

### Schools Notes and News

Three important events took place last term after the Magazine Notes had gone into print. The first of these in time was one for which we offer Miss Townsend our heartiest congratulations. At the Pontefract Musical Festival on March 24th., the Girls' Choir and our Junior Boys' won their respective banners. Well done Choirs. The great event was the one looked forward to so eagerly by the School - the Staff Play. This year under the able production of Miss Nicholson they presented 'The Chinese Puzzle' by Leon M. Lion and Marjorie Bower. Miss Nicholson and all those taking part in the presentation are to be congratulated on the high standard attained in this difficult play. The day before the School broke up for the Easter, the Junior House Dramatic Competition took place. This year the test piece was "In a Street" by Beatrice Mayor, and the play offered plenty of scope for individual House production and talent. The adjudicator was Mr. Greenwood of Morpeth, and we are very much indebted to him not only for his kindness in coming to judge, but in so carefully writing for this Magazine a full criticism of each performance. We hope that it will not be the last time that he will come to give us the benefit of his wide experience.

This term began on April 27th. In addition to the usual accounts of holiday happenings we heard much and saw many photographs of the party who, accompanied by Miss Walker and Mr. Nelson, visited Paris during the Easter week. The School once more enjoyed a visit from Captain Daintree, who filled them with enthusiasm with his lecture on life-saving. On May 13th, the House Reading Competition took place. Once again the Rev. A.E. Duckett very kindly adjudicated, and we thank him for undertaking this difficult task.

The results were:-

#### **Seniors**

1. Geoffrey Jowett
- 2= Olive Boulton
- 2= Dorothy Lawton
- 4= H. Noble
- 4= C. Batty

#### **Juniors**

1. Beryl Lee
2. D. Lodge
- 3= I. Miles
- 3= Thompson J. 2a.

Empire Day was celebrated in the Hall as usual when appropriate hymns were sung and the whole School joined in singing Parry's "England". This is a very busy term and much of its history still lies before us. We are looking forward to the Whitsuntide Holiday which this year is a whole week. On our return we begin the Annual School Examinations. These will be quickly followed by the Higher School and School Certificate Examinations. To all our candidates we offer our best wishes for their success.

There has been an unusual amount of illness amongst the Staff this term, but in the case of Miss Walker's illness we have been fortunate in securing the help of Mrs. Storer. Miss Nicholson, who has been on the Staff for the last four years is leaving us to become Headmistress at Great Ayton. We offer her our congratulations and best wishes for success in her new work. We would offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson (Miss Mullinder) on the birth of twin boys on May 15th.

The term will close with our two great summer attractions, if the weather will be kind to us, Parents' Day on July 20th. and the Folk Dancing Festival on July 13th. There are also the Swimming Galas and the trip to the Glasgow Empire Exhibition at Bellahouston Park yet to be fixed. Term ends on July 28th and we hope that all will have most enjoyable holidays. Next term begins Thursday, September 15th.

### Holgate House Notes

When you read this, Holgate, it will be the end of the School Year. The House Competitions will have been begun and will have finished the 'last round', and the destination of the Challenge Cup and other trophies still undecided will be assured. If we have proved successful we can say "Not bad, Holgate - you're still the best House". If we have not - well you can play, and work, still harder next year and after all we are really unselfish in letting the others enjoy a little of the fruits of victory (we can say) but remember you are going low in those cups - back again next year. At the end of last term the Challenge Cup's final home was still an open question and we were comfortably placed for a final spurt.. We hope that spurt comes off. If it did not, spurt all the way next year; Holgate. In the Sports last term we did not do as well as we hoped. The Senior Rugby XV easily 'smoked up' (easily the best description for House Matches) all opposition and finished well on top, the Juniors were not so fortunate and we only secured second position in the final placings. The girls were second in the hunt for the Hockey Cup. In the Musical Competition we were not too happily placed but we gained a good second in the Dramatics, all commendations to our actors and producers. In the Reading

Competition we were quite successful. And so we have hopes for the Arts Cup. The Sports and Swimming Cups are yet to be fought for at the time of writing, but we shall put all we have got into them, we feel sure. Throughout the year we have been ably helped by Miss Clifford, Miss Bromley, Mr. Collette and Mr. J.D. Hamilton. To whom all thanks are given.

And so, Holgate, on to next year.

All the best.

A. Rogerson

Gleave R.

### **Talbot House Notes**

We are pleased to notice that so far there are not many stripes this term and we hope that it will have a good effect on our last term's position. We hope it will be better at the end of this term especially as the athletic members of the House will have their chance of gaining points on Sports Day. We thank all members who entered for the Reading Competition even though their efforts met with little success. At the moment no House Matches have been played and so we wish the Tennis, Cricket and Rounders teams every success. We are hoping to do as well in the Swimming Competition as we did last year and are pleased that many members are already practising. Many members of the House will be leaving at the end of this term and we take this opportunity of wishing them good-bye and good-luck.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Nicholson, who has taken a great interest in the House and the welfare of its members. We wish her every success and happiness in her new position and although she is leaving us we hope that she will not forget us and feel sure that we shall not forget her. We wish to thank Miss Nicholson, Miss Walker, Mr. Storer and Mr. Scourfield for their help and support throughout the year.

M. Cunningham

Mellor

### **Price House Notes**

There has not been much Inter House activity this term, except for the Reading Competition. We did not do so well in this perhaps because there were not sufficient enthusiastic members of the House who were willing to try to gain a few points for the House however poor their reading might be. We wish to thank all those members of Price who did their bit to help the House by taking part in the events on Sports Day. Even if they were eliminated in the Heats they have shown the right spirit, and they may have better luck next time. There still remains the Swimming Competition in which we may hope for a few more points, even if we did not carry off the Cup. We have still to consider the old question of Stars and Stripes. This term it seems to be the girls who are the worst offenders in this respect instead of the boys, and it must be remembered that the points gained by Stars go a long way towards a high position in the House Cup Record. Finally here's hoping that by the time this is printed Price will have captured the House Cup although Guest are not far behind.

We wish to thank Miss Kenward, Miss Euler, Mr. Manning and Mr. Austin, for their invaluable help and continual advice throughout the term.

K. Lawton

Wilson L.

### **Guest House Notes**

Dear Guestites,

By the time you receive your magazine, the term will be almost ended, and our position in the House Challenge Cup struggle decided; and so, whether we win the cup or not, we now thank all who have done their best throughout the year. You who have gained points for the House can be justly content, whilst others, who have done nothing for the House, will, we hope, be somewhat ashamed of themselves, and resolve to work harder, and more loyally, next year. We are glad that we have done better this year than we did last year, and sincerely trust that next year Guest will do still better. Remember to behave sensibly and to work steadily and surely, and you will train yourself to be a useful citizen in your future career.

We must now thank Miss Prince, Miss Townsend, Mr. Shiells, Mr. Augur, and Mr. Hyde for patiently helping and encouraging us throughout the year.

Well, Guestites, that's all. We hope that you will thoroughly enjoy your holidays, and come back to School refreshed in mind and in body, firmly resolved to win the Cup next year, irrespective of what happens this year. So cheerio, and good luck for next year.

E. Stamp

Allen

## The Staff Play

The members of the Staff this year presented the play, "The Chinese Puzzle", which was a great success. Mr. J.D. Hamilton and Miss Kenward must be congratulated on their remarkable performances once again. Mr. Storer delighted everyone by his marvellous acting as the Chinese diplomat voicing wise saws against females. Indeed all the players were thoroughly fitted to their parts and the whole cast acted with real enthusiasm. We must congratulate Miss Nicholson on producing the play; and Mr. J.D. Hamilton, Johnson, Mr. Manning and Mr. Augur, by whom the scenes were designed and executed; finally we must mention Mr. Crossland who made a very efficient business manager. In conclusion we must congratulate the Staff on producing a really enjoyable and successful play.



**L-R:** Miss. Euler, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Storer



**L-R:** Mr. R.W. Hamilton, Mr. J.D. Hamilton, 3, Miss Euler, Mr. Storer, Mr. Nelson, Miss Townsend, Mr. Augur, Mr. Collette

## **Characters**

Littleport, the butler:

Aimee de Villeseptier, Lady Hays' s Ward:

Lady de la Hays:

Sir Roger de la Hays, her son:

Naomi Melsham:

Armand de Rochecorbon, of the French Embassy at Peking:

The Marquis Chi Lung, a Chinese Diplomat:

H. Augur

E. Bromley

E.W. Townsend

J.D. Hamilton

D. Kenward

L. Collette

J. Storer

Dr. Fu Yang, his Secretary:  
Victoria Cresswell:  
Hon. William Hurst:  
Paul Marketel, an international financier:  
Mrs. Melsham, Naomi's mother:  
Sir Aylmer Brent, of the Foreign Office:  
Fee Sing, a Chinese servant:

J. Nelson  
E. Shortridge  
T. Manning  
L.T. Hyde  
J. Harrison  
R.W. Hamilton  
D. Euler

Producer:  
Scenes designed and executed by:  
Stage Managers:  
Lights and Effects:  
Business Manager:

E. Nicholson  
J.D. Hamilton, Johnson, T. Manning, H. Augur.  
J.D. Hamilton, T. Manning.  
Johnson,  
P. Crossland

## **House Points**

### **Spring Term - 1938**

1. Guest 310
2. Holgate 291½
3. Price 278½
4. Talbot 199

## **The House Dramatic Competition**

When the Headmaster of Hemsworth Grammar School kindly invited me to judge the "House Dramatic Competition" I did not fully anticipate the pleasure in store for me, for I was fortunate enough to arrive in time for the "Staff Play" as well, and see my old friend Mr. Storer on the stage in celestial garb uttering many wise saws. I must first compliment Miss Clifford on choosing a play for the Competition that afforded scope for so much individual interpretation that I had not expected to find. The arrangements for the Competition were excellent, the audience appreciative and in behaviour a model to many an adult audience while the attention to detail in production and costume was remarkably thorough. The parts were well cast – "stout" ladies were bravely and uncompromisingly stout, the fathers-in-law gallant fellows, quite equal to the spirited attacks of each and every son-in-law; and the 'Rags, Bones and Bottles' gentlemen were all good character studies. I was rather overwhelmed by the professional competence of the Columbines and wish I could have seen the Hemsworth 'Corps de Ballet' in pas-de-quatre. The old ladies fainted with a grace their great-great-grandmothers might have envied, and the lovers, whose effectiveness, I imagine, varied in ratio with their amorous experiences, were of one mind, and muscle in the cave-man stuff. The opportunities for dancing gave an advantage in some cases, but these were not balanced by equal opportunities in singing, the poor beggar maids being required to sing out of tune!

In 'Holgate' the acting, speaking and team work were good.

'Talbot's production was good, very good. The acting was sincere, but with here and there a flagging in the touch. Term work was good and the stout lady and the beggar woman each got a special mark. The 'pas de deux' was very well done, but rather out of the play and into the 'Palais de Dance Cabaret'. The weakest part in this entry was the speaking. However, Talbot was a close third.

'Guest' won the Competition, not by individual star-shine, but by teamwork, general competence, and a smooth, well-balanced, performance. The struggle and fall were effective and free from awkwardness. The pace was perhaps on the slow side. I fell promptly in love with the stout lady, but this in no way biased my judgement!

In 'Price' the acting was good. The production not so good. Clear speaking by some members of the cast was cancelled by the too rapid utterance of others. The team work was sound, but possibly owing to the strain of waiting so long, a point I made allowances for, there was some lack of confidence in attack in this performance.

One or two individual points remain in my memory:- the amusing squeak and squawk of prostrate ladies when prodded with a stick, the variety of Bones and Bottles, a very effective 'curtain' by one House and the lugubrious air and draped shawl of one of the street singers.

A very enjoyable afternoon.

**B. Greenwood**

## The School Journey to Paris

On Wednesday, 13th., April (1938) we left Hemsworth for Paris for an eight days holiday with Miss Walker and Mr. Nelson. Except for the boy who distinguished himself by eating a four course lunch after he had been warned of the danger of seasickness, the journey passed uneventfully until Dover was reached. Since this was our first crossing, Miss Walker, believing in the old adage that "prevention is better than cure" dosed those who wished with. "anti-seasickness mixture".



L-R: Mr. Nelson, Miss. Walker, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

We were met at Calais, after a crossing lasting one hour, by an official of the 'School Travel Service' under whose auspices we were making the journey. This gentleman and Miss Walker steered us safely through the customs and to the train. The official detained Miss Walker for a few moments with the result that when a ticket collector entered our compartment we were overwhelmed by the rapidity of his speech. We called for Miss Walker, who, when she came, found out what he wanted, so that he left us in comparative quietness.

The rail journey upon which we now embarked was the most uncomfortable that I have ever endured. At the Gare du Nord we were met by a 'bus which took us to the "Hotel Home Joli" which was to be our home for the next week. Arriving there the manager, after expressing relief that Miss Walker could speak French, supplied us with an excellent supper.

The next day was spent seeing Paris, with its fine monuments and buildings. We saw the Church of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, The Tomb of Napoleon, who is buried in seven coffins, and the Arc de Triomphe with the Grave of the Unknown Warrior over which burns the Eternal Flame. That evening we went to a cafe in the Latin Quarter where we learnt to tip the waiter ten per cent of the value of our drinks.

Friday saw us at Malmaison, the summer residence of Napoleon, where he signed his second abdication. We were told that the name was chosen because the building had been, at one time a sanatorium. Leaving here we went to Versailles where we saw the marvellous paintings on the ceilings. In the palace we also saw the Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed. This Hall is a huge ballroom with windows overlooking the beautiful palace gardens.

That night some of the party went to the pictures and I heard from a reliable source that Shirley Temple can apparently speak fluent French. (During our stay we wished we could).

Saturday morning was spent writing home and in the afternoon we went with Miss Bromley to the Louvre. This again is a great place for artists but I could understand only those works whose meanings were obvious. On leaving the Louvre we went first to a cafe, then for a river-trip and passed some of the Pavilions, relics of last year's Paris Exhibition.

On Sunday we found, much to our surprise, that the shops and markets were open. These street markets were a constant source of entertainment to us, to whom they were very strange.

We readily agreed to Miss Walker's suggestion that we should go to the Zoo in the Bois de Boulogne. Here after gaining a admittance at half-price, by the use of Mr.Nelson's "Laissez-passer", we were entertained by the elephants and seals at feeding time without extra charge.

Tuesday and our last day was spent as was Napoleon's before his abdication. We had ample evidence that he did depart from there, when we saw the "Cour des asieuz" and various rooms arranged just as he left them. We passed through I think sixteen miles of forest en route, a pleasant holiday. We also visited the village and the house in which Millet, the painter, lived and were shown the fields and spire depicted in the"Angelus". In the town of Fontainebleau we had lunch and were charged five francs for a cup of coffee at a cafe to which we were taken by our guide, who was a popular figure with us for the rest of the day - he must have thought money was little or nothing to us! However we forgot our troubles when looking round the Palace. The floors were done in "wood-mosaic" and the walls were draped with beautiful tapestries. There is in the palace grounds a carp pond in which are carp which are supposed to save markings which date back three hundred years. Although some of the carp rose to the surface when we threw bread into the water we did not see any marked ones, which made us inclined to doubt the truth of the story we had heard.

This visit ended our tour and next day we departed for home. The return journey was again broken of its monotony by the feat of the "boy with the cast-iron stomach", who, after eating six eggs, and two sandwiches, followed by bananas arid cheese, disappointed us by not even looking pale during the seventy miles of the crossing. The tour was enjoyed by all, and I am sure my fellow travellers are hoping, as I am, for future holidays of this type.

Mellor Via, Talbot

### Inter-School Sports Huddersfield

Wednesday June 1st 1938

Although the boys came away from the Huddersfield Inter-School Sports without even a plaque, they did quite well. The Seniors did even better than was expected. The Middles and the Juniors suffered from the fact that they were rather Junior Teams and no doubt next year they will do much better. A few boys deserve special mention. Walker, the Captain, again bore the brunt of the fray and did very well to win the 100 yards in 10.6 seconds - a very good time indeed on a slow and heavy ground. The Seniors very easily won a fine relay but were unlucky to be disqualified for handing over the baton just outside the twenty yards limit. In the Middles Brailsford, the Captain, ran an excellent 440 yards race to win easily. Younge jumped 4ft. 10ins but even then had to take second place to a record-breaker, who jumped almost 5ft. In the Juniors only one boy had attended the Huddersfield Sports before this meeting. They were outclassed both in weight and height but not in keenness. Mugglestone ran very well to obtain a good second place in the 440 yards. Generally there was not as much enthusiasm shown this year as formerly. The Seniors however were keener. The Juniors did not all pull their weight, whilst in the Middles in one instance the School was badly let down. A very pleasing feature of this year's Sports was that twenty supporters - mainly girls - accompanied the competitors. It would be still more encouraging to the competitors if even more supporters could get to Huddersfield to cheer their fellows on to victory. I believe that with increased enthusiasm and training the School should win the Shield again next year.

J. Nelson

On Wednesday June 1st., our girls' team set out for Huddersfield to compete in the Inter School Sports. Unfortunately we were not as successful as last year. Not one shield or plaque came to Hemsworth Grammar School. The Senior girls did very well in the relay and they were placed first. Gladys Redfern came second in the Senior High Jump, Blanche Eyre, third in the 100 yards and Rita Needham second equal in the 220 yards. The Juniors did not manage to get anywhere except in the High Jump, where Marie Mills gave a very pleasing performance and managed to take second place. It was her first visit to Huddersfield and the first time she has ever competed in a High Jump event. It was a great pity that we did so little training. We found out that 'Practice makes Perfect'. Next year we hope to train hard and to gain much better results in next year's Inter School Sports.

Rita Needham

### Library Notes

This year has seen a very large increase in the number of books borrowed, and the new system of 'cards' has worked very well indeed. More volumes have been added to the Fiction section than is usual in one year, but even now there seems to be a definite shortage of such material. There has been a great 'run' on works by Sabatini and Heyer. The Librarian is always pleased to see any gifts of books, and hopes that those who are leaving with pleasant memories of hours made happy with books, will show their appreciation in a practical manner. It is pleasant to see how the Assistant Librarians have taken such keen interest in their work, and thanks are due to them for their labours.

Books borrowed:

Autumn Term 1505

Spring Term 1430

## **Tennis Notes 1938**

The Tennis VI (Alice Rogerson (Captain), Elsie Stamp (Vice Captain), Kathleen Lawton, Mary Sykes, Constance White and Olive Boulton) so far has played five matches, winning two and losing three. The match with Ossett was cancelled, and the home match with Rothwell was abandoned - both owing to rain.



**Back Row L-R: 1, 2, 3**  
**Front Row L-R: Elsie Stamp, Alice Rogerson, 3**

### **Normanton May 7th., Away**

The School won 47 games to 34. It was a fairly easy victory. The match was played on hard courts and only short sets were played.

### **Old Hilmians May 14th., Home**

The School lost by one game, the result being 49 games to 50. It was a very close game and it was only by winning the last set that the Old Hilmians won the match. It was a very enjoyable match, sets of eleven games each were played. Kathleen Mills played very well in place of Mary Sykes who was unable to play.

### **Barnsley May 21st., Home**

The School were defeated by 52 games to 47. This was a very exciting and enjoyable match. The victory again depending on the last set which the School lost 7 - 4.

### **Rothwell May 27th., Away**

The school won by 58 games to 41. The games were played on one hard court and two grass ones. Although it was a fairly easy victory there were some very exciting sets. Ruth Mackley played a very good game, proving herself to be a very reliable substitute. She played in the place of Kathleen Lawton.

### **Old Hilmians June 18th., Home**

The School were easily defeated by a more experienced team. The result was 39 games to 60. Doris Wagstaffe played well as a substitute for K. Lawton. Mrs. Hamilton played a very good game for the Old Hilmians, partnering Joyce Higgett.

1st Cricket XI



**Back Row L-R:** Mr. Nelson, 2, 3, Butterwood, 5, 6, 7, Arthur Hyde  
**Front Row L-R:** 1, 2, R. Gleave, 4, 5

**Walker** A useful bat, has some strong forcing shots. As a bowler he should concentrate on one type of bowling in a match. The difference in speed between his 'slows' and 'fasts' is too marked.

**Robinson** Has some good shots - especially on the off. His on shots are not too strong. Has had little luck this season, being out in an unfortunate fashion in three or four innings.

**Bailey H. W.** Although a useful spin bowler in that he can keep the batsman guessing for three or four overs he cannot frequently beat the bat and take wickets. Has played several steady innings but is inclined to hang his bat out at balls on the off.

**Wilson L.** Although he stands up well to some awkward balls and few get past he does not take the ball cleanly enough to get wickets - either stumped or caught. A natural hitter with a strong pull even from well on the off deliveries.

**Perry** Has only played after the first four games but is remarkably steady and effective. Definite promise of batsmanship which he should try to develop. Strongest on the off.

**McAllister** A medium fast change bowler. There has not been occasion to use him for any length yet. Should try to curb his natural desire to hit everything out of sight and then he will begin to get bigger scores.

**Hall** Left hand bowler with a natural swerve and break. Has been very successful and if he fulfils his early promise will become a very good bowler. When batting he should stand up to leg balls more and use his feet not only quickly but cleverly.

**Butterwood** A useful bowler who makes use of his height. Has shown that he can defend but he is also desirous of emulating Jim Smith. Must concentrate more on strikes. Safe in the field.

**Millard** A fastish bowler who generally keeps a good length. Inclined to slash too often when batting.

**Hellewell** Should turn into a good batsman, with constant practice and coaching but should watch the ball more carefully. A useful bowler.

**Gleave** A very efficient Captain. Has bowled excellently in the last few matches. Sometimes sends short balls. His batting shows considerable improvement on last year's and is now a reliable batsman.



## On Leaving School

This is my "Goodbye" to School. In July I shall leave, as a pupil, for ever. The headaches and gladness it has given to me I shall never know again. To this, my sixth and last School I leave a special farewell, for it is, I suppose, the one I shall remember longest.

I shall remember those first winter term when it became dark about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and when our greatest delight was 'to have the light on', when every Wednesday we used to gather in the Hall - somehow it always seemed cosy then - to listen to 'Macbeth' when instead of 'a fanfare of trumpets' one boy gave the Scout Call on his bugle somewhere near the Physics Lab; or to 'Oliver Twist' when Mr. Runnels Moss took all the parts. How we used to look forward to Wednesday! I remember one winter term, I believe it was my first, when a thick fog lay about for a week and we had to walk home from School at night, and another time when the snow was about fourteen inches deep. It's queer to think how we used to love walking home in the fog and snow, but how we would wait half an hour for a 'bus on a fine day. The day of the Christmas holidays, we used to draw all manner of wierd designs round a magnificent 'Merry Xmas' done in every coloured chalk imaginable on the blackboard. And at the bottom always appeared something like this,

"No more Latin, no more French,  
No more sitting on a cold hard bench".

Then there were the film shows in the Art Room when we sat enthralled by Leni Reifenstahl in the pictures set in Switzerland and such exciting ones as 'The Key' and 'Metropolis'. I have a glowing memory of these cheerful, eventful and exciting days.

Summer had its share of events too; Sports Day and its excitement; the Country Dance Festival and its gaiety and prettiness. The many people walking about the grounds, the gaily-coloured dresses under the brilliant sun which usually favoured us, the races, the tug-of-war, the exhibitions, the Tennis and cricket matches, all went to make everlastingly memorable occasions. And then the night of the Country Dance Festival with hundreds of people dancing on the Cricket Pitch, the Maypole, the Sword-Dances, the popular "Goddesses", "Picking-up-Sticks" and finally the many circles of cheery, laughing people dancing "Sellenger's Round". One summer term we saw a play, in one scene of which the couch from the Girl Prefects' Room was used. The heroine sat on it and patted it as an invitation to the hero to sit beside her. Do you remember the howls as clouds of dust rose as a result of her gentle patting?

Then pictures of our lovely, envied grounds come into my mind. I see them transformed into a fairyland in winter. The branches and delicate twigs of the huge trees suddenly form lacy patterns with pure, soft snow. The plot between the two paths to School is ceaselessly beautiful. It makes a carpet for the frail, shy snowdrops, then come the triumphant golden daffodils, and the deep, glorious colour of masses of bluebells and the warm gold and mauve of overwhelming beauty, the honey suckle, roses, rhododendrons, the stately waving borders of lupins and deiphiniums, and the wild, beauty of the quarry from its tall shrubs and trees to the daisies which cover the lawn. Memories of all these flowers rush into my mind. I can see them in the brilliant sunshine, under cloudless skies and also standing brave and firm on warm, wet, dark days when the sombre, heavy green of the trees and lawns form an entirely different background.

And all these, that were once realities are now memories. Never again will these happy sights belong to me. If ever I come to School I shall be an onlooker not a partaker. Perhaps I shall wander round trying to live again the joyous hours that at once I took for granted; but everything will have changed and probably I shall be thought "just another Old Hilmian making herself a nuisance and acting as if she owned the place".

So, for all these memories, School, I thank you.

Audrey K. Jenkinson VIs., Price

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I can remember well the first day I came to Hemsworth Grammar School. I at once noted the bareness and dismal appearance of the classrooms. Everything looked very proper and very much like work. I had come from a School, where, every week, flowers were put in vases and placed on the window-ledges. The pupils picked the flowers and brought them to School, and so there was no question of expense.

I have now been at this School for four years and the ledges still remain empty, except for a few Bibles that have been put on or a few cases. Why could we not bring flowers or each Form pay so much and buy them, and place them on the useless window-ledges? We are fortunate in having beautiful grounds, why should we not brighten the inside of the School? I do not want to turn the School into a flower show, but I am sure everyone would appreciate just a few flowers on the window-ledges.

Yours truly,

J. Marriott IVa., Holgate

Dear Editor,

Could not the use of the Hall for dancing be extended to dull days as well as wet ones? It seems to me rather a waste of a good Hall; and dancing is beneficial in several ways. It may be said that "we want to get out into the fresh air"; but we have plenty of opportunity to get out into the fresh air when we have no facilities for dancing. Then there is the difficulty of adequate supervision to be overcome; but we have Prefects, who, besides being enthusiastic dancers, are quite capable of supervising as much as is necessary. I think the subject should be given further consideration.

"Rumba Pete", Holgate

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you on behalf of IVs, that honourable form of great men and ardent scholars. None of us believes in having metalwork all through the long summer afternoons, as it is very hot, and besides, metalwork is definitely not a summer pastime. Why not abolish metalwork for the summer? To fill up the three periods, we might have one more gym, one more games, and one more Chemistry, as all these are much more like summer lessons than that pastime of Thor, metalwork. I think the School will acknowledge that we are not all hefty giants like Thor, and not all of us are able to wield the mighty, ancient forge hammers, or able to cut through inches of iron in a matter of seconds; as is necessary in the metalwork 'den'. If Mr. Augur and the Headmaster will agree to knock off summer metalwork in that suffocating den of Hades, then IVa will agree to do their utmost in metalwork when the proper season (i.e. Winter) arrives.

Yours truly,

Courtney G.B., Holgate

Dear Editor,

The present arrangement whereby the Fifth and Sixth use the Library for reading in the dinner hour (Boys - Monday and Thursday; Girls - Tuesday and Friday; Sixth Form - Wednesday) is unsatisfactory, and ought to be altered. When I go into the Library on Boys' day I find at most three - and always the same three - occupants; whereas on Girls' day there is only one table vacant. On Wednesday those of the girls who are in the Sixth use the Library; that is to say, it is half full. It seems to me that it could advantageously be opened to all the Fifth and Sixth every day without any inconvenience; and all those who use the Library would be satisfied with this arrangement.

Assistant Librarian, Holgate

### 1st XI Hockey 1937-38



**Back Row L-R:** Betty Clayton, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**Front Row L-R:** Elsie Stamp, 2, 3, 4, Matilda Cunningham

### 1st Rugby XV 1937-38



**Back Row L-R:** Mr. Nelson, 2, Alan Wilson, 4, 5, 6, 7, Ernest Skinner  
**Middle Row L-R:** George Robinson, 2, 3, 4, 5  
**Front Row L-R:** Donald McAllister, 2, Hall H., 4

### Netball 1937-38



**Back Row L-R:** 1, 2, 3, 4  
**Front Row L-R:** 1, 2, 3

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**Back Row L-R: Doreen Lawton, 2, 3, 4**  
**Front Row L-R: 1, Mary Cutts, 3, Rita Needham, 5**

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**Back Row L-R: Lucy Nettleton, 2, Doreen Lawton, 4, 5, 6**  
**Front Row L-R: 1, Mary Cutts, 3, 4, 5**

## Junior Rounders 1937-38



**Back Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4**  
**Front Row L-R: 1, 2, Betty Clayton, 4, 5**

### Calendar

September 15 <sup>th</sup>	(Thursday) Autumn Term Begins.
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cookery Demonstration.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lecture on Life in the U.S.S.R.
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Debate.
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly Orders.
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Osiris Players.
October 31st and November 1st	Mid-term Holiday.
November 2nd.	School Debate.
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Speech Day.
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Armistice Day.
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly Orders.
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Debate.
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Quarterly Orders.
December 14th and 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Play.
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Debate.
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	(Wednesday) Term Ends.
January 12th 1939	(Thursday) Spring Term Begins.