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SCHOOL HISTORY.

Wednesday, 12th January.—Term Begins.
Tuesday, 25th January.—O.B.A. Annual General Meeting.
Wednesday, 26th January.—Old Boys' Dinner.
Tuesday, 22nd February.—O.B. Meeting.
Monday, 28th February.—Half Term.
Wednesday, 9th March.—Concert and Prize Giving.
Tuesday, 29th March.—O.B. Meeting.
Tuesday, 12th April.—End of Term.
Summer Term.—4th May to 30th July.
Christmas Term.—21st September to 21st December.

SCHOOL CONCERT,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th.
Please Book this Date.

SALVETE.

No. 209.—D. Brooker, IVb (School).
No. 210.—J. W. Gladdish, IIIb (School).
No. 211.—B. D. Gray, Prep. (School).
No. 212.—J. J. S. Murray, IIIa (St. Augustine's).
No. 213.—C. R. Veitch, IIIb (St. Peter's).
No. 214.—P. J. King, IVb (St. Augustine's).
No. 215.—R. J. Fenner, IVb (St. Augustine's).
No. 216.—P. Stonard, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 217.—M. Stonard, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 218.—C. E. Davis, IIIa (St. Peter's).
No. 219.—I. Hill, Prep. (St. Peter's).
No. 220.—H. N. B. Pullen, IVa (St. Peter's).
No. 221.—J. A. Mills, IVb (St. Augustine's).
No. 222.—J. Hopson, V (School).
No. 223.—R. Shaw, IVb (St. Augustine's).
No. 224.—A. H. White, IIIa (St. Peter's).
No. 225.—D. M. Hughes, Prep. (St. Augustine's).

VALETE.

E. C. Austin, after a very successful school career of $6\frac{1}{2}$ years has left us to enter the Corporation Electricity Offices.

R. D. Corke, 5 years at school, has gone into Messrs. Argles and Court's Solicitors Office.

Peter Sackrée, 4 years, has also entered a solicitor's office at Rochester.

R. T. Rand, $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, has joined the firm of Mr. C. Hall, Accountant and Auditor, Earl Street.

C. Larkin, 3 years, is now with Messrs. Rootes & Co., Engineers, Mill Street.

S. W. Moore, 3 years, has obtained a post with Messrs. W. Day & Co., Chartered Accountants, Earl Street.

C. F. Bincham, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, is with the Corporation Electricity Office.

R. W. Young, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, has entered the Merchant Service with the British Tanker Co., to join a sister ship of our adopted ship the "British Pride."

H. F. Gosling, 2 years, has obtained an appointment with the Hollingbourne Rural District Council.

R. C. Ellison, 2 years, has gone into the office of Messrs. Wallace V. Brett, Ltd., Wholesale Confectioners, High Street.

Most of the above positions were obtained directly through the school and nearly every boy obtained Public Examination Certificates before leaving. We wish them every success in their future careers.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Since our last issue the following 6 boys have obtained London Chamber of Commerce Education Certificates:—

F. E. M. Betts, Arithmetic (Distinction), Geography, (Distinction), Mathematics and Typewriting; E. C. Austin, English and Handwriting; R. T. Rand, Typewriting; R. D. Sackrée, Handwriting; S. W. Moore, Handwriting; and C. F. Bincham, Handwriting.

Pitman's Shorthand Certificates have been obtained by J. H. E. Piper, speed 80; E. C. Austin, speed 60; K. F. Mace, speed 60; F. E. M. Betts, Theory, Stage II; and C. F. Bincham, H. F. Gosling, and E. K. Leeves, all Theory, Stage I.

Typewriting Certificates have been secured by N. A. Ashton, Intermediate 2nd Class, and C. F. Bincham, Elementary, 2nd Class.

College of Preceptors Preliminary Certificates: H. F. Gosling (with 2 distinctions), and E. K. Leeves. This makes a total of 32 public certificates for the year—a School record!

During the early part of last term we enjoyed a lecture with lantern slides, by Capt. Blunt, M.A., a grand nephew of Gordon. Captain Blunt spoke about Africa and the Sudan, and produced and read Gordon's last letter asking for help.

The beginning-of-term service took place just before Harvest Festival, and at the request of the Rev. Cooper many boys brought suitable gifts. Much appreciation was shown of the beautiful decoration of St. Peter's.

We are glad to announce that the amount collected for the British Legion on Poppy Day was a record for the School, and amounted to $19/5\frac{1}{2}$. The collections in the School boxes have been also good. At the last collection there was $8/3$ in the West Kent General Hospital Box, and $7/8$ in the R.S.P.C.A. box. We also collected for the Waifs and Strays Society, and tin foil for the Ophthalmic Hospital.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. F. W. Watts to the staff who is responsible for the work in book-keeping. Boys have made an excellent start in this important subject under Mr. Watts' capable direction.

In nearly every issue it is our pleasant duty to refer to some improvement in School equipment and accommodation. During the Summer holidays the new bicycle shed was completed, the additional playing field equipped with goal posts, and many improvements of a minor nature effected. A further large area for play ground is in course of preparation.

Captain Stott has now left the "British Petrol," and we have written to him under the auspices of the British Ship Adoption Society in connection with his new ship the "British Pride." We wish him all success on his new vessel, and hope to print more news in our next issue. We enjoyed having Captain Stott with us during some of our football matches.

Our first year's working of the School Branch of the National Savings Association is very satisfactory. Mr. Bettle gives the following report:—

This term, 14 new members, total £9 0s. 7d. Full year, 40 members, Total £21 19s. 5d.

This excellent movement deserves the fullest support. We have also collected 459 Daily Mirror tokens, of which St. Augustine's gave 248, School 118 and St. Peter's 93.

Reference is made elsewhere to the season's football. This has been our best season so far both as regards numbers of games and results, and our successes are in no small way due to the very efficient and thorough secretaryship of F. E. M. Betts. Many thanks.

We were invited to help the Pageant Master (Mr. S. G. Key) in the Waifs and Strays' Society Pageant, and the Upper School under the direction of Mr. Williams, presented the famous leek scene from Shakespeare's Henry Vth. The entire Upper School took part, and we were able to supply the majority of the costumes. R. Rand as Pistol, and W. Ashton as the King were good, and the crowd work was considered excellent.

The School Branch of the League of Nation's Union is continuing and R. Rand has acted as Secretary.

A successful Meccano and Model Exhibition concluded the School Term. Mr. V. Smith kindly consented to judge the exhibits. The results were as follows:—

Class A.—H. Mungham, working model in Meccano of a heavy lorry complete with independent springing and gearing; 2, P. Gibbs, traction engine.

Class B.—A Seymour, lorry; 2, J. Stockbridge, battleship.

Class C (preparatory boys), G. Pickup, clock.

Class D.—D. Fraser, river estuary in plaster of Paris; 2, R. Westbrook, aeroplane.

Class E.—Equal first, a large map showing world commodities, each commodity lighting up on touching the appropriate button, a collective effort by the VI. form and an extensive lay-out of a modern airport by the IV form. Other interesting entries in this class were a railway lay-out by the III form and a snow scene by the Preparatory.

Class F.—D. Smith, aeroplane; 2, P. Gibbs, car.

Class G.—E. Tomsett, drawing of an engine.

Class H.—M. Betts, display of stamps; 2, W. Tucker.

We are adopting the excellent suggestion of holding a special drawing exhibition.

E. Tomsett won his 7th open prize for Drawing. This time from a well-known pencil firm. We understand part of the prize consists of a supply of pencils, and no doubt Tomsett will use these to win further prizes.

The Annual Concert and Prize-Giving will take place on Wednesday, 9th March. An interesting programme is being arranged, and we hope for the usual support for this event.

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UPPER SCHOOL NOTES.

Congratulations to F. E. M. Betts, who secured two distinctions in his Chamber of Commerce Examination, viz.: Geography and Arithmetic.

The monthly mottoes voted for this term were "Zeit ist Gelt" (submitted by C. Bincham), and "Les petits ruisseaux font les grandes rivières" (submitted by D. Bradley).

At the conclusion of last term the Tennis Tournament was not concluded, and the final stages were played off this last term. W. Tucker was the victor defeating R. Rand. Mr. Piper has presented a cup which Tucker will hold for a year. Several good matches were arranged in September before the weather changed.

With the production of part of Henry Vth for the Waifs and Strays' Society the repertoire of the School now includes the following:—Macbeth, The Tempest, Merchant of Venice, Henry IVth (Part I.), as well as plays from Dickens. The educational value of acting the plays is great, and as Sir Henry Irving said "No one knows Shakespeare until he has acted in his plays."

Many interesting matches have been played by the Chess Club, and much practice has been made for the House and Cup Tournaments next term. The Club has ten sets, and several boys have their own sets.

Only two debates have been arranged this term. (Our activities have included Public and School Exams, Exhibition, Waifs and Strays' Pageant, and St. Peter's Concert). The subjects were balloted for, and were (1) That Maidstone Trolley-buses should be replaced by buses. Carried 14 to 6. (2) That Modern Architecture is decadent. Carried 13 to 5.

FOOTBALL.

The weather this term has not been too favourable to us, but we have played most of our games. Our game at Yalding had to be abandoned 15 minutes from the end.

The Results of the matches played this term are:—

1st Eleven.—October, 9th, Ditton, won 5—3; October 16th, Linton, won 6—1; October 27th, West Malling Boys' Club, lost 10—1; November 6th, Hadlow, won 9—1; November 10th, West Malling, won 6—2; November 13th, Loose, drew 2—2; November 27th, Wrotham, won 5—4.

Summary of Matches played:—

Played 7, won 5, drew 1, lost 1, goals for 33, goals against 23.

Rand heads the list of goal-scorers with 11 goals, followed by D. Smith 9, Westover 4, A. Smith 4, H. Gosling 3, Tucker 2, and Westbrook 1.

2nd Eleven.—October 20th, West Malling, won 2—1; December 8th, Yalding, drew 2—2.

D. Smith, A. Smith, Tucker and Knott each scored once.

The best matches were those with Loose and Wrotham, and the Second Eleven match with West Malling.

The following are extracts from the "Kent Messenger":—

1st ELEVEN v. LOOSE.

The Maidstone Commercial School had a hard game on Saturday against a strong Loose School team, four goals being shared.

D. Smith scored for the Commercial School, and Eaton soon equalised. There was no further score until the first minute of the second half, when, after a lightning raid, Pronger put Loose ahead. For the rest of the game both goals were frequently under bombardment but in the closing seconds Westbrook put the Commercial School on equal terms.

1st ELEVEN v WROTHAM.

The Maidstone Commercial School, visiting Wrotham, won 5—4.

D. Smith put the Commercial School ahead from a centre by A. Smith after five minutes play, but Wrotham fought back and scored twice through Washford. Commercial School were awarded a penalty, which Westbrook converted, and the teams were on equal terms at the interval.

Washford scored twice in the first ten minutes of the second half, thus completing his hat-trick. The visitors attacked strongly, and Rand turned two centres from A. Smith to account. Westbrook failed to convert another penalty, but near the end Tucker registered with a long shot.

2nd ELEVEN v. WEST MALLING.

The Maidstone Commercial School won a very thrilling match on Wednesday against West Malling boys. No goals were scored until well into the second half, when Palmer scored for West Malling. D. Smith soon equalised, and the goal for the Commercial School came from a long shot by Tucker.

CRITICISMS OF THE TEAM.

D. Bradley. An able captain and a good left back.

R. Westbrook. A centre-half who can be relied upon in time of defence and attack. A rapid player and excellent dribbler.

R. Rand. A swift left winger with a hefty kick.

D. Smith. An inside-left who co-operates well with his winger. His shooting is very accurate.

H. Gosling. A centre-forward who can use his head as well as his feet.

B. Westover. A capable inside-right who knows his job.

A. Smith. A plucky right winger who is able to centre the ball hard and accurately.

W. Tucker. A left-half who tackles strongly and kicks well.

R. Hill. A good right-half.

C. Larkin. A trusty right back who knows how to use his weight.

J. LeFeaver. A plucky goal-keeper and who does not mind taking risks to save hard shots.

The Upper School proved victors over the Fourth Form by 3 goals to 1 in a form match.

HOUSE RESULTS.

School 2, St. Peter's 2; School 7, St. Augustine's 0; St. Peter's 5, St. Augustines' 1.

Two scratch matches were arranged with the Grammar School.

Several of our matches were at some distance and we chartered a Maidstone and District Coach. The players and friends enjoyed a sing-song on the way home.

F. E. M. Betts, Football Secretary.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

DO SUNSPOTS CAUSE WAR?

A Russian scientist known as Professor Tchijewsky strongly believes that wars are caused by sunspots.

Professor Tchijewsky bases his theory on historical evidence which goes to show that his suggestion is either fact or merely coincidence.

History does give some striking examples in support of this Russian theory.

1789 saw the maximum sunspot year; it was also the year of the French Revolution.

In 1830 after a swing back to the Right, the French Republic became once more an empire under Louis Philippe.

Then the war between France and the great African prince, Abd el Kader, broke out, which resulted in the foundation of France's North African Empire and the conquest of Algiers.

In 1848 the King abdicated and a fierce revolution swept Paris. Lastly, in 1870 (again a maximum sunspot year), the Franco-Prussian War blazed up.

However, it needs more evidence to prove the professor's revolutionary idea.

But that sunspots do occur periodically, and that they do have some effect on man's earthly life, there appears to be some proof. For instance, Professor Pieter Zeeman, of the University of Amsterdam, the greatest authority on this phenomenon, declares that sunspots radiate energy which he believes influences the weather. The records of the maximum sunspot years from 1610 onwards proves that this theory is not without basis.

If these sunspots make our weather good or bad, it follows that they affect also the crops of the earth and, through them, man himself.

In 1926, a year of great activity, wireless listeners were disturbed by constant atmospheric. Were they caused by magnetic storms projected from the seething heart of the sun—from those tremendous flames which that year, reached the staggering height of 150,000 miles?

All this about sunspots may seem somewhat fantastic and absurd,—is it?

E. C. Austin.



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INDUSTRIAL GEOGRAPHY.

A VISIT TO FOSTER CLARK'S.

On Thursday 21st October we enjoyed a visit to Messrs. Foster Clark's Factory. On arriving at the premises we were conducted in two parties, each one led by an efficient guide into a lift, which took us to the starting point of our interesting journey.

We commenced by walking through the offices, and were shown an addressograph, which is used for labelling the various goods. The number of customers is about 25,000 people.

From the offices we entered the actual factory, where soups are made and packed. It is interesting to follow the making of a soup block. The powder is put into containers and a certain amount which never varies is let into a metal hole the shape and size of the required cube. These metal holes revolve and in doing so, metal presses compress the powder until it is in a very hard condition. Leaving these presses the cubes are sent to a machine which, when fed by these cubes, turns them out at the other end ready packed and wrapped. It is fascinating to watch the wrappers being fed from a pile one by one by means of an air suction plant. Some of these machines deal with 70 cubes

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per minute. The finished soups are then packed into cardboard boxes, and are then wrapped with wax paper. The actual sealing process is done by means of a machine which is heated, thus melting the wax and sealing the packages.

Leaving this section, we entered the building in which other various powders are packed, including milk puddings, cream custards, and a comparatively new line, Golden Puddings. The process of packing the powders is done on one long bench. To begin with, on the floor above are a number of movable bins, into which a large quantity of powder is placed. To the casual onlooker the powders all look alike, and only the colour seems to differ. These movable bins are placed directly above the counter which is making the different powders, these are fed into a machine which in its turn fills up small paper bags. They are passed on a movable belt to another person who sees that they are packed in their boxes. From this packer the box passed to a girl who glues the flaps down.

From this department we passed into the large warehouse which stocks all raw materials. Barges from the Medway are easily unloaded, and a casual look at some of the flour bags show that it comes from great distances, for many show the Belgium stamp. Passing through the Canning department, which at the present time (winter) is at a standstill, we came to one of the greatest branches of Messrs. Foster Clark's, the Jelly making department. Over 113,000 jellies are turned out per day, and these are also wrapped and packed in the same way as the soups.

Passing from the Jelly department, we walked along the roadway into the Printing Works, where we saw various packets and labels going through printing processes. The actual print is cleaned from zinc plates by means of a unique shaker, composed of a number of balls and a solution of Pumice powder. In this machine all the print is worn off, and the plates are used again. Another interesting point to notice is the lid-puncher, which punches all types of lids for lemonade powders and custard tins.

Points to notice at the conclusion of our visit were that 1,000 girls, and 300 men are employed by Messrs. Foster Clark's, besides the casual staff: that the factory covers over 10 acres of ground, and that most of the work is piece-work.

R. T. Rand.

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STRANGE, BUT TRUE.

William the Conqueror was the only English King crowned on Christmas Day, 1066.

Gone but not forgotten. An ostrich can swallow six oranges before the first has travelled the length of his long neck.

There are 2,000,000,000 human beings in the world and one in every five is Chinese.

Campbell's big skid. Sir Malcolm Campbell skidded sideways for five miles when his car lost a wheel at Frano, Denmark, a few years ago.

Gout started a fashion. Henry VIII had to wear gashed shoes because of gout, and gashed shoes at once became stylish among the fashionably dressed.

B. Westover.

CONCERT IN AID OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH FUNDS.

On the last Friday in Term we were asked to assist in a Variety Concert for St. Peter's Church Funds, and combined with the Girls' High School, and Miss Filmer's Typewriting School. The School's items were as follows: (1) Percussion Band, under the direction of Mrs. F. A. Piper. The band played four pieces and was enthusiastically encored. (2) Songs by Mr. E. G. A. Bettle. (3) Sketch, "Isn't it lovely," by Messrs. Williams and Bettle. This contained several local references which met with the audience's approval. (4) Lastly "Pukka Wallahs" which was as usual well received.

POT-POURRI.

HISTORY OF BRIDGES.

There is historical evidence that in Asia bridges were constructed thousands of years before the Christian era.

One of the earliest was in Babylon spanning the Euphrates. The Chinese also constructed bridges at a very remote period. But the most famous bridge-builders of antiquity were the Romans, who from about 700 B.C. built many different bridges in Rome and in many different parts of Europe.

One of the finest bridges constructed by the Romans was over the Danube, near Wankel in Hungary in the year 105 A.D. London Bridge existed about 978 A.D. The oldest stone bridge in Britain is at Dartmouth, it was built about 2,000 years ago.

R. Young.

HISTORY OF WIRELESS.

The earliest discoveries which led to wireless telegraphy and telephony date back to 1867, when James Maxwell put forward the electric magnetic theory of light, and the Ruhmhorff coil, which is used in transmission today.

The first demonstration of sending and receiving wireless signals was given by D. E. Hughes in 1879, 60 feet was the distance covered.

Wireless waves travel at the same rate as light, 186,000 miles per second.

Sir Oliver Lodge invented the tuning coil which aided the late Marconi with his system.

In 1896 on Salisbury Plain, Marconi transmitted and received morse signals over a distance of $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. This distance was later increased to 8 miles.

In America progress was being made, music and speeches were broadcasted in 1915, covering a distance of 3,000 miles.

Since then rapid progress has been made, and in 1935-6 television was achieved by Mr. J. L. Baird.

P. Anderson.

THE ADVANCE OF AVIATION.

The first plane was built by Orville Wright. It ascended, and stayed in the air for several seconds. This machine resembled a birdcage.

The War did much for the advance of aviation. Inventors concentrated on making a better machine than the enemy, and so they tried to make a good reliable machine. This grim rivalry pushed the aeroplane to the fore greatly. After the War, some enterprising firms started airlines. In those days, however, the passengers were crammed into small compartments, with the roar of the engine making it impossible for anyone to speak.

To-day great air liners take the air with as little fuss as a train leaves the station, these modern passengers travel with as much comfort as first class travellers do in a large ocean going ship.

Perhaps the most weird machine that takes the air today is the autogyro. It has no wings, but to replace this loss, it has vanes revolving over the fuselage. The machine has a landing speed of about 25 miles per hour, the lowest for any aircraft.

The next most wonderful that takes the air is the Pterodactyl. This machine has no tail. Where the tail is on an ordinary plane, the engine is to be found on this plane. The wings are made to resemble those of a swallow in flight. The engine used on the experimental machines has so far only been about 75 horse power. The fuselage is egg shaped, giving the pilot an unobstructed view. In war flying this should be a great asset.

Other weird, but super machines are:—

The Fokker Super Universal. Four passengers. 220 horse power Wright Whirlwind engine. Maximum speed 118 miles per hour.

The Wizard. A single seater fighter. 490 h.p. Rolls engine.

Some of the best machines are built by the famous German firms of Heinkel and Junkers. Their machines are made to fly in any weather. They are constructed of metal, and are naturally very strong. Germany has gone ahead in aviation more than any country. America makes a very good second, the American planes are fast and large.

In Germany the airship has been fully exploited, and the outcome of these experiments are such machines as the ill fated L.Z. 129. The terrible fate of this giant has not daunted the work of its' owners. The future of aviation is wide and varied.

N. A. Ashton.

PIONEERS OF AUSTRALIA.

The first discoverer of Australia was a Portugese Columbus whose name, however, is unknown, so his fame dies with him.

In 1606 Torres, a Spaniard from Peru, was sent out to the Pacific as second-in-command to Fernandez Quiros. What Quiros really found and claimed was the New Hebrides. It was his Lieutenant Louis Vaez de Torres who found Australia. As he was sailing along the New Guinea Coast he sighted what he thought were a number of large islands, his progress was barred, however, by the mutiny of the crew, who made him turn back. The imaginary islands, however, were the hills of Cape York in what we now call Queensland.

Ten years after De Torres, a Dutchman named Dirk Hartog (an ideal name for a pirate) reached the West Coast, and explored it for two or three hundred miles where he left a sign on a tin soup plate. It was found in 1902 and put in the State Museum, Amsterdam.

Then England appeared in the person of that extraordinary character Capt. William Dampier, a son of Somerset who was born in 1652, and died in 1715. He reached Australia on an ordinary piratical cruise on the "Cygnet," 1688. He returned in command of the "Roebuck" eleven years later. His picture of Australia were gloomy and forbidding, making it a land of wild animals and cannibals. This did much to discourage Britain.

A good description of Australia was given by James Cook, a poor labourer's boy, who had run away to sea and worked his way to the position of Captain.

On an expedition to Jahiti he sailed round New Zealand and charted it for the first time.

He sailed round the Eastern coast of Australia and instead of the stern forbidding outlook he had expected he found pleasant and fertile country. He named it New South Wales as it reminded him so much of home.

He was killed in Hawaii during a fight with treacherous natives in February, 1779.

R. Westbrook.

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OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

The business meetings of the Association have been held on the last Tuesday of each month, and have afforded a pleasant venue for old friends. We are deeply indebted to our Chairman, Mr. J. W. Solman, for presiding over our gatherings, and to the officers.

The Tennis Finals for 1937 are still not concluded owing to illness and the interference of business, but the results will be to hand shortly. This year has been a record for new members, passing last year's excellent figures. It is our aim, however, to enrol as many as possible of the boys who have passed through the School since its foundation in 1901. The General Secretary, Mr. A. M. Williams, will be pleased to hear of any Old Boys not yet members.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Royal Star Hotel, on Wednesday, January 26th, the price has been reduced to 3/—, and we look forward to a record crowd. One or more social events will be arranged during the coming term.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from P. Taylor who is now living in Shropshire. He has completed a year at Oswestry Technical School. Another old friend was A. A. Byam, who has now joined the Police Force. From School he passed into the Navy, and was making excellent progress until he was ill from rheumatism and spent eight months in hospital. We wish him better luck in his new sphere of activity. We are also pleased to hear from Captain Mott who regrets being unable to attend the Annual Dinner as his naval duties keep him in the Pacific. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to hear news about any Old Boy. We are also glad to publish a contribution from E. C. Austin, and remind all Old Boys that articles for this magazine will be welcome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—We have in the past only been able to play occasional football matches. We have had many excellent players, and it is hoped to recruit a team for the season 1938–39, and to enter same in one of the divisions of the Maidstone League. Mr. A. M. Williams will act as convener until a secretary is elected, and would be glad to hear at once from Old Boys willing to join.

A. M. W. A. W.

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