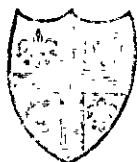


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EDITORIAL.

THE weather last term was on its best behaviour, and we also had an excellent bill of health. As a result we were able to put in more sports training than usual. We have discovered several promising athletes who were not quite good enough to win events this year, but who should do well in the near future. We are short of Long Jumpers, and there are very few promising sprinters in the lower school.

For a variety of reasons we were unable to hold any meetings of the Debating Society last term, but we intend to resume our debates next Autumn term.

Our Saturday evening entertainments proved a great success, and we would like to offer our special congratulations to the producers of a burlesque Pantomime; it was capital fun throughout. We were also pleased to witness a first attempt at writing a short play. The central idea was a capital one, but it proved rather difficult for the audience to follow. We sincerely hope the authors will try again, and also persuade others to follow their excellent example.

Hearty congratulations to F. D. Hollick on winning the "Spry" Fives Cup; we must also sympathise with W. E. Thomas, who was prevented by an accident from defending his title.

SCHOOL NEWS.

NEW BOYS.

K. G. Bastable (T.)	P. D. Lawrence (R.)	R. W. Rowland (C.)
H. K. Case (T.)	L. F. Miles (R.)	G. J. M. Shute (S.)
H. E. Hallett (C.)	P. Mottley (R.)	G. B. Tucker (T.)
W. F. Jennings (T.)	J. H. Northcote (S.)	

(The letter in brackets after each name denotes the "House.")

VALETE.

- V. S. BALCHIN.—Form IVA. Entered April, 1928. Cricket XI., 1929.
 S. T. J. BURR.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1924.
 J. W. FRIBETH.—Form IVB. Entered April, 1926.
 F. D. HOLLICK.—Form VI. Entered September, 1925. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July 1929. Prefect, January, 1929. Cricket XI., 1928, 1929.
 K. P. RIDOUT.—Form IIIA. Entered April, 1929.
 F. J. P. SNOOK.—Form VI. Entered September, 1925. Passed Camb. School Certificate Exam., July, 1929. Prefect, January, 1929 (Head Prefect, September, 1929). Football XI., 1927, 1928, 1929 (Capt. 1929).
 L. J. H. WILLIS.—Form V. Entered September, 1924. Football XI., 1928 and 1929.
 F. G. B. YOUNG.—Form IVA. Entered September, 1925.

PREFECTS.

J. C. Day (Head Prefect).

W. E. Thomas, L. A. T. Dennis, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, G. S. Burden.

HEAD BOYS.

A. F. F. Birch, C. R. O. Breen, P. F. Drew, C. J. H. Galindo,
 M. C. Holmes, B. K. Johnson, P. D. Law, A. E. Mayhew, R. B. Shepard.

HOUSE CAPTAINS.

<i>Corinthians</i> —J. C. Day.		<i>Spartans</i> —B. K. Johnson.
<i>Romans</i> —L. A. T. Dennis.		<i>Trojans</i> —W. H. F. T. Gauntlett.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS.

G. S. Burden passed the London Matriculation Exam. in January last.

CRICKET.

The following old Colours remain from last season:—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett (capt.), R. S. Balhatchet, L. A. T. Dennis, R. B. Shepard and D. R. Young.

FIVES.

TWO tournaments took place last term. For the first, a handicap for prizes given by Dr. Tovey, there were forty-six entries. In the first half, Thomas (-9) had no difficulty in reaching the final, after beating Hoddinott (-6) 3-15, 15-9, 15-3. There were some very keen games in the second half, where Shepard (-6) first beat Balchin (-3) 15-2, 15-2, then Snook (-3) 15-6, 15-11, only to lose to Holloway in the semi-final. Holloway fully deserved this victory, having played extremely well to beat Hollick (-9) 15-7, 6-15, 15-9. But, after playing a sound, hard-hitting, game against Shepard, winning 15-3, 7-15, 15-8, he went completely off form and Thomas won an easy victory in the final, 15-6, 15-4. Hoddinott won the second prize beating Holloway.

In the contest for the "Spry" Cup, for which there were fifty-one entries, there were several needle games. Holloway avenged himself for his defeat in the handicap by Hoddinott, winning a fine game 15-10, 6-15, 15-5. Shepard too, who lost to Holloway previously, now turned the tables and won 15-9, 10-15, 15-6. Hollick, who had met with no serious opposition before the final, succeeded in beating Shepard 16-17, 15-11, 15-3, 15-8, in another hard fought game and so won the Cup. Thomas, who seemed almost certain to win it, very unluckily strained himself and was unable to compete.

The match with Dauntsey did not take place this year owing to rain.

CADET CORPS.

The following boys left the Corps at the end of last term:—Sgt. Snook, Cpls. Hollick and Willis, Lce.-Cpl. Balchin, Cadets Burr, F. G. B. Young and Freeth. They have always rendered very useful work, and the N.C.O.s have carried out their duties quite efficiently.

Sgt. Snook and Cpl. Willis helped the Bugle Band to maintain their standard of efficiency, and the work of the former as senior N.C.O., and the latter as Chief Drummer was greatly appreciated.

We hope to go into camp again at Marlborough, this summer.

PROMOTIONS.

1st April, 1930: *To be Sergeant*:—Cpl. L. A. Dennis.

1st May, 1930: *To be Cpls.*—Lce.-Cpls. Galindo, Gauntlett and Law.

To be Lce.-Cpls.—Cadets Balhatchet, Chubb, Holmes and Johnson:

(Signed) W. RAMSHAW, Capt., O.C.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE Athletic Sports took place on Wednesday, April 2nd. The day, although fine, was quite cold, consequently the results were not so good as they were last year (as an example, in the Open High Jump, F. J. P. Snook, who last year cleared 5ft., was only able to jump 4ft. 11ins.) It must be remembered that last year the date was May 1st, and the track was then in perfect condition.

The champion athlete was F. J. P. Snook, who gained no less than 48 points, winning the Steeplechase, High Jump, Long Jump, 120 yards Hurdles, Half-mile and the 100 yards; in addition, he won the Mile, but as his time was over "standard time" he did not obtain any points for that event. His best performance was his Long Jump; he cleared 19ft. 2ins. In the Half mile he went very close to the School record, and had conditions been a little more in his favour probably he would have succeeded in breaking it. V. S. Balchin was second with 16 points, being first in Throwing the Cricket Ball with a throw of 89yds. 1ft. 9ins. and second in the Quarter Mile and in the 100 yards.

The "Under 14" championship was a most exciting struggle, the issue being in doubt up to the last event, the Quarter-mile, which R. J. Maidment won and so secured the title with 20 points; in addition, he won the Hundred Yards and was second in the Long Jump. R. J. Davies came next with 12 points through winning the Hurdle Race and being second in the Hundred Yards. C. D. Clarke was one point behind him and C. H. C. Adams and R. F. Isgar followed with 8 points each. Such a struggle as this augurs well for future years, as it means that soon we ought to be able to put an even team into the field for the Dorset Inter-School Shield, instead of sending a team in which one boy is first string for a number of events, the remainder being second string to the same boy. A good team would be one in which no boy has to take more than two events.

There were two alterations in competitions, one was in the Sack Tournament; the circles were very much larger and the winner was required not only to stay in the circle but also to remain on his feet. This required far more agility than was necessary under the old rules, and certainly provided a more interesting spectacle. The other alteration was in the junior hurdle races; instead of having the hurdles ten yards apart for all ages, the distances varied according to the age of the competitors, so that they were able to travel from one hurdle to the other in three strides. Owing to these changes, it is impossible to compare the times of the junior hurdle races

with those of past years; one can, however, compare the style, and the form displayed this year was far in advance of any seen previously. Luckily, the weather before the sports was fine enough to allow a considerable amount of training and this, no doubt, was a very big factor. There was also a big improvement in the general standard of high jumping, though the individual winners, except in the "Under 12" event, were unable to attain the heights cleared last year in their respective events. In the "Under 15" event, H. H. Moore, who in the House Sports the previous week could only clear 4ft. 0ins., did well to reach 4ft. 3ins., while W. F. Cox, who had cleared 4ft. 4½ins., could only do 4ft. 2ins.

After the Sports, Dr. Tovey thanked the donors of the handsome prizes, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. & Mrs. Chesterfield) to the Sports and asked the Mayoress to present the prizes. After the prize distribution, the Champion Athlete called for three cheers for the Mayor and Mayoress, following which, the visitors were entertained to tea by Dr. and Mrs. Tovey.

We gladly take this opportunity of tendering our hearty thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen for their kindness in presenting prizes:—The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. & Mrs. Chesterfield), Rev. N. S. Lawrie, Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Barnitt, Mrs. B. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. W. Milverton, Drs. Townsend & Royal, Messrs. E. J. Baker, E. E. Browning, T. W. Clarke, A. Cordery, R. W. Drake, H. Gatehouse, F. C. Hollick, T. Imber, R. F. Maidment, A. F. Parsons, J. R. Parsons, J. T. Peach, J. W. Pearson & Son, J. B. Pryce, F. Richards, F. J. Snook, E. F. Strange, C. J. Stretch, A. J. Wescott, F. Woodcock & Son, F. W. Young & Son.

The winners of the various events were as follows:—

HUNDRED YARDS (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, V. S. Balchin. Time, 11 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 14).—1, R. J. Maidment; 2, R. J. Davies. Time, 12 4-5 secs.

HUNDRED YARDS (Under 12).—1, R. J. Friend; 2, R. J. Edwards. Time, 13 2-5 secs.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, W. G. S. Holloway and R. A. Jeeves. Height, 4ft. 11ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 12).—1, R. J. Friend; 2, R. J. Edwards & S. J. Allard. Height, 3ft. 11ins.

HURDLE RACE (Under 13).—1, C. D. Clark; 2, A. Crocker. Time, 16 1-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Under 14).—1, R. J. Davies; 2, G. R. Cole. Time, 18 2-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Under 15).—1, A. P. B. Brown; 2, J. D. Hewer. Time, 18 2-5 secs.

HURDLE RACE (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett. Time, 18 1-5 secs.

LONG JUMP (Under 14).—1, C. D. Clark; 2, R. J. Maidment. Distance, 13ft. 9ins.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13).—1, D. Knapton.

220 YARDS HANDICAP (Over 13).—1, M. C. Holmes; 2, N. E. Stevens. Time, 24 4-5 secs.

OLD BOYS' RACE.—1, F. C. Amber; 2, R. B. Brown. Time, 12 secs.

SACK RACE (Under 12).—1, R. O. Young.

QUARTER MILE (Open).—1, B. G. Gyles; 2, V. S. Balchin. Time, 61 4-5 secs.

QUARTER MILE (Under 14).—1, R. J. Maidment; 2, D. Knapton. Time, 71 1-5 secs.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1, A. R. V. Smith and W. F. Cox.

CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, V. S. Balchin; 2, D. R. Young. Distance, 89yds. 1ft. 9ins.

HALF MILE HANDICAP.—1, E. S. Mitchell; 2, D. R. Young. Time, 2 mins. 22 secs.

SACK TOURNAMENT (Over 14).—1, E. Combes.

STEEPLECHASE (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, B. Hoddinott.

STEEPLECHASE (Under 14).—1, C. H. C. Adams; 2, T. A. Cordery.

MILE (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, D. R. Young. Time, 5 mins. 38 4-5 secs.

HALF MILE (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, A. F. F. Birch. Time, 2 mins. 17 secs.

LONG JUMP (Open).—1, F. J. P. Snook; 2, F. D. Hollick. Distance, 19ft. 2ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 14).—1, R. F. Isgar; 2, C. D. Clark & F. G. Coombs. Height, 3ft. 10ins.

HIGH JUMP (Under 15).—1, H. H. Moore. Height, 4ft. 3ins.

CHAMPION ATHLETE (Under 14).—R. J. Maidment.

CHAMPION ATHLETE (Open).—F. J. P. Snook.

DORSET INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE *twenty-sixth* Athletic Meeting of the Dorset Schools was held at Blandford, on Wednesday, April 9th, and the Shield was again won by Blandford, who thus equalled our performance (in 1909, 1910, 1911) of winning it three times running. No fewer than ten schools sent teams on this occasion, and this is a record for the number of schools competing in any one meeting; only three schools in the county were not represented.

The weather was very unkind, and heavy rain all the morning had made the track terribly wet and greasy, but in spite of this handicap several of the performances reached a high

standard of excellence, notably those in the Mile and High Jump, and it was pleasing to see a better Long Jump than usual. The only really moderate performance was the Cricket Ball Throw, and that was partly to be accounted for by the unpleasant conditions. For the first time in the history of these sports, points were given for a third place, the fresh arrangement of points being *three* for a win, *two* for a second and *one* for a third.

Our own team was largely a young and untried one, and we have no reason to be dissatisfied with their performances. We hope that most of them will represent us again, and that the experience gained this year will result in points for us next year. Blandford must not be allowed to win *four* years in succession! F. J. P. Snook was our only old colour, as W. E. Thomas unfortunately hurt himself while training and was unable to compete; he would probably have won us a few points. We obtained second place in the Long Jump (F. J. P. Snook), second in the Quarter Mile (V. S. Balchin), third in the Hundred (V. S. Balchin), High Jump (F. J. P. Snook) and Throwing the Cricket Ball (D. R. Young).

After the last event, the Shield was presented to the winners by Mr. H. F. W. Farquharson, a well-known athlete of days gone by, and he spoke in an appreciative manner of the high standard of the winners' attainments and of the splendid sportsmanship shewn by all the teams.

After the Sports, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh entertained the staffs, friends and competitors to tea. The number of their guests was about two hundred, and Dr. Tovey, on behalf of all, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to them for their kindness and hospitality.

The points gained by the respective Schools were:—

Blandford.....	20	Lyme Regis	1
Wimborne.....	16	Dorchester.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Parkstone.....	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Weymouth.....	0
Shaftesbury	7	Foster's, Sherborne	0
Poole	2	Swanage.....	0

Our team was as follows:—F. J. P. Snook (captain), V. S. Balchin, D. R. Young, A. F. F. Birch, W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, B. G. Gyles, F. D. Hollick, W. G. S. Holloway, M. C. Holmes, E. S. Mitchell, A. P. B. Brown, N. E. Stevens, J. R. Hewer and W. F. Cox represented us in the "under 15" Relay Race.

The following are a few details of the performances of our own candidates in the various events:—

HUNDRED YARDS.—F. J. P. Snook ran in the first heat, but got a bad start and was unplaced. In the second heat V. S. Balchin came in third, and in the final he created a mild but pleasant surprise by being placed third in a very close finish. Blandford and Wimborne were first and second. Time, 11 2.5 secs.

HALF MILE.—E. S. Mitchell drew an inside berth, but A. F. F. Birch was on the outside. At the end of the first round, Birch was sixth but the pace was too hot for our representatives and they were unable to live with the Blandford and Wimborne boys. Time, 2 mins. 14 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—F. J. P. Snook and W. G. S. Holloway both cleared the first two jumps but Holloway failed at 4ft. 9ins., and Snook just failed to clear 5ft. and was placed third. The Wimborne jump was a record for these Sports and was a splendid performance on such a wet day. Poole was second. Height, 5ft. 4ins.

220 YARDS.—F. J. P. Snook finished fifth; he was rapidly gaining ground at the finish, and had the race been five yards longer he would have gained a place. M. C. Holmes, our other candidate, finished about ninth. Blandford and Wimborne were first and second, and Dorchester and Parkstone dead-heated for third place. Time, 25 4.5 secs.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Competitors were handicapped by a wet and greasy ball and much of the throwing was very poor. At the end of the first round, V. S. Balchin was second and D. R. Young third. In the second round, Young improved upon his first throw by two yards. At the finish, two Parkstone boys were first and second, and David Young was third. Distance, 79yds. 6ins.

QUARTER MILE.—B. G. Gyles and V. S. Balchin were our representatives, and the latter ran a splendid race to finish second, only losing the lead a few yards from home. Gyles was unfortunate as when he was well-placed, a rival competitor accidentally trod on his heel, and his shoe came off. Heartly congratulations to Balchin on a fine performance. Blandford gained first and third places. Time 59 1.5secs.

RELAY RACE (400 yds.).—In this event we were outclassed and easily beaten in the first heat. A. P. B. Brown gave us quite a good start but the other members of the team were not fast enough to make use of it. In the final, Blandford beat Parkstone by a comfortable margin, and Lyme Regis gained third place. Time 52 secs.

LONG JUMP.—F. J. P. Snook was second at the end of the first round and kept his place till the finish being only beaten by Wimborne; Parkstone was third and F. D. Hollick fifth. The crowd in this event got badly out of hand and made the jumping conditions very unpleasant. Distance 19ft. 10ins.

HURDLES.—There were three heats; F. J. P. Snook fell in the second and W. H. F. T. Gauntlett was beaten in the third. The course by this time, was so muddy that good hurdling was impossible, and it became nearly a question of who could stand up! In the final, Wimborne were first and Parkstone second and third. Time 18 2.5 secs.

MILE.—Our milers, D. R. Young, and B. G. Gyles, found the pace set too much for them and never looked like winning. In another year's time there may be a different tale to tell. The Blandford winner was the same boy who broke the record in 1929; again he ran a splendid race but under much more difficult conditions. Time 5 min. 1 2.5 secs.

LIBRARY.

We are grateful to the donors of the books mentioned below, and especially to those Old Shastonianians who have not forgotten us. Our supply of books is kept up-to-date almost entirely by donations and we hope that all boys, as they leave School, will either present a book or authorise us to obtain one in their name.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.	DONOR.
"The Fight for Constantinople" ...	Westerman	R. Heaton
"Knights of the Air" ...	Escott Lynn	"
"Wolf on the Trail" ...	Walkey	"
"Stepsons of France" ...	Wren	A. R. V. Smith
"Travels with a Donkey, etc." ...	Stevenson	J. L. Lyne
"The Mystery of Mr. Bernard Brown.	Oppenheim	G. S. Burden
"Robinson Crusoe" ...	Defoe	E. J. Hobbs
"The Scouts of Seal Island"	Westerman	R. S. Balhatchet
"William the Good" ...	Crompton	"
"The Lamp in the Desert" ...	E. Dell	A. F. F. Birch
"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"	Stevenson	Dr. Tovey
"Black Bartlemy's Treasure"	J. Farnell	J. W. Gardner
"Bondage" ...	Rodd	C. R. O. Breen
"Leather Face" ...	Orczy	L. D. Derry
"The Nine Bears" ...	Wallace	F. G. B. Young, O.S.
"Blue Hand" ...	"	"
"Newton Forster" ...	Marryat	"
"The Cathra Mystery" ...	A. Macleod	"
"The Story of Chinese Gordon"	Hake	"
"The House of Merrilees"	Marshall	"
"Among the Himalayas" ...	Waddell	"
"Yellow Shadows" ...	Sax Rohmer	"
"The Red Mass" ...	V. Williams	"
"Bluefeather" ...	Meynell	"
"Winning his Wings" ...	Westerman	A. F. Tinkler, O.S.
"Cavalry of the Air" ...	"Flight Commander" ...	"
"The Royal Flying Corps in the War"	"Wing Adjutant"	"
"With the Allies to the Rhine"	Brereton	"
"Gildersley's Tenderfoot"	R. Leighton	"
"Peter the Whaler" ...	Kingston	"
"In Dark Places" ...	Russell	"
"The Traitors' Gate" ...	Wallace	F. D. Hollick, O.S.
"The Yellow Fetish" ...	Dunn	"
"Fighting the Air Spies" ...	Sword	"
"The Star Chamber" ...	Ainsworth	"
"The Traitor" ...	Oppenheim	"

HOUSE NEWS.

The members of the various Houses at the present time are as follows:—

CORINTHIANS (*Green*).

Austin, F. J.	Dean, C. G.	Harris, A. G. G.
Barrett, E. M.	Edwards, H. J.	Hunt, R. E.
Barrett, F. D.	Edwards, R. J. W.	Imber, F. R.
Birch, A. F. F.	Farris, R. A. C.	Jeeves, R. A.
Brown, A. P. B.	Fowles, A. G.	Maidment, R. J.
Burden, V. J.	Galindo, C. J. H.	Mitchell, C. R. J.
Burrows, C. H.	Gardner, J. W.	Rowland, R. W.
Cole, G. R.	Gatchouse, P. R.	Spencer, G. S.
Coombs, F. G.	Gricks, M. F.	Stacey, H. C.
Davies, R. J.	Hallett, H. E.	Thomas, W. E.
Day, J. C.	Harding, A. W.	

ROMANS (*Yellow*).

Adams, C. H. C.	Friend, R. J.	Mayhew, A. E.
Allard, J. H.	Garne, W.	Miles, B. E. E.
Allard, S. J.	Garrett, D. C.	Miles, J. E.
Ayles, J. H.	Gordon, K. H.	Miles, L. F.
Aylwin, B. D.	Gray, A. G. B.	Mitchell, E. S.
Bartlett, N. M.	Gyles, B. G.	Mottley, P.
Bartlett, J.	Hart, T. G.	Parker, K. S.
Barnes, R. H. L.	Heaton, R.	Rideout, H. J.
Bull, P. W.	Hewer, J. D. R.	Shepard, R. B.
Clark, C. D.	Hibberd, K. G.	Snazelle, L. O.
Cole, P. F.	Hobbs, E. J.	Snazelle, R. G.
Cross, F. E.	Huygens, F. J.	Swanton, E. P.
Dennis, L. A. T.	Jesse, R. P.	Young, G. C.
Dibben, E. H.	Lawrence, P. D.	Young, R. O.
Friend, H. J.		

SPARTANS (*Blue*).

Breen, C. R. O.	Francis, S. C.	Northcote, J. H.
Brennen, R. A.	Garrett, R. S.	Pulman, E. J.
Brickell, A.	Golledge, F. T.	Rousell, G. R.
Brickell, S. V.	Harding, R. J.	Short, A. W.
Brockway, N. A. C.	Hine, E. J.	Shute, G. J. M.
Burden, G. S.	Hoddinott, B.	Staddon, J. F.
Burden, J. P.	Holloway, W. G. S.	Stone, W. J.
Burt, W. H. J.	Holmes, M. C.	Wales, C. A.
Cartledge, C. B.	Johnson, B. K.	Wales, J. B.
Chubb, F. A.	Lawrence, J. D.	Welch, R. A.
Cordery, T. A.	Lawrence, J. R.	White, A.
Cox, W. F.	Lawrence, R. G.	Wiltshire, R. P.
Derry, L. D.	Mells, G. H.	Young, D. R.
Drew, P. F.	Mitchell, F. C. B.	

TROJANS (*Purple*).

Arkell, R. J.	Crocker, A.	Pritchard, A. W.
Balhatchet, R. S.	Gauntlett, W. H. F. T.	Riggs, D. J.
Barnes, L. F.	Green, F. J.	Rogers, L. C.
Barnes, W. J.	Hillier, H. G.	Russell, J. E.
Bastable, W. J.	Hussey, I. G.	Ryall, H. B. B.
Bastable, M. S.	Isgar, R. F. C.	Smith, A. R. V.
Bastable, K. G.	Jennings, W. F.	Steele, A. J.
Bateman, E. J.	Knapton, D.	Stevens, N. E.
Belbin, N. K.	Law, P. D.	Thomson, C. G. S.
Brooks, L. O.	Lodge, D. L. G.	Tucker, G. B.
Bruce, R. B.	Long, S. E.	Wakefield, W.
Buckland, G. W. G.	Lyne, J. L.	Wakefield, M.
Combes, E.	Meaden, R. F.	White, A. T.
Case, H. K.	Moore, H. H.	Woodham, A. M.

HOUSE SPORTS.

These Sports were held on Wednesday, March 26th. As expected, the Corinthians carried all before them in the senior competition, winning six out of seven events; while the Spartans, who were expected to come second, had to give way to the Romans. In the junior competition, the Corinthians and Romans had a great struggle, the former just winning by one point.

All events were keenly contested, the jumping being particularly good; in the high jumping, only one boy failed to clear the minimum height, and the long jumping was much more even, the shortest jump this year was more than a foot better than the shortest jump last year. It is pleasing to see the Romans higher than they have been for many years.

The following are the results in detail:—

SENIOR.

Steeplechase	...	...	1, Spartans,	2, Romans
400 Yards	...	...	1, Corinthians,	2, Romans
Long Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Romans
High Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Spartans
Mile	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Romans
Hurdles	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Trojans
Half-mile Team Race	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Romans

JUNIOR.

400 Yards	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Romans
Long Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Spartans
High Jump	...	...	1, Corinthians	2, Spartans
Mile	...	...	1, Romans	2, Corinthians
Hurdles	...	...	1, Romans	2, Trojans
Half Mile	...	...	1, Romans	2, Corinthians

The Corinthians thus take 8 points for their two firsts, and the Romans 4 points for their two seconds.

The following boys represented their Houses in one or more events.

CORINTHIANS.

Senior—F. J. P. Snook, V. S. Balchin, A. F. F. Birch, C. J. H. Galindo and R. A. Jeeves.

Junior—E. M. Barrett, A. P. B. Brown, C. H. Burrows, F. G. Coombs, J. W. Gardner, A. G. G. Harris, R. E. Hunt, R. J. Maidment and F. A. Parsons.

ROMANS.

Senior—F. D. Hollick, L. A. T. Dennis, B. G. Gyles, R. B. Shepard and H. J. Rideout.

Junior—H. F. Friend, R. J. Friend, J. D. R. Hewer, C. D. Clark, A. E. Mayhew, R. P. Jesse, E. S. Mitchell and L. O. Snazelle.

SPARTANS.

Senior—L. J. H. Willis, M. C. Holmes, D. R. Young, W. F. Cox, W. G. S. Holloway, P. F. Drew and B. K. Johnson.

Junior—L. D. Derry, B. Hoddinott, A. W. Short, R. A. Welch, E. J. Pulman, J. P. Burden, S. V. Brickell and G. R. Rousell.

TROJANS.

Senior—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett, P. D. Law, A. R. V. Smith, J. L. Lync, N. E. Stevens, S. T. J. Burr and W. Wakefield.

Junior—H. H. Moore, R. J. Arkell, C. S. Thomson, G. W. G. Buckland, H. B. B. Ryall, M. Wakefield, E. Combes, R. S. Balhatchet, D. L. G. Lodge and L. C. Rogers.

HOUSE FIVES.

This competition, played during the closing days of the term, resulted in a senior tie between the Spartans, Corinthians and Romans; in the junior games the Romans came out winners and the Spartans second.

Detailed results were :—

SENIOR.

Spartans beat Trojans	...	...	15—10	10—15	15—11
" " Romans	...	...	15—3	15—4	
Corinthians beat Spartans	...	...	15—4	3—15	15—12
" " Trojans	...	...	10—15	15—12	17—15
Romans beat Corinthians	...	...	15—0	15—3	
" " Trojans	...	...	15—8	15—6	

JUNIOR.

Romans beat Spartans	...	...	13—15	15—13	15—13
" " Trojans	...	...	15—8	15—12	
" " Corinthians	...	...	15—18	15—13	15—11
Spartans beat Trojans	...	...	17—14	15—12	
" " Corinthians	...	...	15—10	14—17	15—12
Corinthians beat Trojans	...	...	13—15	15—9	15—12

The names of the players were :—

SENIOR.

Corinthians—F. J. P. Snook and V. S. Balchin.

Romans—F. D. Hollick and R. B. Shepard.

Spartans—W. G. S. Holloway and B. Hoddinott.

Trojans—W. H. F. T. Gauntlett and R. S. Balhatchet.

JUNIOR.

Corinthians—C. G. Dean and R. A. Jeeves.

Romans—L. A. T. Dennis and B. G. Gyles.

Spartans—W. F. Cox and D. R. Young.

Trojans—E. Combes and P. D. Law.

The marks gained for the House Shield, up-to-date, are as follow :—Corinthians 15, Spartans 9, Romans 8, Trojans 1.



A HOLIDAY ON THE COTSWOLDS.

IF any of you are saying "Where shall I go for a holiday?" let me recommend the claims of the Cotswold Hills and Vales. If you follow my suggestion and decide to go, I shall be greatly surprised if you regret it.

Of course, if your idea of the best holiday place is a popular seaside town where the beach is so crowded that you are in danger of losing all view of the sea itself, then turn a deaf ear to my recommendation and go your way to Bournemouth or Blackpool. But, if pleasant uplands and beautiful valleys, bracing air, old-fashioned yet well built farm-houses and cottages, steep and winding country lanes, magnificent views, constantly changing peeps of delightful landscape with the peace of the countryside brooding over all; if these are an attraction, then go to the Cotswolds.

The name "Cotswold" is made up of the British word "Coed" meaning a "wood," and some other word which the late Saxons could not pronounce. They could pronounce the "Coed" a little differently though without knowing the meaning, left out the awkward word or nearly the whole of it and then added "wald" which means a forest. Hence they arrived first at "Coetys-wald" and finally to "Cotswold" which means a wood or a forest, two words of different origin but similar meaning having been used in its construction. In some books and maps the name is still written as "Cotteswold."

Other names in the district are "Sheepscombe," "Winchcombe," "Great Witcombe," "Painswick," "Randwick," "Cranham." We see at once the "Combe" with which we are so familiar, the valley with an abrupt termination against the hillside; the "Wick" which is usually of Danish origin, and the "Ham" as in Gillingham, all of which are common links between our county and that of Gloucestershire.

We found our way into the Cotswolds *via* Bath, running right along the main road until we dropped down into the town of Nailsworth, lying in the Stroud valley; thence to Stroud, passing a succession of factories and works along the Stroud Water. From Stroud we climbed up through Painswick until we reached Cranham, our headquarters for a fortnight.

The house in which we were staying had a very charming situation. From a height above sea-level about the same as that of Shaftesbury, our window overlooked a beautiful valley encircled by hills. These hills were covered or mostly covered with beech woods, in contrast with the Downs of Dorset and Wiltshire, with their smooth velvety slopes covered only with soft turf.

To our left, farther up the valley, lies the village of Cranham, and nearer, standing out prominently on a little spur, is the church. Yet further down is Sheepscombe with hills beyond, and on the middle-right rises the spire of Painswick Church. The rugged outline of Painswick Beacon, across which runs an 18-hole golf course, lies nearer on the right. Behind us stretch miles upon miles of un-enclosed beech woods running along the western brow of the Cotswolds. At this point they are known as the Buckholt Woods.

All are free to roam in the leafy shade of these delightful woodlands, either along well defined paths or just in what direction fancy directs. No objection is raised to lighting a fire and a better place for a picnic, it is difficult to imagine.

The following extract from Mr. Duckworth's book on the Cotswolds will give you an idea of the character of the country and the country lanes. He says "If then, you would know Cotswold; you must reconcile yourself to the rutty bridle-paths and break-neck hills: nor will it be long indeed before that rutteness and steepness become themselves a delight: There is a charm in their sheer unreason, apart from the flowers that grow between the ruts. There is an enterprise in them too, they are enamoured of heights and depths: their ambition is to make for the highest hill in sight and climb straight up its steepest face. Suppose you are bicycling to 'Little A' which is well in view and some distance below you. The road settles to a long decline, curving out of sight, and you prepare for an exhilarating 'coast.' You turn the corner and the road plunges like a sounding lead to a point three hundred feet below 'Little A.' In the middle of this precipice—hidden perhaps round a curve, is a closed five-barred gate. At the bottom the road turns again and you climb up—straight up the bank, and no nonsense about it, to—not Little A—but 'Little A Hill', a knoll perhaps a hundred and fifty feet above that village."

This description gives you a graphic impression of the local roads in the Cotswolds, and it is along these that you must go if you wish to visit the villages. The main, or blue stone roads as they are called locally, are of later construction and do not often pass through the villages, in this respect reminding me of the straight military roads in France.

In order to reach Painswick Beacon, we left the main road near the Royal William Inn and proceeded along a wide track through the un-enclosed beech woods.

Strolling quietly there, we seemed so remote from all the bustle and noise of modern civilisation, and the imagination could, without difficulty, run back to the time of Henry VIII. and picture him following some of those same forest glades in pursuit of the chase.

Soon we emerged from the wood and came into the open, steadily mounting the hill in front of us at an easy gradient. The ground is rough and cut up almost as though the hill had been quarried, but the hollows are now covered with turf. Not a tree grows on the higher part of the hill which forms an ancient camp surrounded with earthworks. Two deep ditches separate the camp from the lower portions of the hill which on three sides slopes sharply away. It is a natural rampart thrown out by the Cotswolds on their western flank and made doubly secure by the labours of men who constructed the huge earthworks. Certainly the Romans occupied this camp and probably the Britons before them.

From the top of the hill, we looked down over Gloucester and the Severn Valley and across to the Forest of Dean with a glimpse of the higher Welsh Mountains in the distance. To our right was visible the rugged outline of the Malvern Hills.

The views from Shaftesbury are magnificent and commanding, and I love them, but I do pay a well deserved tribute to the western view from Painswick Beacon.

The descent into Painswick from the stern grimness of the camp is both easy and rapid. Paradise faces full to the south and is completely sheltered from the north, east and west winds by the hills that so nearly encircle it. Among the fir trees which surround this charming spot I was unable to find a church but, nestling under the hillside, I perceived the "Adam and Eve Inn," the proprietor of which was a Mr. Thomas Tombs, a name which struck me as being not entirely inappropriate.

The region above Paradise is being invaded by week-end bungalows of varying shapes and sizes, so I advise all my readers to take a peep at Paradise before Adam and Eve are too much over-looked by these modern dwelling places.

But, not only have you natural beauty in the Cotswolds. There are plenty of things of historic interest with enough relics of the past to arouse the interest and fire the imagination of the visitor.

There is the village of Brimpsfield, standing high up, just a little off the ancient Ermine Street. Here once frowned the grisly walls of a Norman Castle, whose uses, I fear, were not very different from those of Reginald Front de Boeuf, so graphically depicted in "Ivanhoe." We do know that one of its owners at first sided with Simon de Montfort against King Henry III. and subsequently managed the escape of Prince Edward from Berkeley, where he had been kept a prisoner.

Although this district played a considerable part in the Civil War, there was no frowning Brimpsfield Castle to be

taken and demolished by Oliver Cromwell; as in the case of Wardour or Corfe Castle; for the simple reason that one of the later Edwards, finding its owner refractory, had it levelled with the ground. It still lives, but merely as a memory, unaided by any crumbling ivy-covered walls.

More lasting evidence of Norman times is preserved in some of the Cotswold churches. At Elkstone, for example, there is a small church which contains some very beautiful work of that period, particularly in the small east window in the chancel, in the arch separating the nave from the choir and in the arch over one of the doorways. It is really worth seeing.

In conclusion never have I spent a more delightful fortnight. The natural beauties of the hills and distant landscapes, the peace and seclusion of those delightful lanes, the rich legacy from days that are gone, all combine to provide a refreshing and an interesting holiday.

W. FARLEY RUTTER (O.S.)



O.S. NEWS.

We very deeply regret to record the death of W. G. G. Churchill, at the early age of 17, as the result of a motor accident. He was riding a motor cycle up Great Lane and collided with a car at the cross-roads. He was taken to the Hospital, but his injuries were so severe that he died next day. He will be gratefully remembered by all at the School for the part he took in our School Concerts; he was the possessor of a delightful voice.

We offer our very deep sympathy to Inspector Churchill and his family.

We also regret to record a serious motor accident to Sidney Johnson. He was riding his motor bicycle past the entrance to the Cattle Market in Bleke Street and collided with a horse and van coming out. He is at present in a nursing home in Bristol, suffering from a compound fracture of the ankle. We are glad to add that he is making satisfactory progress.

G. H. Crocker was married to Miss E. M. Miller on March 4th. We offer him and his bride our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Congratulations, too, to Arthur Ryall on the birth of a son and heir.

On February 22nd we had a second lecture from W. Farley Rutter on the early history of Shaftesbury, and it proved every bit as interesting as the first. We once again offer him our grateful thanks.

We hear that I. E. Tovey is with the firm of Messrs. Foster Porter & Co. of London; H. I. Gray is also with the same firm.

T. F. Andrews is with the White Cross Insurance Co., of Bristol.

E. P. Hains has been articled to a firm of architects at Yeovil.

J. H. McLachlan sailed for Rhodesia on March 29th. He was in the Rhodesian Railway Offices in London and has been transferred to the Accounts Dept. of the Head Offices in Bulawayo. We were very glad to see him at the School shortly before he sailed.

Gordon Ensor is now at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and is busy reading for his fellowship.

Herbert Kennedy is in business with a firm of retail silk specialists in the West End of London.

We congratulate Hugh Holloway on being elected Chairman of the local N.F.U. Branch, for the second year in succession.

We were very pleased to see W. F. Cole at the School again when he paid us a short visit last month. He tells us he frequently spends a few hours with John Fancott.

We were also glad to see H. R. Sims here again. He has now been moved to the Midland Bank at Trowbridge.

Norman Windebank has been moved from the N.P. Bank at Bournemouth to a branch in Birmingham, and E. J. Tucker from Lloyds Bank at Wallingford to the Burford branch.

We are delighted to hear that H. M. Gale is doing well at Faraday House. Dr. Tovey has received a most gratifying report from the authorities, of his work and progress.

Rumour says that J. R. B. Pape has gone to Southern Rhodesia. Can any old boy give the Editor any definite news? He is a life-member of the O.S. Club, and we want his address.

We have just heard that Victor Osborne has been transferred to the Royal West African Frontier Force and is now in Nigeria.

Eric Tuffin, after nearly six years in Toronto, has arrived home with his wife and daughter for two months holiday; he will probably be returning at the end of July.

The Past v. Present Cricket Matches will be played on Wednesday, July 23rd, starting at 11.30 a.m.

Will any old boy who wishes to play kindly send word to Dr. Tovey, any time before July 16th. No other invitation to play will be sent.

O.S. CLUB NOTES.

NEW MEMBERS.

V. S. Balchin, Hendford Hill, Yeovil.
 J. A. Wakefield, Signett Hill, Burford, Oxon.
 F. D. Hollick, Fairfield, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury.
 F. J. P. Snook, 9, Wyndham Road, Salisbury.
 J. W. Freeth, Manor Farm, Leigh, Cricklade, Wilts.
 T. F. Andrews, 15, Stevens Crescent, Totterdown, Bristol.
 T. S. Tucker, Ashbury, Victoria Road, Cirencester, Glos.
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 E. J. Tucker, Lloyds Bank, Burford, Oxon.
 H. C. Watts, Heathfields, Bideford East, Devon.

The O.S.C. Dinner, to be held at Swindon this year, has been provisionally arranged for Saturday, Nov. 8th. Will members kindly make a note of this date.

All subscribers to the Magazine (except members of the O.S. Club) should send their subscriptions to Dr. Tovey (2/6 for three numbers).

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A few back numbers have been retained for sale at 6d. each.