

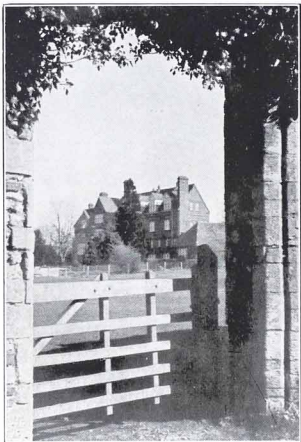
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KING EDWARD VI. SCHOOL,
BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.



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Headmaster's Notes.

IT is by now well known to all that one more chapter in the School's long history will close on July 31st, 1946, and another open. Not unnaturally, interest has now begun to focus itself on the new chapter, and so I propose to talk about that rather than about the chapter that is closing, or the turn of events that necessitates its closure.

The School will cease to receive Direct Grant from the Ministry of Education on July 31st. With the approval of the West Suffolk Local Education Authority it is making application to the Minister of Education to become a Voluntary Controlled School. A School that is fully and completely owned by a Local Education Authority, however, is known as a Maintained School. The difference is appreciable. In the latter the whole of the Governing Body is appointed by the Authority; in the former the Authority appoints only two-thirds of the Governing Body, the remaining third being appointed in accordance with a Scheme drawn up by the Minister—unquestionably this third will be drawn from the present Governing Body. Moreover, the exact rights and responsibilities of the new Governing Body are determined by the Minister, though of course the Local Education Authority, being fully responsible for all expenses in connection with maintenance and improvements, must have reserved to it certain obvious rights. Again, the endowment income of a Voluntary Controlled School is entirely in the hands of the Governing Body, to be used by the School in such a manner as the new Scheme of the Minister directs, the Minister having due regard to the purposes for which the endowments were made. Finally, the School, as a Voluntary Controlled School, is able to maintain its very close connection with the Church of England.

It will have been observed that I have made mention of the School applying to the Ministry for recognition as a Voluntary Controlled School, and of a new Scheme that must be drawn up by the Minister. Some time will elapse before the Minister can consider each individual School's application and draw up a new Scheme for each, and so there will be a

"transitional period" after July 31st, 1946, during which period the Minister can go fully into details for each School. When the details are decided, full Voluntary Controlled status is accorded. In the meanwhile the present Governing Body continues in office, administering the School's affairs as at present, subject to certain conditions necessitated by the County Authority becoming financially responsible as from August 1st. One of these conditions is that no tuition fees shall be payable in the Main School, and probably not in the Preparatory Department. Another is that all admissions to the Main School shall be by examination test.

It will be convenient if in talking about those boys at present in the School mention is made first of boys in the Preparatory Department. Admission to the Main School will be by examination. This examination will take place in the calendar year in which a boy's eleventh birthday occurs, unless there are extraordinary reasons, such as very broken attendance, or residence abroad, which demand that a boy should have an additional year of preparation, and will be open to all who care to enter, whether they are in the Preparatory Department or not.

Next, it should be clearly understood that there is to be no interference whatsoever with those boys at present in the School, whether Dayboy or Boarder, whether West Suffolk boy or non West Suffolk boys, whether the home Local Education Authority is willing or unwilling to pay the West Suffolk Authority a sum to cover tuition expenses in the School for any particular boy, subject to the one proviso that a boy in the Preparatory Department must win a place in the Main School.

This brings us to the future. The School will continue as a Boarding School during the transitional period and thereafter. There is no reason to doubt that a Minister who has to administer the Act of 1944 which places upon Local Authorities the duty of providing boarding accommodation and a Minister who has declared herself in favour of broadening such Schools by the admission of boys from other areas should decree otherwise. And a genuine attempt is going to be made to admit suitable non West Suffolk boys, thus continuing another fine tradition of the School. As I have indicated on numerous occasions, it is of vital importance, if we regard Education as anything other than a slavish devotion to the academic, that this intermingling should be; it is undoubtedly one of the merits of the Direct Grant School that this intermingling is so

easily possible therein. And so I feel that much of the School's present character will be preserved—and that is what matters.

It is because of the changes that I have outlined above that the Governing Body feels that Speech Day should come during the approaching Summer Term. It is provisionally fixed for June 20th, but this must depend on the Speaker.

Finally, I do wish to thank the many friends who have recently written to me. If I mention myself first it is only because of my own long connection with the School. During the course of eighteen years I have become deeply attached to it. I value its traditions, and I am proud of its boys. A new era is opening, but I assure you on behalf of the Staff, and of my wife and myself, that we face the future with confidence, and that as far as in us lies we shall see to it that the School is all you would have it be.

Hockey.

BURY SCHOOL v. CULFORD SCHOOL.

Played on January 26th, at the Victory ground.

A most encouraging start was made when in the first match of the term the School 1st XI. defeated Culford by 3 goals to 2. They deserved to win for they were continually attacking, and rarely did the Culford forwards look dangerous. The scoring might have been heavier had the forwards in the first half made the most of their opportunities, and taken greater care of the "off-side" rule.

The School had a strong half-back line, which was continually feeding and supporting its forwards. Rood as usual had complete control of the ball, and was always changing defence into attack. Marshall was infallible as left half, although he tended to be rather slow. Whenever Culford broke through they had to contend with Hughes and Watson. Hughes played an excellent game, but both he and Watson made several errors, mis-hitting on a number of occasions. Clark, as goal-keeper, played well, though his clearing was not good at times.

The game opened at a fast pace, with Culford as pace-makers. Play continued to swing from end to end, with the School having slightly the better of the play. Culford defence proved a hard nut to crack, but after twenty minutes Minns

scored from an excellent pass by Dodds, the shot being partially deflected by the goal-keeper. The School led by this one goal at half-time.

After a few minutes of the second half Culford equalised. Then, almost immediately, Wilson made a grand run down the wing, to put the School ahead again. Once again Culford equalised. However, after much persevering, Rush hooked the third goal in for the School. From then on a ding-dong battle followed, with both defences being severely tested, but the School managed to retain the lead, the final score being 3—2. Team—

Bury School.—Clark ii., goal; Watson, Hughes i., backs; Marshall ii., Rood, Nice iii., halves; Dodds i., Minns, Barrett, Rush ii., Wilson ii., forwards. A.J.

BURY SCHOOL v. NORTHGATE SCHOOL, IPSWICH.

Played on February 2nd, at Ipswich.

Five or ten minutes' heavy rain, just before commencement of play, tended to make the ground very slippery. Until half-time both sides fought hard to obtain an advantage, each looking like scoring several times, but each being foiled by the backs or the goal-keeper. The School forwards, however, did not take enough advantage of the many "free" hits awarded to them, and were inclined to muddle once they were inside the circle. The half-time score was 0—0.

Just after the beginning of the second half Wilson broke through on the wing and centred to Minns, who scored. However, our success was short lived, for after a few minutes' play Ipswich equalised after Clark had made an excellent effort to save. Again we went back to the ding-dong battle of the first half. Both sides at this stage played very well, although the School attack began to show signs of fatigue, and the defence tended to retreat on the goal rather than to tackle the Ipswich forwards. Then, five minutes before the end of play, Ipswich gained the lead, the goal being muddled into the net after a fierce battle around the goal-mouth. The School strove hard to equalise before the end of play. The final score was 2—1 to Ipswich. Team—

Bury School.—Clark ii., goal; Watson, Hughes i., backs; Marshall ii., Rood, Nice iii., halves; Dodds i., Minns, Barratt, Rush ii., Wilson ii., forwards. M.R.W.

BURY SCHOOL v. CULFORD SCHOOL.

Played on February 7th, at Culford.

The game started at a hot pace, with Barratt scoring within the first few minutes from a pass from Dodds. Culford thereupon pressed hard and Clark was kept very busy. Our goal area was eventually cleared and the ball passed to the wing, Rush scoring from the winger's centre. Just before half-time Culford scored twice in as many minutes. The second half began very evenly, with the backs playing well up but the forwards played off-side too much. This continued for twenty minutes, when Culford again scored. Almost immediately Dodds took the ball up the wing and equalised. The winning goal, however, was scored by Culford a few minutes before the end of play. Team—

Bury School.—Clark ii., goal; Pask, Hughes i., backs; Marshall ii., Rood, Nice iii., halves; Dodds i., Minns, Barratt, Rush ii., Wilson ii., forwards. D.M.L.

BURY SCHOOL v. NORTHGATE SCHOOL, IPSWICH.

March 2nd. Match cancelled owing to bad weather conditions.

BURY SCHOOL v. H.M.S. GANGES, SHOTLEY.

March 16th. The match was cancelled owing to a misunderstanding with the Naval authorities.

ROYALISTS v. FOREIGNERS.

Played on March 9th. (House Match).

The game started with the Foreigners on the attack, but the Royalists soon rallied. For twenty minutes the ball went from one end of the pitch to the other, neither side being able to obtain an advantage. It was soon after a Royalist attack that Rush ii. scored, after a battle around the goal-mouth. This success for the Foreigners was followed by a goal by Rood, who scored from a pass by Dodds ii.

At half time, with the score 2—0, the Royalists changed their defence, but this did not seem to have much effect, for

Rush ii. scored just after play had recommenced. By now the Royalists had rallied again, and ten minutes later they scored after Fordham had made a good run down the field. Shortly afterwards Dodds i. made a wing attack, and passed to Rood, who once more scored. Several times Fordham and the Royalist forwards made attacks on the Foreigners' goal but each time they were foiled by the backs or goal-keeper. Later, Clark passed to Rood, who again scored. Rood later added one more goal, the Foreigners winning by six goals to one. Teams—

Royalists.—Turvey, goal; Fisher, Woodrow, backs; Mc'Geehan, Blumfield, Smith i., halves; Wilson ii., Barratt, Fordham (Capt.) Minns, Olley, forwards.

Foreigners.—Shelbourne i., goal; Hughes i., Ross, backs; Watson, Marshall ii. (Capt.), Nice iii., halves; Dodds i., Rood, Rush ii., Clark ii., Dodds ii., forwards. M.R.W.

NOTES.

COLOURS.

Full.

Half.

February 9th.

J. F. Fordham
R. O. Hughes
G. J. Marshall

March 9th.

R. L. Dodds
P. L. Nice
O. R. Minns

REVIEW.

This season's 1st XI. has shown very promising form, even though only three of last years Eleven were available this season, and in spite of their youth and inexperience they have put up a very good show.

Both the Second and Junior XI.'s have lost most of their matches. The Second led 3—0 at half-time against Ipswich, but finally lost 10—3.

Owing to adverse weather conditions we have only been able to play three of our fixtures, with one more still to be played. Our field in particular has suffered from almost continual frost, with snow in the middle of the term.

Nevertheless, we have produced some very promising young players who will render good service to the School before they leave.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

*A. B. ROOD (centre-half). As Hockey Captain has been all that he was as Football Captain. He is always an inspiration to others to fight and win. A good player in all departments of the game; energetic and painstaking.

*J. F. FORDHAM (vice-captain). Unfortunately Fordham has been prevented by illness so far this term from playing with the School Eleven. This season his play has generally improved, although his skill is much the same. Can play very well in any position and would have been a great help to the team.

*R. O. HUGHES (right-back). Has a very fine eye and powerful clearance, but must be careful of "sticks." During the season he has improved steadily, although he still has a tendency to retreat upon the goal within the circle, a habit he is slowly losing.

*E. J. MARSHALL (right-half). Possesses excellent ball control and has mastered the "flick," though he never uses it in a match. Relies far too much upon his stick work and not upon his speed. Plays a very good game, but is greatly handicapped by his leisuireliness. Must never indulge in one-handed stick work.

†R. L. DODDS (left-wing). Plays very keenly and well in a difficult and thankless position. His main fault is that he is too fast for the ball. Would benefit by using his hand to stop hard passes. Good centre and fair shot.

†O. R. MINNS (inside-right). A player who suddenly springs to life and produces a fine goal. Must learn to combine more with his forward line and to keep at the top of his form all the time. Stick work fair—shooting very good.

†P. L. NICE (left-half). A thrusting, energetic player, who has lately taken up hockey and achieved fair success. But Nice spoils all his good work by making one-handed slashes, regardless of his opponents. He may develop into a very dangerous player unless this fault is quickly corrected. Should use more judgment when attempting to stop the ball with his hand.

CLARK. As a goal-keeper he has had moderate success. Must learn when to clear by kicking and when by hitting, and also to make more use of his hands. Playing as an inside forward Clark has a very good shot, but does not

vary his passing enough. With more speed and thrust he would become a good forward.

WATSON (left-back). One who muddles, although he is slowly developing a fair clearance. Small stature does not worry him; nevertheless he must take care of "stick," and misshits in front of the goal. Another who likes to retreat upon the goal.

WILSON (right-wing). Uses his stick in a most peculiar manner, thus severely handicapping himself. Is rather slow and too fond of scooping the ball over his opponents' heads. Good centre and shot.

BARRATT (inside-left). A small and useful player who is developing along the right lines. Must learn not to play so far forward. Has a good shot but is slow off the mark. Good stick work which is used too much on occasions.

RUSH II. (centre-forward). A player who combines very well with his forward line, but does not receive enough support from his forwards. Can produce a very good shot, but is rather slow in doing so. Is young and extremely promising.

PASK. Has also played left-back. His value is in his first time clearance, but he produces too many golfing strokes, although he is gradually restraining himself. Stick work fair.

OLLEY. Has played right wing. Is very fast but inexperienced—most promising.

FISHER (goal). A most energetic and resourceful 'keeper who should have been discovered earlier in the term. When he has improved his eye and learnt to use his hands he will be a very effective 'keeper.

* *Full Colours.* † *Half-Colours.*

RESULTS.

	1st XI.	2nd XI.	Juniors.
Culford	Won 3—2 (H)	Lost 1—3 (A)	Lost 3—5 (H)
Northgate (Ipswich)	Lost 1—2 (A)	Lost 3—10 (H)	—
Culford	Lost 4—3 (A)	Drew 2—2 (H)	Lost 2—0 (A)

The remaining matches were cancelled.

"Juto Battle."

THE FIRST-ACTION IMPRESSIONS OF A F.O.O.

June 26th, 1944. I was F.O.O., with two Gordons, moving up through the gun area to the forming-up point for the attack. My first action. The thought ran through my mind: "How unlike Exercise Eagle." The roar of hundreds of guns, the smoke and dust, all seemed part of another world. Then the first prisoners coming back on the bonnet of a Brigadier's jeep; so these are specimens of the master race. . .

The first shell to land near me seemed unfair—I wasn't even at the F.U.P. It was too strange to be frightening; it was unfair.

On to the F.U.P. The area was full of tanks, vehicles and men—a military Piccadilly Circus. The advance to the start line, through shell-scarred Cheux. Still a few snipers about; Tiger tanks.

Then the rain started, fierce, relentless, soaking us to the skin.

Down a sunken lane outside Cheux. Some of our wounded there tended by a Medical Officer and a Padre. There was a lot of blood.

A Company believed to be in Coleville . . . not in touch with them by wireless . . . must get through to help them . . . I'm soaked through. A quick swig of whisky . . . That's better . . .

We go down the lane in the carrier. A dead cow blocks the track, and we drive right over it . . . Never done anything like that before! Round the bend . . . Soldiers . . . three of them, in field grey . . . This is definitely NOT 'A' Company . . . Turn round; must get out of here quickly . . . That dead cow again . . . More soldiers, ten, fifteen, twenty, all in grey uniforms . . .

Almost automatically I fire on them with my revolver. It has no effect on them at all . . . One of them is laughing—at me! There's a sergeant kneeling in the road with a bazooka . . . An explosion! the carrier lurches and sways and stops. The driver's head is bleeding. We're surrounded.

"Hands up!" Rifles are pointed at me . . . Shall I make a fight for it and die now, or can we escape later? Again the order, rather more tersely, "Hands up!" Now they are searching us; and there go my revolver, compass and binoculars . . . I must hide my watch and the code-signs—quickly. Put them in the field-dressing pocket . . . He's looking there now . . . show him the field-dressing . . . O.K., he's missed the watch and code-signs. These are S.S. men now . . . That's a nasty-looking beast watching us . . .

Chattering Bren guns, and bullets whizzing past . . . There's another carrier coming down the lane—Wishart of the Gordons . . . I can't warn him—and that sergeant has got his bazooka again . . . Bang! . . . Now both carriers are alight and there goes all my kit in flames . . . Hell! More Brens and bullets . . .

It's quieter now, and still raining. Hello, my signaller is talking to those Huns—in GERMAN! Must warn him not to give anything away . . .

Now we're being marched back, and those Huns are singing "Lilli Marlene" . . . Now it's "Tipperary" . . . How cold and wet it is . . . May as well sing too. "It's a long way . . ."

It's getting darker now . . . Wonder what the chances would be? . . . No—too many of them. Into a gun-tower full of evil smelling Boches. They keep getting out . . . We'll try it next time . . . No good—I am grabbed by the scruff of the neck as I climb down . . .

Get out and walk again. I wonder where we are? After that ride in a truck, my sense of direction has gone . . . Here's a house . . . Break open the door.

Now there are only four Boche and four prisoners. We are very hungry and the sausage and black bread are welcome. Sleep on the floor . . .

Are the Boche asleep . . . ? No—one is on guard. What does it matter? I'm too tired . . . Sleep . . .

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Crash! We're all awake now. It is a grey dawn, and shells are falling all around. Get up and run . . . Run . . . British shells. Are those Boche scared! So am I.

There are hundreds of shells. Keep on running . . . running.

We must have run two miles. Into a slit trench. No—for us . . .

"You Scottish pigs stay outside . . ."

Hell, this is awful! The driver is shaking—I feel that way too, but hope I'm not showing it . . . At last a N.C.O. takes pity on us:

"Behind that slit trench. Not in it!"

It's not much safer, but it feels a little better . . . At last, the shelling stops. The sun comes out and we march to a little village. French civilians stare at us . . . Wonder what they think about us? Sorry for us? Anyway, they give us a drink of wine. We are taken into the house. There are still four of these Boche with us. Are we never going to get away . . . ? Wait—here's an officer. He gives orders:

We are to stay in the house. If we come outside we will be shot. Our escort will be sniping in the village.

Now they're gone . . . Should be easier now, but we'll look around the house first. Not much good here—no food, no drink. A cigarette would be a godsend, but we have none left. Hello, a cigar. One puff each and then put it out—might have to make it last a long time. Something to eat—get out the emergency ration, not much to it, but it fixes us up.

Must recce. a way of escape. Crash! Bang! An inferno of shell outside . . . Must be a Yoke Target. Let's get in the cellar . . . Lord—there isn't one. Try outside—there's a slit trench in the garden.

This is the longest half-hour I've ever spent. It's hell. Everything must be in on this . . . 25-pounders, mediums, heavies. And so help us—here are the Typhoons!

It is quiet again . . . suddenly . . . silence.

My poor driver looks very sick. I feel that way too. Let's get back to the house . . . Whizz! That was close—the Boche must have us under view. We'll have to wait till it gets dark.

Sleep again. We're terribly tired . . .

Shells again. Another Yoke Target. Wearily back to the slit trench for another spell of misery . . . Back to the house again to rest . . . more shells . . . the trench . . .

So it goes on all day. We are exhausted mentally and physically. How much more . . . Sleep . . . sleep.

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Where am I? . . . Yes—the house, shells, prisoners. Four of us. The sun is shining again too . . . Must have slept all night . . . Let's have a look outside . . .

On all fours to the hedge bounding the garden . . . Look there! Soldiers, three hundred yards away, and—yes—they're in khaki . . . Must keep under cover though . . . crawl up to them.

Yes, they're British soldiers all right.

Take me to your C.O. . . . Us? Spies? . . . Nonsense man . . . ! Must go back to Brigade for questioning . . . ?

Scree-e-eech—crrump! German shells this time, but who cares! Yes—my driver does. I must get him back to a R.A.P. . . .

Is that the GORDONS I see over there . . . ? Yes. Must get back to them. Evade guard.

Here's my B.C. His first words—"Hello, where have you been?" But there is no time to explain now. There is a Tiger Tank up the road . . . Man the O.P. . . . Now to get some of my own back . . . Send the driver to the R.A.P. . . .

N.B.—F.O.O.—Forward Observation Officer.

Eagle—Code name for an exercise carried out in England before D. Day.

F.U.P.—Forming-up place before an attack.

Savings Notes.

The total amount collected this term (up to 23rd March) is £39 10s. 6d. D.A.Y.

Cricket Fixtures, 1946.

May	11th.	S.	Northgate School 1st (H.)	2nd (A.)
"	18th.	S.	Stowmarket School (H.)	
"	25th.	S.	Northgate School 1st (A.)	2nd (H.)
June	1st.	S.	H.M.S. Ganges (H.)	Juniors v. Jubilee School (A.)
"	6th.	Th.	Culford School 1st (A.)	2nd (H.) Juniors (H.) at 3.45 p.m.
"	15th.	S.	County School 1st (H.)	2nd (A.) Junior (A.)
"	22nd.	S.	Theftord School 1st (H.)	2nd (A.)
"	29th.	S.	H.M.S. Ganges 1st (A.)	Juniors v. Jubilee School (H.)
July	6th.	S.	Stowmarket School (A.)	
"	11th.	Th.	Culford 1st (H.)	2nd (A.) Juniors (A.) at 3.45 p.m.
"	13th.	S.	County School 1st (A.)	2nd (H.) Junior (H.)
"	18th.	Th.	Headmaster's XI.	
"	20th.	S.	Theftord School 1st (A.)	2nd (H.)

Royalist v. Foreigner—Monday, May 27th, at 4 p.m.

HOUSE MATCHES—Monday, June 3rd }
 Monday, July 1st } at 4 p.m.
 Monday, July 8th }

J.T.C. Notes.

With only an acting C/O., inexperienced in Corps affairs, but under the leadership of a very competent group of N.C.O.'s, the Cadets have acquitted themselves well.

C.S.M. Woodrow, Sgt. Rood, Sgt. Paine, and Cpl. Jennings have worked hard to complete the course of instruction necessary for Cert. "A" candidates. Mr. Hassell has continued to give valuable instruction in Map Reading. It is regretted that there has been an absence of instruction from units which have given assistance in the past. This is partly due to my slowness in making contact with the proper formations.

A number of Cadets attended courses during the Christmas holidays and Cpl. Fordham, untiring, has volunteered for a further course in advanced P.T. during the coming holiday.

The Cert. "A" examination is to be held on 26th March. Unfortunately we go to press before the results can be published.

W. K. HETHERINGTON,
O/C Elect.

Scout Notes.

This has been a term of steady progress, and 39 badges have been gained. We especially congratulate Hart on having become a King's Scout, and Dodds, Watson and Dunn on having obtained the First Class Badge. Out of 63 scouts in the troop we now have 1 King's Scout, 6 other First Class Scouts, 23 Second Class and 26 Tenderfoots. Thus only 7 have not yet been invested. Watson, Dunn and Williams have also qualified for the green and yellow all round cords. The most important proficiency badges gained are Ambulance Man (Haill and Hart) and Camper (Marshall and Haill). We are sorry that Netcher is leaving us, and we wish him success and happiness in his new school.

The weather has rather hindered outdoor activities, but we have had a few adventure hikes and obstacle courses. Indoor competitions have been held, Mr. Hassall has been running an ambulance course, and a party of scouts have been attending a course at the fire station in preparation for the Fireman Badge.

The scouters, T.L. and P.L.'s attended the 4th Bury's annual party and camp fire on 22nd January. We held our usual camp fire in conjunction with the cubs on 14th March, at which the 4th Bury also were present.

On 23rd March most of the troop had an outing to Cambridge, where they attended the Cambridgeshire Scouts' Rally and Camp Fire on the occasion of the Chief Scout's visit. This was the first large rally that most of them had seen (about 1500 scouts were present) and should have been a source of inspiration to many.

Now that transport is easier, we are able to arrange camps outside Suffolk. The first of these is for senior members of the troop, and will be held in Derbyshire during the Easter holidays.

The results of the patrol competition this term are as follows:—

Patrol.	P.L.	Points.
Foxes	Hart	180
Kingfishers	Dodds	174
Rams	Netsher	149
Eagles	Watson	126
Curlews	Haill	100
Squirrels	Howlett	98
Badgers	Williams	88
Woodpigeons	Lucas	71
Woodpeckers	Clarke	46
Bulldogs	Bloomfield	37

D.A.Y.

Cub Notes.

At the beginning of the term Shelbourne II. "went-up" to the Scouts. Six new recruits have been invested during the term, replacing some who had left, so we are still over forty strong. We wish "Happy Hunting" to four Cubs who are leaving the School, particularly to Harrison who has been a keen Cub for three years, and is now our Senior Sixer. He hopes to join the Sea Scouts when he reaches Canada.

Our routine work has progressed somewhat slowly this term, several First Stars being gained, but no Second Stars or Badges. We look forward to a fresh start next term, Cubs.

For the Camp Fire we mimed "The Jackdaw of Rheims," so trying out another form of acting. Thirty-five Cubs went to the Cambridgeshire Rally. We were interested to see the work of other Cubs and Scouts, but most important of all, we saw the Chief himself, who, although lame, was carrying on with his job. In his talk the Chief outlined his coming visits to far-off lands, so reminding us that the Scouting Brotherhood is world-wide, that there are over five million Cubs and Scouts trying to keep the same Promise. Perhaps during the holiday some Cubs may find the opportunity to do more than their one good turn every day.

E.M.K.

Young Farmers' Club.

The Programme this term has suffered because of bad weather and illness. Influenza claimed Mr. Rich and then Mr. Macdonald as its victims.

On Wednesday, 20th February, Mr. Lang gave a very

instructive lecture on Orchards. Mr. Lang is the Horticultural expert of the W.A.E.C., and he knows his subject well. He illustrated his lecture with diagrams skilfully drawn on the blackboard, and dealt with orchard pests, tracing their life cycles and explaining how dusting and spraying can control them.

On Wednesday, March 6th, we had the pleasure of another visit from Mr. Lang. This time he dealt with the subject of giving new life to an old and neglected orchard. He brought some excellent coloured pictures to illustrate his points and dealt with Pruning, Grafting, and even the method of removing old, diseased, and worn out trees. At the end of both lectures he answered many questions from the boys.

On Tuesday, March 26th, a visit is to be paid to Mr. J. Baulby's Farm at Beyton to see his Suffolk Punches. Mr. Baulby is one of the best judges of Horses in Suffolk and has a number of very fine specimens, including a prize-winning Stallion. The boys will be accompanied by Mr. Macdonald, the War Agricultural Husbandry Officer, who will instruct them on horses.

Next term we hope to visit Mr. Barker's Seed Growing Farm and also Chadacre, and Mr. Lang has promised to take the Club to an orchard later in the season.

There is to be a Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs in West Suffolk, so that we shall have our own Organiser and not have to call upon the County Organiser (Mrs. Porter) as we have in the past. This new arrangement, localising the control, should give us even more attention and enable us to improve our programme. B.S.R.

The Debating Society.

President: The Headmaster. Vice-Presidents: D. A. Young, Esq., A. B. Rood. Secretary: J. M. Ross. Committee: B. Francis, A. F. Jennings, R. B. Watson, M. R. Wilson, J. Syrett.

The most successful debate of the year was held on Saturday, 15th December, when fifty-two persons heard the motion "That this house is of the opinion that the return of the Conservative party to power at present would be beneficial to the Country." The Headmaster acted as Chairman.

M. J. Dorey, proposing the motion, pointed out that the post war expenditure was not being concentrated on food, work and shelter, but rather on Nationalisation and Doctrinaire Socialism. The Socialists, with their pre-war policy of anti-rearmament, did not seem to be the party to put England back on her feet again.

B. Francis, for the opposition, showed by reference to Agriculture and Tory Foreign Policy, with its "oily diplomatic relations," that the Conservatives were not fit to govern, and claimed that the Tories were using the personality of Mr. Churchill to get them into power.

R. B. Watson and A. F. Jennings were the seconds. Many people took the opportunity to express their views on the subject. When put to the vote, the motion was passed by thirty-five votes to six.

This term the activities of the Society have been somewhat limited. On Saturday, 26th January, a Discussion was held with the Headmaster in the chair. The first subject was "The Ideal Length of School Holidays." Eventually it was decided that three weeks were sufficient at Christmas, with a month for Easter, and eight weeks in the Summer. The next topic was "The Colour Bar." The final subject, "The Ideal Animal as a Pet," brought forth some peculiar suggestions, but generally the dog was the favourite as companion and friend to all.

On Saturday, 9th February, the Committee acted as a Brains Trust and invited all interested to try and catch them out. Mr. Young acted as Question Master, the Brains Trust consisting of A. B. Rood, R. B. Watson, B. Francis, M. R. Wilson and J. M. Ross. Twelve questions were asked on varied topics, Commercialisation of Football, Origin of Jazz, Future of Brooklands, The Greatest Musical Composer, Horses v. Tractors, and so on, all of which received some form of answer.

At a further debate, "That this house is of the opinion that Russia is a menace to the peace of the world," held on Saturday, 2nd March, A. B. Rood acted as Chairman.

R. B. Watson, proposing the motion, showed how Russia menaces the world with her Power Politics, how since becoming a major power, Russia has attempted to make a world revolt as a footing for a Communistic world, colonized and

imperialized by Russia, and how Russia is not the hero she appears to be, having fought the Nazis for her own safety only.

B. Francis, attacking the motion, claimed that the natural suspicion in the Russians' character, due to their country being continually overrun for centuries by invaders, was the cause of the differences of Russia with Britain and U.S.A. He argued that Russia is self-supporting and requires no Persian Oil, merely wishing to develop internally.

R. L. Dodds seconded the proposition and M. R. Wilson the opposition.

There were only a few good speeches from the floor, for unhappily the attendance was rather low. The motion was defeated by fourteen votes to four.

It is hoped to hold one more meeting this term, and that is to be a quiz already prepared by J. Syrett and A. B. Rood.

J.M.R.

Sixth Form Library Notes.

Amongst the old and valuable volumes in our School Library are six published during the latter part of the fifteenth century, and although these may seem uninteresting since they are all in Latin, they are worthy of notice as they are some of the first specimens of English printing, and a number of their fly-leaves are hand written.

The oldest volume, printed in 1477, is "Historica Gallica." A year later the printed book "Merala" was published, together with an old Psalter. The fly-leaves of the book form part of an old missal written about 1250 A.D., with red and black capitals and music on the old four line stave.

Three volumes published in 1480 are "De Lingua Latina," by *Fextus*, and another copy by *Varro M. Terentus*, and "De Propriete Sermonum," by *M. Marcellus*. A copy of Euclid published in 1516 is printed entirely in Latin, with figures drawn in the margins of the book.

An Old Testament dated 1536 has Exodus printed in Hebrew, two Psalters dated 1562 and 1563 are still in good condition. Two Catechisms and Prayers specially for the use of Bury School were edited in 1673 and 1747. These have one page written in Greek, and the opposite page in Latin.

Another most interesting volume is "Addresses to Queen Elizabeth" on the occasion of her visit to Cambridge. These are manuscripts in a beautiful Sixteenth Century hand, and were apparently compiled for the Duke of Norfolk in 1564. The book is bound in limp vellum, with the Royal Arms imprinted on each cover.

It would not be right to give any account of the more interesting volumes in the Library and leave out the volume written by one of the Kings of England—I refer to "Opera . . . latine redditum," written by James I. and printed in 1619.

The Librarian would like to thank the Old Boys who have given books to the Library during the term.

"An Introduction to Weather and Climate" (*Trewartha*).
Presented by W. G. Podmore.

"Language of Men" (*A. L. Morton*).
Presented by the Author.

"The Ecology of Animals" (*Charles Elton*).

"Plant Ecology" (*William Leach*).
"Mendelism and Evolution" (*E. B. Ford*).
All presented by O. J. W. Gilbert.

"Histoire Sincère de la Nation Française" (*Seignobos*),
has also been added to the Library.
J.M.R.

Chess Notes.

This term the West Suffolk Chess Club organised a chess competition between the West Suffolk Schools, and each school provided a team of five players. The School team consisted of:

Board 1	M. J. Dorey
" 2	P. L. Nice
" 3	M. S. Paddon
" 4	C. A. Clark
" 5	J. M. Ross
	Also played—J. Syrett.

It met with a moderate amount of success, drawing with the County School, beating the Silver Jubilee, and losing to Culford. In an unofficial return match with Culford the team won by a narrow margin. Only one of our members (P. L. Nice) is leaving this year, and we can confidently expect a strong team next winter term.

M.J.D.

School Notes.

VALETE—

Sixth Form.	J. Syrett
Fifth Form.	B. S. Mason
Third Form.	M. H. Sketch
Second Form.	M. J. Daley
First Form.	F. G. Sketch
Upper Prep.	D. S. Newton
Middle Prep.	D. B. Ashton

SALVETE—

First Form.	M. B. Dimmick A. T. B. Gould D. W. H. Haylett
Upper Prep.	G. D. Morley
Middle Prep.	G. H. Shadwick
Lower Prep.	P. D. Williams

In Mr. Morgan's place as Classics Master and Officer Commanding J.T.C. we have this term welcomed Mr. W. K. Hetherington. Mr. Young is now the only Resident Master, as Mr. Hetherington is living in the country.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Mertens on his marriage during the Christmas holidays. One of our school prefects, B. R. Payne, was best man.

During the last six months we have unfortunately been well represented in the local hospital. Syrett, Atter and Lucas have recovered, and Edgar is progressing satisfactorily. We were very pleased to hear of Syrett's grand recovery, but unfortunately his illness has necessitated his leaving school.

Again the Headmaster allowed the Boarders a very welcome over-night exeat at half term.

After the heavy fall of snow in the middle of the term the Boarders staged a very enjoyable snow fight on the field on the Sunday afternoon.

Most of the Boarders were inoculated on the same afternoon, having to leave the fight at the height of its fury.

Apart from the results of inoculation the sickroom has not been overworked for an Easter Term, although Mrs. Elliott and Matron had to deal with one bad spell, having twelve boys in bed.

The Table Tennis Club has revived, and has played the Y.M.C.A Juniors, losing 12—13, but the School hopes to beat the Y.M.C.A. on the return game. Mrs. Elliott has very kindly given the first and second prize for the winners of the tournament. A.B.R.

Old Boys' Notes.

M. C. P. Groombridge, after four years and four months service abroad, is now on an eighteen months' Gunny Staff Course in Wales. It will be recalled that Groombridge is a member of the Regular Army.

Congratulations to G. H. King on his engagement, and to R. Fulcher on his.

J. Blackstock is now in the Army and hopes to make a career of it.

D. W. G. Charmbury is employed with the British Aircraft Corporation in Bristol.

We were very pleased to see D. J. Evans at the School this term. He had just returned from the United States and had been busy sinking quantities of U Boats in the Atlantic.

Heartiest congratulations to Geoffrey Fulcher on his award—the M.C.

J. H. Asquith is now in an Officers' and N.C.O.'s training battalion at Derby.

A. Peck, after a period of service with the Navy, is in the Royal Tank Regiment, C.M.F. He has seen a little too much of Greece recently and begs to differ with the text book on the question of climate. He wishes to play in a dance band on his release from the Forces and is gaining experience in a small band belonging to his unit. A certain measure of success is apparently attending their efforts as they have only been thrown out once.

R. F. Cann, of H.M.S. "Tergra," finds himself unable to say exactly where he is, but is somewhere near a narrow peninsular on the West Coast of India where there is a small

dockyard for the maintenance and harbouring of landing craft and minesweepers.

L. McA. Westall is now back at Antibes, his permanent home before the war. He found his Villa fairly intact, but all his best clothes, his bicycle, and his gardening tools gone. Silver articles had been left untouched, but rats had eaten the covers of his books. He is now an Old Boy of sixty years' standing. We all join in wishing him many years of happiness.

F. B. Gow is in the 20th Training Bn. at Blackdown, a training unit for potential Officers. He points out that the standard of the unit is very high indeed and that after his equipment is cleaned at night he is pleased to turn straight in.

News of Major G. E. C. Tooth comes by way of a Christmas Card. He is in the North Levant Signals.

We understand that D. G. Terry has now joined the Palestine Police. M. G. Isikson will soon sail for South Africa to join the Rhodesian Police.

J. H. Astbury is now working with an Electrical Engineering firm and hopes to enter the Navy before long.

We were sorry to hear that G. H. Goffin had been so ill that he had had to be discharged from the Army on medical grounds. Not until he had been ill for some considerable time was it discovered that he was suffering from petrol poisoning—he was actually the first known case of tetra ethyl lead petrol poisoning in India. He had been in command of a Supply and Petrol Depot for twelve months and about 10,000 troops were dependent on him for feeding, whilst 1000 vehicles were dependent on him for petrol. In the hot weather the fumes from one million gallons of petrol rose like steam, and these fumes caused his illness. We are all delighted to know that Goffin now feels very much better and that he has returned to the timber trade in Boston.

B. J. Marriott, now Sub Lt., tells of a magnificent Christmas and New Year's Eve spent as the guests of the people of Bombay before moving to Trincomalee and thence to Singapore. They were not sorry to leave the latter owing to the serious epidemics there. At Sourabaya they found things quieter than when they were last that way—in November, when they had bombarded the town. On this visit they were able to inspect the results of their shelling. Next they moved to Palembang—up sixty miles of shallow, fast flowing river, bordered on each side by dense jungle.

We congratulate Capt. M. E. Peppiatt on his award of the Croix de Guerre. The citation is as follows: "On 26th June, 1944, Capt. Peppiatt was acting as Forward Observation Officer to the 2 Gordons during the attack on Colville. Fighting was very close and confused, and observation was very difficult. As the Bn. Command was anxious to silence the mortars which were shelling the Bn., Capt. Peppiatt went very far forward, regardless of danger, to find a position from which he could observe. This resulted in his being cut off. While fighting his way back, Capt. Peppiatt's carrier was hit at point blank range by an anti-tank gun and set on fire. His party was overwhelmed by greatly superior numbers and made prisoner. They remained in enemy hands under guard for two days, Capt. Peppiatt watching every opportunity to escape, which he finally did, bringing his entire party back safely to the British lines. With great coolness and courage Capt. Peppiatt made use of the period he was in German hands to obtain valuable information from the enemy. His courage and enterprise and the skill he displayed in extricating his whole party was an outstanding achievement and an example to all."

Capt Peppiatt sends us what he calls "a collection of rather frightened thoughts" written after the above action, his first. We print it under the heading, "Into Battle."

School Calendar.

Whitsun Eexam.—Boys may leave after 12 noon on Friday, June 7th, but must return by Tuesday evening, June 11th, by 7.45 p.m. Special permission must be obtained if a boy wishes to return by 8.40 a.m., on Wednesday, June 12th.

SUMMER TERM.

First Session ...	Thursday, May 2nd.
Athletic Sports ...	Thursday, May 30th.
Speech Day ...	Thursday, June 20th.
Founder's Day ...	Thursday, July 4th.

The address will be given by Sir Cyril Norwood, M.A., President of St. John's College, Oxford, and formerly Headmaster of Harrow School.

Last Session ... Wednesday, July 24th.

Boarders arrive before 6 p.m., on the evening before the first session, and go home the day after the last session.

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