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Editorial.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

NEVER was this advice more appropriate. We have been visited by a Winter harder than the oldest can remember; for the first six weeks of term snow lay continuously; games were impossible and for days we were not able to go out, *but* we retained our good health and spirits, and now our enjoyment of all the things that better weather and longer days are bringing is correspondingly the keener.

To our fellow countrymen on active service abroad and at home the long, dark, bitter days must have been a great trial, *but* a frozen Europe must have hit the enemy far harder and, by obliging him to postpone his blows, and by giving us and our allies time to perfect our preparations, must still further have reduced his dwindling prospects.

In these, and many other, ways we have indeed much to be thankful for. If a memory of the first term of 1940 lingers long, we are confident that, as time passes, it will become far from an unpleasant one.

Again we must apologise for the slenderness of this issue. Games accounts are unavoidably few, and though we have welcome news of a large number of Old Burians, many interesting and thrilling details are necessarily omitted for reasons of censorship. In spite of this, may we impress on all Old Boys that, more than ever, is their personal news welcome, and their help in compiling the School record of service indispensable.

Although details are not yet released for publication, we have it on excellent authority that the immediate future of the School, in its present form, is likely to be much more assured than at one time seemed likely. This is good news indeed. Now it is up to everyone of us to make the most of the respite by doing our utmost to consolidate it into something even more enduring. The four hundredth birthday of the School is only ten years off now: we must utilise the coming great occasion to ensure the prospects of the School for yet another century.

And so with hope and confidence renewed both for our School, and for the far greater affairs of the time, we take leave of our readers, wishing them a happy Easter and safe landings.

Hockey.

ROYALISTS v. FOREIGNERS.

Played on Thursday, March 7th.

The match was played under conditions ideal for hockey, with a light wind and next to no sun. The Boarder captain won the toss and decided to play up the slope. The match began at the breath-taking speed which characterises most of our inter-House matches, but soon settled down. The Royalists were greatly handicapped by the absence of Boughton, but the struggle was very even up to half-time when neither side had scored a goal, though the Royalists had had one lucky escape.

Five minutes after the interval the Royalists managed to score. A rather weak shot was coming towards the Foreigner goalmouth and the goal-keeper was about to kick clear when one of the backs hit out at the ball but failed to connect properly, and the deflected ball went just out of reach of the goal-keeper and trickled in. Far from being daunted the Foreigners on the contrary, became more determined. In addition to this it seemed, though it may not have been the case, that the Dayboys set about concentrating on defence, thinking that a 1—0 win was good enough and to attack would be giving better chances to their opponents. This was a great mistake, for in spite of the defence, an occasional break through was inevitable and very soon Hemsley equalised for the Boarders. The Boarders were now confident of success and put everything they had into the game. Neil was shifted from inside-left to inside-right in order to bring him against the weaker side of the opposing defence, and he then proceeded to put the Foreigners one up. The Royalists were now fighting for their lives and the pace of the game became as great as that at the start. Ten minutes from the end, Thompson, the Boarders' emergency outside-left surprised everybody by adding again to the Foreigners' lead. The Royalists now pressed hard in an attempt to redeem their imminent defeat and the game took on an even faster pace but the ten minutes expired before either side could score another goal. The final result was a win to the Foreigners by three goals to one. Teams— H.V.I.

Royalists.—Baxter i.; Evens, Barker; Southgate, Wombwell (capt.), Boughton ii.; Colson, Darby, Isikson, Webb ii., Forster.

Foreigners.—Parkyn; Drummond, Wolfendale i.; Rumsey, Iggulden (capt.), Brander; Turton, Armstrong, Hemsley, Neil, Thomson.

BURY SCHOOL v. Y.M.C.A.

This match was played on the School ground on Saturday the 9th March. The Y.M.C.A. attacked strongly and out-matched the School defence in speed and tactics. Very soon, Ashton, the opposing centre-forward, began scoring rapidly and, although the ball occasionally was brought into the other half, our attacks were frustrated by the Y.M.C.A. defence.

Half-time score, 9—0.

In the second half the School managed, with the help of the slope, to slacken the pace of the scoring. However, the Y.M.C.A. forwards broke through several times and caused the score to mount up to 14—0 by the time the final whistle was blown. Team—

D.R.P.

Bury School.—Parkyn; Brander, Evens; Wombwell, Iggulden (capt.), Boughton ii.; Colson, Neil, Hemsley, Isikson, Baxter.

Hockey Review.

This Hockey season has been the most unusual one for many a long year, both owing to the war and to abnormal weather conditions. Only three weeks of play were possible, but they seem to have been used to the best advantage. Stick work and combination as a team have not had sufficient time to develop properly, but all members of the first set were hard-working and improving rapidly.

The defence of the First Eleven was based on the very sound work of Parkyn (D. R.) The remainder, backs and halves, were not sound in their marking or positional play, being too prone not to follow up once they lost the ball. Evens has a very good eye and good stopping powers. Wombwell, as centre-half must support the defence as well as the attack, his stick work is good and he has a clean kick. Iggulden's hitting powers are good but his passes not too well placed.

Of the forwards it can be said that the stick work, while rather too lethargic, was quite good especially in the case of Isikson, Neil and Hemsley. Their main fault was lack of initiative and determination but these would no doubt have been remedied if more time had been available.

A general impression of the Eleven as a whole was that it showed promise. Had Boughton and Bugg not been absent the matches played would have showed different results.

F.H.S.

Cricket Fixtures.

SEASON 1940.

	1ST XI.	2ND XI.	JUNIORS.
June.			
1 S.			Silver Jubilee School A.
15 S.	County School A.	County School H.	County School H.
29 S.			Silver Jubilee School H.
July.			
6 S.	Greene King's H.		
13 S.	County School H.	County School A.	County School A.
20 S.	Greene King's A.		

The above Fixtures are definite, others are pending.

O.T.C. Notes.

The greater part of this term's work had, perforce, to be theoretical but although outdoor work was only possible for three Tuesdays the standard of drill was well maintained.

The departure of our two Sergeants left us rather handicapped but the Certificate "A" candidates will be ready to take over their work next term.

The practical examination for Certificate "A" had to be postponed owing to the lack of outdoor training but will be held next term.

The Annual Inspection of the Contingent will take place as usual, shortly after Whitsun week-end.

Although there will be no camp this summer yet it may be possible to arrange some field exercises. Ball ammunition is not being issued to the O.T.C.'s this year but the miniature range will still be in use for .22 practice.

F. H. SWAINSTON, Captain.

Scout Notes.

The hampering effect of the inclement weather this term has to a considerable extent restricted activities and progress.

However, the Scouts, under the guidance of their Patrol Leaders, have stood up to difficulties with the cheerful resource that was expected of them, so that the very best has been made of unpromising conditions.

The five new recruits welcomed into the Troop have gone ahead with good spirit and are looking forward to being Invested. For the rest, there has been a thorough revision of knots, lashing and First Aid.

Mention must be made of some dozen Scouts, who, under the National Scheme, have voluntarily given up a great deal of their spare time to the collecting and sorting of waste paper. It is to be hoped that as many others as possible will follow their example and carry on during the holidays with this really important service to the country.

The Patrol Shield was won last term by the "Rams."

We are very sorry that we have to say "Goodbye" to Mr. Hall, who, as Assistant Scoutmaster, has for many years contributed so much to the development of Scouting in the School. All of us join in wishing him good scouting and every happiness in his new surroundings. L.W.H.

School Notes.

VALETE—Sixth Form.	M. E. Frankish, Head Boy, Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate "A." M. B. Rumsey. W. R. Sewell, Sergeant O.T.C., Certificate "A." E. Wolfendale, O.T.C.
Fifth Form.	P. Holmes. A. W. Neil, O.T.C.
Fourth Form.	K. R. Kiddy, O.T.C.
First Form.	J. B. Pride.
SALVETE—Royalists.	W. E. Cotton. G. L. Cotton. A. F. Jennings.

Congratulations to P. R. R. Boughton on becoming Head Boy, to H. V. Iggulden on being made School Prefect and to R. J. Bugg on becoming House Prefect.

P. R. R. Boughton and H. V. Iggulden were appointed Captain and Vice-Captain of Hockey respectively.

Such was the severity and length of the cold spell that the first general games of the term was on Thursday, 29th

February, exactly seven weeks from the date of re-assembly. Even so, after less than a fortnight's finer weather, more snow fell on March 14th, and the field was covered to a depth of some inches for the last games' afternoons but one of term.

By the voluntary and generous donations of the School a substantial sum was handed over to the "comforts for the troops fund," and gratefully acknowledged.

To our very great regret, we hear we are to lose both Mr. Hall and also Mr. Climo. Mr. Hall has been with us ten years all but a term; he has done an immense amount for the teaching of Science, for the Mathematics of the first Form and for the Scout Troop. Our loss is the gain of Bedlington Secondary School, where he goes as Senior Chemistry Master. He takes our gratitude and our good wishes with him. Mr. Climo has been called up for military service. Although he has been with us only since last September he soon won the appreciation and the admiration of us all in the classroom and on the playing field. Our earnest good wishes go with him.

ROYALIST NOTES.

Congratulations to J. E. Wombwell on becoming Royalist Vice-Captain of Hockey. Although he did not lead the Royalist team to victory, the House was certainly not disgraced.

Our loss at Hockey now leaves the Games' Cup to be decided at Cricket, and we may look forward with confidence.

We must also congratulate J. E. Wombwell and R. J. Bugg on becoming House Prefects this term. P.R.R.B.

FOREIGNER NOTES.

Although short in point of weeks, the term has been a strain on everyone, as for many days on end the exceptional weather prevented any outdoor exercise. It might have been expected that such a state of affairs would have had an adverse effect on the equanimity of some. It is therefore a real testimonial to the spirit of the House that, during the whole of the cold spell there were no frayed tempers, and everyone retained his good humour.

We were fortunate to escape any serious frost damage, nor did we suffer from any shortage of fuel. Early one Sunday

morning, however, we woke to find the staircase tower had turned itself into a sort of giant shower bath, owing to the water tank in its roof becoming perforated. Even so the trouble was soon cured, and no great damage resulted, though some of us began to envy Mr. Climo his umbrella.

This term we won the inter-House Hockey match by three goals to one. Now the destination of the Games' cup depends on the Cricket. At the end of last term we won the P.T. tankard, and we hope to repeat this victory.

Finally, we must thank the Headmaster for letting us hear the B.B.C. news on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Saturdays "Garrison Theatre," with Jack Warner's illuminating discourses on sealions, seals and eels. H.V.I.

Sixth Form Library Notes.

The Librarian wishes to thank all those who have helped to keep the library tidy during the term, and hopes that those following after will also follow that example. There have also been fewer school books left in the library shelves. The Librarian gratefully acknowledges two new books, "London: the Sovereign City," given by M. B. Rumsey, and "Science since 1500," given by M. E. Frankish. We must thank these Old Boys especially for responding so quickly to this long-standing custom which, though it is a pity to have to say it, some recent Old Boys from the Sixth Form seem to have forgotten. H.V.I.

Fiction Library Notes.

On account of the black-out and the very bad weather this term, the Fiction Library has been in even more demand than usual.

Some day-boys still seem to be under the impression that the Fiction Library is exclusively for boarders. This is not the case and a few day-boys belong. The librarian hopes that more will join next term.

The librarian gratefully acknowledges the book "She was a Lady," by Leslie Charteris, given by A. C. T. Hawksley.

D.R.P.

Old Boys' Notes.

All Old Burians, and especially those in the Forces, are earnestly asked to send their personal news to the Editor, and thus help in the compilation of the School Record of Service.

The Editor will be pleased to forward letters from Old Burians to former schoolfellows where possible, or to supply addresses on request.

We acknowledge a most interesting letter from Ord. Sea. W. E. Smith, R.N.V.R. LDX 3977, Mess 26, H.M.S. "Argus," c/o G.P.O. For the first two months of the war Smith was serving on a destroyer, on submarine patrol, which though hard, was exciting. On a small ship, he says, the individual feels he has a relatively important part to play, whereas in a great ship he is lost in the crowd. Our good wishes went to Smith and his shipmates.

Keith Wyndham-Kaye has been gazetted to the North Staffordshire Regiment.

O. T. Lloyd describes himself a "war-time policeman"; he adds that his brother, A. M. Lloyd, is serving in an A.-A. Battery.

We acknowledge an interesting letter from M. R. Watkins, who has been granted a commission in the Durham L.I. The "Artists' Rifles," he says, were transformed into an O.C.T.U. on the outbreak, and all the original members have now been posted as officers to almost every Regiment in the Service, so an "Artist" can be pretty sure of finding a pal wherever he is sent. The training was admirable, and to have lived in the ranks a real asset. Watkins describes his men as small, but tough; he is thankful only to have to watch them boxing; the local dialect is a difficulty, and he is almost reduced to using the deaf and dumb alphabet at times.

G. H. Goffin writes in cheerful strain from an O.C.T.U. on the Scottish coast. Convoys pass and aircraft are active. Just before he was called up a German plane was brought down by our fighters close to his home. Goffin sends good wishes to the School and would be pleased to hear from old schoolfellows. In a subsequent letter he tells us of his successful passing out and gazette to the Sherwood Foresters. We congratulate Goffin and send him our good wishes.

We are very pleased to record the marriage of C. W. Cooper to Miss P. E. Baldwin last February. Also the marriage of F. E. Turner to Miss R. Poate, of Dovercourt, in the same month. Our congratulations and good wishes to the happy pairs.

The engagement is announced of Pilot Officer, C. J. Hinnell, R.A.F., V.R., the son of Dr. J. Squier Hinnell, O.B.E. himself an Old Burian, to Miss E. K. Pearce. Congratulations and good wishes to them also.

We hear with great pleasure of the induction of the Rev. Gun Hatt Lipscomb, A.K.C., as Rector of Earl Stonham. Lipscomb, as a student of King's College, London, gained a First Class in Philosophy and a Second Class in Theology in his Degree Examination. We wish him all success in his new cure.

M. C. P. Groombridge, R.A., tells us he has now been in France for some months, and has had to brush up his French considerably. Christmas was a merry festival. Everyone is in excellent health, keeping fit with football most afternoons. He sends good wishes to the School, which all here reciprocate.

M. E. Frankish tells us he has a post with Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., in the City. He adds that his brother, J. J. R. Frankish, sailed recently in the s.s. "Lochmonar," on the Vancouver route.

Major F. J. Wise writes that his son, J. C. Wise, now much improved in health, is becoming a keen sheep farmer. He adds that he does not remember such a Winter since he himself was at School here in 1890, when he learnt to skate on the middle path of the Abbey Gardens, flooded for the occasion, and to toboggan down the slope of the Vinefields. He mentions also that the Cadet Corps (now the O.T.C.) was started in his time. The uniform, with slouch hats turned up at the side and ornamented with a coloured feather, created some excitement; also a memorable inspection when, at the critical moment, the O.C.'s sword refused to come out of its scabbard.

We were delighted to receive Christmas cards from a number of Old Burians, including F. H. Jones, 251 Bucks A.-A. Battery; P. E. Williams, R.A.F., Halton; and J. H. Barry, No. 12 Service Flying Training School.

M. B. Rumsey tells us he is with a firm of Insurance Brokers, Payne & Co., Staple Hall, Stone House, Bishopsgate, and that he often has to visit Lloyd's on business. He speaks

with appreciation of his school days, and sends a book to the Library, duly acknowledged elsewhere.

S. Willis has been admitted as a Theological student to King's College, London, now evacuated to Bristol. He finds the course interesting, and sends good wishes.

B. J. Wright is still in Malaya. He was due home on leave, but this has had to be postponed. We are indebted for this news to his father, E. W. Wright, himself an Old Burian, of "Fircroft," Fir Tree Road, Banstead.

R. H. H. Burgess' home address is now "The Cottage," Elmswell. We understand he is still with Messrs. Players, in Nottingham.

J. S. Boys, we hear, is joining up in the Navy. N. M. Boys has been in the Army since last Summer. When both were small, we happened to come on J. smacking N.'s head hard; when remonstrated with J. said "I'm very fond of my brother, really."

We give the following extract from a long and interesting letter from G. V. Richdale. "In August (1939) we did a grand trip up to the Kruger National Park, the Game Reserve. It is a strip of country about forty miles broad by some two hundred long on the borders of Portugese East Africa. The animals are under special protection, and are mostly quite tame, and take no notice of passing cars. You sleep in primitive little rest camps, and outside these it is forbidden to get out of one's car. We saw pretty well every kind of wild animal, except elephant. Our best views were two magnificent leopards, strolling past, and later two lioness chasing seven leopards. The country round about is wild and mountainous." Richdale has recently been made a Director of Rand Mines, Ltd., and acting Chairman of three of the biggest mines on the Rand.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from T. H. Phillips, who left in 1925, now home on leave from the Sudan. After more than ten years' service with the Bombay, Baroda and Central Indian Railway, and travel in Irak and in Arabia, Phillips was so fortunate as to obtain a post in the Sudan Civil Service eighteen months ago. He was surprised to find how well the School was known, and thought of, when he was making his application for appointment. He has a son, aged seven, whom he hopes to enter soon.

We hear that G. W. Bishop, home address now 6, Albert Street, Bury St. Edmund's, is serving in the Royal Corps of Signals.

We were very pleased to get a letter from J. M. Hooper, now with his Field Company in France. As he asks us specially not to print an extract, we refrain from doing so, but thank him and wish him all the best.

A letter from H. S. Sanders, 4, Park View Road, Hove 4, Sussex, just to hand, informs us that he is very busy in his office. Amongst a hundred applicants he was successful in securing a post under the Brighton Corporation, but finding that this service would exempt him from the Army, and not liking the work, he threw up the position. Sanders has registered for Military Service and is looking forward to his call up soon. We thank him for his letter and send him our very sincere good wishes.

Just before the end of term we had the pleasure of a visit from E. F. R. Stearn, home on four days' leave from his Regiment, and looking fit and well. He said he was having plenty of work and plenty of sport too.

We were pleased to get a letter from C. J. Hinnell who says he is finding his new work very interesting, and is growing quite fond of the unfamiliar part of London in which it lies at present. Good wishes to him for the future.

Obituary.

WALTER KELLY FIRMINER,
1882—1886.

We reprint the following obituary notice from the *Bury Free Press* of 2nd March, 1940, with grateful acknowledgments for permission to do so.

The Rev. W. K. Firminger, D.D., chaplain to the King at Hampton Court Palace since 1926, who died this week at Hampton Court at the age of 69 years, was an Old Boy of the King Edward VI. Grammar School, Bury St. Edmund's. He was the youngest son of the late Rev. T. A. C. Firminger, and was educated at Lancing, at Bury St. Edmund's (from 1882 to 1886), and at Merton College, Oxford, where he graduated with honours in Modern History in 1893. He proceeded M.A. in 1896, B.D. in 1905, B.Litt. in 1917, and

D.D. in 1920. Ordained at Hereford the year he graduated he went in 1895 as a priest to Mombasa, East Africa, and afterwards ministered at the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, Zanzibar. He returned to England in 1897, and for a year was curate of Margate. Then he went to India, where in turn he was junior chaplain at Calcutta Cathedral, chaplain at Kidderpur, and Archdeacon of Calcutta. Apart from furlough, he remained in the East from 1899 until 1923. On his return to England he was appointed to the benefice of Padbury, Bucks., and in 1926 became chaplain to the King at Hampton Court. Dr. Firminger was a keen student of modern history and a member of the Indian Historical Records Commission. He published various treatises on theological subjects, and among his other works were: "Guide to Calcutta," "History of Freemasonry in Bengal," "Narrative of a Gentleman Long Resident in India," and essays on Zanzibar and Kashmir in the British Empire Series. In 1898 he married Eveleen, daughter of the late Rev. P. E. Miles, of Odstock Rectory, Salisbury. Dr. Firminger had renewed his association with the Grammar School at Bury St. Edmund's by attending on occasions the Old Boys' Dinner, and he had been the guest of the present Headmaster and Mrs. Wadmore.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge the following:— "The Aldenhamian," "The Chelmsfordian," "The Culfordian," "The Exonian," "The Kingsbridgian," "King Edward School Chronicle," "Northgate Magazine," "The Sulian."

We are always pleased to exchange the *Burian* with other Schools; our address will be found inside the front cover.

School Calendar, 1940.

1940 SUMMER TERM, First session	...	Thursday, 18th April
Whit Sunday	...	12th May
Examinations begin...		Wednesday, 10th July
Examinations end	...	Tuesday, 23rd July
Last session	...	Wednesday, 24th July
1940 AUTUMN TERM, First session	...	Thursday, 12th Sept.

Boarders are due to arrive on the afternoon before the first session, and to leave on the morning after the last session.

Notices.

The Burian Magazine.

The Editor regrets the unavoidable reduction in the size of the magazine. He earnestly requests Old Burians, whether subscribers or not, to write to him giving details of their doings and address, thus laying the foundation of a School record of service. Where possible, he will be pleased to re-direct letters to other Old Burians.

The Editor thanks sincerely all those who have contributed or otherwise helped in the production of this Number. He apologises for any mistakes or omissions and will be grateful for any corrections or additions.

The Editor invites contributions from past or present Burians. All contributions must be written on one side of the paper only, and be accompanied by the writer's name—not necessarily for publication.

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King Edward VI. School, Bury St. Edmund's.

Copies of back numbers of the *Burian* may be obtained from the Editor, price 1/7 post free.

Old Burians' Association.

For the present, and until further notice, all activities of the Association are unavoidably suspended. The president—

S. S. Strickland, 47, Abbeygate Street,
Bury St. Edmund's,

has custody of the records, and will attend to pressing business. Annual subscription to the *Association* will not be expected during the present state of affairs.

Old Burian ties, scarves, blazers, cuff links, etc., are obtainable only at 47, Abbeygate Street, Bury St. Edmund's.

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