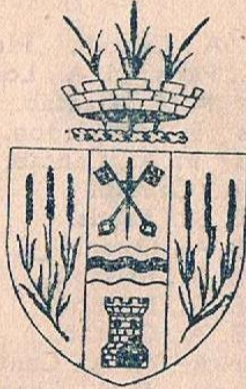


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## Editorial

**I**n a few days' time the Christmas Term, 1946 will have ended and a little after that most of us will have banished all thoughts of school from our minds, to prepare to enjoy all that the festive season offers us.

Has this term been a fitting end to a most successful year in the school's history? I think we may well congratulate ourselves on what we have achieved. At long last most boys have come to realize that the bell at 4.15 is not the end of school; it ends only one aspect of school life; the more entertaining, but none the less important, side of school has yet to come. Very seldom has it been that the school has not been the scene of some activity or other.

Besides those long-established features of school life such as the Debating Society and the A.T.C., which continue to attract many members, other organisations have sprung up and have been enthusiastically supported. The enthusiasm with which the announcement of the resumption of the activities of the Geography Society was acclaimed was one of the most encouraging features of the term. The Phalanx has sprung into life again. We may be justly proud of our 1st XV which, in winning all its nine matches this term, seems set for a school record. But perhaps the thing foremost in our minds this term has been "The Gondoliers". Much enthusiasm has been shown at rehearsals.

So much for the school itself. The activities of the Old Boys' Association are now in full swing and a great effort is being made to bring it up to its pre-war standard. Several Whist Drives have been arranged this term by the Parents' Association and have been well attended. Both the Dance and the Quiz held this term were great successes.

It has certainly been a full and enjoyable term but there is one blemish to mar an otherwise perfect picture. In view of this great enthusiasm and vigour it is somewhat surprising and perplexing to find a deplorable lack of interest in some features of school life. The attendance of the school at matches against other schools leaves a lot to be desired. There was also a poor response to the appeal of the Editorial staff for voluntary contributions. It is hoped that this apathetic attitude, which is particularly noticeable amongst the Juniors, will have completely disappeared by next term.

## The Midhurst Horse Show

(From a harvest camp letter)

“ . . . . and came in from work, with potato mud still plastered on us, to find the Horse Show already in progress. Having washed and eaten—not without superior looks from some—we infiltrated and saw for ourselves.

Talk about eccentrics and cranks!—the first to pass me was a chinless woman with glasses, orangy slacks and a yellow choker—topped with an accent and a chrome shooting stick! This was quickly followed by a bevy of beavers—the father sporting red-brown riding breeches, a brown beard and a long grey seaman's coat; his scruffy crowd of children all needed a haircut.

But we'd seen nothing yet—and on coming back from the village (after buying up the place), spotted the prize lot of the afternoon. Spectators, these were watching a few bowler-hatted gentry prancing about the ring, and oh boy—what spectators! a large weedy boy, about my age, in a blue knickerbocker suit, white ankle socks and sandals, with a pale face and a lisp; and his mother—a mountain in jodhpurs and jazzy riding jacket.

We laughed—but we hadn't seen father—in his check cap, brown gaiters and black boots, grey breeches and yellow tie with red dogs' heads—also watching the show.

Fussing around this queer lot was the “Hon. Organiser,” Major——, quite entrancing in his shiny hat and natty suit—especially when driving his home-made car—a cross between a greenhouse and a railway carriage on wheels!

Also present at this meeting of Sussex gentry was Admiral——. He was with his daughters, both looking very superciliously at us humble inhabitants of Mitcham when we dared to pass.

Taking only second place as star turn was P——, one of our own boys, acting as a car park official, for in a long white coat, which covered his shorts but not his army socks and boots, he looked more like a “chucker-out” from a boxing booth, or night club!

After the Open Jumping, which was good, even to my

untutored eyes, the crowd dispersed, leaving us collecting souvenirs. . . . "

S. J. O. VI.

(Of course—there were some ordinary people—Ed.)

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## Examination Results

(JULY 1946)

**Higher School Certificate with exemption from Inter. B. Sc.:**

P. A. Lemin, A. S. Parkinson.

**Higher School Certificate with exemption from Inter. B.A. :**

E. E. Lyons.

**Higher School Certificate:**

Bartlett, Bull, Cousens, Dabbs, Hunter, Simpson, Winfield, Kelly, Watkin, Wootton.

**General School Certificate, with exemption from Matriculation:**

Banyard, Delin, Goldney, Gwilliam, Harold, Lane, McGrath, McDaniel, McKee, Palmer B., Searle, Stubbings, Swaine, Willcox.

**General School Certificate:**

Austin, Beardmore A., Beardmore W., Beland, Beresford, Dell, Dowdall, Drewett, Elliman, Ellis, Foote, Frankland, Franklin, Gray A., Harman, Harrison, Hayes, King, Kirwin, Lyons, Marley, Moon, Neville, Palmer J., Pillinger, Rich, Rimmington, Sorrell, Tunbridge, Veal, Walker, Wesley, West.

**County Major Scholarship:**

P. J. Briggs, S. H. Cousens.

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## Metropolis

I wander, tired and careless of the world  
 That rushes round me, everyone intent  
 And certain where his destination lies.  
 Bustle and turmoil fill each flying hour,  
 Traffic and crowded streets are all one sees  
 From early morning till the sun has gone.

The darkness ends the struggle that is life  
 For men, and in the narrow streets each house  
 Hugs close its neighbour as the argent moon  
 Plays tricks with shadows, makes strange shapes  
 on walls,

While in the distance, far away, the roar  
 Of the completed day re-echoes still.

But while, insensible, the people sleep,  
 The stillness and the solitude enfold  
 The fading echoes of the vanquished day,  
 And for a few short hours, to all unknown  
 Except the vagrant lovers of the night,  
 The city wakes and breathes and is itself.

A. L. D. VI.

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## V A C and C H A

I am sure that, if I explain to those who are unfamiliar with them the terms that head this article, many will be able to derive much greater enjoyment from their holidays. The case of the boy who, having waited patiently for the summer holidays throughout June and July, becomes bored after a few weeks of getting up late and of frequent visits to the cinema, always seems very pitiful to me. When he has some half-hearted desire to get back to school, he is simply admitting that he has failed to occupy his time in doing something which is a complete change from what he does in term-time. How different are those

who, having spent their time more wisely, look forward to the new term, content that they have taken full advantage of their opportunity. I feel sure that C. H. A. and V. A. C. could do a great deal to prevent the tragedy of a wasted holiday.

C.H.A. stands for the Co-operative Holidays Association and V.A.C. for Volunteer Agricultural Camps. Throughout the British Isles, in Scotland, Wales, the Lake District, the Isle of Wight, Devon, Derbyshire and even our own Surrey, C.H.A. Guest Houses have been established. Last summer I stayed at the Hope Guest House which is situated on the slope of a hill in the heart of the Peak District of Derbyshire. The difference between the C.H.A. and the Y.H.A. is that, whereas the latter provides for the itinerant holiday-maker, the C. H. A. Guest House is your fixed abode for the holiday. The chief aims of this organisation are to give exercise by means of walks and at the same time to promote an interest in natural scenery. Official rambles are arranged for each day of your holiday, generally leaving the G.H. about 9.0 a.m., and returning about 5.0 p.m. to allow time for showers and baths before the evening meal at 7.0 p.m. Besides providing for outdoor entertainment, some sort of social activity is arranged each evening. Twice a week, guests are invited to show what they can do on the stage and a musician is always in great demand. What the sketches lack in quality they make up in originality of production, many faux pas being incorporated in the action with great success. With so many social gatherings, it is not surprising that at the end of the fortnight you find yourself very unwilling to leave all the many friends that you have made. These holidays are called co-operative not because of any political leaning, but because they encourage service to others and this is very strictly adhered to.

In the Volunteer Agricultural Camps you experience life "in the raw" but far more enjoyable and cordial. The primary aim of this government scheme is to gather in the harvest and they do not spare many pains to provide recreational facilities. Here you will always find a clique of impecunious students, but ordinary working-class men and young girls, eager to see life, form the backbone of the campers. When you return to the hostel after a hard day's

work there is none of that studied politeness of the C.H.A. crowd; everyone is hungry and that is that. You look in vain for table cloths, you can wait until supper-time for grace and still not be satisfied. There is none of that dexterous use of knife and fork, as some find better methods of eating a particularly tough chop. After dinner you either enjoy the countryside in the cool of the evening or repair to the Common Room. There card schools quickly multiply while a crowd of musical perverts gather round "Bill" who proudly and persistently picks his way through "Don't fence me in", for his idolatrous audience. In another corner you see a less numerous crowd who, to a background of "Double one it is" and such like, try patiently to recognize the themes of a symphony, coming painfully and almost inaudibly from a dilapidated radio set. The weekly dance is a great affair. The crowd of campers are reinforced by a contingent from the local army H. Q., and the hitherto morose girls brighten up and think, "This is worth working for." Such memories you find very difficult to forget.

At C.H.A., you come into contact with one class only, what I might term the "school teachers class". Everyone has some degree or other, even if it does cost £2 a year; they are all very kind and considerate, but you miss the weird types, ignorant but well-meaning, that you are likely to meet at V.A.C. The great charm of V.A.C. lies in the fact that you never know what to expect next; situations crop up which afford much more laughter and provide you with far happier memories than any preconceived plan. There are plenty of rough diamonds (but good-hearted fellows in the main.) They just have not realized the social value of making yourself out to be what you are really not.

In conclusion, it would be well to know something of the cost of these holidays. At the V.A.C., you pay 28/- a week, which covers board and lodging. You get a reduction in the railway fare by means of a voucher, which enables you to purchase a return ticket for single fare. What you earn at the camp is all yours. C.H.A. is essentially a holiday and naturally you have to pay for the little extra comforts and conveniences. The charge for the fortnight



spent at a Guest House is £6. 10. 0. and then there is the ordinary fare to pay. But even this compares favourably with the cost of board residence at ho'iday-resorts.

So there you are. If you can manage both in the same holiday, they will reap you a rich reward.

(If anyone would like to know more about it, please see me. Ed.)

L. H. D. VI

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### Fairyland: June 8th 1946

The prosperous shape of a shopkeeper's wife and the nervous stoop of her niece were silhouetted against the garish glow of floodlit London. One said to the other, "We simply must visit St. James' Park, my dear, it's ——" (she paused to think of a suitable adjective but plumped for a metaphor)—"it's fairyland."

I was tired of the world of mud, drizzle, sodden paper and the smell of fireworks. I was tired of the world of bleary eyes, beer-scented breath and patriotic-sentimental songs. I was almost overcome by damp squibbiness. So it was that this stray sentence of an overheard conversation was elevated to rank with the exhortations of the saints. And so it was that I turned from the peace-weary Mall, into the park.

Through the trees I could see the lake with blue and gold and green fountains. Above the trees I could see an illuminated dome. A fairy lake and a fairy palace! Then, as I drew nearer to the lake I saw the fairy citizens. Some were huddled in raincoats with hats pulled down over their eyes. Others were trimly rigged in plastic hoods and macs. All were pushing, and struggling and kicking, and treading on each other's toes in their anxiety to cross the bridge over the lake. Some were singing fairy songs, like "One Meat Ball", while less musical sprites chanted, "Ain't it lovely", in canon. Then I heard the fairy king whose voice filled the air as he said, "Keep moving across the

bridge, please." But I realised that fairy sounds are not meant for such coarse, mortal ears as mine. The atmosphere was foreign to my nature. So I hurried to the sinister underworld of the Northern Line.

G. K. VI

### Library Notes

**D**URING the past year there have been two definite aspects to the life of the School Library.

The brighter side is the addition of new books. Books are much more plentiful now; many out-of-print volumes are returning, together with a horde of war adventure stories. The Parents' Association generously presented £20 to the Library Fund, which was very wisely spent, and through them we acquired some of the most interesting books yet added. New books were also purchased from the normal grant, and included a new set of Children's Encyclopaedias.

For the benefit of statistical fiends the daily weather chart of the Northern Hemisphere is pinned up by a member of the "Geography crowd". The main drawback here is that it is yesterday's chart at which you are looking, and the most you can do is to confirm the fact that it was rain which made you wet the day before.

The gloomier side, which has steadily become worse, is the use, or rather misuse, of the library during school hours. Music, including the piano, has left, but in its place hordes of sixth formers invade the room at all times of the day for private study. Books are replaced wrongly, if at all, and the librarians for the day have all their time cut out in recovering "Science" from "Shakespeare", and vice-versa. We hope that things will be better.

When all the exams were over, at the end of July, the librarians in the Second Year Sixth, who had sufficiently composed themselves after the ordeal, catalogued and mended all the books. Some 80 copies were originally missing, but by dint of clearing out lost property and various unmentionable rooms in the school, this number was reduced to about 40.

The Librarians for the term have been :— Simpson, Simmons, Butler, Parkinson, Knight, Cousens, Harbert and Dunkley, who have all done much valuable work in the Library.

K. Lewis, Head Librarian.

### The Old Mitchamians Association

**Y**OUR Editor has kindly given me some of his valuable space to talk to you about the O.M.A. This Association has had many ups and downs since it was formed in 1926; shortly before the war it commenced to flourish but with the outbreak of hostilities its activities practically ceased. They commenced again, when Mr. Doig called a General Meeting of Old Boys, on March 6th this year when some 40 Old Boys turned up at the White Hart Hotel at Mitcham and re-constituted The Old Mitchamians Association. I had the honour to be elected its Secretary, and I realise it will mean a lot of hard work to get the Association running again in a real and live manner, which it must do if the interest of Old Boys is to be maintained. Assisting me, I have your Headmaster, Mr. Doig, whose help and enthusiasm know no bounds, and a very able and keen Committee, which includes Mr. Hopton. We made a good start, and held a very successful Dinner in April, attended by some 75 Old Boys; we have a similar function in view for next year and hope to make it an annual feature. Also on the social side we plan to hold a Dance at the Mitcham Baths on 15th January 1947, and we have plans to hold a Dinner and Dance in the very near future.

A Rugby section has been formed and great things are expected of it. In the near future we hope to form, amongst others, a Cricket section.

Now what I really want to tell you is this: When you leave school, remember you at once become an Old Boy, and we have decided that all boys leaving School shall become members of the Old Mitchamians Association free of all membership charges for one year. During that year we hope you will get to know those Old Boys who left before you, some of whom you know, but the great majority of

whom you do not. If the O. M. A. is to flourish we must have your help and co-operation, and if you give us that, there is no doubt our Association will grow, and take its place with the Old Boys' Associations of Schools that have been in existence longer than ours.

R. W. Gore (1925)

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## Parents Association

**T**HE Second Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 17th October, 1946. The Secretary reported a very successful year of activity. Membership of the Association had increased to approximately 70 p.c. of the parents.

Refreshments were served on Saturdays throughout the last Rugby season by ladies on the Committee and a number of other parents. The service performed by the ladies who have devoted their time on these occasions is much appreciated. A very full programme of matches has been arranged for the present season and the names of a few more parents willing to assist for two hours about twice in the season will be gratefully accepted. Please send in your names to the school; you will be notified when your services are required.

After prolonged negotiations with the L.P.T.B. a stopping place for buses travelling from the Manor Road area has now been placed in position outside the school.

A satisfactory balance in the accounts enabled the Association to purchase and present to the School Library approximately forty new books.

Membership cards with a programme of events for the current year have been distributed. Will any member who has not received one, or parent wishing to become a member, please communicate with me at the school?

At the end of the A. G. M. a quiz was conducted. A team of fathers was opposed by a team of mothers of boys at the school. It soon became evident that the contestants had not been primed with answers by their offspring;

nevertheless both teams retired well satisfied and undefeated—by some mysterious agency each side having scored an equal number of points. An enjoyable close to an evening primarily devoted to the business of the Association.

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### The Debating Society

**T**HE Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of the year. The Secretary and Committee were chosen, and since then they have managed to arrange four meetings.

The first was "That the Science course in this school provides a more balanced and beneficial education than the Arts course." There were eventually three sides to this debate; the science section, the arts supporters, and "Our Philistine Friend", who stated that both courses were inadequate and entreated members not to vote. The vote showed that the house had a leaning towards science.

The next motion was "That Craft had had more effect upon civilization than Art." This produced many definitions of the terms "craft", "art", and "civilization". The main speakers finished the battle by talking about entirely different motions, each choosing the best to suit his argument. Craft won the day.

The house decided "That modern buildings were not defacing the English countryside." This produced many examples but no concrete arguments. At all debates Mr. Chairman produced a perfectly unbiassed opinion which ceased to be unbiassed after the first sentence. His efforts were of no avail.

The feature of the term was a Mystery Debate. The Hon. Secretary produced a list of subjects, and with a pin Mr. Chairman picked a subject for each of the members to speak about. Food for thought was provided by Mr. P—'s new conception of Religion as it applied to man in general and Mr. Chairman in particular.

Attendance has been good, but new members are always welcome.

C. R. S. VI

## The Boxing Club

**T**HE Boxing Club was revived at the beginning of this year, and an exciting exhibition, given by the few who had joined the club, took place in the gymnasium just before Easter, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the School. The club's activities were temporarily suspended, however, during the summer months.

This term the club was continued with a new membership of thirty enthusiasts and we are very fortunate in having the assistance of an old boy, Gibson, an ex-R.A.F. heavy-weight and an old member of the school boxing club. Our first match, which was arranged against Sutton, and which took place in their own school on October 25th, consisted of ten bouts, ranging from 5 to 11 stone, eight of which we lost, though many of them by a narrow margin only. The main weakness was the failure to use the right hand, and a two-handed attack must be developed if we intend to produce good boxers. It is hoped that we shall provide them with a tougher opposition in the return match at home next term.

Matches have been arranged with a London Youth Club and with Tiffins in the near future, whilst the competition for the House Boxing Cup will be held next term.

D. A. West.

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## The Geographical Society

**T**HE first meeting since 1940 of the Geographical Society was held on Friday, September 27th. Mr. Bottoms presided, giving a short opening address sketching the pre-war activities of the Society, stressing the fact that the Society was old-established, and implying that members would have to be keen to live up to the Society's pre-war reputation. Officers, — a Secretary, a Minutes Secretary, and a Committee — were elected. A committee meeting

was held soon after to elect members, limited to forty boys in the IVth form or above, and the Geographical Society now had members as well as officers.

The Headmaster, as President of the Society, gave the inaugural lecture on "Character and Geographical Environment," emphasising the point that man's characteristics are influenced by his environment but that he is capable of rising above them, and is responsible for his character. There followed fortnightly lectures by Mr. Larkin on "The Middle East", Mr. Judge on "The Rock", and Mr. Lewis "With a Jeep in Malaya", which were well received.

Posters have appeared from time to time, of varying sizes and excellence, advertising the programme of the Society, and it is hoped that these can soon be displayed on a Geographical Society notice board, not merely on a borrowed part of the Debating Society notice board as they have been this term.

A ramble has been organised for the Christmas holidays, and members are advised not to wear their Sunday best.

Thanks are due to all members of the Staff who have helped to make our meetings successful.

E. J. (Hon. Sec.)

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## 289 A T C

**A**LMOST the whole flight paraded at Euston one Saturday in July to entrain for the RAF Station, Silverstone, where they were to spend their annual training camp. The training, if it can be called such, was very good; it was varied and even included some of the senior cadets spending one afternoon in front of a 'Marconi', the wireless set used in aircraft, set up exactly as in aeroplanes, twiddling knobs and tapping out unintelligible messages in Morse. All good things have to come to an end some time, and a week later we were all back in Mitcham, very sorry to leave a camp where 'the flicks' were so cheap and 'grub' had

been so plentiful, even though everybody was called a 'bod'.

This term we have been fortunate in having .22 rifles and a range at our disposal. Enjoyable parades have been spent entirely in firing rifles; in the near future we shall have rifles of our own. Instruction has not lagged; two cadets are being entered for the Proficiency Examination, and several other cadets are hoping soon to be the proud wearers of a star.

Leading-Cadet Blaen has been promoted Corporal. The strength of the flight, however, is not so great as it was at the end of last term because the number of recruits has not been sufficient to make up for the number of cadets who have left school. Any new recruits would be welcomed.

A. S.

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## The Phalanx

**T**HE organisation in the school which is known by the name of the Phalanx was founded way back in the Spring Term of 1944. At that first meeting, the thirty boys who had been asked to attend assembled to hear what it was all about. The aim of the Phalanx, they were told, was to provide those boys who had shown a keen interest in the activities of the school an opportunity for future service. They were to lead the rest of the school in every aspect of school life. Their services might be required at any time when a particular job needed immediate attention.

The Phalanx has continued to hold meetings now for two years and, though too often in the past enthusiasm has waned into cynicism and scepticism, it may now truthfully be said that members have realised their responsibilities and have a genuine desire to be worthy members of the Phalanx. Members are given few privileges; they are encouraged to think more of what they can put in than of what they can get out of it. The satisfaction of doing a good job of work is what election to the Phalanx offers you.



This term we have held five meetings. Grass-cutting unfortunately has had to be abandoned owing to the dark evenings. Working parties for window-cleaning and scaping will be arranged next term when members have not quite so many calls on their time. The Phalanx will be providing ushers for the school performances of "The Gondoliers".

The school is the scene of pleasant gatherings every Wednesday evening, when Phalanx members and Old Boys join together to play table-tennis, darts and badminton. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Perry and Miss Patrick for providing refreshments.

Hon. Sec.

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### The Aero Club

The Aero Club has become one of the chief features of school life in the last few months. The Junior School contributes most of its members; there is no lack of enthusiasm amongst the seniors, but they have very little time because of preparation for examinations. A successful beginning was made this term and numbers have increased each week so that we now have the encouraging total of 28 members.

New members are cordially invited, and for a payment of ninepence entrance fee and a weekly subscription of threepence, a pleasant and instructive hour can be enjoyed on Mondays and Thursdays at 4.25 p.m.

The Juniors have made good progress with some elementary models, and the few seniors we are fortunate enough to have with us have almost completed advanced models.

The Club is grateful to Mr. Rushworth for the help and guidance which he has given us.

A.R.M. (Hon. Sec.)

## House Notes

**A**S another term finishes House Captains look back at its successes and forward to the prospects of their respective houses being Cock House. This term the first rounds of the Work Cup and Rugby Cup have been concluded. The value of the Work Cup has been shown by the all-round improvement in house results with each list of effort marks. Black took, and have held, first place while Blue and Red are equal in second place. Green unfortunately came fourth but only by a narrow and honourable margin. We congratulate those boys who have increased their effort mark to their own benefit and to that of their house. But we must mention the deplorable amount of "ballast" who show no inclination to help themselves or their house and yet, in most cases, are known to have the ability to do so.

The first round of the Rugby Cup has been played with the customary enthusiasm. Certain features of the play are worthy of comment. In the junior matches tackling was rare and seldom did anyone keep in his position. In the Senior match between Red and Black players threw themselves about with complete abandon. When Green played Blue there were some promising three-quarter movements.

Next term all energies will be directed towards the Cross-country, Grand Relay, Boxing Competition, the last round of the Rugby cup and the Aesthetic Trophy. Some boys have begun to prepare for these events and the rest should remember that the only way to prepare for the cross-country is to practise regularly. Unfortunately some boys think this to mean regularly each month. If each house is to do its best every boy must work hard. Those keen members of the house are advised to encourage their more indolent brothers by every means which their ingenuity can devise.

E.W.J.P.  
D.W.O.  
A.S.P.  
R.F.S.  
A.S.

## Rugby

307 points for; 11 points against! This is the record of the 1st XV. Most of the games have been played at home but this has not helped us as it should' because, instead of there being many boys from the school watching the game, support has been mainly confined to Parents and Old Boys. Consequently the 1st XV does not get the encouragement that its results deserve.

The team was fortunate in only losing five members of last year's XV and consequently is now playing as a combination and not as a mob of individuals. The forwards are learning to catch and pass, whilst the handling of the three-quarters is very good, even with a greasy ball. There is one thing that still remains to be improved—the kicking, both place-kicking and punting.

But on the whole the school has every reason to be proud of its 1st XV.

**Team:** Simpson (Capt.), Brett, Butler, Chapman, Dunkley, Edkins, Flint, Gray, Harbert, Ives, Lewis, Luney, Ockenden, Simmons, West.

**Second XV:** Sorrell (Capt.), Parkinson, Allwright, Crabick, Dew, Harding, Humphrey, Jones, Knight, Potter, Purdom, Tolley, Willcox, Williams B., Woodhouse.

**Colts XV:** Swaine (Capt.), Ashton, Bassano, Bishop, Carter D. E., Ellis, Embleton, Gathercole, Humphreys A., McIntosh, Mead, Morris, Prior, Shiers, Smith F.

A. S.

## Results

	1st XV.	2nd XV.	Colts XV
v. Tiffin	18—3	21—14	26—0
v. Beckenham	42—5	17—0	5—11
v. Surbiton	44—0	23—0	3—6
v. Purley	23—0	18—3	6—3
v. Old Boys	21—3		
v. Burstow			3—5
v. Sutton	44—0		13—0
v. Selhurst	27—0	0—19	4—0
v. Godalming	79—0		
v. Wallington	9—0	0—24	3—3
v. Bec		cancelled	

## School Notes

¶ The school has been outstandingly generous this term. We have collected a total of £40 for the Wilson Hospital and have broken all records. We are pleased to state that we have already attained our target of £100 for the year.

¶ The School Harvest Camp this year was held at Midhurst. All those who were lucky enough to go thoroughly enjoyed their stay.

¶ We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Chapman to the school this term.

¶ We regret to announce the death of L. R. Woods who left in 1942 and was school captain for the last year of his school career. After spending a year at Oxford University he entered the Royal Navy in which he subsequently obtained a commission.

¶ The School Choir continues to hold its meetings every Monday. Considerable enthusiasm has been shewn by the Juniors but the attitude of the seniors to this excellent institution is far from satisfactory.

¶ Scout Arthur Baker, a 14 year old pupil of this school, has been awarded the Silver Cross for an attempted rescue of a drowning boy.

¶ Work from the handicraft classes was selected to adorn, in colour, the front cover of the August issue of Britain's leading trade journal in plastics—"British Plastics". Members of the senior school recently visited the Daily Graphic Plastics exhibition. Everyone succeeded in bringing home a souvenir.

¶ We should like to see more boys attending the Gramophone Concerts held every Wednesday dinner hour.

¶ We wish to thank the printers of this magazine: Jones, Simmons, Ives, Lamburne, Sexton, and Worsfold. They have devoted much of their spare time to printing and have had to put up with many inconveniences.