match after match, and lastly, at least one game was lost by poor placing of the field. Of the colours, J. J. Panes and I. A. Keitch have had a very disappointing season as batsmen; R. A. Diment has made some good scores, including one century (against Chipping Sodbury G.S.): his captaincy off the field has been better than on it, though.

D. G. Cullimore showed excellent form on a late appearance. M. and P. Spreag. T. Knapp, E. Thompson, D. Roddick and D. Hawkins are gaining experience which should be invaluable next year.

### RESULTS

<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score.</i>
Thornbury C.C. ....	A	Lost	50-134 for 7 wkts.
Chipping Sodbury G.S.....	A ...	Won	137 for 5 wkts.-29.
Chipping Sodbury G.S.....	H	Won	160 for 5 wkts.-40.
Maritime R.A. ....	H	Lost	75-252.
Wotton G.S. ....	H	Won	132-26.
Cotham Sec. School ....	H	Lost	65-182.
Thornbury C.C. ....	H	Drawn	105 for 5 wkts.-136 for 7 wkts.
Maritime R.A. ....	H ...	Lost	132-189.

### House Notes

#### CLARE

Captains : Sheila McDonald, J. Lydford.

After nine years of sustained and previously unsuccessful efforts we have at last won a shield, Mr. Williams' cross-country shield. This success was chiefly due to the endeavours of S. Stutter and R. Jenkins, who were first and third respectively. We hope the House will keep up the good work and gain more shields soon.

On the games side we have been less successful. Although the Juniors have won many of their matches, the Seniors have not always shown such good form.

We collected £257 18s. 6d. during the Salute the Soldier Week.

At Christmas our House Captain, N. Cunningham joined the Navy, and to him and all Clare members in the Forces we extend our best wishes.

#### STAFFORD

Captains: I. A. Keitch, Marion Watts.

This year has not, as in certain past years, brought many tangible rewards for our efforts. For a second year we have one shield to our credit—the Haddelsey Physical Training Shield, awarded on points gained in the colour competition. We congratulate Clare on wresting the Cross Country Shield from us in March, though we must affirm that Stafford was very close behind.

In Salute the Soldier week we raised £233 4s. Od.

#### HOWARD

Captains : Mavis Beard, J. J. Panes.

This year we were still unable to capture the Cross Country Shield, which has eluded us for some year past. We were also unfortunate in losing Miss Haddelsey's Physical Training Shield to Stafford; but to atone for this the Academic Shield, presented this year by Miss Storey, now hangs above our notice-board.

We also succeeded in holding on to the Athletics Shield, the Swimming Shield, the Cricket Bat and the Games Shield. We have every hope of retaining the last this year. These successes are the result of equal efforts by both

boys and girls.

The House regrets the loss of Miss Scott, but finds much pleasure in welcoming Miss Cook as a new member.  
In Salute the Soldier week we raised £458 2s. Od.

### Old Thornburians

The School sends greetings to all Old Thornburians everywhere, but especially to those serving in the Forces, including :—

#### R.A.F.

G. Meredith	E. Eddington	V. Oates	C. Morris
V. Harding	N. Salisbury	R. Barton	A. Hills
J. Neiman	C. Coward	F. Champion	L. Taylor
G. Hulbert	H. Holpin	E. Hulbert	J. Dennis
T. Poole	T. Price	R. Hand	R. Eacott
D. Bayliss	J. Leakey	J. Watkins	R. Moss
W. Batten	J. May	C. Lewis	C. Simmons
R. Morris	G. Vaisey	I. Knight	C. Hibbott
R. Hopkins	Mr. Cudmore	E. Eacott	*W. Vizard
E. Watkins	J. Bruton	P. Smith	G Da'dry.
J. Pitt	A. Pitt	J. Sheppard	M. Court
D. Nation	K. Beszant	J. Hayward	D. Williams
Mr. Cornish	J. M. Dennis, D.S.O., D.F.C.		

#### GLOS. REGIMENT

K. Poole	R. Collins	P. Eacott	C. Coster
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#### ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

J. Hosken	G. Jacobs	H. Batt
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#### LEICESTER REGIMENT

K. Wright.

#### ROYAL GLOS. HUSSARS. A.C.C.

A. Ponting.

#### M.N.

G. Panes  
P. Hewes

#### R.M.

C Lambert

#### GURKHA RIFLES

T. Owens.

#### R.A.

S. Hunt	J. Maggs	W. Speller	D. Bennett
B. H. Lee	R. Ford	J. Skinner	R. Bull
A. Erskine	W. Fossett	G. Carter	J. Midwinter
K. Pennington			

#### R.E.

D. Hawkins	Mr. Sagar	E. Pitcher	R. Curtis
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#### R.A.C.

H. Stanton	G. Jacobs	A. Daniell	H. Tymms
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#### R.S.C.

W. H. White

#### R.A.O.C.

C. Allen	J. Clutterbuck	D. Watkins	J. Bennett
L. Cunningham			

#### R.E.M.E.

E. Hook	A. Nash	G. Clements	G. Slade
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#### R.A.S.C.

W. Lewis	J. Lansdowne	R. Ball	D. Trayhurn	A Garrett
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#### F.A.A.

T. Godwin	J. Lambert	D.F.M.	T. Lanham	J. Rugg
H. Appleby	D. Dearing			

#### R.A.M.C.

H. Lewis L. Dearing

**R.N.**

M. Hutchinson J. King L. Powell R. Wilcox  
J. Lanham W. Phillips P. Stockham E. Slade  
W. Hibbott A. Symes K. Sheppard A. Pitcher  
F. Cunningham H. Knight N. Ashcroft N. Cunningham  
F. Midwinter

**RECONNAISSANCE CORPS**

W. Appleby C. Garry

**HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT**

J. Clarke.

**R.A.V.C.**

A Watson

**R.T.C.**

H. Batt L. Stovold V. O'Neill D. Hitchings

**P.O.W.**

J. Betty E. Coster

**A.T.S.**

Joyce Skuse, Jean Speller, Joyce Clarke, Nora Watkins. Mona Gallivan.  
Barbara Bruton, Enid Watkins, Allanore Webb.

**W.A.A.F.**

Mary Bryant, Brenda Pullin. Hazel Lansdowne, Shirley Thompson.  
Mary Travel], Amy Carter, Mary Nicholls.

**W.R.N.S.**

Cynthia Dearing. Joyce Gough, Joyce Bruton

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