

G. CALLINGHAM

First names in full: George, Charles, Albert
Date of birth: 26-12-1909
Place of birth: Ash, Surrey
School: Heathcote Memorial (Village School)
University or college: /

Left or right-handed batsman: Right Handed
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: Left Handed (Swing)
Year of first class debut: Approximately 1937 and after the war.
Teams played for:
First class - Three Counties Hospital, Beds.
Bedfordshire C.C.C.
St Giles, Bedfordshire,
Second class - Letchworth Town
Romsey Town.
Others - Normandy, Surrey.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Three Counties Hospital C.C. were regarded the best side in Bedfordshire, before the war, it included seven county players.
I had the pleasure of playing under their ^{county} captains A. B. Poole, J. Oliver & R. Wetherill (Bedfordshire Blue).
Playing member of Woking F.C. Westhuron League
" " " " Letchworth F.C. Premier Div; Wokington League
" " " " " " " "

Occupation: George Nurse (Retired)
(N.B.A.) now Fairfield-Hospital.

Thank you for your help.

Regret the delay in replying.
Yours
G.C.

KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

K. C. Campin, Young County Cricketer

Local cricket and Rugby football have suffered a loss by the death of Sergt.-Navigator Kenneth C. Campin (O.B.M.), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Campin, 8 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moretaine, who was killed in a flying accident in Scotland on 10th January.

Aged 22, Campin was a sportsman of exceptional promise, who made his mark in cricket and Rugby at the Modern School and played in the Bedfordshire Eleven when he was sixteen. After many fine bowling performances for the School, he made his debut for the County against Cambridgeshire in 1939, taking four for 79 in the first innings and one for 26 in the second. In the return match at Luton his figures were three for 31 and three for 12, and in the final averages for the season he was third with 11 wickets at a cost of 186 runs.

SEVENTY WICKETS IN A SEASON

For Leighton Buzzard in 1941 he bowled 154 overs, taking 70 wickets at a cost of 434 runs (average 6.2), and in his first over against Luton Town he did the hat-trick, finishing the match with eight for 16. He headed the club's bowling averages that year and attracted the attention of Northamptonshire C.C.

Campin played full-back for the School XV and several times he figured with conspicuous success in the Town side.

Before joining the R.A.F. Campin was employed in the County Civil Defence organization at the Shire Hall. He was a keen member of the Shelton Road Methodist Church, being associated with the Young Men's Circle and Sunday School there. He will be greatly missed by many friends.

The following tribute has been received:

"We sportsmen of Marston feel deeply the loss of our great friend, Ken Campin, who has given his life for his country. Ken was respected and admired by us all for his true sportsmanship. He played both football and cricket with the same loyalty to his team as he showed in serving his country. He has been taken from us at an early age, but his fine qualities will be an example to the young sportsmen of Marston."

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Monday. A service was held in the Shelton Road Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. J. Paradise Frost (Circuit Minister), and Mr. Bert Thompson was at the organ. A large congregation was present.

The bearers were four Sunday School teachers, Messrs. J. Burridge, A. Brinsley, J. Gillett, and H. Robinson. These were replaced at the gates of the churchyard by four airmen from an R.A.F. station. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and on the top was a large floral cross from the parents, brother, and sister. At the graveside the Circuit Minister was assisted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Nowell-Rostron.

The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Campin (father and mother), Miss Q. Campin (sister), Mr. C. Roberts (grandfather), Mr. and Mrs. F. Roberts (uncle and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. J. Campin (uncle and aunt),

Mrs. W. Campin senior and Mrs. W. Campin junior (grandmother and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts (uncle and aunt), Mrs. H. Faulkner and Miss A. Hartham (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson (cousins), Mr. S. Bettell and Mrs. M. Bettell (uncle and cousin), Mr. J. Robinson (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. E. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bettell, Miss A. Evans, Mrs. F. Keep, Mr. S. Evans, Mrs. Braines, Mrs. Medcraft, Mrs. L. Hughes, and Miss A. Allen (cousins), Pte. Dennis Lunnon, R.A.F., and Mr. D. Smith (friends).

Corpl. Clifford Campin (a brother, serving in Holland) and Ice-Corpl. W. Campin (uncle) were unable to be present.

Mr. L. Blacklock (County A.R.P. Officer) and Mr. K. M. Bryson (A.R.P. Officer) represented the Shire Hall; and cricket interests were represented by Mr. Frank Crompton (Hon. Secretary, Minor Counties Cricket Association and Bedfordshire County C.C.), Mr. A. B. Poole (vice-captain of Bedfordshire XI), Mr. Stan Knight (Marston C.C.). Other representatives were: Messrs. J. Stapleton, J. Jiggles, J. Bennett, and B. Keep (Home Guard); Messrs. Tom Whitmore and J. Tuffnell (Special Constabulary); Messrs. E. J. Hillson and G. Owen (British Legion); Mrs. G. Owen (W.V.S.) and Mrs. S. Nowell-Rostron (Mothers' Union).

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Wreaths were from: Mum, Dad, Clifford, and Queenie; Grandpa Roberts, Uncle Fred, and Aunt Ida; Granddad Grandma Campin; Uncle Jack and Auntie Mary; Uncle Harry and Aunt Clara; Uncle Bill and Auntie Marjorie; Great-Grandpa, Aunt Mary, Aunt Annie, and Uncle Albert; Auntie Angle; Uncle Sid and family; Uncle Sam, Aunt Polly, and family; Uncle John, Aunt Nell, Hedley, and Helen; Little Bryan; Mrs. Cole and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Hilda, and Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. Beard, and Lily; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen, John and Margaret; Polly, Laura, Alice, and Louie (Britannia Road);

Pauls John and Tom; Pal Dennis; Mary (Cranfield); Daphne; Mrs. Bailey, Rose and Robert; Commanding Officer, Officers, and N.C.O.s, R.A.F. Station; The Air Crew Section, R.A.F. Station; Marston Branch, British Legion; Marston Cricket Club; Marston Methodist Forces Fund; Marston Home Guard; Jimmy, Fred, William, Leo, and Leonard (275 Company); A.T.S. Members, No. 11 M.S.D.; Bedfordshire County Cricket Club; Cryselco Forwarding Department.



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Lincs PE9 4BB~~

*Not at this
address for 15 yrs!*

3 May 2019

Dear Patrick

I've been asked by Bedfordshire County Cricket Club to put together an A-Z of all who have played for the County in senior representative cricket since the first match in 1855. The idea is to publish a book, probably in the spring of 2020; most Minor Counties have already done so.

You may recall you played three matches in the Minor County Championship in 1959 and I'd be really grateful if you could complete the attached form and return it to me at your earliest convenience. I've also included one for your brother, Hugh Russell Carlisle, who played for the County against Northamptonshire 2nd XI in 1951 and wonder if you could complete the same?

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Kevin

KEVIN CLEMENT

J.S. CARTER

Christian ~~First~~ names in full: JOHN SOMERS
Date of birth: 26 FEB., 1901
Place of birth: OXFORD
School: BEDFORD SCHOOLS
University or college: BALLIOL COLLEGE, OXFORD.

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT

Type of bowler and arm/~~wicket keeper~~: SLOW RIGHT (leg-breaks with the occasional googly)

see below † Year of first class debut: 1919 Beds v. Herts on the school ground

Teams played for:

First class - NONE

Second class - BEDS COUNTY.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS.

Others - GLOUCESTERSHIRE GYPSIES,
SURREY GRASSHOPPERS.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Rugger. I was not quite strong or fast enough to be in the top flight, but I played at full-back 3 or 4 times for Oxford University (v. Cardiff, Blackheath and on the Irish Tour) behind that marvellous $\frac{3}{4}$ line which played en bloc for Scotland - G.P.S. Macpherson and Co.

My brother, M.O. CARTER (see Who's Who) was a 1st class all-rounder. He played for the Public Schools XI before joining up in the 1st World War

Occupation: SCHOOL MASTER - Cheltenham College 1924-32
HEADMASTER St John's School, Leatherhead 1933-47
" Blundell's School 1948-59.

Thank you for your help.

† I was Captain of the School XI. I think the invitation to play for the County was a traditional courtesy. I managed to scrape about 40 runs and pretended not to be alarmed by their fast bowler - Hylla-Stewart, the delightful Music Master of Haileybury College.

Addresses in OBC Registers At BS:

1947 Headmaster's House, ^{St John's School} Leatherhead, Surrey

17th Sept. 1976

Prehsick East,
Feock, Truro,
Cornwall.

Dear Mr. Webb,

before I deal with your
questionnaire, would you be so kind
as to answer a few queries?

I have put them on a separate
sheet so that you will have to
write ^{just} a few words and return
the sheet in the enclosed
stamped envelope.

Yours sincerely,

J.S. Carter

29th Sept., 1976

Trelissick East,
Fock, TRURO.
Cornwall.

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you so much for your
letter.

What a labour of love! My best
wishes for your research.

I enclose my answers to your
questionnaire.

Of course do not waste time and
postage by acknowledging.

Yours sincerely,

J.S. Carter.

HONOURS

The following appeared in the Birthday Honours List:

C.M.G.

Allan John Ramsay (51-55), Ambassador, Beirut

O.B.E

Dr. Hugh Richard Gompertz (33-41) Lately Chairman, Kent Association of Boys' Clubs

A BOY WRITES HOME

Bedford, March 20th

My dear Father,

I meant to have written before, but could not very well, and besides though I might receive a letter in the course of last week. I find the natural philosophy rather hard sometimes but am beginning to understand it better now I think.

The 1st day of the examination is on the 27th of June. It lasts for five days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. So that I have about ten weeks before the examination, inclusive of the Easter holidays; and eight weeks to the sending in of the name and baptism certificate, at least ten weeks in order of time. The fee is paid upon going up, so I have time to look about me. I am getting on with the classics, I shall have been over the work once in about a fortnight. The only things I am very anxious about, are the chemistry, algebra and natural philosophy. The chemistry, I am reading up, now an hour every morning, before early school; so I have some time for the other subjects. Do you think I had better enter the boating club? I shall be able to get into a crew, and I can take more regular exercise; I must take some in Bedford, and that is the means nearest at hand. There was a game of hare and hounds yesterday to which however I did not go. We had a match on Thursday with the Middle Class School, a new school lately founded near Bedford.

I hope you are all well at home. I saw a dog yesterday almost like "Tip" only younger, like what he was when Pat first got him and it had a white strip down its face.

Goodbye,
With best love to all,
Believe me to remain,
Your loving son,

F J D Henslowe

The above was written by F J D Henslowe when he was at school from 1883 to 1887. The Ousel of 15th October, 1887 records that he was a monitor, and a member of the 1st XI. "A sound bat with good hitting powers and has on several occasions been of great value to the School. The smartest field in the team." He passed 12th into Sandhurst and joined the 22nd Cavalry, Indian Army. He served in the 1914-18 war and attained the rank of Lieut. Colonel. He died in 1937.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN ANTHONY LORIMER AUDEN

Born 17th February 1926
At the School from 1940 to 1944
Died in Reinach, Switzerland on 23rd May, 1989

GEOFFREY EDWARD JUSTUS BENN

Born 23rd July 1909
At the School from 1923 to 1927
Died January 1984

ANTHONY HUGH CHIMMO BRANSON, A.R.I.B.A.

Born 23rd April 1909
At the School from 1922 to 1927
Died 23rd May, 1989

Mr Tony Branson, a former Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council and three times Mayor of Sevenoaks, died at his home in Oakhill Road, Sevenoaks, during the early hours of Tuesday morning. He was 80 years old.

He held his seat on the UDC until the reorganization of local government in 1974 when he was elected to the old Sevenoaks District and Sevenoaks Town councils.

He lost his district council seat in the 1987 local elections but remained a town council member. He was elected Chairman of the District Council for the Council year 1976/77 and was town Mayor in 1977/8, 1980/81 and 1983/84. Mr Branson married his wife Isobel at the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Seal, in 1937, having met her in Australia three years earlier.

The couple lived in Vancouver Island, Canada for a year before returning to this country and a house in Platt in 1940. In 1949 they moved to Oakhill Road.

An architect by profession, Mr Branson worked for the London Borough of Woolwich for many years before setting up his own practice.

Mr Branson was a member of the Inner Magic Circle (Gold Star), the Sevenoaks Players, President of Sevenoaks Toy Library and a governor of Wildernesse School.

His architectural skills played a major part in the building of Sevenoaks Community Centre.

Paying tribute to Mr Branson, the present Town Mayor, Mrs Sheila Cotton, said: "The effect of the passing of Tony Branson from our lives is immeasurable. He was so much part of the life of Sevenoaks and of the Town Council. He was one of our senior colleagues and his knowledge of local matters was unrivalled. He had a keen sense of humour which he used to the full during council discussions.

He worked hard to protect the character and charm of Sevenoaks. Above all, Tony was a valued friend to the town and a passionate caring man whose mark will be left forever on the town of Sevenoaks which he loved so much."

Those sentiments were echoed by former Town Mayor and district councillor Mrs Ann Dawson who said, "I always think of Tony as the grand old man of the council. He spent the last 25 years working for Sevenoaks, the town he loved. Many a member has learnt the art of

debate from Tony but above all we shall remember his wit and his wisdom. The council members will miss him enormously." Mr Branson leaves a widow, a son, two daughters, three grandchildren - a fourth, Beverley, sadly died last year - and one great grandchild.

AUBREY CUST DELACOUR DE BRISAY

On the Staff from 1925 to 1940
Died on 13th August, aged 93
Aubrey de Brisay was the last descendant of a family of Huguenots who emigrated from France to England in about 1590 after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes had deprived them of their religious rights and their possessions. Not all the family were Huguenots, and those who were Catholics established themselves under the leadership of the Marquis de Brisay at the Chateau de Denouville, near Chartres. A history of the family in France written by the Marquis covered the period from the 9th century. It was published in Marners in 1890.

Aubrey de Brisay was a direct descendant of the Marquis Jacques de Brisay, Governor-General of French Canada from 1683 to 1689. He joined the Modern Languages Department of Bedford School after graduating Licence es Lettres, Strasbourg, and was an exhibitioner of Exeter College, Oxford.

In 1960 the President of the French Republic appointed him "Chevalier des Palmes Academiques". He was always interested in the organ and wrote a book about it under the title "The Organ and its Music". He also supervised the making of four recordings of the work of Buxtehude. Another of his books was "And then came war", a study of the 1914-18 War in which he served as Captain. He was editor of "The Ousel" for some years, when there were two issues a term, and School events were fully and extensively reported. His wide interests and intimate knowledge of the language and history of France made him of immense use to the School. He died without family and was the last of his line.

JOHN SOMERS CARTER

Born 26th February 1901
At the School from 1910 to 1919
Died 14th June 1989

Jack Carter was the son of the late Reginald Carter, Head Master of Bedford School from 1910 to 1928. He began his education at Edinburgh where his father was Rector of the Academy. When his family moved to Bedford, he joined Bedford School. At School, he was a senior Monitor, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Gym, a member of the 1st XV and a corporal in the O.T.C. He went on to Balliol College, Oxford, obtaining 1st Class Hons. Mods. From 1924 to 1932 he was an assistant master at Cheltenham College. From 1933 to 1947 he was head master of St John's School, Leatherhead, and from 1948 to 1959 head master of Blundell's School.

LIONEL MURDOCH PATRICK DUNCAN

Born 4th September 1917
At the School from 1931 to 1934
Died at his home in Maidenhead on 16th August 1989



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Player milestone - AC Thomas achieved his best bowling in

JOHN CAVANAGH

Full name: John Michael Cavanagh
Born: 1884, London, England
Teams: Bedfordshire (Minor Counties Championship: 1905-1907); All teams
Lists of matches and more detailed statistics

LATEST SCORES

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bbb of Kolkata Knight Riders 129-4 v Delhi Daredevils 128
Kolkata Knight Riders won

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Dubious. Always
referred to as J. Cavanagh
in scorecards & other articles.

John Cavanagh
of Shattersby Avenue
London E8
probably (my John Michael
deceased)
electrical engineer
(Noton)
a ward of Rose Vickers

SWITCH TO LEAGUE



Bedford Town and Bedfordshire top-scoring batsman Bill Chamberlain has accepted terms from Batley, a Yorkshire Council League side, and will be moving to that area after Christmas.

Always a lively and enterprising cricketer who wants to be "at the bowler", Chamberlain should certainly relish this more competitive form of the game. And as a fielder, of course, he is unrivalled locally.

Now 25 years of age, Chamberlain first played for the Town Club while still at Bedford Modern School, and made his first appearance for the County in 1956. He has regularly collected 1,000 runs every season since coming out of the Army, and his top scores are 152 not out for the Town and 125 not out for Bedfordshire.

Another BMS old boy regularly playing Yorkshire League cricket is Peter Klippax, who moves from Leeds to West Hartlepool next season.

Fortunately, Chamberlain will not be lost to Bedfordshire and Minor Counties cricket, for the County's matches are mostly in mid-week whereas the League game is confined to Saturdays.

F. CHANDLER

First names in full: FREDERICK
Date of birth: 21/1/1903
Place of birth: LUTON
School: ~~LUTON~~ LUTON MODERN & ST ALBANS PUBLIC
University or college: LONDON TECH.

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: R FAST
Year of first class debut: 1923
Teams played for:

First class -

Second class -

ST ALBANS SCHOOL 1st & 2nd XI

Others -

LUTON TOWN CRICKET CLUB

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

HERBERT HOLDSTOCK (BEDS COUNTY PRO) - UNCLE
1ST AND 2ND XI SCHOOL COLOURS IN
SOCCER
CRICKET
HOCKEY

COUNTY TENNIS

Occupation: CO DIRECTOR BUILDING FIRM.

~~Date of death:~~ STILL LIVING, NOW IN IBIZIA.

~~Place of death:~~

Thank you for your help.

He ~~is~~^{is} my brother - not father

Robert Chandler

15 March 1997

59c Mount Avenue
Ealing
LONDON W5 1PN

Ms C Galloway
Headteacher
The Royal Latin School
Brookfields
BUCKINGHAM MK18 1AX

Dear Ms Galloway

Alfred Chapman

Thank you very much indeed for sending me all the material you have about Alfred Chapman. It is most valuable to have this and I greatly appreciate the trouble you have taken to collect it together.

One lead to follow up is that his brother became Head Master of Winslow Junior School and another is that, being in the Upper Sixth Form in 1932, he was probably born between 1914 and 1916.

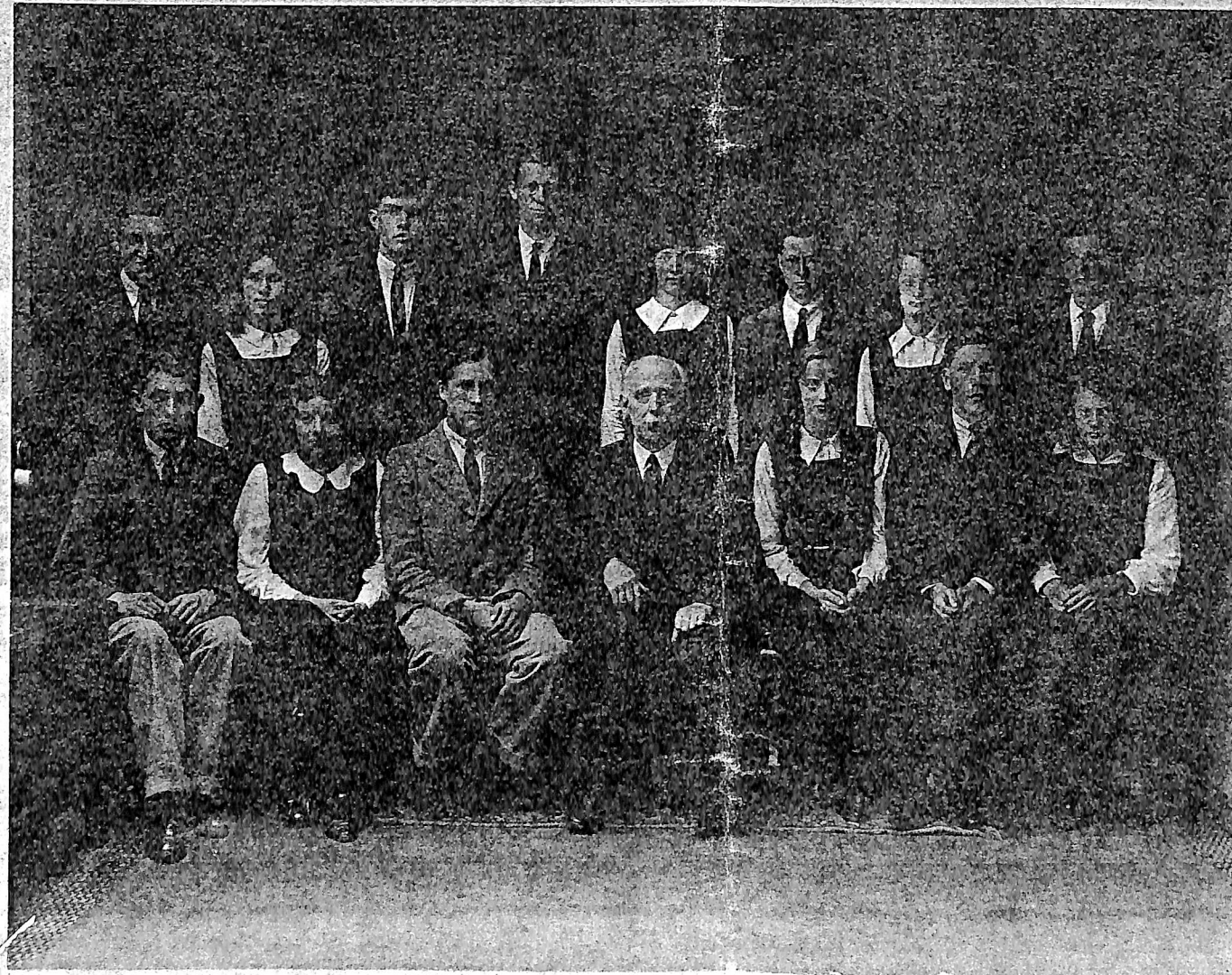
Once again, thank you for your generous assistance.

Yours sincerely



A J Webb

ROYAL LATIN SCHOOL



PREFECTS, 1931.

R. WALKER	MARY CHILBERS	WATTS	BRIANT	HOBBSS	W. PLUMB	JOAN GIBLING	TURNHAM
L. PLANK	L. BOUGHTON	ROY LYONS	MR FULLER (HM)	MARY ALLEN	CHAPMAN	F. HAY	



R. L. S. PREFECTS.
1929.

Wentley

Information below supplied by Mr. T.R.Allitt in May, 1970.

Edna Humsch nee Spendla		Mary Allum married to Roy Lines - both went to Oxford	Penny Chapman - elder brother of Halfpenny Chapman - H.M. Winslow Jun. School	Henry Kelley brother to Jack Kelley	Bill Boughton	Jimmy Richardson - pilot R.A.F. - killed in action		Doreen Wingate	
	Vernon Clark		Charles Lines - H.M. Newport Pagnell	W. Fuller Esq., M.A., Cantab. Headmaster	Susie Langley nee Forster	Mr. Jones			

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The play was then carried to the other end and, after many chances had been missed, G. Cantell equalised from short range. We had a fair amount of the ball but before half-time, the Old Boys deservedly went ahead with goals by E. Bryant and R. Saxby.

Heavy rain spoilt the second half, but the opponents made the most of their chances and scored again through A. Busby (2) and R. Saxby.

Result: Old Boys 6, School 1.

It would not seem out of place here to mention last term's Old Boys' Cricket match (omitted from last term's number).

Although the wicket was easy, a strong wind made the ball "swing." However, between eleven and three o'clock, the School had scored 117, Clarke (36), Coulson (11), Chapman (16) and Busby (21) being top scorers.

Bryant (5 wickets for 25) was mainly responsible for getting the Old Boys out for 87 (A. Busby 30), thus leaving us winners by 30 runs, a very creditable performance considering the strength of our Old Boys' Team.

M.C.W.C.

FOOTBALL CRITIQUE.

- Adkins.* Goal. Has been somewhat erratic. He must remember to use his hands on every available occasion.
- Chapman.* Right Back. Has played a true captain's game although at times he is not too sure in his kicking.
- Beckett.* Left Back. Has played some very good games but must play nearer his own half-backs.
- Jones.* Right Half. Has the physique and stamina to make an excellent half back.
- Clarke.* Centre Half. Has some excellent games to his credit. With practice he will develop into a very good half-back.
- Brown.* Left Half. Has played quite well at times, but must be a little less hesitant.
- Babbage.* Outside Right. Has played satisfactorily considering that this is his first season in the team.
- Hancock.* Inside Right. Plays an intelligent game and is the "brains" of the forward line.
- Howkins.* Centre Forward. A little more robustness and first time shooting would bring him many more goals.
- Cecil.* Inside Left. A newcomer to the team who shows promise of becoming a very good inside forward.
- Busby.* Outside Left. Has played exceedingly well and has improved both as regards speed and ball control.

(7) The Financial year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.
 (8) The annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of the year. The secretaries shall call an extraordinary General Meeting on receiving a written request from at least 20 members.

(9) The Committee shall consist of, The President, Headmaster, Treasurer, two Secretaries and 14 Members. In addition to which pupils leaving School shall elect one Girl and one Boy from among their number to serve for the ensuing year. A quorum shall be seven members.

(10) The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur during the year.

(11) No alterations shall be made in these Rules, except at a General Meeting, fourteen days notice having been given to the Secretaries of the proposed alterations.

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Secretaries' addresses are:—

Miss R. M. Lines,
 The White House,
 Buckingham.

Mr. G. W. Cantell,
 28, West Street,
 Buckingham.

THE HARRASSED EDITOR

A Ballad with a Moral.

It was a harrassed Editor
 And he stopped one 'O.P.'
 "By thy haggard face and glittering eye,
 Now wherefore stopp'st thou me?"

"I want your promised article,
 Promised for many a day,
 That article for the Magazine,
 For the columns of the 'O.L.A.'"

"I've forgotten to write that article."
 Replied this foul 'O.P.'
 "I've hardly seen your Magazine,
 It does not interest me."

"It's your business," replied the Editor,
 (And his face worked horribly.)
 "To show some more 'esprit de corps.'
 Now take what's coming to thee."

Whereupon this harrassed Editor
 Took and smote this foul 'O.P.'

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Prefects.—*Boys*: Lines (School Captain), Chapman i, Plank, Walker i, Plumbe, Watts, Babbage, Clarke.
Girls: Mary Allum (Girls' Captain), Lila Boughton, Florence Hay, Joan Gibling, Enid Rhee, Miriam Carter, Dora Holton.

Captains of Games.—Chapman i (Association); Lila Boughton (Hockey).
 House Captains.—*Dentons*: Lines and D. Holton; *Newtons*: Walker i and Lila Boughton; *Strattons*: Chapman i and M. Allum.

EXAMINATIONS

Successful Candidates in Higher School Certificate.

Mary Allum (History, distinction, English, Latin, French).
 R. N. Lines (History, distinction, English, French).

Oxford School Certificate.

Plank (English, Religious Knowledge, French, Mathematics, Physics, Art).

Brown (English, History, French, Geography, Art).

Watts (English, History, Religious Knowledge, French, Physics).

Walter (English, Religious Knowledge, French, Mathematics, Geography, Woodwork, Art).

M. Chilvers (English, History, Religious Knowledge, French, Mathematics, Physics, Art).

P. Cross (English, French, Physics, Geography, Art).

J. Gibling (English, History, Religious Knowledge, French, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Art).

D. Holton (English, History, Religious Knowledge, French, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Art).

OLD PUPILS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES (Continued)

Denchfield, Dora, Now Mrs. Henry Hawes, Benthill, Buckingham; Dawes, Lewis; Denchfield, Fred, Thos., Tingewick; Dodson, Wm. Arthur; Dixon, Stanley; Dixon Arthur; Dolman, Caroline, c/o W. J. Dolman, Esq., Church St., Buckingham; Doe, Edith, Now Mrs. Heard; De Haes, Marcel; De Meulomaster, Maurice; De Meulomaster, Marcel; De Haes, René; Dowty, Ethel; Dew, Sylvia; Dolman, Perridge, Church St., Buckingham; Dolman, William, 39, Bourtonville, Buckingham; Dormer, Albert Ed.; Davies, Vera; Downs, Reginald; Donaldson, Elgin, The Market Square, Buckingham; Dancer, Gerald, Bradley Farm, Lillingstone Lovell; Dew, Eileen, 23, Billington Rd., Leighton Buzzard; Davies, Phyllis, The Rectory, Great Horwood; Dancer, Sidney, Bradley Fields, Lillingstone Lovell; Dobbyn, John P., left England, address unknown; Dew, Albert, 23 Billington Road, Leighton Buzzard;

Emerton, Muriel, Now Mrs. G. S. Keene, 205, Upper Hughenden Rd., High Wycombe; Easton, Mary, dead; Evans Phyllis; Evans, Gordon, 18 Well St.,

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Foskett, Constance, Now Mrs. Doubleday, 1, Chancery Rd., Buckingham; Fulham, Lily; Franklin, Walter; French, Charles; Freer, Louisa; Foskett, Montague; Fulks, Doris, Now Mrs. Bert Illing, Sulden, Bletchley; Fulks, Robert, Market Square, Winslow, Bucks; French, Marjorie, 8, Market Square, Buckingham; French, Doris, ditto; Fawdry, Gladys; Foxley, Evelyn, c/o Mrs. Foxley, Hillesden, Buckingham; Furness, Samuel; Foster, William; Fricker, Henry A., Bourton Mill, Buckingham; Franklin, Marjorie; Franklin, Albert H., The Stores, North Marston; Franklin, Ida G., ditto; Fisher, Fred, High St., Gawcott; Forster Susie, 19, Kitsbury Rd., Berkhamsted, Herts; Frenay, Jack; Floyd, Cecil, Preston Bissett, Buckingham; Farley, Arthur, Middleton; French, John B.

Gardner, Arthur E.; Grainge, Arnold F.; Gravestock, Gladys; George, Percy, killed in Gallipoli; Gregory, Charles; Grace, John, Church Lane, Mursley, Bletchley; Gibbs, Frederick; Gravestock, Alfred; Graves, Stanley, Westminster Bank, Banbury; Grainge, Rex, Shalstone, Buckingham; Grainge, Henry; Godfrey, Wm. Arthur; Godfrey, Doris; Griffiths, John, 21, West St., Buckingham; Green Elsie, Now Mrs. J. Ingram; Gall, Florence; Garrett, Maud; Graimes, Edith; George, Reginald, Maids Moreton, Bucks; Gravestock, Nora, West St., Buckingham; Grant Harold, Maids Moreton, Bucks; Gammage, Ralph; Gammage, Frank; Goss, Leslie, 23, Adams Avenue, Northampton; Gregory, Ruth, North Marston, Bucks; Goss, Edwin, 32, Horn St., Winslow; Gammage, Grace

Hull, Leonard; Hadland, Dorothy; Hawkins, Margaret, Now Mrs. F. Cabbage, Middle Claydon, Bletchley, Bucks, Hawes, Henry, Benthill, Buckingham; Hadland, Elsie; Hartland, Herbert, Killed in France; Hartland, Eric; Hazelton, Guy, 13, Victoria Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk; Hadland, Frances; Haskins, Frances, Now Mrs. Young, Caldecote, Fricton Lane, Whitstone, N.20; Hedges, Muriel, Bourton Road, Buckingham; Harris, Arthur, Bexhill; Harris Winifred; Hartland, Marion; Hall, Albert, Fr.; Hartland, Nancy, Post Office, Banbury (Queen St., Banbury); Hadland, Ellen; Haskins, W. Frank; Hazelton, Philip, West St., Buckingham; Hilsdon, Mary; Hobbs, Constance, Now Mrs. H. Mairs, Bourton, Buckingham; Hall, Samuel; Hall, Leonard; Howlett, Dorothy; Hedges, Olive, Bourton Rd., Buckingham; Hall, George, Middle Claydon, Bletchley; Harrison, Arnold; Heady, Stanley; Harrison, Muriel, Castle St., Buckingham; Holton, Mabel, Now Mrs. C. E. Bonner, Bourton Terrace, Buckingham; Howlett, Frederick; Hill, Vera, Avenue Lodge, West Street, Buckingham; Hensshall, Dorothy; Hill, Muriel, Avenue Lodge, West St., Buckingham; Hammond, George; Haynes, Charles; Hodgkinson, Cyril David, 27, Avenue Rd., Winslow; Hilsdon, Amy; Hedges, Kathleen, Bourton Rd., Buckingham; Hill, Constance, Avenue Lodge, West St., Buckingham; Hall, Huia; Holloway, Geo.; Hurst, Claude, Reliance Motor Works, Winchester; Hurst Hilda, Leckhamstead, Buckingham; Harrison, Maurice, Castle St., Buckingham; Hall, Ruth; Heady, Theodore; Haskins, Elizabeth; Hounslow, Anna, Bourton Grounds, Buckingham; Hilsdon, Ada, Wakefield Lawn, Stony Stratford, Bucks; Howlett, Stanley; Hilsdon, Florence, Wakefield Lawn, Stony Stratford, Bucks; Hodges, Eva; Steeple Claydon, Bucks; Hider, Dorothy; Healy, Marjorie; Hill, Florence, Avenue Lodge, West St., Buckingham; Hammond, Dora; Hammond, Ellen; Howes, Mary, Thornborough, Buckingham; Harding, Percy, The Olde Manse, Marsh Gibbon, Bicester, Oxon; Hazelwood, Cyril, Post Office, Catworth, Huntingdon; Higgs, Dorothy; Holt, Mary, The Plough Hotel, Northampton; Haynes, Leslie Jas., 9, Wing Road, Linslade, Bucks; Harding, Ethel, The Olde Manse, Marsh Gibbon, Bicester, Oxon; Hinde, Edgar, J.; Hodges, Charlie, Hackney College, Finchley Rd., N.W. 3.; Hillier, Wilfred, Market Hill, Buckingham; Haynes, Leslie Gordon, Chaddington, Chipping Norton, Oxon; Harding Ernest, 25, Bourtonville, Buckingham; Hunt, Hubert de Jersey; Howard, Marjorie; Haynes, Vera, Chaddington, Chipping Norton, Oxon; Holland, Winifred, The Royal Oak, Nelson St., Buckingham; Hutt, Ena, Tingewick, Bucks; Haynes, Hilda; Horner, Olaf; Holmes, Sybil, Bridge Farm, Lillingstone Lovell, Buckingham; Hildyard, Denise

Illing, Sidney A., Salden, Mursley, Bletchley; Illing William E., Horn St., Winslow, Bucks; Illing, Esmé G.

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Form VI.

Allum, Mary.
Boughton, Lila.
Cross, Phyllis.
Gibling, Joan.
Hay, Florence.
Holton, Dora.

Brown.
Chapman I.
Lines.
Plumbe.
Watts.

Form Va.

Busby, Florence.
Carter, Miriam.
Dagley, Dorothy.
Dodwell, Beatrice.
Edwards, Joan.
Hamp, Joan.
Parker, Joan.
Rhee, Enid.
Rose, Margaret.
Tompkins, Cicely.

Adkins.
Babbage.
Clarke.
Cowell.
Cubbage.
Coulson.
Hancock.
Holland.
Hollis.
Holt.
Howkins.
Jones.
Plank.
Pollard.
Smith.
Vick.
Walker, R. J.
Walker, T. G.
Walker, H. A.
White, I.

Form Vb.

Brown, Joan.
Chilvers, Mabel.
Hounslow, Alice.
Jones, Emily.
Miller, Elsie.
Perry, Joan.
Phillips, Daphne.
Roberts, Mary.
Spiers, Ada.
Walker, Margaret.
Wingate, Monica.

Beckett.
Benning.
Bryant I.
Cantell.
Cecil.
Dean.
Flelo.
Griffiths.
Hankey.
Lambourne.
Lucas.
Smith II.
Stewart.
Taylor I.
Tibbetts.

Form IV.

Alexander, Irene.
Budd, Esther.
Cecil, Frances.
Hay, Gladys.
Stanley, Lorna.

Barton.
Caton I.
Chapman II.
Cheney.
Couchman.
Cross.
Hanson I.
Hobbs I.
Hodges.
Holton.
Hounslow.
Markham.
Mills.
Tompkins I.
White II.
Wilby.

Form III.

Barnes, Marjorie.
Cecil, Winifred.
Chilvers, Gwen.
Goddon, Yvonne.
Hines, Betty.
Hounslow, Nancy.
Phillips, Dorothy.
Mason, Nora.
Roads-Merry, Ruth.
Saunders, Betty.
Whitehall, Marie.

Ackerman.
Blewitt.
Broadhead.
Bryant, E.
Caton, J. G.
Cooke.
Fulford.
Hanson II.
Holmes.
James.
Potter.
White.

Form II.

Allen, Sylvia.
Circuit, June.
Gibbs, Violet.
Hilsdon, Edith.
Roads, Mary.
Slade, Gwen.
Small, Lorna.
Stonell, Marjorie.
Webster, Phyllis.

Biddlecombe.
Bray.
Capel.
Cox.
Cross.
Hewitt.
Hilsdon.
Hobbs II.
Hughes.
Justice.
Lucas II.
Stewart II.
Taylor, D. H.
Taylor, R. H.
Tompkins II.
Wheeler.
Whitehead.
Wilkins.

Obstacle Race, Boys, open—1, Blewitt (D) ; 2, Fello (N) ; 3, Stewart I (N).
 Old R.L.S. Boys 100 Yards Scratch—1, V. H. C. Clarke.
 Old R.L.S. Girls 100 Yards Scratch—1, M. C. French.
 House Bean Bag Competition, Girls—1, Stratton ; 2, Denton ; 3, Newton.
 House Relay Race, Boys, Seniors—1, Stratton. Time : 4 mins. 17 4-5th. secs.
 House Relay Race, Boys, Juniors—1, Denton. Time : 4 mins. 35 secs.
 House Relay Race, Girls, Juniors—1, Denton.
 House Relay Race, Girls, Seniors—1, Stratton. Time : 65 secs.
 Tug of War—1, Dentons.
 The Mile was run on April 29th. Result—1, Brown (S) ; 2, Clarke (D) ; 3, Plank (S). Time : 5 mins, 14 3-5th. secs.
 Final House positions—Boys—Senior : 1, Denton ; 2, Stratton ; 3, Newtons.
 Junior—1, Dentons ; 2, Newtons ; 3, Strattons.
 Girls—Senior—1, Strattons ; 2, Dentons ; 3, Newtons.
 Junior—1, Denton ; 2, Strattons ; 3, Newtons.
 Victor Ludorum—Brown.
 Victrix Ludorum—M. Allum.

The following were the officials :—

President, The Headmaster ; Judges, Miss Merry, Miss Labrum, Mr. S. G. Williams, Mr. T. Taylor ; Referee and Timekeeper, Mr. H. Mairs ; Starter, Mr. T. Holton ; Clerk of the Course, Mr. P. Freeman ; Hon. Sec., Mr. T. R. Allitt. Committee : Miss Staveley, Miss Pickles, President, Officials ; Girls : M. Allum, P. Cross, M. Rose, L. Boughton, F. Busby, E. Rhee, F. Hay, M. Roberts, D. Holton ; Boys : Lines, Clarke, Coulson, Watts, Brown, Plank, Walker I, Adkins, Babbage.

TENNIS.

This has proved a rather unfortunate tennis season, floods preventing play in the first weeks, and illness playing havoc with the team later. We have not had the full team at any match yet. There are three more to be played at the end of term :—the Old Pupils, the Staff, and the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club.

One match, arranged with Towcester for June 1st, had to be cancelled owing to rain.

The averages, out of 39 games in each match, for each couple are as follows :—

1st. couple—20 games.

2nd couple—14 games.

3rd couple—13 games.

The regular team is :—1st couple, F. Busby and L. Boughton ; 2nd couple, M. Allum and J. Parker ; 3rd couple, M. Rose and D. Phillips. Reserves, E. Rhee and I. Dodwell.

F.E.B.

RESULTS OF GIRLS' TENNIS MATCHES.

June 4th.	Wolverton, Away.	Lost, 76—41.
June 11th.	Aylesbury, Home	Lost, 78—39.
June 25th.	Aylesbury, Away	Lost, 78—39.
June 29th.	Towcester, Away	Lost, 74—25.
July 2nd.	Thornton, Away.	Lost, 68—49.
July 6th.	Bicester, Home.	Lost, 78—39.

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HOUSE MATCHES.

Denton v. Stratton.	Stratton Victory.
Denton v. Newton.	Newton Victory.

CRICKET SEASON 1932.

1ST XI.

Without undue boast we have enjoyed an excellent season. Out of the twelve School fixtures arranged we have won five, drawn two—one very creditably—and lost three (the remaining two having been cancelled). The House cricket has produced the usual high standard of play and to date the Newtons have beaten the Strattons, and the Dentons have beaten the Newtons. The deciding match between Dentons and Strattons is still to be played. We have had great support from the staff and Headmaster, and "Bunny" White, our popular scorer, deserves a vote of thanks. Mr. Mairs and Mr. Allitt have shown great interest in our games and we are all very sorry to be losing the former. The batting and bowling averages are not yet to hand but there is some very consistent work behind them. Besides School fixtures we have played one or two evening games this season for which we are indebted to our former Headmaster, Mr. Fuller, who got up a strong side against us, and to Mr. Mairs who went with us to Tile House, whom we beat by five wickets. Our last and most enjoyable game of the season against Magdalen College School was one of our best performances. Babbage did some excellent bowling, taking six for 21, while Chapman and Clarke, the two "veterans" of the side scored fifty-five between them. We have to thank our opponents for the very enjoyable bathe after the game. Another good performance was the record breaking stand against Banbury, Chapman and Babbage putting on 69 for the first wicket. We all appreciate the very sporting way in which M. C. W. Chapman has turned out for the School on every possible occasion. Measles played havoc with the team in the middle of the term but we are hoping to turn out a full team against the Old Latins in our annual all-day match on Tuesday, July the 26th. Nearly every member of the side has "come off" on one or more occasions, and we have been a very jolly crowd and have definitely upheld the splendid tradition of Latin School cricket.

Chapman I

Chapman II

2ND XI CRICKET.

The second eleven has had a good season and put up good performances against Banbury and Towcester. They played Bicester 1st XI. for the first time and were beaten heavily but hope next year to send a stronger side as the first had claimed some of their best men.

1ST XI RESULTS.

Banbury County School v. School. (May 18th).

This game was played in continuous rain, the School batting first were strangers to the ground and collapsed badly except for Babbage (12) and Clarke (16). Banbury slowly but surely knocked off the runs for

R.L.S. v. Old Wolvertonians. (Home, February 20th.)

Although a goal down in the first ten minutes, we held our own against a much heavier side. Babbage and Jones had scored by half-time and then our tails were really "up." Having got the lead we "felt good" and by fast and unselfish play ran out final winners by 4—1.

R.L.S. v. Leighton Buzzard. (Home, February 27th.)

Having lost 12—2 last year and playing three reserves in this match we really felt we were up against it. Once again we lost the first goal and Jones quickly replied. Then the inevitable (?) cracking-up came and the Cedars scored five more. We obtained two before finishing with them, but that was our limit. Still, a pleasant change from last season.

Score.—Cedars 6, R.L.S. 3.

R.L.S. v. Cedars (Leighton Buzzard, March 5th).

In the return game we surprised ourselves by being level at half-time thanks to a goal in three minutes from Jones's busy stick. Again a collapse, five quick goals. Really it seems as if our stamina is like the variable x in Algebra, only it too often approaches zero. A good hour's hockey and we enjoyed it.

Result.—Cedars 6, R.L.S. 1.

CRITIQUE.

Adkins (Goal.) Has played some splendid games though occasionally a slow starter. Kicks very well indeed.

Walker (Left Back), Captain. A popular and keen skipper; has defended well but inclined to "go native" when hard-pressed.

Chapman i (Right Back). Has also had a corner or two given against him for "sticks" but his eye is as good as at cricket.

Brown (Centre Half). Should develop into a good half; always busy; a trifle careless but "spoils" effectively. Must learn to feed his forwards more.

Holt (Left Half). Has improved, though still rather crude at times. A better attack than defence.

Babbage (Right Half). A keen and useful player with flashes of good stickwork.

Clarke (Right Wing), Vice-Captain. Has been tried mostly as a winger, but liked full-back at Leighton Buzzard. In "non-ambling" moments he is quite a good player.

Jones (Centre Forward). When he is warmed up, very good indeed. Feeds his forwards well and shoots hard.

Walker ii (Inside Left). Has improved but too slow. Can produce quite good stickwork.

Howkins (Left Wing). Ball-control improving. Has put in some very good runs though too often spoilt by weak centreing.

Hollis, Plank, Pollard and others have filled the inside right position with varying success, Plank particularly, but he has unfortunately been unable to play for us in morning games. The younger generation shows promise in its first season of hockey proper, particularly White ii, Cross

We end the account of an enjoyable season by thanking the Girls' Club for arranging the display of a very interesting Hockey film about a month ago, Miss Clay (England) providing a most useful and inspiring commentary.

STYX.

HOUSE REPORTS

DENTON.

This term both boys and girls play hockey. Our boys have been very successful in their house matches by defeating the Strattons once and the Newtons once. In the return match against the Newtons and after a very hard game the Newtons won by five goals to four. The boys team is composed mostly of seniors but that of the girls is composed of second and third-formers for the most part.

A new feature in Sport this term was the Cross-Country Race. The winning house was presented with a silver cup given by Mrs. Mairs. The race was run on March 16th and although Clarke came in first the rest of the Dentons were so much behind him that the cup was lost to the Newtons. Next time make sure it is the Dentons that win the cup.

The girls in their hockey matches lost badly to the Strattons, but were unexpectedly lucky against the Newtons by beating them by five goals to three. Our captain wishes to congratulate the team on the splendid way in which they played and won. We made up our minds to win and we did so. Special praise must be given to our goalkeeper, Betty Webster, who is very promising—a future goalkeeper for the School, let us hope. The junior members of the team are progressing favourably and have some good players amongst them.

May 7th is Sports Day and the Dentons must win the shields. If we all work together for the honour of the house there is no reason why the Dentons should not do so. But remember, no slacking is allowed, so put your backs into it and work hard and play hard.

STRATTONS—Michaelmas Term, 1931.

Unfortunately we lost the Football Championship, but gave a good account of ourselves in the Girls' Hockey House matches.

As a result of a draw for a vase, we were able to hand over £1 7s. 8d. to the School Funds. Also, the sum of about 10/- was raised by a "three-halfpenny" dance.

We had a great triumph in heading the School in Lates, and being second in Conduct Marks.

We ended the Term with a House Party. This was the first of its kind to be held, and proved a great success. At 4.15 we had an excellent tea in the Domestic Science Room, and spent the rest of the rather short evening playing the various games suggested by our members. Altogether,

STRATTONS—Lent Term, 1932.

This term has been a very successful one for us. The Girls, for the first time for four years, have been decidedly successful in their bid for the Hockey Championship, beating the Newtons 3—1 and the Dentons 8—0.

The Boys, also, have "gone up one." After being in the running for the Championship, we were defeated by the Dentons, and so share second place with the Newtons.

We still give a good account of ourselves in School Matches, the Girls having 5 members of the School Team and the Boys, 3.

The Stratton Boys did extremely well in the Cross-Country, having four places out of the first six.

We have, once more, very bright prospects for the Sports and Cricket Championship next Term, to say nothing of a few Honours in the Exams. in July.

L.N.P.

NEWTONS.

This term illness has played havoc with our hockey team. In our matches against the other two houses we did not once have a full house team and thus we have lost several valuable points. We have had to call on the junior members of the house in the matches, and they have shown us that we have no need to worry about future prospects.

During the term we held a paper chase over a course of about five and a half miles in preparation for the school steeplechase. Our team on the day of the race was composed to a large extent of boys of the middle school. This team won the Challenge Cup given by Mrs. Mairs for this race purely by team work and not by individual efforts solely.

E.A.B.

The Newton girls have been defeated in both matches against the other houses. In the match against the Strattons we were defeated by three goals to one. Against the Dentons, in which match three of our regular members were unable to play, we lost by five goals to three. The junior members of the team are very enthusiastic, and we hope to regain our position as top house at games next year.

The school work of the majority is good and the regular 'lates' of last term have improved their ways.

The Newton girls must not be satisfied to see the boys covering themselves with honours on Sports' Day but we must endeavour to collect our running, jumping and skipping powers in the coming holidays.

We are very grateful to the Dentons for the loan of several of their

FORM NOTES

FORM VI NEWS.

All the Sixth Form congratulate Plumbe on his success in passing the first examination of the Library Association.

Our numbers have decreased this term. Besides Plumbe, who is now working in the County Library at Aylesbury, we have lost Lila Boughton, Florence Hay and Chapman—but these three are not entirely lost, for they are pupil-teachers now and are with us for one day every week. Also Brown has forsaken us in order to rejoin Va.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. Mairs, who was our form master last term, but his successor, Mr. Freeman, has "become one of the family" by this time.

Last term we intended to have a Form party, but unfortunately there was no time for it. We had it early in this term, though, and for one evening, the Sixth Form gambolled. We played games, danced, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves—not the least part of our enjoyment was the supper! I am sure the Form is very grateful to those girls who prepared that supper, and especially to Phyllis Cross, who organised everything connected with it.

Another red-letter day for the form was that in which we moved into our new formroom, taking our furniture with us. We are all very pleased with our new abode and have settled down to work there (although the nearness of the kitchen is distracting at times!)

We have already been planning ahead for our Form outing next term, and have decided to spend a day in London.

Va. NEWS BULLETIN.

Form Va is working hard, for nearer and nearer draws the School Certificate Examination. We are 28 in number, Brown having joined us from the VIth. form to take matriculation exemptions. At half term we lost Joan Edwards who was a valuable member of the form both in work and games.

Five of our prefects, two girls and three boys, have read the lessons in Assembly, and are becoming very good readers. Our form has taken part in all school activities. The whole form belongs to the Lecture Society, and the Debating Society is very popular. The Games Club, which has been formed seems to be used more than the Reading Room. The Playreading Society is attended by many very regularly.

The hot dinners have come as a great relief to pupils who cannot get home to dinner and have been well appreciated by the form.

Three out of the first four places in the Cross-Country run were won by our form, Clarke coming in 1st and Brown 2nd. Hollis and Walker are among the party going to Germany.

The School Cinema has been used a good deal this term and some of

Mr Webb

I enclose all I can find about Chapman from magazines and photos; I have no further details available.

A little confusing — there were two Chapmans in the school during '31/'32 : Chapman I or i (you forget) Chapman II or ii (brother)

In one photograph Chapman I is called 'Penny' his brother 'Halfpenny'.



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Our Cricket Portrait Gallery.

No. 7.—W. A. H. Childs.



Photo

[A. J. M. Hasall.]

The subject of our sketch this week, W. A. H. Childs, the County and Queen's Works slow bowler, is a cricketer that could be easily picked out in any fielding team. He is tall and slightly built, with a little hesitating gait. This peculiarity is very much intensified when he takes his run to bowl, and it almost develops into a shuffle, but the writer is of the opinion that "Wicket" purposely develops this step with an idea to make the ball "Childs' very own" from the time he starts to run till each ball is dead. Childs does not reach the bowler's wicket at the exact moment the batsman thinks he will, but just a fraction of a second later. In the same way and probably from the same cause, the Queen's Works man's ball flight is just as deceptive; it appears to hang in the air, and consequently becomes more difficult to keep on the ground when played. In addition to this little worry to the batsman, Childs can turn a ball appreciably on a plumb wicket, but on a bowler's wicket he becomes a real terror. I have heard County opponents dub the Bedford man's bowling as "tripe" when they watch him from the safe precincts of the pavilion, but those same players alter their boasting strains when they return after a short walk to the middle and back, having only been given time to see the colour of their stumps and the funny shape the "tripe merchant" has made them. As a batsman, the Queen's man has not reached great heights, although he is always a fast scorer and is liable to knock the best bowler off his length. Educated at the Bedford Modern School, in his first School XI, under 14, v. Elatow's under 14, he scored 105. Since that time he played for the first team and took the bowling prize every year and the batting prize for two years. On leaving school he became a premium apprentice to Messrs. Allen, by whom he is still employed. He first played for his County in 1919, against Bucks., and brought off a really fine catch in the long field. In 1922 he played in every County match, and headed the bowling averages. His best bowling performance for

Queen's stands against Sandy last August, when he took eight wickets for 23, while his best innings for the same club was made last May against the Conservative Club, when he made 101 not out. He has ten times passed the 50 mark for Queen's in the last two seasons.

Next week we hope to add Mr. L. G. Stillman-Gibbard's photo to our gallery.

"HOW'S THAT?"

OTHER MATCHES.

KEMPSTON "A" v. QUEEN'S JUN. "A."

Played on Saturday, and won by Kempston "A" by 24 runs. Scores:—

Kempston "A."—C. Edwards, c Goodwin, b Valentine, 4; G. Tuff, c Valentine, b Goodwin, 16; F. North, b Lee, 29; R. S. Lockwood, b Goodwin, 12; C. W. White, b Valentine, 8; E. Lee (capt.), b Goodwin, 20; A. E. Smith, b Valentine, 2; F. Jeffreys, b Barcock, 1; R. Felts, b Barcock, 1; R. Proctor, b Valentine, 6; A. Thompson, not out, 1; extras, 5; total, 105.

Queen's Juniors "A," 81.

CELTIC v. RUSHDEN THURSDAY.

Bedford Celtic entertained Rushden Thursday, and defeated the visitors by 38 runs. Celtic went to the wicket first and knocked up 94, and the visitors replied with 56. Rattley bowled well for Rushden, taking 8 wickets for 42, and Thomas and Sprague shared the Rushden wickets between them. The match was twelve-a-side. Scores:—

Bedford Celtic.—F. West 10, K. Linger 4, H. Sprague 5, G. Thomas 14, Swannell 4, W. Whiffen 31, C. Hunter 10, N. Haddon 0, C. Tame 11, F. Stratton 1, Sharpe 0, R. Quince 4 (not out), total 94.

Rushden Thursday.—W. F. Simmons 23, T. Maddams 0, Scott 4, A. Gramshaw 3, A. King 1, the Rev. Ion Carroll 2, E. Bur'out 7, E. Thomas 2, F. Smart 7, P. Buggy 1 (not out), Henmann 1, extras 3, total 56.

CARLTON TRAINING SCHOOL v. "BEDS. TIMES."

The visitors to Carlton on Saturday secured their initial victory of the season, although they only gave a moderate display with the bat. Going to the wicket first, the Pressmen ran up a total of 68, towards which Price contributed 21 and Lee 25 (not out). The strength of the visitors was undoubtedly in the field, and the excellent fielding enabled the bowlers to secure fine averages. C. Lees and L. Elderkin bowled unchanged, the former taking 4 wickets for 8 and the latter 5 for 8. The School replied with only 25 runs. Scores:—

"Beds. Times."—E. R. Price 21, B. Holloway 2, L. Elderkin 1, F. Fleet 4, H. Smallwood 0, B. Arnold 5, C. Lees 25 (not out), D. A. Jones 1, T. Knight 5, G. Brawn 1, H. Page 0, F. Owen 1, extras 2, total 68.

Training School.—C. K. Wathen 2, Ames 1, S. Askum 2, A. P. Settles 2, Mappin 0, S. Richardson 0, D. Geater 3 (not out), W. Clayson 1, Hart 2, Colman 2, Broughton 1, Brown 0, extras 9, total 25.

BROMHAM v. BEDFORD ARGUS.

Played at Bromham on Saturday, the visitors winning. For the Argus P. Payne and B. S. Smith shared the bowling honours, each taking 5 wickets for 18 runs, whilst for Bromham Poore took five wickets. Scores:—

Bedford Argus.—Brown 8, Gadsden 9, Clarke 3, B. J. Smith 28, Payne 10, Curtis 7, Franklin 0, Boostead 3, H. Nutting 0, B. J. Nutting 1 (not out), S. Smith 3, extras 1, total 75.

Bromham.—Everest 4, Frossell 1, Strickland 0, R. Poole 11, A. Poole 2, A. Hyde 4, Poore 4, T. Bartholemew 5, Grandey 3, Habgood 1 (not out), A. Bartholemew 2, extras 4, total 40.

BEDFORD SCHOOL COLTS v. OUNDLE SCHOOL COLTS.

Played on the Bedford School ground on Saturday, and an exciting match ended in a victory for Oundle by 7 runs. Oundle batted first and were all out for 53, but Bedford found the bowling of Reekie very difficult, and were dismissed for 46. Davidson and Branson played well, and the former scored 11 for Bedford and the latter 18. Bedford did much better in the second innings, and scored 111 for 7 wickets, Faunce playing a fine game and scoring 53 not out. McVittie, a very promising player, also did well and scored 29. Oundle lost four wickets in their second innings for 43. Reekie took 7 wickets for 28.

SILSOE v. QUEEN'S WORKS.

This friendly match was played on Saturday. Scores:—

Silsoe.—F. Dawson 2-3, C. Taylor 0-4, C. Eddy 2-16 (not out), J. Scott 2-0, S. Titmas 16-4 (not out), W. Novell 1—did not bat, B. Ling 4-0, F. Olney 2—did not bat, B. Mason 9 (not out)—2, L. Mann 2-1, V. Church 0—did not bat, extras 1 and 1, totals 41 and 31 (for 6 wickets).

Queen's Works.—J. Webb 8-7, A. Ludington 0-0, H. A. Vigar 0-0, S. Odell 14-32 (not out), A. Pressland 2-1 (not out), F. Knight 0-0, W. Covington 0—did not bat, J. Hayward 0—did not bat, A. Hailstone 0—did not bat, F. Curchin 0-0, E. Gribble 0-0, extras 0 and 1; totals 37 and 41 (for 6 wkts.).

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Muirhead failed to stop a rush, and Cocking was called upon. He found touch at the corner, and shortly after was hemmed in when in possession, but got out of his difficulties very cleverly. Maclear gained more ground, and the ball went to Muirhead, who kicked over the line; London then touched down for the third time. Atkinson, who was playing a smart game, did a lot of useful work, and a good kick by Muirhead put Bedford in a fine position. The forwards commanded a scrum, and Wood dribbled over the line, but had hard work in having the ball kicked out of his hands just as he was about to touch down. Bedford were now very much on the aggressive. Pieton at last broke away, and some loose play ended in a successful movement between Gouldsbury, Rogers and Wood, the latter scoring behind goal. Cocking easily converted. After a lot of midfield play, Gouldsbury stopped a rush caused by Pieton passing to a wing man. The Bedford half made amends immediately after by a beautiful opening. He then passed to Muirhead, who outpaced the opposition and scored; but Cocking failed with the kick. Half time was now after called, and Bedford then had a lead of 8 points.

Rogers re-started, and good passing between Ash, Muirhead and Willett enabled their side to get well into London quarters. Muirhead and Willett let the ball pass, owing to a misunderstanding. Gibson scored and profited by the mistake; he, however, found his career cut short by Cocking, who safely brought him down when he had become dangerous. The game now assumed a very fast aspect, each end being visited frequently in quick succession. On one occasion Grogono intercepted and assumed a threatening attack, but he also failed to pass Cocking. A free to London in an easy position failed, and Wood dribbled through, reaching the centre before he was stopped. Atkinson, Gouldsbury and Carter put Bedford on the attack, and Pieton received from Ash and swerved himself over the line and scored. Again the goal kick failed. Cocking was busy for a time after the drop out, but he was very safe, and cleverly got the ball

enough for the team to play up to meet usual form? For it is a fact that they gave one of their worst exhibitions against Leys, owing to the backs fumbling the ball in their anxiety to score.

A certain writer is now going out of his way to indirectly throw cold water on the performance of the Bedford boys. He says that it was only an "A" team that Leys sent down. Of course that is all rot, for anyone, with a grain of common sense, knows that on such an occasion any Club would send out their strongest available fifteen. Leys said that they were not quite so strong as in the Christmas term—five of the regular players having left. Well, neither were the Grammar School, and, curiously enough, to the same extent, and for the same reason; their absentees were Gale, Keene, Mackwood, Palmer and Clapp. Yet no one dubs the Grammar fifteen an "A" team, although playing under the same conditions. It is well known that Leys do not play football after Christmas, yet they had been practicing on purpose for this match. So, considering all things, there is no excuse for one school more than the other as to the team being a weak one; and that Leys did not consider it an "A" team match is proved by the fact that they are counting it as a loss in their records. It is an insult to Leys to call them an "A" team.

As to the School Championship which the writer claims for Leys, there is no such thing recognised in the "Rugby" world for our great public schools. It is to be deplored that this is so, because it would at once settle all such questions; and had there been a fight for a championship last term, there are many who think that Leys would not have come out on top. But it was plucky of Leys to take the Grammar School on, while so many other teams have scratched to them.

The big International match of the season is now a thing of the past and to Wales belongs the honour of having beaten all three other countries in succession, thus securing the championship in the International tourney.

for this season.

A sketch (with a portrait) of an old Bedford Association player, in the person of Harry Churchill (son of Mr W. Churchill, Cavendish-street) was given in the Star of Saturday last, the text of which is subjoined:— "Harry Churchill, the left back of the Ilford Club, is one of the most popular players to be found around London. As a committee man, he considers his first duty is to study the interests of his club. Thus it happened that when asked to assist Reading last Saturday in their S.L. match with Swindon (owing to the indisposition of Herbert Smith) he would not consent to play until he had first obtained the permission of his club and also found a substitute to take his place in the team. In fact, he did not wire the Reading Secretary until the morning of the match.

"Churchill received his early training at Bedford School, under the tuition of H. Nicholson, who played as an amateur for West Bromwich Albion the first time they won the English Cup (now representing Messrs. Thos. Cook & Sons, the tourists agents, in Egypt). On leaving school he captained a local team named Kempston Montrose. Then he migrated to London, and banking enjoyed his services for a season, at the end of which he was invited to take a trial with Ilford. His first appearance for them was against the Southern League team of New Brompton, and his display in the match stamped him as a back of more than ordinary merit.

"Although willing to assist Reading in cases of emergency (as on Saturday Churchill intends to stick to the Essex Cup holders, Woolwich Arsenal approached him last season, but he declines to become a professional. Born on Christmas Day, 1882, Churchill has, barring accidents, a long football career before him. A regular member of the Essex County eleven, he has played six times for London. He stands 5ft. 10in. high, and weighs 11st. 5lb., and is a perfect 'dabster' at penalty kicks."

There would not occur again that had brought about in an end to the (it (applause). He thought in the very good example to the county; many clubs; if he looked in his book could give them a very long list (but then did not last very long—that pe thing for him (laughter), but at any certain number that stood the star some position in the cricket world Bedford cricketers were increasing's thought they ought to have more threw out a hint to the Corporation land in the Park where the bayets very well be utilized for this purpose idea would fall on good ground, a increased accommodation for the borough (applause).

He then handed the shield on both Works C.C., amidst applause, to Mr H. Frason, captain, who said pleasure in receiving it on behalf of had tried very hard, and now the (applause). He thanked Mr Fr remarks, and hoped they should be winning it again (applause).

Mr Fr then proceeded to the Division Medals as follows:—
Queen's Worst Players.—M (captain), P. A. Bard, J. A. Boyd Brown, C. Goodin, J. Cavanagh, Munday, R. Willett, W. Hamb Extra.—H. C. B. Peck, G. Fraems.
The President's Prizes.—Highest Cricket during 1904.—H. J. Hodgk for Keyson Park v. Victoria, July 2 (Queen's Works), 29 wickets for 2 7-4.
Mr Councillor A. R. Lindley's G Best Batting Average in First Stileman-Gibbard (Keyson Park), outs, 5 innings, average 48-00.
The Hon. Squire said he can reasons; the first was to enjoy second to ask them to accept a cup; in connection with their league top been connected in the office he held with various games and sports; he duty of officials to be unconnected with

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MEN WHO COUNT.



[“Bedfordshire Times” Photograph.]

VIII.—J. CHURCHILL.

“Jack” Churchill holds a local record; he is the only player who has represented Bedford, his native town, in both codes. It would not be surprising if this record is unique in football annals.

Born in 1895, young Churchill was educated at the Goldington Road School, and early took a delight in kicking a ball. Before the war he was playing for the Celtic. Then the great world contest claimed his attention, as it did of so many other fine sportsmen. He represented his regiment and the Machine Gun Corps at both Rugby and Soccer, playing against the Canadians, the Public Schools Services, and the New Zealanders (Hornchurch) at Rugby.

Resuming civilian life in 1919, Churchill threw in his lot with the Bedford Town Association Club, and for two seasons appeared at left half in the Bedford Town first XI. Then an introduction to “Daddy” Read, with a testimonial from his Army Rugby captain, got him a trial for Bedford at fly-half—the position in which he had played in the Army. But “Daddy,” a fine judge of a full-back, recognised in Churchill’s play all the attributes of a good full back, of which Bedford were in great need. Churchill was tried there, and has remained Bedford’s first choice for full back ever since.

“Good wing needs no bush,” and Churchill is too great a favourite with the Goldington Road crowd for them not to know all there is to know about his play. He has played many great games for Bedford, and on his day he has few superiors.

“Jack” joined the Bedfordshire County Constabulary in 1920, and is one of the mainstays of the Police Cricket team; he bats left-handed and bowls right-handed. For the last two seasons he has won a place in the County Colts’ team.

His brother, Harry Churchill, while captain of Ilford, gained his Amateur International Cap.

BEDFORD COUNTY C.C.

Advantage is being taken of the winter recess to re-lay the turf at the north-end corner of the Goldington Road Ground, and thus make the outfield at the corner fit for county matches, and enable the boundary to be considerably extended. While they are about it, it seems a pity that the County Club authorities cannot make arrangements with the Guardians for the strip of their garden land to be taken into the ground. The addition of a strip of about 15 yards wide the length of the ground would enable the table to be moved northward, and remove from the ground the reproach that it is too small for county cricket.

The County Club authorities are bearing in mind that now Basil Rogers, O.B.M. has left Glamorgan his birth qualification will enable him to play for Bedfordshire. His return to the County XI. will greatly increase its strength in both batting and bowling, principally in the latter.

BEDFORD CRICKET LEAGUE

Mr. M. A. Barber presided at a meeting of the Management Committee of the Cricket League at the Lion Hotel, on Saturday evening. The principal business was the awarding of the average prizes for last season, which are to be distributed at the annual concert in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, 23rd October, by the President (Mr. R. W. Allen, C.B.E.). The Secretary (Mr. H. Eaton) announced that prizes had been given by the President (four), Messrs. A. R. Lindley and Son, Messrs. J. A. Hague and Son, Mr. Alf. Lightfoot, Messrs. Frank Sugg, Ltd., and two would be given by the League. The awards were made as follows (the qualification being 30 wickets for bowlers, and batting two-thirds of matches played):

FIRST DIVISION.

Best Batting Average.—J. Ratcliff (Queen’s Works), 13 innings, 2 not outs, 102 not out highest score, 510 runs, 46.4 average. Best Bowling Average.—R. Gurney (Everton), 95 overs, 28 maidens, 226 runs, 39 wickets, 5.79 average.

SECOND DIVISION.

Northern Section.—Best Batting Average.—M. Wells (Bedford Clarence 2nd), 14 innings, 4 not outs, 94 not out highest score, 319 runs, 31.9 average. Best Bowling Average.—T. Freeman (Keysoe), 127 overs, 27 maidens, 250 runs, 57 wickets, 4.22 average.

Southern Section.—Best Batting Average.—Q.M.S. J. A. Shriver (Bedf. and Herts. Depot), 17 innings, 1 not out, 393 runs, 24.5 average. Best Bowling Average.—Corpl. Bodger (Bedf. and Herts. Depot), 85.1 overs, 23 maidens, 151 runs, 40 wickets, 3.77 average.

Eastern Section.—Best Batting Average.—J. Maxey (Queen’s Works 2nd), 14 innings, 1 not out, 61 not out highest score, 229 runs, 17.6 average. Best Bowling Average.—A. Sharpe (Queen’s Works 2nd), 252 runs, 54 wickets, 4.7 average.

THIRD DIVISION.

Best Batting Average.—F. H. Taylor (Marston Pillinge), 11 innings, 2 not outs, 156 runs, 17.3 average.—Best Bowling Average.—S. V. Knight (Marston Pillinge), 147.1 overs, 37 maidens, 251 runs, 68 wickets, 3.69 average.

EAST BEDS. CRICKET LEAGUE.

SHIELDS AND CUPS PRESENTED BY SIR LIONEL HALSEY.

By the permission of Group Capt. U. J. D. Bourke, C.M.G., the East Beds. Cricket League held their annual Whist Drive and Dance at Henlow Aerodrome on Saturday evening, when the shields, cups, 74 medals, and other prizes were presented by Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, President of the League. The Whist Drive took place at the Astra Club, 23 tables being occupied. Prizes were given by Sir Lionel Halsey, Mrs. Kendall (Mellow Hall), Mr. F. D. Gentle (Stotfold), and by the League. Sergt. Delaney was a most efficient M.C.

At the conclusion of the drive the presentation by Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey took place. The President expressed the League’s thanks to Group Capt. Bourke for his kindness and also to the donors of the prizes. Admiral Halsey also offered hearty congratulations to the successful clubs and players, who were as follows:

Division I.

Silver Shield and gold centre and enamel medals.—Henlow Royal Air Force. Runners-up, gold-centre medals.—Gamingay.

Silver Cups for the best averages.—Batting: A/C Allan (R.A.F.). Bowling: L/A/C Rouchford (R.A.F.).

Medal given by Mr. F. C. Chapman for scoring 1st century in Division I.: A/C Allan (R.A.F.).

Division II.

Bronze Shield and silver and enamel (county arms) medals: Stotfold Athletic.

Runners-up, silver medals (cricket centre): Wrestlingworth.

Medals (gold centre) for best averages.—Batting: G. F. Saunders (Stotfold Athletic). Bowling (given by Mr. Tom Morris): M. G. Smith (Stotfold). Medal given for 1st century scored in Division II. (donor anon.): G. F. Saunders.

Division III.

Nickel Shield and silver (county arms) medals: Caldecote 2nd XI.

Runners-up, silver medals: Blunham.

Gold-centre medals for best averages.—Batting (given by Mr. D. Tole): G. Hayward (Old Warden). Bowling (given by Mr. T. R. Thornton): H. Sims (Blunham).

Open to all Divisions.

Gauntlets for wicket-keeper giving away least extras per innings: G. Holland (Blunham), Division III., average per innings, 1.22.

Wallet for bowler taking over one hundred wickets: C. Campling (Woodbury).

At the conclusion of the presentation, Messrs. F. C. Chapman and F. D. Gentle (Chairman and Vice-Chairman) moved and seconded a vote of thanks to Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey for all his help. Mr. Chapman expressed the Committee’s great appreciation of the fact that Sir Lionel plays in the League games.

The President regretted that owing to illness the Secretary could not be present that evening.

From 10 p.m. till midnight dancing took place at the W.R.A.F. Hostel, when the Royal Air Force orchestra provided excellent music. Sergt. Delaney again acted as M.C. Sergt. Baldwin, R.A.F. cricket secretary, gave most valued aid to Mr. F. C. Chapman with the general arrangements.

J.R.G. CLOVER

First names in full: CLOVER. JOHN. ROBERT GEORGE
Date of birth: NOV 28 1910.
Place of birth: KEMPSTON
School: BEDFORD.
University or college: -

Left or right-handed batsman RH.

Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper:

Year of first class debut: 1930.

Teams played for:

First class - Bedfordshire MCC. 2. DUCKS HA 'HA' HA'

Second class - Bedford Club + ground. For some years.

Others - Haulas. - a very affable club with a lovely
little ground and good fixture list.

Oyleston

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success
at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Played with Charlie Lawlis, Fred ditto, Andy Corrie,
Stileman / Jibberd of Shenbroke & W.G. France like
character - The Pooles etc.

Occupation: Retired master miller.

Thank you for your help.

If you do produce a book in same do let me know
and also if I can help with any specific characters

OB Requite Address:

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20th April, 1977

A.J. Webb, Esq.,
28 Thorn Tree Court,
30 Park View Road,
LONDON, W5 2JB.

*Not acknowledged.
AW 25/4.*

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th April. I apologise for not having replied earlier but the School has been closed for the Easter holidays.

Mr. Ralph Louis CLUTTON was at Downside from 18th September 1916 until July 1921. He died on the 29th September 1957.

I regret that this is the only information that I have available as our records for boys here during that period are not as detailed as those we now keep but I trust this information may be of some use to you.

Yours sincerely,

HFWM

H. J. W. Manly
Secretary

H.P. COCKING

First names in full: COCKING - HERBERT PROLE.
Date of birth: 29th October 1882.
Place of birth: COLLEGE FARM, AMPHILL ROAD, KEMPSTON, BEDS.
School: 1891 -1898. County School, Elstow. Changed to Elstow School
University or college: when taken over by Rev. C.F. Farrar prior to 1914.

Left or right-handed batsman Right Hand
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: Medium - Right Arm

Year of first class debut: ?

Teams played for:

First class - Bedfordshire.

Second class -

Others - Mech. Transport Corps whilst serving in the Army -
Stationed at Chelmsford during 1914-18 War.
Kempston Cricket Club. - 1900 onwards.
London Brick Co. Cricket Club 1920's until 1938?

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Umpired for Bedford Borough Police and Local Cricket Clubs until well over 70 years old.

Athletics - 440 yds & 880 yds - mostly local Meetings.

Rugby Football. - Played with Bedford Rugby Union Club 1901 - 1905. Played 54 Games.

Also reputed to have been a very good shot.

Reginald Geo. Cocking - only brother - born 1889 - Left handed bat & bowler - played for Kempston C.C. and local Cricket Clubs. Played Scrum half for Bedford Rugby Club 1908 - 1922. Played 116 Games.

Occupation:

Stores Clerk for London Brick Co. Stewartby, Beds.

Date of death:

9th September 1964.

Place of death:

Bedford General Hospital.

Thank you for your help.

Completed by Mrs E.P. Lowe
Niece.

Thanked 7/5/77.

Thanked 7/5/77

H.P. COCKING

23, Churchill Close

Stewartby.

Beds

2/5/77.

Dear Mr. Webb.

Your form returned herewith.

I was unable to get information regarding the years my uncle played cricket for Bedfordshire, but have been told the dates, etc. was given to you by a Mr. August of Bedford Cricket Club, who, I gather, keeps the county records.

However, I hope the enclosed may be of some help to you. I would be pleased to know if your project is to be published

H.P. COCKING

23, Churchill Close
Stewart Key,
Beds.

22/4/77

Dear Mr. Webb,

I feel I should explain why I have been so long in returning your enquiry re Mr. H.P. Cocking.

I have been trying to get information of the exact years he played cricket for Bedfordshire - I now hope to receive this from our local County Hall on Thursday of next

week, when I will forward
it on to you.

Sorry for the delay,

Yours Sincerely,

Elizabeth P. Howe.

ALFRED FRANK MURRAY SLATER,
Lieut.-Colonel, Indian Army, retired.
Born, 26th September, 1882.
Entered the School, January, 1895.
Left, April, 1900.
Died in Duncan, Canada, on 29th January, 1944.

REGINALD CRAUFURD STREETFN.
Born, 18th July, 1878.
Entered the School, May 1892.
Left, July, 1897.
Died in Bloemfontein on 16th April, 1944.

Roll of Honour.

SIDNEY GERALD BLUNT,
Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.
Born, 5th July, 1909.
Entered the School, September, 1918.
Left, July, 1927.
Died in Barawanath Military Hospital,
Johannesburg, on 2nd June, 1944.

HOWARD FRIZELLE BURTON,
Wing-Commander, D.S.O., D.I.C. AND BAR, R.A.F.
Born, 21st June, 1916.
Entered the School, September, 1930.
Left, July, 1934.
Killed in action, 1943.

Wing-Commander H. F. Burton, previously reported missing, now presumed killed in action, was the youngest son of the late Major L. Burton, R.A., and of Mrs. Burton, of Ryanville, Bray, Eire. He was born in 1916 at Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and educated at Bedford School. At Cranwell, where he graduated as pilot officer in December, 1936, he gained the sword of honour. He became a fighter pilot, and obtained command of a squadron in 1941 and a wing in 1942. The D.F.C. was awarded him in September, 1941, after taking part in fifty-four sorties over enemy territory. In February, 1943, he gained a Bar to the D.F.C., and two months later was awarded the D.S.O., as commander of "an exceptionally successful wing," with which he had taken part in several sorties, involving low flying attacks on heavy armoured fighting vehicles. His brilliant leadership had contributed in large measure to the great success achieved.
—*The Times*.

TIMOTHY EDWARD MICHAEL CONNOLLY,
2nd Lieutenant, Devonshire Regt.
Born, 10th February, 1925.
Entered the School, September, 1938.
Left, July, 1941.
Killed in action in Burma, April, 1944.

ARTHUR DENIS BRADFORD COCKS,
Lt.-Colonel, Royal Engineers.
Born, 29th July, 1904.
Entered the School, September, 1916.
Left, December, 1922.
Killed in action in France, June, 1944.

EDMUND JOHN DALGETY,
Midshipman, R.N.V.R.
Born, 20th October, 1925.
Entered the School, September, 1934.
Left, July, 1943.
Died of wounds received in action, June, 1944.

MICHAEL LESLIE DOBLE,
Captain, m.c., R.H.A.
Born, 16th April, 1920.
Entered the School, May, 1934.
Left, April, 1938.
Killed in action in Italy on 24th May, 1944.

JAMES CUNLIFFE DOWNIE,
Captain, Royal Artillery.
Born, 16th July, 1920.
Entered the School, September, 1933.
Left, December, 1938.
Killed in action in Burma, April, 1944.

PETER RODRIGUEZ MAY,
Wing-Commander, D.F.C., A.F.C., R.A.F.
Born, 28th May, 1908.
Entered the School, September, 1922.
Left, October, 1924.
Killed in action, 1943.

JACK AMES PROSSER,
Captain, Merchant Navy.
Born, 10th August, 1900.
Entered the School, May, 1910.
Left, July, 1915.
Killed in action, February, 1943.

JOHN KENNETH SHIPTON,
Major, Bedfs. and Herts. Regt.
attached 9th Gurkha Rifles.
Born, 25th April, 1905.
Entered the School, September, 1914.
Left, December, 1920.
Died in Hospital in India, of an illness contracted during the fighting in Burma, May, 1944.

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Missing.

Lieut. J. N. B. Drummond (27-36), Gold Coast Regt.
Captain E. D. Frost (31-37), 10th Baluchi Regt.
Sergt.-Observer J. D. Manley (30-41), R.A.F.V.R.
Flt.-Lieut. J. F. Muir (27-32), R.A.F.

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Wounded.

Captain E. E. Ahlers (31-38), 16th Punjab Regt.
Lieut. G. A. Brigstocke (31-35), R.I.A.S.C.
Major D. F. Gordon (27-34), 7th Rajput Regt.
Major C. W. Pearson (20-31), m.c., 12th F.F. Regt.
Major J. W. Simpson (25-33), 4th P.W.O. Gurkha Rifles.
Wounded a second time :
Lieut. D. B. Harley (31-40), 2nd K.E.VII. O. Gurkha Rifles.

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Prisoners of War.

Captain W. K. Forbes (24-27), Royal Artillery.
Colonel H. McA. Richards (08-11), m.c., South African Forces.
Lieut. G. R. Smerdon (30-34), Middlesex Regt., attached Oxford and Bucks. L.I.
2nd Lieut. J. W. B. White (29-35), Royal Artillery.

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Interned.

J. E. Longfield (21-26), in Borneo.

War Honours.

The following were included in the King's Birthday Honours list which was published earlier in the month :—

Lieut.-General W. H. G. Baker (06-07), c.b., D.S.O., O.B.E., late Adjutant-General, Indian Army—K.C.I.E.

Major-General
Army—C.B.
Major-General
T.D., late R.
Brigadier A. I.
Indian Arm
Paym.-Captai
R.N.—C.B.
Paym.-Comdr
O.B.E.
Colonel H. P.
Lt.-Col. A. F.
Officers—O
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23), R.A.F.
Rev. D. H. B.
M.B.E.
Lt.-Colonel J.
1933-37), R

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In Italy :

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In Malta :

Lt.-Colonel R
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In the field :

Lieut. R. M. C
M.C.

Lieut. H. M. S
in Despatch

In air operation
Squadron-Lea
V.R., 255 S

Flt.-Lieut. L.
70 Squadron

GEORGE FRANCIS HARRISON,
R.A.M.C.
Born, 15th March, 1911.
Entered the School, September, 1925.
Left, April, 1927.
Died, 11th April, 1941.

JOHN COLPOYS KEANE,
Major, Hampshire Regt.
Born, 24th July, 1905.
Entered the School, September, 1914.
Left, April, 1916.
Killed in action in Italy, September, 1944.

JAMES LESLIE KEY,
Major, 11th Sikh Regt.
Born, 5th April, 1922.
Entered the School, May, 1930.
Left, April, 1940.
Killed in action, August, 1944.

ALAN MACKINLAY PARKER,
Flying Officer, 2nd Tactical Air Force.
Born, 28th November, 1922.
Entered the School, May, 1938.
Left, April, 1941.
Killed in action, September, 1944.

VICTOR MICHEL RALLI,
Major, M.B.E., Cyprus Regt.
Born, 24th September, 1915.
Entered the School, April, 1927.
Left, December, 1932.
Died in Egypt, after a short illness whilst on active service, on 25th August, 1944.

VIVIAN ROY SAIGOL,
Flying Officer, R.A.F.
Born, 4th November, 1906.
Entered the School, January, 1914.
Left, July, 1925
Killed on active service in India, July, 1944.

ALFRED SALISBURY,
Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R., F.A.A.
Born, 26th January, 1921.
Entered the School, September, 1931.
Left, January, 1938.
Killed in air operations over Norway, August, 1944.

JOHN PATRICK SALMOND,
Major, Royal Warwickshire Regt.,
att'd Hampshire Regt.
Born, 14th October, 1919.
Entered the School, September, 1928.
Left, December, 1937.
Killed in action in Italy, August, 1944.

JOHN EARDLEY VINE,
Lieutenant, Royal Artillery.
Born, 16th December, 1906.
Entered the School, April, 1915.
Left, July, 1925.
Died of wounds received in action in Normandy,
July, 1944.

EDWARD ROGER WAKEFIELD,
Captain, Royal Artillery, Special Service Troops,
C.M.F.
Born, 15th July, 1910.
Entered the School, May, 1924.
Left, July, 1929.
Killed in action, June, 1944.

G.N. writes in *The Times* :—

The news of Roger Wakefield's death in action last June will have come as a severe blow to his many friends. He was known to be missing, but there were some grounds for hoping that he had been captured unhurt. It is hard to believe that he is dead, and to realise that such a warm-hearted and true friend has gone out of one's life. Before the war he was building up a steady practice at the Bar, but in September, 1939, he was mobilized with the H.A.C., of which he was already a member, and soon obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery. He was for some time on the staff of the Special Service Brigade, and there he came into close contact with the Commandos that formed part of the Brigade, both during training and in the course of operations. As a civilian and as a soldier he had a host of friends, and I am sure that they will long remember him for his goodness, his humour, his kindness, and his entire lack of selfishness and self-seeking, not to speak of his ability at his job. His deep religious faith was the mainspring of all his actions. He had political ambitions, and would have given in Parliament the same honourable service to his country as he gave on the field of battle. The price of victory is indeed a heavy one.

GILBERT MCCARTNEY WILKINS,
Lt.-Colonel, m.c., North Staffordshire Regt.
Born, 11th June, 1901.
Entered the School, September, 1909.
Left, December, 1919.
Killed in action, August, 1944.

A.J.W. writes in *The Times* :—

The death of Lt.-Colonel G. McC. Wilkins, m.c., The North Staffordshire Regiment, will come as a great blow to his many friends. I had known him since he was a subaltern; he was a man of a very cheerful and outstanding personality, keen on his profession, with the makings of an excellent officer. A very good athlete, he was always ready to join in any game if it helped the cause of the regiment. His first chance of showing his worth came during the retreat to Dunkirk, where he was wounded and received the Military Cross for his gallantry. As soon as he was well enough he rejoined the regiment, and reached his ambition when he was given command of his battalion and could devote his time to training it, with the result that the battalion did splendidly under his inspiring leadership and most gallant example.

Colonel D. A. Wilkins, m.b.e., writes :—
Those who knew Gilbert Wilkins, who was killed in action on 17th August, 1944, commanding a battalion of his regiment in Normandy, sum him up as a keen sportsman and hunter of big game, an athlete, and a gallant and efficient officer. Educated at Bedford School, he was three years in the Rugby XV, being captain in his last year. He was elected a Harlequin. Also, at School, he was *Victor Ludorum* at athletics and in the cricket XI. A natural ball games player he soon became a high-class golfer, lawn tennis player and squash rackets player on taking up those games after leaving School. But it is as a big-game hunter in Tanganyika and Nyasaland that many will always remember him. During the 12 years he spent seconded to the King's African Rifles, he organised numerous safaris, and his large collection of elephant tusks, lion skins, buffalo horns, and very nearly every variety of antler, testify to his positive delight in living dangerously and hard. One of the first to land in France in September, 1939, he remained until wounded in the great German blitz of early summer, 1940, and was awarded the Military Cross. Notwithstanding a permanent partial disability as a result of his former wound, he returned to Normandy in summer, 1944.

LT.-COLONEL A. D. B. COCKS, whose death was recorded in *Ousel* 734.

A.N. writes in *The Times* :—
Lt.-Colonel Denis Cocks, R.E., one of the first to fall on the beaches in France, was one of those regular officers upon whose unceasing devotion the Service is dependent. From September, 1939, as a junior staff officer in the War Office, until his death as a commander, his capacity for sheer work was as valuable as his imperturbability and cheerfulness of outlook. His clear head gave him ability above the average, but he combined with it both charm of manner and understanding of the other point of view; it was impossible not to co-operate with him. His loss at the age of 39 deprives the Army of an eager and efficient officer of great promise, and many of us of a valued friend.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKETERS : INFORMATION FORM

Surname: COLEMAN

First names in full: DAVID ARTHUR

Date of birth 30. 06. 1935.

Place of birth: HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

Schools attended: LLANGADOG SCHOOL 1940.

MAYBANK SCHOOL, WEMBLEY HIGH,

College/university:

HARROW TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Left or right handed batsman: RIGHT.

Type of bowler and arm: RIGHT ARM MEDIUM SEAM.

Year of debut for Bedfordshire: 1969

Bedfordshire clubs played for: FLITWICK C.C.

Other clubs: LONDON NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

EASTERN COMMAND (ARMY) 1953 - 1955.
WEMBLEY PARK

Other sports played:

SOCCER

TABLE TENNIS

GOLF.

Occupation: COMPANY DIRECTOR.

Other information of interest
eg well-known relatives, awards, etc:

1000 RUNS AND 100 WICKETS

FOR WEMBLEY PARK 1963.

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KIND REGARDS,

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First names in full: DENIS BERKELEY
Date of birth: 2/9/1915
Place of birth: BEDFORD
School: BEDFORD SCHOOL
University or college: -

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT-HANDED BATSMAN

Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: -

Year of first class debut: -

Teams played for:

First class -

Second class - Bedford School, Bedford Town & Bedfordshire

Others -

(First game in 1933 or 1934 J. Rink)

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Rugby for Bedford School, Bedford & East-Middlesex

Golf for Bedfordshire

Squash for Bedfordshire

Occupation: Company Director

Thank you for your help.

Address OB Register

1947 28 Park Avenue, Bedford

year as a master at Audley House School in Oxfordshire, where he is house tutor and in charge of sport. He also coaches the Under XIVs at Bicester Rugby Club.

T.F. Marshall (58-67) presented the Remembrance Day Festival at the Albert Hall on television. Also to be seen on television at the subsequent Cenotaph service was Lt-Col J.M.W. Stenhouse (57-67) who laid a wreath on behalf of the Prince of Wales. Again on television from Newcastle in "Songs of Praise", when the hymns were chosen by those who were prisoners-of-war of the Japanese, was G.O.F. Kynaston (27-35), who was taken at Singapore.

Paul Neate (71-76), who works for the International Livestock Centre for Africa, has moved to Ethiopia, and is living in Addis Ababa. He has promised to send us an account of his activities, which, he says, are very hectic at the moment.

The Very Reverend Mgr. Anthony Philpot (43-51) has been made a Chaplain of Honour by Pope John Paul II. His address is Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1JR.

T.P. Toyne Sewell (50-59) has been promoted Brigadier to command the 19th Infantry Brigade.

P.G. Rowe (76-80) has completed his course at St Bartholomew's Medical School, and has qualified MB, BS. He is now working at Bedford General Hospital.

K. Srinivasan (47-54) has written to Murray Fletcher to say that he is now living in Delhi, and has been promoted to the rank below Permanent Under-Secretary to the Indian Government, and is expected to be leaving India for a post as ambassador.

Marriage

COLES-HEATON. On 12th April 1986 at Holmes Chapel, Flt-Lt R.E. Coles (69-75) to Miss Deborah Heaton.

In Memoriam

BRIGADIER NIGEL HENRY BIRBECK, RA
Born September 10, 1921
At the School from 1933 to 1940
Died October 6, 1985

LT COLONEL CECIL GUY CHANTRILL
Born August 3, 1913
At the School from 1927 to 1930
Died October 2, 1985

THE VERY REVEREND BROUGHAM HENRY YATES CLAXTON
Born May 9, 1905
At the School from 1912 to 1924
Died October 18, 1985
The Rev. B.H.Y. Claxton was a regular visitor to the School. He was a member of the Old Catholic Church.

DENIS BERKELEY COLEMAN
Born September 2, 1915
At the School from 1924 to 1933
Died November 19, 1985

In his years at School, Denis Coleman was prominent in the XI and in the XV. After he left, he played cricket for Bedfordshire, and rugby football for Bedford and for the East Midlands; and those were the days when such selection meant something. He was also no mean performer on the lawn tennis or squash court, a real all rounder.

In later years, golf was Denis's main sport, though on his rare excursions he was a considerable force on the croquet lawn. In a prominent golf foursomes competition not many years ago, Denis Coleman and his partner totalled 136 years, and their opponents totalled 34 and were both low single figure handicaps; in a memorable match, Denis and partner won with a birdie at the 19th. Of such are legends made.

Old Bedfordians join Denis's widow, Ivy, in her grief.

ANTHONY RICHARD WARD DENISON
Born February 21, 1927
At the School from 1934 to 1943
Died in 1979

PHILIP GARDNER

Born September 27, 1922
At the School from 1935 to 1940
Died January 15, 1986

Philip Gardner, who died on January 15, was a leading exponent of the Norfolk school of water-colour painting. He was 63.

Educated at Bedford School he became a Fleet Air Arm pilot during the latter stages of the war before turning to a career in advertising.

However, his creative skills were such that he was much in demand to use them in a wider context. In the 1960s he was, along with others, invited to redesign *The Times* which at that stage still retained advertisements on the front page.

Finally dissatisfied with the world of advertising, he moved to Norfolk in 1971 and started painting virtually from scratch, though he had always considered himself a writer rather than artist.

During the ensuing years he distinguished himself by his spare and evocative scenes, often nostalgic of the Norfolk coast and landscape. He exhibited twice annually in Norfolk as well as in London, Mexico, and elsewhere, and a number of his pictures are in the Royal Collection.

Gardner was noted for his charm and his particular desire to help others at whatever cost to himself. He leaves a widow, Partridge, and a daughter, Hilary.

—*The Times*

BRIGADIER HOWARD GREENE, CBE, DSO, MC
Born June 4, 1893
At the School from 1901 to 1911
Died November 24, 1985

Howard Greene was our DVP for the West Country for many years, and arranged many memorable lunches at Bath. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1912, and served in the 1914-18 war. He served in Iraq in 1920 and 1921. In the 1939-45 war he served in the Fifth Division from 1940 to 1943, the Thirteenth Corps from 1943 to 1945, and retired in 1946. He was awarded the MC in 1917, the DSO in 1945, and the CBE in 1944.

ANTHONY HENRY DORWELL HOLLAND
Born July 26, 1914
At the School from 1928 to 1932
Died January 8, 1986

KENNETH JAMES HOLT, OBE
Born September 7, 1918
At the School from 1932 to 1935
Died November 24, 1985
Kenneth Holt joined Lloyds Bank immediately after leaving school. He joined the Artists Rifles,

and was commissioned into the South West Borderers in 1942. He was wounded at Nar and on recovery was transferred to the 3rd King's African Rifles in Kenya and later in Burma Captain acting Major.

After demobilisation he rejoined Lloyds Bank but left to join Sinclair Murray in East Pakistan moving to Calcutta in 1954 to join Babcock Wilcox. He served as DVP from 1954 to 1957 when he moved to Bombay and then Durgam Chattri returning to England to work in Babcock Wilcox's head office, and retired in 1983. He received the OBE in 1972 for services to British interests in India. He married in 1950, and has a son Peter (66-69) and daughters Rowena and Sanara.

SIR JOHN ALFRED GOLDING HOWARD
DSc, FICE
Born November 17, 1901
At the School from 1915 to 1918
Died January 2, 1986
Full notices appear on pages 2, 3 and 4.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR CECIL CHARLES HUGH HALLETT, KCB, CBE
Born April 6, 1898
At the School from 1905 to 1910
Died December 2, 1985

Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Hughes Hallett entered the Royal Navy in 1911 and served in both 1914-18 and 1939-45 Wars.

He was in charge of a picket boat at the Anzac beaches during the Dardanelles campaign, was present at the Battle of Jutland, and at the Admiralty Ordnance department from 1936 to 1938 and responsible for the anti-aircraft rearmament of the Fleet. When war broke out he became PL Officer Home Fleet.

In 1940 he took command of the anti-aircraft cruiser Curacao.

In 1944 he took command of the carrier Implacable in Norwegian waters before joining the British Pacific Fleet early in 1945. In 1950 he became Chief of Staff, Home Fleet.

From 1952 to 1954 he was Admiral of the Fleet Services Mission in Washington, and he retired in 1955.

From 1958 to 1960 he was chairman of the Chemical Purification and Chemical Co. and from 1960 to 1975 a director of John Tyzack & Partners. He was made a CBE in 1942, a CB in 1950 and a KCB in 1954. He was Master of the Glovers' Company in 1968.

—*Daily Telegraph*

RICHARD LITTLEHAILES
Born June 24, 1905
At the School from 1916 to 1923
Died October 5, 1984

DAYRELL REED OAKLEY-HILL
Born May 28, 1898
At the School from 1906 to 1916
Died November 5, 1985
Colonel D.R. Oakley-Hill was perhaps the last survivor of the group of British officers who, and the late General Percy, organised the Albanian gendarmerie in the late 1920s.

It was King Zog's idea to have a British organised gendarmerie in order to give him some room for manoeuvre under the various pressures to which his regime was subjected, particularly to which his regime was subjected, particularly from Fascist Italy. And with no axe of their own to grind, the officers chosen were able to associate themselves with the aspirations of a nascent Albanian nationhood.

Dayrell Oakley-Hill was outstanding in this way. He learnt to speak Albanian fluently, and his evident knowledge and disinterestedness helped in the difficult task of introducing the ideal of impartial law among the mountaineers long wedded to rougher tribal patterns of justice.

As if this were not enough, he initiated the country's first tourist organisation, realising what

Weston, Willfred Walter **Spear, 1886²-89²**
s. of W. Weston, J.P., Alnwick. *b.* 1870.
 Modern III—I. House Scholar.
 Resident Secretary to the Life Association of Scotland Insurance
 Co.

16 Donegall Square South, Belfast.

Woodhouse, Harry Percy **School House, 1886²-91²**
s. of Rev. H. D. Woodhouse, Himbleton, Droitwich. *b.* 1873.
 Upper IV—VI. House Scholar. Latin Verse. Junior Chapel
 Prefect. Head of House. House XI Cricket.

Scholar, Magdalene College, Cambridge; B.A. (Second Class
 Class. Tripos) 1894; Assistant Master at St. Peter's School, Weston-
 super-Mare, 1899; Old Ride School, Branksome, 1904-11.

The Alders, Burnham, Bucks.

FIRST TERM, 1887

Bradbury, John Kaye **Bayfield, 1887¹-89²**
s. of R. Bradbury, South Cliff, Scarborough.
 III--Lower IV.

Coleridge, Francis Arthur **Mackie—Faber, 1887¹-89²**
s. of Rev. A. J. Coleridge, Bromham, Beds. *b.* 1871.

Upper IV—VI. Lea Scholar. Faber Exhibitioner. Lea Shake-
 speare; Martin History. School Prefect. Head of House. Editor
 of *Malvernian*. XI Cricket; House XI Football.

Passed 3rd into R.M.C. Sandhurst; University College, London,
 I.C.S. 1894; now District Judge of the Kistna District; Durbar
 Medal 1911; acting Judge High Court of Madras 1923.

Meonstoke, Bishop's Wallham, Hants.

Copleston, Waters Edward **Mackie—Faber, 1887¹-90²**
s. of Rev. J. H. Copleston, Offwell, Honiton.
 Shell—Remove. School Prefect. Head of House. XI Cricket
 1889,90.

Indian Forest Department; now Chief Conservator of Forests,
 Bombay; C.S.I. 1922.

Callow Hill, Monmouth.

Coston, John Francis Wigley **Day Boy, 1887¹-87²**
s. of Mrs. M. F. Coston, The Grange, Malvern.
 Junior School.

Great War, Captain York and Lancaster Regt.

Eves, Graves William **School House, 1887¹-90¹**
s. of Rev. E. L. Eves, Maryborough, Ireland. *b.* 1872.

Upper IV—Shell. House Scholar.

Trinity College, Dublin; B.A., B.A.I. (Honours) 1893; Engineer
 Galway and Clifden Railway 1894; Bengal Nagpur Railway 1895;
 District Engineer Shanghai Nankin Railway 1903; Chief Engineer,
 Kowloon Canton Railway, 1906; Western Havana Railway 1911;
 Barsi Light Railway 1913; Agent and Chief Engineer since 1920;
 M.Inst.C.E., F.R.G.S.; Great War, Captain 35th Poona Rifles.

Kurduwadi, Deccan, India.

C.V.A. COLLING

First names in full: CHARLES VERNON ALLASON.

Date of birth: 20 - 3 - 1911

Place of birth: LUTON.

School: ST. GEORGES SCHOOL, HARPENDEN.

University or college: —

Left or right-handed batsman R.H. hand.

Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: R.H. slow (occasional).

Year of first class debut:

Teams played for:

First class - —

Second class - BEDFORDSHIRE, 1931

Others - LUTON TOWN C.C.,
DRAGONS C.C. (old boys touring side)
FORTY CLUB.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

TABLE TENNIS. England trialist, Represented Home Counties, World Championship 1935

FATHER. CHARLES F. COLLING, Captain, Luton Town C.C. (about 1924) era.

Occupation: Tinsmith - Hat Trade
On verge of retirement!

Thank you for your help.

Kevin, From memory at 84! Please note slight change of address
Blakes Barn Southwaler St Southwaler Horsham Sussex RH13 9BN.
BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKETERS : INFORMATION FORM

Surname: DR. COMERFORD

First names in full: FRANCIS JOHN

Date of birth 20-01-35

Place of birth: DERBYSHIRE

Schools attended: BEDFORD MODERN (Vice Captain 1951/52/3)

College/university: LONDON UNIVERSITY BLUE
COLLEGE of ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Left or right handed batsman: RH opening bat No 4

Type of bowler and arm: Medium R Arm

Year of debut for Bedfordshire: 1956

Bedfordshire clubs played for:

LOCAL BEDFORD TOWN
BROMHAM NOMADS

Other clubs: ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS National Service 53/55

HORSHAM CC Sussex 66

LONDON UNIVERSITY 1955/56

Other sports played: BEDFORD MARTLETS and HAYMAKERS
RUGBY for RAOC ARMY TEAM 55/55
Golf Mannings Heath 'Hicap 10

Occupation: Chartered Surveyor

Other information of interest
eg well-known relatives, awards, etc:

Three centuries for London University 1956 - Awarded University
Blue (Purple)

Highest Score 174* (not out) Bromham v Stephen Taylor's XI

Thank you for your help

Addition: Vice Captain of BMS to Bob Gate Pres. Middx in the
w/k. (decd) (England) and Graham Janet Spin Bowler Kent.
w/k. (decd) (England) and Graham Janet Spin Bowler Kent.

DR John Comerford

KILLED IN ACTION

Alec Cook, a Promising Rugby Player

By the death in action over France of Squadron-Leader Alec E. Cook, D.F.C., R.A.F. Coastal Command, Bedford Rugby Union Football Club loses another fine player. After winning the D.F.C., Squadron-Leader Cook trained Spitfire pilots for a time, but returned to operational duties, and recent exploits added to his reputation as a brave and skilful airman.

Attending Bedford School from 1927 to 1938, Alec Cook proved a great asset as a forward in the School XV, and showed promise of emulating his brother, J. G. Cook, the Bedford, East Midlands, and England forward. He played many fine games for the Town. At cricket he was a good all-rounder and in the last season before the war he played for Bedfordshire against Sir Julien Cahn's XI, Oxfordshire, and Cambridgeshire.

In August this year he led a very successful Mosquito attack on three enemy armed trawlers on the Gironde Estuary, North of Bordeaux, of which one was left on fire, another smoking, and the other badly damaged.

His eldest brother, Gilbert (the Rugby International), is in the Air Force, and two other brothers, Maurice and Phillip, are in the Army serving abroad. They are both Rugby players.

taking his finals, he was editing the Engineering Journal of the University.

Surgeon Lieut.-Commander W. A. Burnett (18-28), R.N.V.R., in H.M.S. *Bonaventure* left Scotland on February 21st 1945, and joined up with an American Atlantic convoy. The first three days were quite exciting as there were a number of German U-Boats about then. Later, leaving the convoy, they called at the Azores for oil, and then across to Trinidad where they stayed about ten days, and then through the Panama Canal to San Diego in California for five days, and across to Pearl Harbour in the Hawaiian Islands. Here leave was given for the first time since their departure from the United Kingdom, and they were able to visit Honolulu and Waikiki, and see the sights, many of which had been spoilt by the war. From there they went to a tiny island called Funa Futi in the Ellis Island Group. Just before reaching there they crossed the line with full Naval ceremony. Burnett took the part of Queen Aphrodite. Everyone in the ship, whether they had crossed before or not, went through the ducking. From Funa Futi they sailed to Brisbane in Queensland, arriving at the end of April, and were there for "V-E"-Day. Then to the Great Barrier Reef where they spent a month in a glorious spot, after which they returned to Brisbane for ten days, where he had four days' leave with a very nice Australian family. Then they sailed north, visiting the Admiralty Islands and the Phillipines, and Labuan in North Borneo. They were at the last named for "V-J"-Day, which was duly celebrated. Since then they have been back to Australia, with three weeks at Sydney. When the letter was written last October, the *Bonaventure* was on its way to Hong Kong with a battalion of Royal Marine Engineers, all their gear and supplies, etc., including one white goat, as well as a number of other passengers. For the past two and a half years this ship has been the depot or Mother ship for the British midget submarines, and there have been very interesting and exciting times. She was the only ship of her kind in the Royal Navy. Now that the war is over, and the midget submarines are no longer required, they, their officers and crews have left, and H.M.S. *Bonaventure* has become a cargo-passenger-supply and transport ship, expecting to return to Sydney after visiting Hong Kong.

Lt.-Colonel J. P. U. Burr (29-37), M.B.E., had a long spell on the Staff of the Eighth Army H.Q., and at one time there were three other O.B.s there with him—R. Lindsay (25-33), who was G.S.O. II R.A.; R. A. Wiskin (24-34), who was G.S.O. II Ops., and has since been killed while on a Recce; and G. O'B. Power, who was engaged on special wireless work. "My other most amazing experience," wrote Colonel Burr, "was to arrive at the Middle East Staff School to find H. E. J. Read (24-34), an instructor there."

Captain G. W. H. Cocksedge (31-39), M.C., writing from somewhere in Austria, said that life in the Army suited him admirably. He had had three-and-a-half years away from home, and was quite content to remain abroad for another two years, and he hoped to become a regular Officer. From the landing in Sicily to the end of the Italian campaign it was bloody and frightening but, all told, he liked it.

R. M. C. Codner (34-39) wrote to say that congratulations on his decoration arrived by the same jeep as E. H. Marsh (30-35), who gave him his first beating at School! The latter brought news of Ralph Spark (26-35) and Ramsay Murray (25-36), whom he had met in Italy. Codner came across T. A. Coslett (32-38), in Naples. "We have had a good party as a whole," he added, "urging our unwilling donkeys over the Gothic Line; but now we have run into bad weather, and are sinking each day a little deeper into the mud. The best billets are local schools, where there are bookshelves and intriguing little green-desks. It is interesting to read the literature on which little Fascists are brought up; and one comes across occasional gems like the *Pickwick Papers* in Italian—Sam Weller loses nothing by being Latinised."

Wing-Comdr. Alec Cook, D.F.C. (27-38), whose death in action crowned so promising a career at School, University and the R.A.F., was hit by flak as he was leading his squadron of Mosquitoes in an attack on enemy shipping in the Bay of Biscay. He succeeded in reaching the coast of France in his damaged plane, but was killed in making an emergency landing. A French paper contained a touching description of the funeral which the people of the place gave to him and his observer.

An Old Bedfordian who dropped the first 8,000 pound bomb on Germany—Flight-Lieut. W. I. Covington (31-38)—headed the R.A.F. in Bath's Victory Parade.

Flying Officer R. H. Crompton (28-39), who had been on "ops" in Burma, did a duty trip to Bangalore and there met G. A. Turner, D.S.O., D.F.C. (36-40), Major G. T. Chaloner (25-28) and J. D. Blaylock (33-39) at the United Services Club.

Captain W. Daniels (21-31), R.E., writing from somewhere near Venice, stated that a year ago he was Garrison Engineer at Sorrento, a delightful spot, and he was lucky in being able to visit Capri for a few hours. Then he moved up to Perugia, where he stayed until May, 1945. In November he took seven days' leave in Florence, staying at the Savoy Hotel. While there he met G. T. Evans (24-34) and G. H. B. Hicks (25-29), both contemporaries of his. In April he came across D. S. Gideon (23-29), who was with a British General Hospital, and they yarned for hours about old times. Then he spent three days in Rome, and two in Naples, and later passed through Rimini, which was in a fearful state, Forli, Bologna, and then over the Po to Padua. He went into Venice fairly often, and one Sunday met D. G. Clayton (25-34), who was a Major with an Indian Division. Venice was wonderful and nearly came up to expectations, and strange to say, it did not smell! At the beginning of June he had two days' unofficial leave, and travelled four hundred miles in a jeep, visiting Vicenza, Verona, Lake Garda, Brescia, Milan, and Lake Como. Lake Como he considered the finest and most beautiful place he had ever seen.

Midshipman M. P. Dawes (34-44), R.N., H.M.S. *Duke of York* in the China Seas, was present at the capitulation of the Japanese.

George de Sausmarez (Assistant Master), who has been working at the Air Ministry, was in Bedford over Christmas, 1944, enjoying a

Talking Sport with

Spectator

CRICKET CAN BE CONTRARY

BEDFORDSHIRE County Cricket Club's drop of six places (to 18th) in the Minor Counties Championship table this season hardly ties up with the club's distinction of having nine players included in the Minor Counties averages, five for batting and four for bowling. Normally, such a total would indicate championship class.

What is the explanation? Mr. Frank Crompton, in his report to the Bedfordshire CCC this week, claims that a little more "cricket luck" would have placed Bedfordshire in the top class. Thirty-three points divided the County from the runners-up, Wiltshire.

Eliminating those matches in which generous declarations were made when only two or three wickets were down (and which did not produce the results they were designed to secure), the County had to contend with rain in four games, thus upsetting chances.

Under normal conditions (claims Mr Crompton) the County could and should have won three of those games. In the fourth case the opposition were nine wickets down when time was called. Four wins in those matches would have secured at least third place in the championship. And, of course, the perfect wickets at Bedford School virtually ruled out anything but draws.

Famous feat

Incidentally, Mr. Crompton has been searching out comparisons with Norman Cooley's magnificent not out centuries (101 and 100) in successive innings in the game with Lincolnshire. He has discovered that only six other players have achieved hundreds in successive innings for Minor Counties:

J. A. Gibbs (for Berkshire, 1902); A. J. Silverlock (Monmouthshire, 1911); A. T. Cook (Surrey 2nd, 1927); E. Paynter (Lancashire 2nd, 1929); H. E. Dollery (Berkshire, 1932); and B. H. Lock (Kent 2nd, 1949).

Lock was the only one to carry his bat in both innings, so Cooley becomes the second to achieve this distinction.

added: It was also brought home to me forcibly that the game is much faster to referee!

Valda taking it 22-20. Then Phil took the second 21-9, and also the third 22-20 on an "edge."



NORMAN COOLEY

Still playing

REPORTING table tennis "Match of the Week" (this page) our correspondent was pleased to note another "old timer," Arthur "Dnley" Webster, still in action.

The pre-war 1939 League Championship finals provided a triumph for the Webster family. Arthur was successful in the Hospital Cup (now known as the Darby and Joan Cup), the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles (in which he was partnered by his sister, Mrs. Hilda Coles, who had also won the Ladies' Singles and Ladies' Doubles), and finally went very near to another triumph in the Men's Singles, only going down in a marathon five sets to Jack Hellyer.

Arthur and Hilda both represented the Bedford League on many occasions, as did two more members of the family after the war, brother Ron and sister Mrs. Gladys Dean.

Arthur, of course, was equally adept at cricket, keeping wicket for Harpur Sports for many seasons and playing for Bedfordshire.

Still on table tennis, a husband and wife clashed in the 2nd Division, Valda Gilbert (BTTC) meeting Phil Gilbert (BLTC). The first game was very close, with

Cooley trial for Lancs

Interest is quickening in Bedfordshire's Gillette Cup clash with Northamptonshire at Wardown Park, Luton, on April 26 (11 to 7.30), and this week the selectors chose 13 players from which the County team will be finalised.

Names will be announced on acceptance, and the choice of 13 is no doubt due to availability and the weather on the day.

One of those expected to be on the list—Bedford Town footballer/cricketer Norman Cooley—goes for a two-day trial with Lancashire this Monday and Tuesday.

The trial offer came in a letter and this week Cooley said: "I think it was my game for Minor Counties against the West Indians last summer which brought me to Lancashire's attention."

Before that, of course, Cooley achieved the rare distinction of two unbeaten 100s in Bedfordshire's game with Shropshire, and clearly he has the ability and temperament to make his way in the first-class game.

Cooley is now 26 and he has, of course, had offers from other counties before. Always the tug of local ties, his job at Brookhirst Igranic and the Eagles have proved too strong. "But this is the best offer yet," he says, "I must go and see what they propose."



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Date: 26 Feb 97

LAC R B CRAIG

1. You wrote recently enquiring about LAC R B Craig. RAF Henlow does not hold the records that you require, you need to write to:

HQPTC (FAO PM CS 2a2)
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GLOUCESTER
Gloucestershire
GL3 1HW

If you have any other queries regarding cricket at RAF Henlow please contact the Gym staff as I am posted and the cricket club is 'suspended' at present due to lack of numbers.

Yours Sincerely
AJ Tyrrell

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12 March 1997

Dear Mr Webb

Thank you for your letter dated 1 March 1997.

Unfortunately due to strict rules of disclosure I am not permitted to release any details relating to service personnel without their written consent, or if deceased their next of kin's written permission.

Should you be able to obtain this written consent then copies of individual's service records are available but are subject to a £20 administration fee.

I am sorry for a disappointing reply.

Yours sincerely

J A Vallender
MISS J A VALLENDER
ADMIN OFFICER
for Air Secretary/Chief Executive

There was another occasion worth mentioning when A.B. Pottle scored a double century. I believe against Oxfordshire, which could have been at Banbury. 206 not-out(?) The County Captain at the time was, I believe Capt. P. Turnbull M.C. The star pro. was Bert Holdstock. There were others, to name a few: Charles Rawlins (Fast bowler) Fred Rawlins, Capt. E.D. (one time Captain) A.V. Ward (Fast bowler) (one time Captain) Pines.

First names in full: EDWIN FRANK

Date of birth: 14th JUNE 1910

Place of birth: BEDFORD

School: BEDFORD SCHOOL

University or college:

NONE

Left or right-handed batsman L/H.

Type of bowler and arm/wicket-keeper: Slow left-hand

Year of first class debut: —

Teams played for: Bedfordshire

First class -

—

Second class -

—

Others - Minor Counties Competition.

(Bedfordshire.) FROGS' C.C. INCOGNITI
Don't wander in Clubs with no ground of their own. C.C.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth) NONE.

One point of interest could be that W.A. Sme scored three centuries* during the Annual Cricket week. (Probably in 1931.) I think I am right in saying that they were scored in three consecutive innings.

To prove the point refer to some book! or Occupation: Company Director (Engineering)

Thank you for your help.

* later captained Nottinghamshire for a number of seasons.

↓
Beds.C.C. yearbook of that year.

* P.S. To mark his outstanding performance of batsmanship Sme was presented with a silver cigarette case suitably inscribed. This through donations by players and spectators.

One further, on the field, ^{anecdote:} ~~happening~~ :-

As you probably know Charles Rawlin's was a Farmer, and again during a match against Oxfordshire at Banbury under the captaincy of A.R. Alston (son of a Bishop!) C. Rawlin's turned-up at least half an hour after the match had been in progress.

~~He~~ He strolled on to the field between overs (Beds. were fielding) and while rolling-up his sleeves said :-

"Sorry Alston, business before pleasure, but the bloody Binder broke-down!"

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E. F. CRAWFORD - SMITH

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OAKLEY.

BEDFORD

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Thought 16 Sept &
asked if could borrow
New Books

Sept. 5th 1976.

Dear Mr. Webb,
Thank you very much for
your letter of the 1st. inst.
from which I was interested
to note that you are collecting
information about cricketers
who have played for Bedford-
shire in the Minor Counties
Competitions.

In reply enclosed please
find the form duly filled
in.
I am sorry that I have

made it look rather like
a farm yard in winter
but I have had three or four
sittings in an effort to complete
it.

If for any reason you would
like a photograph or two on
loan I would willingly send you
a photograph of one of the
1931. teams with names printed thereon.
It never fails to create in me
a certain amount of nostalgia,
thinking back on the happy
summer days playing with
these pals and our opponents.

I wish you every success in
the task you have set yourself,
and would appreciate ~~it~~ if you
having had the results printed, having
a copy. Yours sincerely,
W. Lawford Smith

Parklands,
The Drive
Oakley
Bedford.

14th October 1976

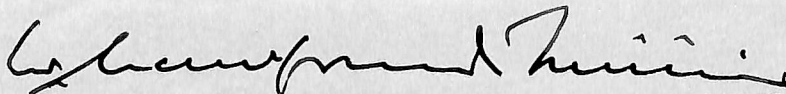
Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your letter of
16th September.

Unfortunately I have no Year Books
relating to Bedfordshire, even though they
arrive annually together with membership
season ticket, I just cannot lay my hands
on it at the moment.

I happen to be a member of Minor
Counties Cricket Association as well,
and their Year Book is sent to me every
year.

Yours sincerely,



E.F. Crawford-Smith.

C/S/KMA.

*P.S. I have just remembered
another old Bedfordshire player
who later joined SURREY as a
professional Tom Clark; no doubt
you have a note of his performances.*

I believe he played for hutton
when playing Club cricket.

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Jack Smith, county captain, receives the best all-rounder award from Mr. A. B. Poble (right). In the centre is Mr. Frank Crompton.

FRANK CROMPTON DRAWS STUMPS

AFTER a record of service unequalled in any grade of cricket, Mr. Frank Crompton has retired as secretary of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club. He is succeeded by Mr. George August.

Mr. Crompton has been troubled by ill-health during the past year, and at the county club's annual meeting at Bedfordshire Hall on Wednesday, he said that it was this, and advancing years, which had forced him to give up. But he promised that nothing would deter him from continuing to give what help he could to the club.

In all Mr. Crompton has given 55 years' service to Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, the past 45 years as honorary secretary.

And after various tributes had been paid on Wednesday, Mr. Crompton was elected a vice-president of the club, and a member of the committee.

The president, Mr. A. B. Poble, said that 55 years was an

astronomical figure. Such a length of time was better appreciated when it was realised that during that period Bedfordshire had had 11 captains — a full cricket team.

Mr. Crompton's re-election during those years had been a unanimous and automatic procedure, because it was known that Mr. Crompton would do the job of secretary in a perfect manner.

The high standard of Bedfordshire in the sphere of cricket, and the club's excellent financial position, were due in no small measure to Mr. Crompton said the president.

Through this time their secretary had received the great help and encouragement of Mrs. Crompton.

The chairman, Mr. John Oliver, added a tribute on behalf of all past and present players and members. He said it was appropriate that the present team should give Mr. Crompton such

a fine retiring present of finishing runners-up in the Minor Counties table.

Members then passed a resolution that the "truly wonderful service" of Mr. Crompton be recorded on the minutes, adding the hope that he would have many more happy and helathy years in which to enjoy cricket in the company of his many good friends.

Life's work

In a brief reply, Mr. Crompton said that his service to the club had been his life's work. He had always realised what county spirit meant, and in the course of his years with the club he had received at all hands most warm co-operation and unbounding enthusiasm.

"It is an interesting fact," he said, "that during those years this club has never been in debt in any one year." And he concluded:

"One has gathered many happy memories for my December, and not the least fragrant will be the honour you have conferred upon me tonight."

Mr. August, who succeeds Mr. Crompton as secretary, will also continue as vice-chairman of the club.

All the club's principal officers were re-elected.

County's 'Mr. Cricket' is dead

MR. Frank Crompton, one of Bedford's most respected figures in sport administration and a former county council official, died in hospital on Tuesday afternoon. He was 76.

For 45 years until his retirement in 1959 Mr. Crompton, of 25 St. Andrew's Road, Bedford, was chief clerk to the Bedfordshire Quarter Sessions and was also committee clerk to the county council.

But his reputation in Bedford was built mainly around his service to county cricket. In 1925 he was appointed secretary of the county cricket club, a post he held for 44 years. He retired due to ill health at the club's annual meeting last December.

He was elected honorary secretary of the Minor Counties Cricket Association in 1945 and in 1955 was made a life member of the association. He remained Minor Counties secretary until his death and his work on the committees was instrumental in bringing many reforms to county cricket rules.

Service

Mr. Crompton moved to Bedford in 1914 on his appointment as personal clerk to the clerk of the peace for Bedfordshire and later held a variety of posts in local government.

During the First World War he served with the Royal Engineers in the Middle East.

He was a Freemason and for many years a member of the St. Andrew's, Bedford, parochial church council.

He leaves a widow, Anne, and a son, Group Captain Roy Crompton.

The funeral is at St. Andrew's Bedford, today at 11.30 a.m.

DOUGLAS PERCIVAL PRYCE

Born 26 June 1920
At the School 1931 to 1938
Died 9 March 1992

GEORGE ANTHONY G. ROWLANDSON

Born 12 July 1933
At the School 1949 to 1950
Died July 1991

GEOFFREY J.R. SMITHIE

Born 8 March 1973
At the School 1986 to 1991
Died 16 February 1992

OWEN H. SPENCE

Born 10 March 1921
At the School 1933 to 1938
Died 1 September 1991

ANTONY SYMES

Born 30 January 1938
At the School 1949 to 1956
Died 22 December 1991

FREDERICK HENRY GEORGE TOMPKINS

At the School 1917 to 1926
Died 3 March 1992

ALAN PETER TYSON

Born 15 December 1920
At the School 1934 to 1938
Died 30 March 1992

JOHN W.S. BRANCKER

Born 13 July 1910
At the School 1923-27
Died 27 March 1992

The following appeared *The Times* of 16 April 1992:

'For more than 50 years of a life devoted to air communications John William Sefton Brancker contributed to the smooth running of civil aviation throughout the world. He was the only son of the energetic and popular brigadier-General Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation at the Air Ministry from 1922 until his death in the R101 airship disaster in 1930. Brancker followed his father to Bedford School where he looked forward to joining the RAF. That ambition was thwarted through a slight eyesight defect. Instead he became, with the future Sir Keith Granville, one of the first two recruits to the Imperial Airways commercial trainee scheme.

'Posted first to Cairo, he was waiting for the arrival of the R101 at the Ismailia mooring mast, bearing the Secretary of State for Air and his father, when news of the fatal crash at Beauvais in France arrived. This was his tragic introduction to long distance aviation.

'After a period as station superintendent in Kisumu Brancker took part in the first flying-boat route survey to Durban. During the next few years, in the days of the Handley Page biplanes and the Short flying boats, he was, successively, area manager, central Africa, 1933-37; Imperial Airways' Director of Wilson Airways in Nairobi and Rhodesian and

Nyasaland Airways; manager, Imperial Airways (Continental), 1937-40; regional director BOAC for India and Burma, 1940-42; regional director, West Africa, 1942-44; and BOAC's deputy director general (commercial), 1944-46.

'When British European Airways was formed in 1946, Brancker was appointed its first deputy managing director and general manager (traffic). Next year he moved back to BOAC as manager of its eastern division and subsequently became BOAC's general manager, international affairs.

'In 1953 he joined IATA in Montreal as traffic director to take a leading part in the commercial and technical committees of the world's airlines. He brought a robust and cheerful as well as encyclopaedic knowledge to the business and a delight in air transport's gregarious social affairs.

'Short in stature, wearing a monocle in his left eye (the opposite to that of his father), John Brancker brought intelligence, deep thought and negotiating skill to the manifold problems which confronted the steady development of air carriage. Yet he never attained the heights he might have, possibly because he had a certain reserve in pushing himself forward and because he saw, more clearly than most, the shortcomings of some of those in authority who did not possess his own professionalism. He was said, with truth, "to suffer fools cheerfully, if not gladly".

'In 1935 he married Jane Wheelan who died in 1972 leaving him with a son, Richard, in business in Canada. In his latter years Brancker lived in retirement in a remote corner of Ontario, alone but for the companionship of a fine and intelligent Newfoundland dog whose recent death probably hastened his master's demise.'

AIR CDRE ROY HARTLEY CROMPTON, OBE, MBIM, RAF

At the School 1928-39
Died 17 February 1992

Air Cdre Crompton was granted a permanent commission in the RAF in 1946, after service during the Second World War as a Hurricane and Spitfire pilot with the RAFVR in No 11 Squadron, supporting the 14th Army's defeat of the Japanese in Burma. He was a keen cricketer, playing for Derbyshire II and Bedfordshire. He was awarded the OBE in 1982. The following appeared in *The Times* on 25 February 1992:

'Few pilots from the post-war generation could have failed at some stage in their careers to have come under the influence of Roy Crompton. For the best part of a quarter of a century he moved in and out of the service's flying schools or served on the directing staff of one or other of the defence colleges.

'He was at one stage closely associated with the Red Arrows, whose aerobatic showmanship and skills reflected his own ebullience and professionalism. When the display team visited the United States on tour 20 years ago he went with them as the officer in charge.

'He won his own spurs flying Hurricanes during the second world war in support of allied troops fighting in Burma. On dangerous missions over the jungle he exhibited the enthusiasm and flair which were to determine his future RAF career. In later years he would take off on his own before dawn and "buzz" his own airbase while his colleagues were still abed. "This is your commandant with your early morning call," he would radio the control tower as he roared by. It was said of him that he preferred flying upside down.

'Like many of his contemporaries, Roy Crompton first learned to fly while still a student. Born at Bedford where his father was for many years clerk to the magistrates, he went from Bedford School to University College, London to read Classics. He joined the London University air squadron, flying Tiger Moths, at a time when the college had been evacuated to north Wales during the war, and from there went straight into the RAF. He was sent to South Africa for operational training, then to India and finally to Burma on his first operational tour. Then after the war he accepted a regular commission.

'From the mid-Fifties his career began to take on a distinctive pattern of training appointments interspersed with senior staff jobs. He was staff officer to the C-in-C Fighter command, 1956-9, wing commander (flying) at No 5 Flying Training School, Oakington, 1959-61, and a member of the chiefs of staff secretariat, 1963-4 - at a time of profound change in the Ministry of Defence organisation.

'For the next three years he commanded No 1 Flying Training School in Yorkshire then, after 12 months on the senior officers' war course at Greenwich, he became deputy director of the defence policy staff. There followed two more instructing posts, first at the RAF Staff College then at the National Defence College, Latimer, before he went to the CFS at Little Rissington, Gloucestershire, in 1971 - the pinnacle of a flying instructor's career.

'Crompton retired from the RAF in 1974 only to take up an instructor's job once again - this time at the newly reconstituted Home Defence College (now the Emergency Planning College) at Easingwold, Yorkshire, helping to reinvigorate Britain's civil defences. By coincidence he once again found himself serving his old chief. Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor, former C-in-C training command and then the HDC's new principal. Crompton retired for the second time in 1985.

'His first marriage ended in divorce. He is survived by his wife, Rita, and by two children, a son from a previous marriage and a daughter from his second.'

GODFREY ST GEORGE MONTAGUE GOMPERTZ, CBE

Born 11 March 1904
At the School 1914-21
Died 12 March 1992

His son Richard writes that his father always had warm memories of the School, and often spoke of 'The Man', Mr Dasent, an

BEDFORDSHIRE MEN IN HONOURS LIST

Wing-Comdr. Roy Hartley Crompton, RAF, only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crompton, of 24 Richmond Road, Bedford, received the OBE in the Military Division of the Royal Air Force List.

Wing-Comdr. Crompton is an Old Bedfordian (1928-39). While at the School he was captain of house cricket and house fives, and later was captain of University College cricket XI and a member of the Rugby XV at London University, which he attended for three years. He was also a member of the University Union Committee.

An all-round sportsman, Wing-Comdr. Crompton shared his father's great love of cricket, and played for Derbyshire 2nd XI for the Derbyshire League and for Bedfordshire.

During the 1939-45 war, he saw service in Africa, Egypt and India, and flew with the XIII Squadron in the Burma campaign.

Now on the staff of the Chiefs of Staff, Ministry of Defence, Wing-Comdr. Crompton graduated at the Royal Air Force Staff College, the Central Flying School, and the



Wing-Comdr. R. H. Crompton.

Joint Services' Staff College. He was posted to the Ministry of Defence with effect from Monday.

DEATH OF MR. F. J. CUMMINS

Long service to Bedford School

Mr. F. J. Cummins, who was for 34 years a member of Bedford School staff, died suddenly at his home in Kettlebaston, Suffolk, on November 24. He had retired from the School only in July of this year.

Mr. Cummins went up to St. John's College, Cambridge, as an exhibitor, in October, 1914, but came down after one term's residence in order to join the Forces. He served throughout the 1914-18 war in the Dorsetshire Regiment and attained the rank of Captain. Returning to Cambridge in 1918, he graduated in 1920.

He came to Bedford School in 1926 as resident house tutor in Pemberley, and his teaching was chiefly concerned with Middle School mathematics. He was then an established athlete, having played cricket and golf for Dorset and hockey for Lincolnshire, and was also no mean performer on the Rugby field. For many years he coached both cricket and Rugby colts sides.

CRICKET MASTER

It was in 1945, after a serious illness which had forced him to abandon active participation, that he became master in charge of cricket, an office he held for 15 years. During this period the secretaryship of the Senior Games Committee fell vacant and this he accepted. Latterly he remained on the committee as vice-chairman where his knowledge of what had happened over the years was invaluable.

In 1940 he was appointed master in charge of the Howard Buildings and this became an organised school house with himself as house master.

In his younger days, Mr. Cummins had taken a considerable interest in amateur dramatics and he was instrumental in founding the School Dramatic Society in 1928, and for a number of years afterwards, when masters as well as boys took part in School productions, acted in the plays. For five years from 1935 he ran the Scout Troop with keenness and success.

During the 1939-1945 war, he acted as assistant county welfare officer for Bedfordshire, holding the rank of Major.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

In a tribute written shortly after his retirement, the "Ousel" stated, "He stands no nonsense but he is a warm, kindly man. One to whom a boy in trouble could turn, assured of help and a fair hearing, one from whom young masters could ask advice without fear of patronage and one from whom the four headmasters under whom he served could seek wise counsel."

The funeral took place at Kettlebaston on Monday.

Former colleagues and pupils paid tribute at a memorial service in the School Chapel on Tuesday conducted by the School Chaplain (the Rev. A. D. Drake-Brockman).

Sir Douglas Gordon, president of the Old Bedfordians' Club and Chairman of the Harpur Trust, accompanied Mrs. W. M. Brown, wife of the headmaster, to the service. Organisations represented included the Old Bedfordians' Club and Bedford School Mothers' Guild.

The individual results were:

1ST FOIL		2ND FOIL	
1st	R. S. Dawes (B)	1st	J. A. J. Wredden (A)
2nd	C. S. Towse (Cu)	2nd	M. J. Marriott (Cu)
3rd	M. Joll (Cr)	3rd	Dawes ii (B)
4th	A. W. Bishop (PP)	4th	Putt (PP)
5th	R. Smith (A)	5th	P. Walsingham (Cr)
6th	J. M. Sayers (P)	6th	Braggins (P)

3RD FOIL		SABRE	
1st	E. P. Muller (Cu)	1st	C. S. Towse (Cu)
2nd	Walsh (B)	2nd	J. M. Sayers (P)
3rd	Saunders (A)	3rd	R. S. Dawes (B)
4th	Rugman (Cr)	4th	R. Smith (A)
5th	Bainton (P)	5th	M. Joll (Cr)
6th	Curtis (PP)	6th	A. W. Bishop (PP)

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The Fencing Club most gratefully acknowledge the gift from Mr. Godden of the De Parys Hotel, of a fencing mask and glove. C.S.T.

OLD BEDFORDIAN NEWS

In Memoriam

FRANCIS JOHN CUMMINS

Born, 24th February, 1895
 A member of the Staff from September 1926 to July 1960
 House Master of Howard's, 1940-1960
 Died suddenly at his home at Kettlebaston, Suffolk, on 24th November, 1960.

The funeral was at Kettlebaston on 28th November, and a Memorial Service was held in the School Chapel the following day.

An appreciation of Mr. Cummins' services to the School appeared in the last issue of the *Ousel*.

HENRY HOLDITCH BRISTOW

late of H.M. Consular Service (China)

Born, 17th March, 1878
 At the School from September 1891 to July 1897
 Died at Hythe on 24th November, 1960.

EDWARD TREVELYN CARY-ELWES

Born, 8th June, 1901
 At the School from May 1911 to July 1919
 Died on 27th October, 1960.

ALFRED WILLIAM DEARDS

Born, 8th December, 1872
 At the School from September 1886 to December 1890
 Died at Royston on 17th November, 1960.

ARCHDALL CHERRY MARTIN

Indian Police (retired)
 Born, 1st April, 1893
 At the School from September 1903 to December 1912
 Died at Worcester on 30th October, 1960.

GORDON STANLEY-WELCH

Born, 11th April, 1889
 At the School from May 1903 to July 1906
 Died at Venado Tuerto, Argentina, on 21st October, 1960

GEORGE HARROLD WATKIN

Born, 3rd June, 1876
 At the School from January 1891 to April 1893
 Died on 22nd November, 1960.

Appointments

Major-General H. M. Liardet (21-23), C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance.

Captain K. H. Farnhill (23-30), O.B.E., has been appointed Chief Staff Officer (Intelligence), Mediterranean.

Luncheons and Dinners

Old Bedfordians Club Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Old Bedfordians Club was held in the Great Hall, by kind permission of the Head Master, on Saturday, 12th November, 1960.

The chair was taken by the President, Sir Douglas Gordon, and 125 members and guests sat down to dinner.

Those attending were: Colonel A. W. Adams, O.B.E. (04-07); J. E. Alcock (49-55); M. G. Allison (56-), Staff; D. Appleby (54-58); C. J. Austin (41-51); F. Bagot (10-13); L. G. Baker (19-22); Colonel B. C. Barford (06-16); L. I. Barford (10-20); R. M. Barford (14-22); H. W. T. Beckett (23-32); M. H. Beckett (50-60); W. T. R. Beckett (82-88); E. G. Beresford (19-22); J. Beresford, C.B.E. (13-17); O. V. Bevan (16-28); B. T. Birnie (14-23); J. W. Blincow, B.E.M. (18-54), Staff; T. W. K. Bowden (24-30); P. Brown (20-31); W. M. Brown (21-33), Head Master, Vice-President; Surg.-Comdr. W. A. Burnett, R.N. (18-28); C. J. Bushell (50-55); J. K. Carlton (23-29); C. P. G. Chavasse (41-46); B. Claridge (55-59); J. G. Cook, C.B.E. (22-29); Comdr. J. W. D. Cook (32-38); P. N. Cox (32-35); E. F. Crawford-Smith (18-28); J. G. P. Crowden (41-46); C. J. Curtis (17-20); J. Cushny (14-16); C. M. Daniel (28-34); Lieut.-Colonel W. Daniels (22-31); E. F. Davison (18-26); A. G. Dawes (18-27); A. J. de Reyghere (11-12); Major R. Digby-Clarke (24-30); G. F. Draper (20-26); Flt. Lt. M. C. Duff (42-51); M. F. T. Evison (51-59); D. M. Fenning (26-36); A. C. Fitt (26-37); Dr. G. MacF. D. Fleming (38-47); F. M. Fletcher (34-42); H. D. Galbraith (47-), Staff; F. N. W. Gamman (44-53); P. J. Garner (31-39); Rev. J. R. Garrett (23-31); Sir Douglas Gordon, C.I.E., D.L. (97-07), President; P. J. Gordon (44-53); R. E. Gordon (46-54); Brigadier H. Greene, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (01-11); Captain E. A. Halse, T.D. (07-13); D. W. Harris (48-52); A. G. A. Hodges (08-12); J. J. E. Hodgkinson (51-60); V. J. Holley (43-50); N. Hunt (98-03); S. G. Huntley (18-21); H. T. Inskip (43-51); J. C. Inskip (44-54); R. D. James (46-56); J. O. Jenner (49-54); P. G. Jones (30-35); P. W. Jones, Deputy Head of the School; Lieut.-Colonel I. H. Joseph (25-27); Dr. J. V. Kilby (30-41); V. F. D. Lee (22-), Vice-Master; Brigadier A. B. McPherson, C.B.E., M.V.O., M.C. (99-04); M. J. R. Minter (50-55); R. H. Moll (20-27); T. P. Moll (20-27); A. D. Nightall (20-25); D. R. Oakley (39-46); P. V. Ormiston (27-31); E. D. M. Peacock (37-47); R. M. Peacock (11-20); L. H. E. Perks (16-25);