

School Notes and News

During the last week of the Easter Term the Staff gave three performances of J.B.Priestley's "Mystery at Greenfingers". It was a very successful and enjoyable play and the Producer, Mr. Storer, and all the actors are to be congratulated. Term ended on 6th April, and we returned for the Summer Term on 27th April. This is always a busy term of the School Year, and as the Magazine has to go to print so early, we have much more to which to look forward, than to record. Swimming, Tennis, Cricket and Rounders are in full swing. Sports training has been regular, and a well trained party of competitors attended Huddersfield Inter-School Sports on May 24th. The Reading Competition took place on May 25th when Canon and Mrs Carleton very kindly came to adjudicate. Examinations loom ahead. School exams begin on June 16th, while the H.S.C and S.C. start on June 26th. To all our candidates we offer our best wishes for their success. After exams are over we look forward to the Country Dance Festival on July 12th, and Parents' Day on July 19th. For both we hope fair skies and pleasant breezes. "A while to work, and after - holiday", and so the term ends on July 26th. The Autumn Term begins on September 13th.

Holgate House Notes

So far this year we have been rather unsuccessful in our efforts to gain the House Record Cup, but hope that when the points are read out on the last day of the term that our members who are returning next year will firmly resolve to place the yellow ribbon once more around "The Cup". We wish to thank all those who took part in the various Inter-House Competitions, and congratulate Jowett on being first equal in the Reading Competition. Those entering for the swimming gala and the sports do so with our best wishes. Finally we wish everyone the best of success in the examinations and hope that those who are leaving will have every success in their future careers. Miss Clifford, Miss Bromley, Mr. Collette, and Mr. Hamilton have given us a great deal of help this term and we take this opportunity of thanking them. Well, Holgate, we hope you will enjoy your holidays and come back to school determined to win at least one of the cups and in this we wish you, as a house, the very best of luck.

B. Crossland
Robinson

Talbot House Notes

At the moment we are very pleased with our position. Last term we gained first place in the Musical Competition and the Dramatic Competition, and in Hockey and Netball. This term, so far, we have only had the Reading Competition and have done well in that. Everyone seems to be aiming at putting Talbot back into the position of Leading House. Very few people are collecting stripes but we do need more stars. We thank the people who have done so well in the various Competitions. People are helping towards the Swimming Cup too by gaining Swimming Certificates. We wish our entrants for the Swimming Gala every success and also the entrants for the Sports. Even though we may not win the Challenge Cup, we are confident that we have made a good attempt in the right spirit, which is the main thing. We know that this spirit will be handed on to the new members who will come next September. The people who are leaving wish Talbot every success in the future and will always remember Talbot with pride and pleasure. To them we say "Good-bye" and "Good luck". Miss Walker, Mr. Storer and Mr. Scourfield have given us invaluable assistance throughout the year. We thank them on behalf of all Talbot.

L. Cunningham
A. Mellor

Price House Notes

The School year and the struggle for the House Cups will be almost over by the time you receive your magazines. Let us hope, whatever our position, that we can honestly say we did our best, if that statement does not go for everyone of you, please resolve to do your best next year. The end of term will decide who the winners are with regard to Sports Day and the Swimming Gala. The various inter-house matches will also have been played. We hope we shall meet with some success in these events. At the time of writing these notes, our position in the bid for the Challenge Cup is second; this is better than last term, when we were third. May we go still further this term and be first! But remember, whether we are winners or losers, there is next year to keep in mind. If we lose, you know there is plenty to be done without our telling you, if we are successful there is something to be upheld. So, irrespective of what we do this term, you have something to aim for next term. Miss Kenward, Miss Euler, Mr. Austin and Mr. Manning have been invaluable for the help they have given us during the year, for which we thank them most sincerely. Good Luck for next year, Price.

R. Mackley
McAllister

Guest House Notes

Dear Guestites,

By the time you read these notes the School Year will be over and we shall know the results of the Sports and Swimming Competitions. May we be successful! Work hard and whatever the result, we shall not have any reason to be ashamed. Although we did not gain first place in any of the competitions last term, the House is to be congratulated on the hard work of some of its members. This term our position on the Stars and Stripes Board is unfortunately rather low and we hope that next year members of the House will return to School determined to gain as many stars and as few stripes as possible. To those leaving School we wish every success. Again we say, work hard for the House and let us improve our position next year. In conclusion, we wish to thank Miss Prince, Miss Townsend, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Birdsall and Mr. Wilkinson for the help they have given us during the year.

J. Earl
Courtney, A

Reading Competition Results

Seniors

- 1= D. Lawton (Talbot), Jowett (Holgate)
3. C. Batty (Talbot)
4. E. Hodgson (Price)

Juniors

1. N. Barnsley (Talbot)
2. K. Hardy (Holgate)
3. J. Stocks (Guest)
4. P. Idle (Talbot)

House Points

(6th April 1939)

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| 1. Talbot | 464 |
| 2. Price | 404 |
| 3. Guest | 387 ¼ |
| 4. Holgate | 299 ½ |

Rugby 1938-39



Back Row L-R: Alan Wilson, Thorpe, Healey D.K., John Phillips, Geoffrey Harwood, Cyril Mellor, Mr. Nelson.

Middle Row L-R: Donald McAllister, John Brailsford, Hall, Ernest Skinner, George Robinson, Leslie Wright, Maurice Chapman,

Front Row L-R: Harry Walker, Major



Back Row L-R: Lucy Nettleton, Florence Hart, Mary Cutts, Betty Gill, Doreen Lawton, Doris Bonnell
Front Row L-R: Doris Wagstaff, Rita Needham, Margaret Bower, Matilda Cunningham, Betty Clayton

Tennis Notes

The Tennis VI so far have not had a very successful season. They have played three matches and lost them all. However, as this is only the beginning of the season, and they are almost all new members, they are hoping to improve.



Standing L-R: Audrey Parker, Doris Wagstaff, Ruth Mackley
Kneeling L-R: Marie Mills, Kathleen Miles

The team consists of K. Mills (Captain), R. Mackley (Vice-Captain), A. Parker, M. Mills, D. Wagstaff and A. Perry. K. Miles played very well in place of R. Mackley at Goole.

Results

May 6 Castleford A Lost
May 13 Goole A Lost
May 20 Normanton H Lost

The American Tournaments are as popular as ever. In previous years there has always been a difficulty in playing all the matches. This year, the idea of dividing the singles into three groups of nine and the doubles into two groups of eleven, makes it possible for all the games to be played.

Senior Rounders

Captain M. Bower
Vice-Captain B Clayton

May 6	v. Castleford	A	Lost
May 13	v. Goole	A	Won
May 20	v. Normanton	H	Won

Junior Rounders

Captain I. Wagstaff

Vice-Captain D. Grange

May 6	v. Castleford	A	Lost
May 13	v. Goole	A	Lost
May 20	v. Normanton	H	Won

M. Cunningham

Cricket



Back Row L-R: Mr. Nelson, Hill, Ernest Skinner, Arthur Jessop, Healey, Leslie Street, Maurice Chapman, Robert Hawkins, Geoffrey Jowett.

Front Row L-R: George Rusling, Donald McAllister, George Robinson, Hall H., Charles Hellewell.

v. Castleford - Away 29 April

This was the first match of the season and the School did not do too well as we were all out for 43. The chief scorers were Robinson 17, McAllister 13 and Healey 10. Castleford scored. 45 for 3. Hall taking these three for 19 runs.
Result: Hemsworth 43, Castleford. 45 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.

v. Mexborough - Away 6 May

The School was unfortunate in not winning this match as our batsmen were obviously the masters of the bowling. When time was called Robinson was unbeaten with 44 runs to his credit. Mexborough declared, at 120 for 6, Skinner taking 3 for 35 and Hall 3 for 36.

Result: Mexborough 120 for 6 dec. Hemsworth 94 for 3. Match drawn

v. Normanton - Home 13 May

Hemsworth batted first and made 85 runs. The chief scorers being McAllister 21, Chapman 18 and Hall 17. Normanton just managed to pass this total with a wicket in hand, scoring 86 for 9. Hall had 8 wickets for 47.

Result: Hemsworth 85, Normanton 86 for 9. Lost by one wicket.

v. Pontefract Away 20 May

Hemsworth made a very poor reply to Pontefract's 119 all out. The School could only manage to score 16. The chief bowlers for the School were Hellewell, 3 for 23, McAllister 3 for 14, and Hall 3 for 42.

Result: Pontefract 119, Hemsworth 16. Lost by 103 runs.

v. Thorne's House - Home 10 June

This match was almost a repetition of the Pontefract game, the School making only 28 runs in reply to Thorne's House 176. Bowling honours again went to Hall, with 5 for 44.

Result: Thorne's House 176, Hemsworth 26. Lost 148 runs.

v. Shadlock's XI - Home 17 June

In this match the School were facing big opposition as more than half of the visitor's team was composed of Yorkshire Council players. The School fielded first and the opposing team scored 205 for 7, Dean taking 4 for 60, Hall 2 for 40 and McAllister 1 for 28. The School replied with 92, Hawkins scoring 35 and Chapman 22.

Result: Shadlock's XI 205 for 7, Hemsworth 92. Lost by 113 runs.

Cricket Criticisms

Hall: A good slow left arm bowler who has taken many wickets this season. He should persevere with his leg break as a left arm leg break bowler is one of the most difficult to combat. A helpful Vice-Captain and Secretary.

Hill: A promising batsman who is at present lacking in confidence. A good cover point fielder.

Hellewell: A good medium-fast bowler who should do well. Has had little luck this season. He would do better if he varied his pace a little more.

McAllister: A good change bowler. When batting should curb his desire to hit the ball out of the field. Good fielder.

Hawkins: Has kept wicket very well so far. He would have less difficulty in stumping an opponent if he stood a little nearer the wicket to slow and medium bowlers. A batsman who can 'keep his end up'.

Chapman M.: Good fielder, When batting should try and improve his defence and when he does decide to hit he ought to try and do so with a straight bat.

Jessop A.E.: A good opening batter who has had a lot of bad luck this season. Should keep on practising his leg shots. An excellent fielder.

Skinner: Good medium-slow off break bowler. He, too, should improve his defence.

Street: Quite a good batter. Should use his hands more in the field.

Healey: Has a tendency to slice the ball. He must get out of this before he can bat properly. Good practice, of course, is to make his strokes properly, in front of a mirror.

Dean: Good medium-fast swing bowler. He ought to utilise his run more. A promising batsman who should do well.

Rusling: A good slow bowler but unfortunately, being young, he is, like several others, a little 'nervy'. This however ought to disappear with match practice

Hyde: Has been tried at several positions in the field and has done well in them all. He should never try and stop a fast moving ball with his foot. Quite a good batsman.

Robinson (Captain): A good batsman and an excellent fielder. A capable but rather passive captain.

J.N.

As far as batting is concerned the whole team is lacking in confidence which is half the battle. They should try and get rid of the idea that if three or four fail then the whole team will fail. The bowling is quite good but a good length is still needed. They should try and bowl more to the field they set. The fielding as a whole is not very good but has improved. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those of the Staff who have helped this season in addition to Mrs. Cliffe and the gardeners. I sincerely hope the team is successful next season.

G.E.R.

The Inter-School Sports



Back Row L-R: Halsall M., John R. Brailsford, Alwynne Younge, Thorpe, Duffy J., Geoffrey Harwood, Ralph Dean, Gerald Marshall, Jack Marsden

Middle Row L-R: Donald McAllister, Maurice Chapman, Ernest Skinner, Hall H., Frank Mugglestone, Cyril Mellor, John Bell, Leslie Wright

Front Row L-R: Leslie Tate, Allan Smith, Daley D., Belfield, Norman Fox, Jefferson N.

The greatest success that the School can claim in the Inter-School Sports at Huddersfield is that they won the Senior Boys' Relay Race in the record time of one minute, thirty and one fifth seconds. This is all the more praiseworthy as the record had stood unbeaten for five years. Apart from this however, though the runners tried hard, they could not achieve any other real successes. They were dogged by a number of accidents which seemed to happen just at the most unpropitious moments. Hall got third place in the senior boys hundred yards, but was spiked on a bend in the 220 yards, in this race McAllister ran into second place. In the 440 yards Brailsford, in his first year as a senior got fourth place. In the future he will, we may hope, do better. Mellor, our entrant in the mile race, running rather out of his class, by sheer determination managed to run into fifth place. The same ill-luck happened in the Middles. Harwood lost his shoe in both the two-twenty and hundred yards finals. He ran on in each, and managed to get second place in the hundred despite his handicap. Again, in the two-twenty Younge was struck in the ribs at a bend when he was in what appeared to be a winning position. He made up for this ill-luck in the high jump, getting second place with a jump of four feet nine inches. Only two places were gained by the junior boys, Jefferson was third in the high jump, and Daley fourth in the two-twenty. The only place gained by the girls was a fourth in the senior relay. We should congratulate our relay team of Hall, Duffy, Skinner and Thorpe in their determined effort, which showed that, although this year we had no outstanding athletes, yet, in an event requiring determination and team spirit Hemsworth could still win.

Wilson A.G.

The School Trip to Paris

"Oo, i'n't it luvly!" This being our motto and signature tune we set off from Hemsworth at two minutes to eight. Fortunately all were early risers and managed to arrive on the train, prepared for a long journey, fully equipped with French dictionaries, and plenty of sandwiches. We lunched in London, caught the boat-train to Dover and arrived on the boat, "Cote d'Azur, Calais", manned by a crew of French sailors, where we commenced our first "Parlez-vous francais", amusing a waiter by our "Passez le salt". (Not very French, we admit, but nevertheless it served its purpose). We had a perfectly smooth crossing and even to schoolchildren came the thrill of seeing the French coast for the first time. At the customs (through which we passed without difficulty), we noticed a tall Turk, magnificently dressed in a purple gown, a fez, and funnily enough, golf clubs on his back. Everyone was convulsed with laughter at the porters in their blue smocks and belts and the train guards with their whistles which sounded very much like your baby brother's toy trumpet when you are trying to do your homework and hoping not to make it look like a "dog' s breakfast".

We arrived in Paris tired but happy, and soon found ourselves in a lovely seventeenth century "Pension" in Rue Servandoni in the Latin Quarter with French balconies and thick oak doors. We slept comfortably in cool French beds. We set out next morning with a French guide, who spoke pretty good English but all of us, wishing to enter into the spirit of the holiday, spoke (or I should say tried to speak) French. The most impressive sight that morning I think, was Les Invalides where is the Great Napoleon's tomb.

The obliging guide as we were English took us to see the Duke of Windsor's house in a secluded part of Paris. After a lovely French dinner, a novelty for some, but rather unpleasant for others, we went again round Paris and saw the Palais de Justice with the smart lady barristers (whom to our surprise, we found very attractive). For us historians the Place de la Bastille was very interesting and the Place Vendome where stands a tall column made from the metal of all the guns which Napoleon captured at his great battle of Austerlitz. On the top is a figure of Napoleon, dressed as a Roman Emperor, and looking towards Italy. When we got back from our drive we visited a small cafe on the Boulevard St. Michel for coffee and cakes (someone asked for "another roomful of cake" in "French").

On Friday we visited Notre Dame as it was Good Friday and even though tourists were walking round, the French appeared oblivious to this and carried on with the service. In the afternoon the Art Gallery of the Louvre was visited and we spent ages looking at the lovely Mona Lisa (you may have heard of the smile which is just as lovely as it is written about).

After much persuasion Miss Bromley decided to take us to see "That Certain Age". We walked for nearly an hour, and when we survived the first picture, which was in French, we sat with crossed fingers. To our horror, and for some, amusement, the picture we were all expecting to be in English, was in French. Deanna Durbin speaking French! But we came through all right, laughing and crying (???) with the French around us.

On Saturday we went to Versailles with another school from West Hartlepool. On the way we stopped and walked round "La Malmaison" where Napoleon lived, with Josephine before he became Emperor. We continued our way to Versailles but as the weather was hot, the guide, rather poor at speaking English and our feet sore, no-one enjoyed to the full, tramping round the great palace which was bare although interesting. On the way home, as it was a beautifully clear day we decided to go up the Eiffel Tower. We stopped on the first floor, had tea there, and went to the top, where we wrote post-cards and bought presents. The view was magnificent. We came hobbling back, and as some of the girls were practically having to be carried we returned home by the Metro (Tube Station).

In the evening with the exception of two of the girls who were nursing sore feet, we went to the Louvre by autobus, to see the floodlit statues. We were more than interested in one, "The Winged Victory", a beautiful statue on top of about fifty steps, the lights behind which kept changing, forming beautiful pictures and silhouettes, a delight to any artist. (Although a good time was had by all, it was surprising how long was the queue for Miss Bromley's bath salts.)

After the previous day's exertion four of the party had breakfast in bed, while the rest went to church. The morning we had free. In the afternoon we saw the "Conciergerie" where Marie Antoinette, Robespierre, Danton, and the aristocrats of the revolution were imprisoned in the tiny, dark, cold cells.

The top of Notre Dame appealed to all of us but no-one realised the difficulty we should have to get there. There were 368 steps, a spiral staircase about two feet wide, people coming down as we were going up, the terrible smell of garlic and pitch darkness, most of the way. But the view from the top was worth the climb. The massive bell of the cathedral can be heard 25 miles round. We came down and while we were having tea we met some friends who live in Hemsworth, much to the amusement of the French people at the obvious English greeting. We visited Mont Martre, the old quarter of Paris, by night, with a charming guide, to whom the girls lost their hearts, except the youngest who went to sleep (perhaps she didn't think he was worth it).

Monday we had free and everyone wandered their different ways, eating and walking, when and where they pleased. After dinner we all went to a cafe - where Lenin and Instsky planned the Russian Revolution - and then went to bed early to prepare ourselves for the next day which we were going to spend at Fontainebleau.

The next morning we prepared to spend our last day in splendour, and have a real fling. And did we! Our guide was the guide of the Mont Martre visit, much to everyone's delight. We picnicked in the woods, walked round the lovely palace (there was no lagging this time or sore feet, although the day was hot), and coming home sang the School Song for the benefit of the boys who had accompanied us from another School. We also harmonised "On Ilkla Moor Baht 'at", in the grand old Yorkshire fashion to the amusement of the guide who simply couldn't understand that "Baht" meant "without". One of the girl's French correspondent came to dinner and also one of Miss Shortridge's friends. We had a real good time on the last night in a cafe on the Boulevard St. Michel where we nearly sent Miss Bromley crazy because we all talked at once and could not make up our minds what kind of ices we wanted. In the end we got one extra; whether it was ordered or given us as present by the management we still do not know.

Next morning there was real regret in everyone's tones as we said "Au revoir" to the French Madam at the "Pension", but we were also full of hope that we might be able to return again next year. The day was scorching hot and everyone relieved when we got on the train at London, after a frantic dash across the city in taxis.

Once in Yorkshire, convinced that it was the best holiday we have ever had, and thanking Miss Bromley and Miss Townsend for the lovely time, we forgot all the French we ever knew and lapsed into the good old Yorkshire.

"Oo, wa'n't it luvly!"

(Not without a sigh of contentment).

Q.E.D. Talbot 5s.

The Staff Play

J.B.Priestley's "Mystery at Greenfingers".

The Staff Play this year gave a glimpse behind the scenes of a fashionable hotel. Mystery was soon afoot with the disappearance of a visitor. This brought the company's detective to the fore and Mr.Nelson is to be congratulated for his effective rendering of that official. It is difficult, when all took their parts so well, to single out any for special comment, but the applause of the audience showed their appreciation of the acting of "Clara" and "Sally". The Visitor, "Miss Tracey", carried through her role of amateur detective and peacemaker well. The whole production was stamped with that ease and finish which we have learned to associate with the work of Mr. Storer.



L-R: Miss. Bromley, Miss. Euler, Mr. Collette, Miss. Kenward, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hamilton, Miss. Shortridge (seated), Miss. Harrison, Mr. Hyde, Miss. Townsend



L-R: Mr. Nelson, Mr. Collette, Miss Townsend, Miss. Bromley, Mr. Hamilton, Miss Shortridge



L-R: Miss. Townsend, Mr. Hyde, Miss. Euler, Mr. Collette, Miss. Shortridge, Miss. Bromley, Mr. Hamilton, Miss. Harrison



L-R: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Birdsall, Mr. J.D. Hamilton, Mr. Storer

Calendar

Autumn Term 1939

Sept 11 Monday	Entrance Examination
Sept 13 Wednesday	Autumn Term begins.
Oct 2 Monday	School Debate
Oct 6 Friday	Quarterly Orders
Oct 24 Tuesday	Lecture on Costumes
Oct 27 Friday	Quarterly Orders
Oct 30 Monday	Half Term
Oct 31 Tuesday	Half Term
Nov 1 Wednesday	School Debate
Nov 8 Wednesday	Speech Day
Nov 11 Saturday	Armistice Day
Nov 24 Friday	Osiris Players
Nov 30 Thursday	School Debate
Dec 1 Friday	Quarterly Orders
Dec 11 Monday	I and II Form Party
Dec 12 Tuesday	III and IV Form Party
Dec 13 Wednesday	School Play
Dec 14 Thursday	School Play
Dec 15 Friday	V and VI Form Party
Dec 15 Friday	School Debate
Dec 20 Wednesday	Term ends.
Jan 10 Wednesday	Spring Term begins.