



OLD WINBURNIANS NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2012

Dear fellow OWs,

Gazing across the vast frosted expanse of Dacombe Manor Estate, Gaunts Common, our ruggedly handsome hero turns to the lady at his side in the exquisitely panelled drawing room of the great house, observing with that wry, philosophical smile with which most Winburnians are so familiar.

“Winter draws on, Mary.”

The lady nods in affirmation of her man’s unfailing perspicacity and concern for her welfare.

And so it is across the land. As the leaves of autumn tumble from the trees so we exchange the season of mellow fruitfulness for the harsher realities of an English winter. The swallows and martins are nearly departed for warmer climes to be replaced by the first flocks of redwings and fieldfares. In his rocking chair or sturdy bed the thoughts and dreams of our most honourable and much loved secretary turn ever more longingly towards plum puddings, hot mince pies and roasted turkey. Patrick Keeping, Vice-Chairman and musical orchestrator, reflects upon the key he will choose to lead us into the School Song on 1 December. Should he wear tighter trousers so as to ensure the highest key possible? Your Editor contemplates the annual intellectual challenge of the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day. As for you, dear reader, I wonder what are your musings as another year draws to its close. Another year, good grief! How they positively fly by at such alarming and accelerating speed.

As for this year 2012, what a summer of excitement and pleasure it has provided. Even sceptics (and I count myself one) were enthralled by the Olympics and Paralympics. and how refreshing that so many magnificent sportsmen and women conducted themselves with such dignity, grace and magnanimity. Seb Coe, his colleagues, the volunteers, police and armed services deserve every accolade that comes their way. Then there was the Diamond Jubilee and at its heart a truly remarkable, splendid lady, who has served her country and its people with such dedication and distinction these past sixty years.

But now to business. Our next reunion will see the distribution of our booklet ‘A History of Queen Elizabeth’s Grammar School, Wimborne’. We hope and believe you will be pleased with the product of many months of dedicated labour and research by Graham Powell and, latterly, by your editor. On a practical note you will be able to collect the booklet (together with a plastic bag) from a table at Cobham’s. It will be free to all members. If you are able to collect a copy for another member (or members) who is/are unable to attend in December we would be grateful. Just tell the Committee member (probably Ken Taylor) who it is for and we will be able to cross the name off our list, so reducing our postage bill. Those outstanding members not in receipt of a copy will receive their booklets with the following Newsletter next Spring. Obviously this is an expensive exercise

for the OWA so we will be holding a collection specifically to raise a few extra pounds to augment our funds in order to finance this project.

Let us hope for good weather and a fair wind on 1 December. We would love to see as many of you as possible. As ever we will be raising our glasses to Absent Friends at precisely 2pm. Do join us in the act of remembrance, wherever you are (and do let me know!). Our very best wishes to each and every OW.

Alan R Bennett (on behalf of your committee)

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS

Saturday, 6 July, 2013

Saturday, 7 December, 2013

SUMMER REUNION 2012

It is possible there are inaccuracies in the list of those shown attending. The flooding across many counties made it impossible for a number of members to reach Wimborne. I apologise for any errors.

Michael Aiken, Dr. Gareth Annels, Morgan Antell and guest Ann Antell, David Beck, Alan Bennett, Kenneth Bernthal, Nick Bishop, Tony Bletsoe, Jim Brewster, Eunice Carnall, Mervyn Coombs and guest Rosemary Coombs, A. Cooper (née Hallett), Robert Copelin, Sandra Cox, Peter Cox, John Dare, Janet Doolaage (née Pursey), Joyce Downton, Norah Dyson (née Henfield), Faith Elford (née Hawes) and guest John Elford, Peter Eyres, Olive Foyle, Mervyn Frampton and guest Ann Roome, Edgar Francis, Gerald Froud, Brian Glover, Janet Gordon (née Daniels), Tony Gould, Gail Greenfield, Dr. John Guy, Lawson Hall and guest Jill Hall, Alan Hall, Bill Haskell, Len Hawker and guest Dot Hawker, Maurice Herridge and guest Kate Herridge, Donald Hibberd and guest Joyce Hibberd, John Hill, Geoff Hill, John Hilton-King, Rod Hurt, Carolyn Kamcke (née Walking), Patrick Keeping, Susan Lawrence, Alan Maitland and guest June Maitland, Ron Mansfield, Maria Martin (née Limm), Carolyn Martin (née Rodgers) and guest David Martin, Kenneth Moody, Michael Morris, Victor Moss, Jennifer Moss (née Day), Diana Moss (née Anderson) and guest James Moss, Sue O'Connor (née Froud), Len Pearce and guest Diana Pearce, Donald Phillips, Alistair Pilley and guest Maureen Pilley, Graham Powell and guest Hazel Powell, Betty Read (née White), Gordon Richards, David Royce, Barbara Russell (née Morris), Ray Scott and guest Anne Sweeney, Frank Shears and guest Elsie Shears, Roy Sheppard and guest Betty Sheppard, Rodney Smith, Elaine Smith, Derek Stevens, Jill Strong (née Cowdry), Cynthis Turner (née Streets), Ken Taylor, John Taylor and guest Jill Taylor, Monica Vacher (née Brown), Brian Webb, Stanley White, Helen White (née Filcher), Roger Whittaker, Marion Wimsett (née Hardy) and guest Alan Wimsett, Eddie Wood and guest Jose Wood, Beryl Wythers (née Moreton).

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM

John Harper, Brian Willis, Dennis Dolman, Peter Douch, Michael Whitmarsh, Lorna Miles, Paul Burry, Caroline Jennings, Christine Price, Roy Dacombe, Terry Randall, Martin Saunders, Richard Ferguson, Bob White, David Park, David Roberts.

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**REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE OLD WINBURNIANS
ASSOCIATION (OWA) - HELD AT MERLEY, DORSET on 10th of SEPTEMBER 2012**

The past year 2011/12 has been one in which the OWA has continued to provide a social focus for our members. We are also looking to put in hand a couple of projects to commemorate the work of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School.

The 2011 AGM was held in Merley on 12th of September 2011. Elections took place. The composition remained the same as in the previous two years. The members are:

Len Pearce (1936-41)	Rodney Hurt (1941-46).	Tony Bletsoe (1942-47).
Don Phillips (1945-50)	Ken Moody (1947-52)	Pat Keeping 1949-54).
Alan Bennett	Ken Taylor (1951-56)	Tony Gould (1951-57)
Bill Haskell (1952-56)	Betty Read (1953-58)	Alan Maitland (1954-59)
Carolyn Kamcke (1956-63).		

During the year five committee meetings have been held, two newsletters produced and two successful reunions organised. Arrangements are in hand to produce a commemorative booklet later on this year setting out the history of five hundred years of scholarship and we are grateful to former committee member Graham Powell for his diligent research. Furthermore, due to the generosity of another former committee member Doug Williams, the OWA has been presented with a wooden seat. The authorities at the Minster have agreed to the installation of the seat on the south side of the church looking out over the old school. We are grateful to Betty Read and Bill Haskell for making the arrangements.

Our function could not continue without the dedicated work of a number of people who generously give their time to the OWA. Alan Bennett in editing the journal gets close to our wider membership and we know from comments we receive and also from the personal testimony of former pupils, how much this means to people who live far from Wimborne. David Finnemore has kindly continued in his role of honorary web-master which is invaluable. Gordon Richards continues to liaise most effectively with Cobham Sports Club and we are grateful to him in this and most especially after the loss of his wife last year. The really hard and dare I say it, tedious work is done by our Secretary and Treasurer, respectively Ken Moody and Alan Maitland in producing agendas, minutes, accounts and so much more. All members of the committee have helped with their advice and assistance.

It is worthy of note that we had a very pleasant summer reunion at Merley with a really splendid buffet in July 2012. We were pleased to welcome to the event Marion Wimsett (nee Hardy) and Alistair Pilley who both came from Australia with their spouses. The day was only slightly marred by exceptionally wet weather. Flooding in north and west Dorset prevented the attendance of several people.

Sadly during the year some of our old friends have passed. Jack Douch died earlier in the year and Nesta Richards also passed away after a period of ill-health.

Tony Gould - Chair - Aug 12

FUTURE MACKRELL LECTURES

Saturday, 13 January 2013, at 2.00pm

Lady Margaret Beaufort

Founder Wimborne Grammar School

Professor Michael Hicks
(Winchester University)

Priority Bookings contact Dee Butterfield (tel: 01258 857200)
£5 including sociable Tea

**REPORT OF THE AGM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10TH 2012
AT COBHAMS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, MERLEY.**

The AGM was attended by 11 people (10 Committee Members and 1 other member). There were 3 apologies.

An e-mail was read from a member who lives in Australia and included a visit to the Summer Reunion in hers and her husband's itinerary, expressing their appreciation of the welcome they received by all at the Reunion.

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were read and agreed. There were no matters arising.

The Chairman's Report was circulated, read and adopted. It is included in this Newsletter. The Audited Accounts were circulated, explained and adopted. The balances appeared to be disappointing because the 2011/2012 Financial Year was comprised of 11 months not 12. At an earlier Committee Meeting the committee agreed with the Treasurer that the year-end should be changed from 30th June to 31st May, to make the accounting simpler. Future Financial Years will be from 1st June to 31st May.

As no-one came forward to become a member of the Committee the current Officers were individually elected to their positions and the Full and Co-opted members were re-elected en-bloc. Therefore the 2012/2013 Committee will be as before.

Officers T. Gould (chair), P. Keeping (vice-chair), K. Moody (secretary),
A.Maitland (treasurer & membership).

Full Members A. Bennett, T. Bletsoe, B. Haskell, R. Hurt, L. Pearce, D. Phillips, Mrs B. Read,
K. Taylor

Co-opted Members D. Finnemore, Mrs C. Kamcke, D. Stevens, G. Richards..

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - 2012/2013 It was proposed, seconded and passed that the current Auditor be retained for a further year.

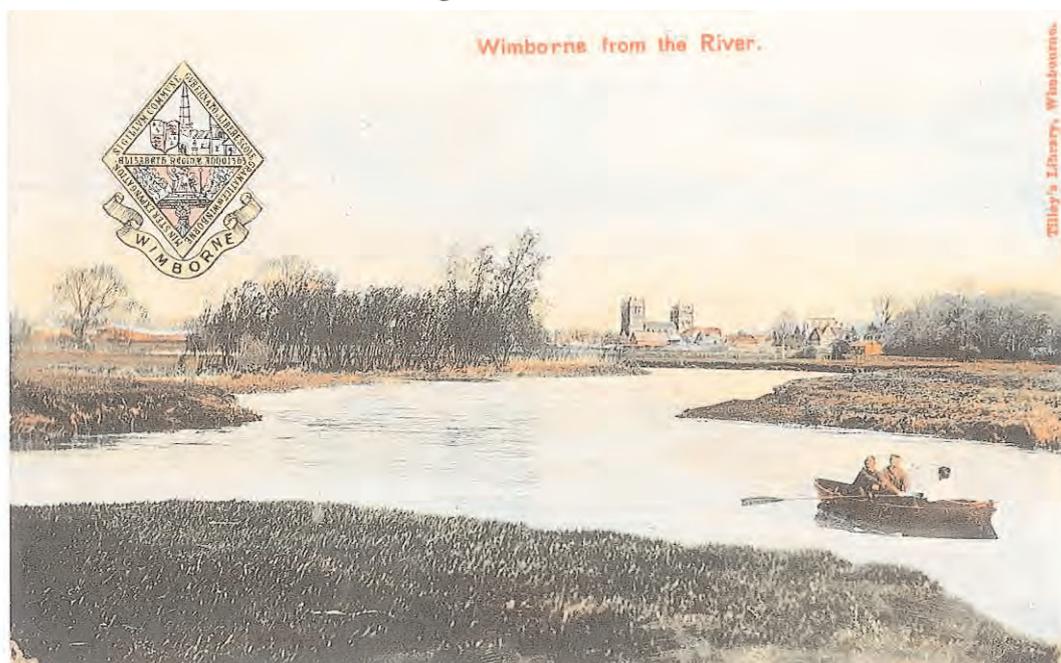
AOB A progress report about the bench seat donated to the Minster by an OWA member and accepted by the Minster authorities. It will be sited near the Sundial on the south side of the Minster and have a suitably worded brass plaque fixed to it.

The meeting were reminded that the profits from the last Reunion and those from the next two will be put towards financing the History of QEGS Booklet which will be distributed free to all members early next year.

Date of the next AGM - Monday 9th September 2013 at 11am

Ken Moody
Secretary

Messing About On the River!



*(Postmarked 1908 - sent from Wimborne to a lady staying at the Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth.
From the Editor's collection.)*

Old Winburnians Association
Statement of Accounts From 01/07/11 to 31/05/12

<u>Income</u>	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
Reunions	£2,271.55	£3,956.00	Reunions	£4,018.50	£3,996.77
Subscriptions	£1,060.00	£1,200.00	Newsletter Costs	£1,245.00	£1,224.12
Raffle Receipts	£494.00	£651.90	Raffle Prizes & Charity	£643.25	£431.71
Donations	£73.50	£8.00	Committee Meeting Costs	£108.08	£94.34
Alan Bennett			School History Booklet		
Book Commission	£0.00	£12.00	Expenses	£100.00	£0.00
Gross Interest on			Memorabilia Costs	£40.78	£15.00
Reserve a/c	£0.42	£0.56	Web Site Costs	£35.86	£69.75
Total Income	£3,899.47	£5,828.46	Total Expenditure	£6,263.47	£5,831.69
			Excess of Expenditure	-£2,364.00	-3.23

Balance Sheet at 31 May 2012

<u>Assets at 30 June 2011</u>		<u>Assets at 31 May 2012</u>	
NatWest Current A/c	£2,634.35	NatWest Current A/c	£397.39
LESS unrepresented		LESS unrepresented	
Cheques	£23.34	Cheques	£150.80
			£246.59
NatWest Reserve A/c	£2,611.01	NatWest Reserve A/c	£1,094.37
Less Excess of Expenditure over			
Income 2011/12-£2,364.00	£1,093.95		
	£1,340.96		£1,340.96

N.B.

These accounts cover the 11 months from 1st July 2011 to 31st May 2012 and do not include any receipts for the next Summer Reunion or subscriptions received for the next year. These receipts have been included in previous years accounts and have distorted the accounts. The 12 month accounts to 31st May 2013 will more accurately reflect the activities of the Old Winburnians during the year and the financial position at the end of the year.

I have audited the summary of accounts set out above. In my opinion these are consistent with the full accounts of the Old Winburnians Association for the year 1/7/2011 to 31/5/2012

K.C.N.

Monday, 17th December
7.30pm
QE Carol Concert
in the Minster

You are cordially invited

(A Fascinating piece from Len Pearce on one of the giants of the school's sporting history. A tragedy he died so young - giving his life for his country. A.B.)

I. T LUCAS - WGS Late 1920s - 1930

Could he have become an Olympian? This thought arose as the result of the media "feeding frenzy" on the material generated by the 2012 Olympic Games.

Christened "Ivan Theodore Lucas", it is not surprising that in Richmond House and the School in general, he was known as "I.T. Lucas". He was born in India about 1911 and was an outstanding all-round sportsman whose home was at 18, Avenue Rd, Wimborne.

In 1928 he won the High Jump, the Long Jump, 440 yds, 220 yds and 100 yds, also the Hurdles and Throwing the Cricket Ball (76.6 yards). He was awarded the Toppin Cup and the Luff Cup. Later he captained the Hockey XI, the Cricket XI and was the Vice-captain of the Soccer XI.

During his school career he broke two School records - Hurdles (18 secs) and High Jump at 5ft. 4.5 ins (1.59 m). He was in the 1929 Hockey team and the Cricket team, when he scored 194 runs, bowled 161 overs and took 42 wickets.

At the Prizegiving in the Spring of 1929 he received a prize for Shooting a Cricket Award for his Bowling and the Walters Cup for his All-round Athletic ability, as well as a prize for Drawing!! On the School Sports Day of 1930, the Guest of Honour, wished "I. T." "every luck in the athletic world, as it was his last appearance on the School sports field as a pupil".

Ivan played Rugby for the Old Boys despite, by that time, being at the Dennis Motor Works at Guildford. During the Summer Reunion of 1933 he was involved in Shooting, Swimming and Cricket matches against the School. He also played for "W.G.S Wanderers C. C." which provided cricket during the summer holidays for boys and Old Boys of the School.

Against the background of the 2012 Olympics, such a talent would have been nurtured but it is doubtful if I.T would have set his sights on the 1936 Olympic Games. With a poor academic record, in the depression of the 1930s, he probably found difficulty in securing employment. He had hoped to join the 'Indian Police Force' when he left school. He tried his hand at teaching and taught for a while in Scotland, possibly in Inverness. Later he worked in the Midlands for Morris Motors but in what capacity is not known. During the mid-1930s he went to Rhodesia.

In 1936 he showed his athletic prowess in Rhodesia winning both High and Long jump in Salisbury. He also got into the finals of the hurdles but was defeated by a spike coming through his shoe.

In the Spring of 1941 he joined the South African Air Force, later transferring to the R.A.F. After qualifying as an Air Gunner Ivan joined No. 233 Squadron which flew from 'Landing Ground 99', in a cluster of desert airfields approximately 20 miles South of Alexandria. His aircraft was shot down on the 27th of June 1942, at a time when the German Army was within 50 miles of the city.

A RAF friend of I.T. wrote, "... Ivan was shot down by three fighters and died at his post, as he would have desired. His guns were blazing right until his aircraft hit the ground. He was a very brave man and very popular with everyone".

Writing in the School Magazine in the Autumn of 1942, Mr. T. W. Tapping, Senior History Master, and also i/c the Cricket XI, wrote, "War, the destroyer, has claimed the life of Ivan Lucas. To those of us who knew him well, the news of his passing brings back memories of a vivid personality and of achievements which, in their own way, were remarkable. He added that I.T. was, "...a good runner, an excellent hurdler and long jumper and stood in a class by himself among Dorset Secondary Schoolboys as a High Jumper. For some time in the Dorset Inter School Sports, there was a question as to who would be second and third; the first place would automatically be filled by Lucas". Mr. Tapping concluded, "I have, as one of my inspirations, the memory of that tall, graceful figure, clearing phenomenal heights."

I.T. Lucas is interred in the El Alamein War Cemetery Egypt. His potential athletic talent unfulfilled.

Len Pearce (1936 - 41)

“QEGS GOES TO WAR”

(With thanks to our memorabilia secretary, the splendid Derek Stevens, who has scoured the pages of back copies of The Winburnian to produce some fascinating insights into life at the school during World War 2)

THE WINBURNIAN

No. 81

SUMMER TERM, 1939



The War we have all of us been dreading has come upon us, and will affect every aspect of national life, including the schools. Indeed, it has already affected the schools of the country very considerably. Many of those in vulnerable areas have moved, lock, stock and barrel, to safer places in the country; some are divided with their pupils scattered; others in reception areas are working double shifts, two schools in one building, with syllabuses crowded alternately into morning and afternoon sessions.

At Wimborne we are lucky. We have so far no other school billeted upon us, and so can have unrestricted use of our own premises. We are not suffering from shortage of staff, for we have one more master than last term. And difficulties of transport which threatened at the beginning of term have been successfully overcome.

Not that we can hope to proceed smoothly, happily unaware of the existence of war. Both materially and psychologically it is bound to make a big difference to the work of the school. Materials used at school - books, stationery, coal, lighting - even footballs and cricket bats - are likely to become scarcer and dearer, and the strictest economy will have to be practised. Staff shortage, also is not unlikely.

Of the psychological effects the less said the better. Sufficient to suggest that for the School, occupied let us hope in moulding the generation to play its part in the happier days after the war, strict attention to the work in hand is the best policy. Let us act, as Dickens suggests, regardless of what may be happening around us, "as if we ourselves were notoriously immortal." In fact, business as usual.

A.R.P.

The few visitors who, passing through Wimborne at the declaration of war, found time to walk up School Lane and view the School, enjoyed a treat which would have rejoiced the hearts of every pupil. They saw the Staff at work - and that ten days before the allotted time. They saw Maths. and History in a new wheelbarrow race - from Cobb's Cottage to Big School with loads and loads of sand. They saw English bringing a Stygian blackness into corridors already gloomy; Music draping windows funerially in the darkest cloth. They saw Latin wielding a shovel and Geography a screw-driver; French turned Carpenter, and all the low cunning of Science was directed energetically to similar tasks.

The result may be seen under Queen Elizabeth at The West End of Big School. Expert opinion was consulted and it found unnecessary for us to be provided with trenches as shelters for air raids. We were lucky in having Big School, so constructed (with strong walls, a comparatively light roof, and double walls in every direction as a protection against blast and splinters) that, even if the outer walls of the main buildings were to collapse, it is likely that those of Big School would remain standing. The only weakness was to the screen at the organ end, which has now been heavily reinforced with sand.

Each form has been assigned to a fixed position which it must take up immediately in the event of an air raid. These positions are in the safest places in Big School, namely, among the two side walls.

Rehearsals will take place throughout the term, and we shall no doubt very soon be taking up our positions smoothly and quickly. We should aim at two minutes.

(What would have happened to the school had the church bells for invasion rung during morning assembly luckily remained an engaging hypothesis only. D.F.S.)

DIGGING FOR VICTORY

THE SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

The School's "Dig for Victory" campaign has had a very successful year. Upon the acquisition of an allotment at Julian's Road last September, work has begun with great vigour. The ground was cleared, with some difficulty, by the boys of the Lower and Middle School. I say with difficulty because it happened that there was a very free-growing weed which caused a few back-aches.

A set of tools was purchased from School Funds at the end of last year, and these proved a very useful addition to those which were already in use at the school. By dint of hard labour, about half the plot was cleared so that the earliest seeds could be put in. In early March two rows of beans were sown. Other crops followed, and by the middle of May quite a sizeable part of the plot was planted. A few weeks later the first beans were picked and judging by the demand for them, they proved a popular addition to Spring dinners both for boarders and day boys.

By the time the Summer Holidays came along, the allotment was in a very good condition. The rows of potatoes were looking well, the carrots were weeded and thinned, and the garden presented a very different countenance to that which it had shown the July before. But it was plain that it could not be left for eight weeks without the attention that is need for growing crops in weeding and similar jobs. It was arranged, therefore, that the boys who were able and willing to, should come to the garden once or twice a week to keep it in order. This was done quite well on the whole, and the garden was kept presentable.

The potatoes were dug up during the holidays, and long before the work was finished it could easily be seen that there was a heavy crop.

It should also be stated that there is a new garden under construction at the field behind the tennis courts. Although this is rather heavy going, for an old Roman road must have run across the middle of it, fairly rapid progress is being made in completing it, and it is hoped that it will be planted by

the spring or early summer.

The shrubberies at the entrance to the field, which were planted a few years ago have been filed with cabbages, and although these present rather an incongruous appearance, they will provide good food during the winter months.

The outlook then for this newcomer to the curriculum is very good indeed, and it is to be hoped that gardening will continue as a subject long after the was.

F.H.S.

HELPING OUT ON THE FARM MANAGEMENTS VIEW

During the Summer holidays the school held a harvest with great success at Mr Tory's Farm at Witchampton. Most of the older boys attended the camp and made their contribution to gathering Britain's harvest, and also to the far less romantic job of singling turnips. However, this work of national importance was combined with all the enjoyable holiday spirit that usually accompanied camping. . . . enjoyable holiday spirit eh?

D.F.S.

THE WORKERS VIEW

Going Hoeing - a poem (probably by George Webb) We'd sooner eat a field of weeds, than hoe the turnips and the swedes - nuff said! The Winburnian No 90 Autumn Term 1942.

D.F.S.

GOING - HOEING

(A song for Aspiring Agriculturalists)

The bards of old oft tuned their lutes
To agricultural pursuits,
And sang the life bucolic;
To till the land with hoe in hand
By them we're led to understand,
Was simply fun and frolic.

Chorus of Aspiring Agriculturalists:

Oh! Off we go at break of day,
A happy throng, spo blithe and gay;
Although we do not know the way,
We're going - hoeing.
We're here because the country needs
The turnips, mangolds, and the swedes,
But not the thistles, docks, and weeds -
So here we're going - hoeing.

The farmer shows us how it's done -
To hoe the plants, just leaving one;
He calls the method "singling".
'Twas fine to see how greedily
We eyed that superfluity,
With arms and muscles tingling.

Chorus of Aspiring Agriculturalists as before:

That night we knew how wise are they
Who turn a deaf ear to the lay
Of some old poem-maker;
Those acres stretch with phantom vetch
To haunt the dreams of many a wretch,
Who was the real acher.

Chorus of Disillusioned Agriculturalists:

Oh! long and dreary seems the way,
As home we plod at fall of day,
And no one now has much to say
For going - hoeing.
We'd sooner eat a field of weeds
Than hoe the turnips and the swedes;
No matter what the country needs,
We don't like - going hoeing.

G.W

(Could this be George Webb? Any ideas Brian? D.F.S.)

However, we were not completely crushed. Our own Poet Laureate - Michael Pollard - came to our rescue and raised our spirits. (Alfred Lord Tennyson, eat your heart out!)

D.F.S.

TO ARMS

Is it that your land shall perish
'Neath the heel of ruthless foe,
The fields, the farms, the towns you cherish
Vanish as you watch them go?

No, countrymen, arise! To arms!
Prepare to meet the foe.
Tough the battle may be long and the journey slow,
But victory will in time be yours, and that you full well know,
So on To Victory and Peace.

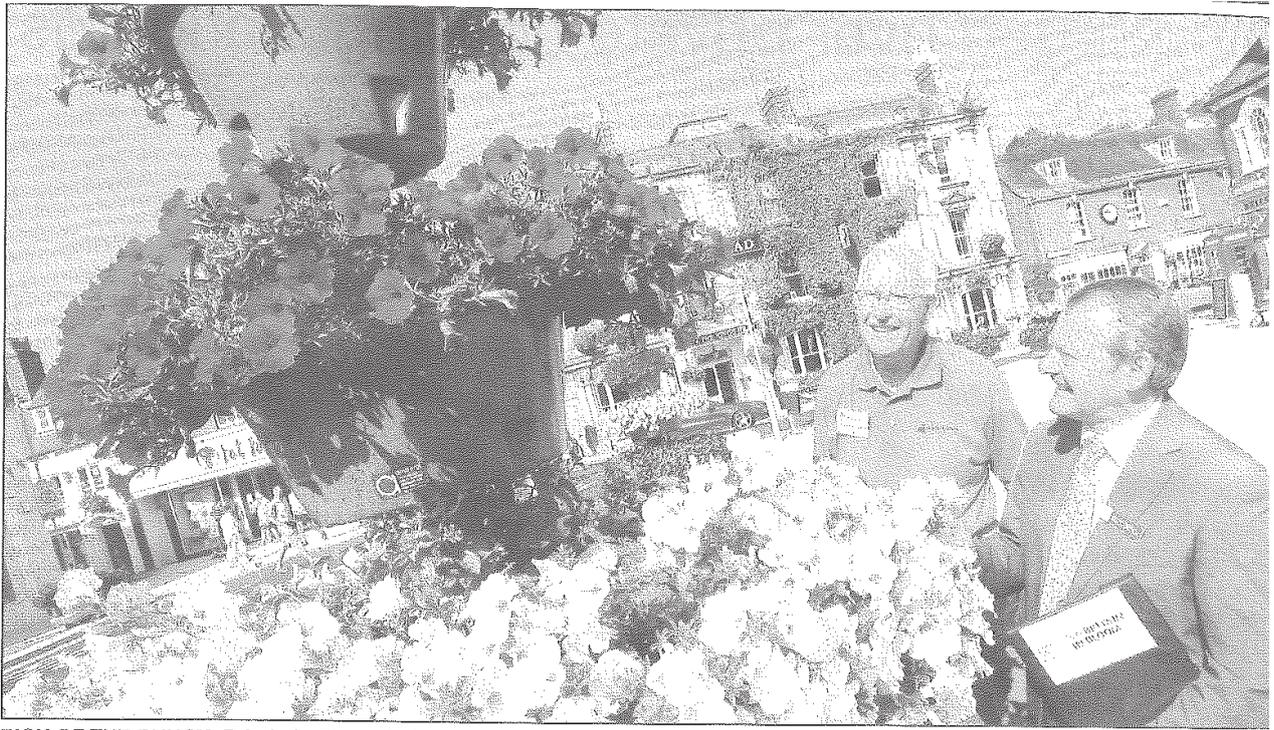
Do not view the devastation
With a quiet heart and mind.
Well you know that your great nation
Has its freedom undermined;
So, countrymen, arise! To arms! Prepare to meet the foe,
Though the battle may be long and the journey may be slow,
Till at length your cries of victory sound on hills and dales below,
And on! To Victory and Peace!

Michael Pollard (1942-48) IIIA

Winburnian. No 94 Spring Term 1944 - Not bad for a 12year old!
D.F.S.

The Winburnian continued to be published termly throughout the war largely through the efforts of Mr. R.C. Candy, a war-time replacement for Mr. A.R. Maiden.

(A wonderful success for the town of Wimborne and many congratulations to Anthony Oliver, John Hare-Brown and the team who have worked so hard and selflessly. Regarding the photo by Richard Crease - a brilliant photographer by the way - OWs will be intrigued to note that you now have to travel uphill to West Borough! A.R.B.)



PICK OF THE BUNCH: Britain in Bloom judge Rae Beckwith and Wimborne In Bloom chairman Anthony Oliver look at some of the displays in Wimborne Square

Picture: Richard Crease ID: 14919614

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Blooming great result for town

By Stephen Bailey

WIMBORNE has won the best small town prize in the Britain in Bloom awards for the first time ever.

Anthony Oliver, chairman of Wimborne in Bloom, said: "We are absolutely delighted.

"The town looks super and hopefully this will bring more people down to see what Wimborne is all about."

The results were announced on Saturday night in a ceremony at St Peter Port on Guernsey.

Floral displays earn national gong

Wimborne was up against Ahoghill in Northern Ireland, Woodstock in Oxfordshire, Addingham in West Yorkshire, and Sedgefield in County Durham.

The judges praised the Priest's House museum and garden, the model town, Willow Walk near Waitrose and the planters in the town square.

They were impressed with the events and projects held throughout the year at places like the

Allendale Centre and the good relationship with the National Trust. The Green Man pub was also shortlisted in the community award. Mr Oliver said: "We have been in the final three times before and this is a wonderful accolade. The judges said that the town was absolutely perfect."

He added: "This was down to a lot of hard work by many, many, people over many years - it's a team effort in the community."

He also picked up an unexpected personal honour - a Community Champion award.

The three-man party from Wimborne will bring back a glass award and a gold framed certificate.

This win came as the town staged its 20th In Bloom. Britain in Bloom is staged by the Royal Horticultural Society. Wimborne last year won the regional competition.

■ stephen.bailey@bournemouthcho.co.uk

Monday October 8, 2012
Bournemouth Echo

STUART HIBBERD 5/3/1893 - 1/11/83

(One of the most distinguished of QEGS old boys was Stuart Hibberd. As Len Pearce reminds us Stuart was virtually the 'radio voice' of the nation for some years making many historic broadcasts, including those in which he announced the death of King George V in 1936 and the death of Hitler in 1945. He was, in his later years, a Life-President of the Society of Dorset Men.

A.R.B.)

Stuart Hibberd was born in Broadstone and attended the school during the early years of the first decade of the 20th century. He also spent a while at Weymouth College and from there gained a Choral Scholarship to St. John's College, Cambridge.

He volunteered at the outbreak of the war in 1914 and served with the Dorset Regiment at Gallipoli and then in India, reaching the rank of Captain.

Stuart married Alice Chichester in 1923 and a year later, after responding to a newspaper advertisement he was recruited as an announcer at the BBC headquarters in Savoy Hill. He had impeccable annunciation and was soon appointed to Chief Announcer. The BBC moved into the newly constructed premises in Portland Place in 1932, where he read the first news bulletin to be transmitted from the building. He was awarded an MBE in 1935 "for his services to radio".



Stuart Hibberd became the 1st BBC "Director of the Spoken Word", a position he held until he retired to Budleigh Salterton in 1951. (There were only two more such directors - the post was abolished in 1955.)

Even after Stuart retired, and for more than another decade, he continued to present a radio programme "The Silver Lining". Alice died in 1977 and they had no children.

Len Pearce (1936-41)

CORRESPONDENCE

I left QEGS in 1959. I failed English Language in my final exams (passed 7 subjects) so I took a Civil Service exam and was told that I had passed the exam and had been appointed to the War Dept. In London. However, my father, who was an aircraft mechanic at Hurn Airport, received another important letter telling him that our application to migrate to Australia had been passed and we were to go in a few weeks time - by ship! So I never went to London! We came to Melbourne, and I secured a job in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. My mother worked for a government department, my brother was in secondary school and my sister went to Primary School.

So, I have been in Australia for 52 years now, and was actually naturalized last year! I thought I should! I was a Salvation Army Officer, along with my husband, for most of my working life. During that time we spent 5.5 years in Zambia, which we really enjoyed. We retired at the beginning of 2006 and live about 60km from the city of Melbourne.

If you would like to know anything else just ask. It is amazing the way those 5 years at QEGS sticks in one's memory. I have met up with, or written to several QEGS students of the past, and always enjoy reading the newsletter from the first to the last pages - well, mostly! Most people who are mentioned were at the school either before me or after me, but it is interesting that several of the teachers seemed to have taught for about 40 years there!!

Diana Zilm (Nee Vaughan) (1955-59)

MARION (née HARDY) (1955-60) and ALAN WIMSETT

Dear Committee and Members,

Firstly I would like to thank all of you for making myself and my husband (Marion and Alan Wimsett) so welcome at the last (and our first) Reunion. I had such a wonderful time, although I was a little dubious at first as to whether any of my school friends would remember me - I thought some of the Committee may remember me due to the barrage of emails I sent. The whole time was a wonderful experience and one that will remain in our memories for many years - Alan was fascinated to see me surrounded by girls (sorry ladies) that I hadn't seen for over 50 years chattering away nineteen to the dozen, and even to see one of my teachers (Miss Hallett) was even more of a surprise and a thrill.

The whole time passed far too quickly but I now have a record of that lovely day. Alan has put together a video of part of the time - it includes some of the School Song (sadly the camera ran out part way through) and several still shots. He has now uploaded it to YouTube where it can be viewed by any one who would like to see it - or even download it to your own computers. There are of course individual photos that are incorporated into the video so if anyone would like those photographs please let me know and I can forward them under a separate email.

I have asked for the "read receipt" as we have been having a few problems with our isp since our return - I think the computer got very lazy whilst we were enjoying ourselves.

Again thank you to one and all of you - don't panic but since that day we have had in the back of our minds as to whether we could get back for one more reunion!

The link for the YouTube is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbrX75Y TOc> - I hope you enjoy the video as much as we enjoyed the day.

Many thanks to you all, and keep up the wonderful links that you have forged.
Kind regards to all,

Marion (nee Hardy) and Alan Wimsett.

PS Has anyone managed to sort out any names on the Toc H photo I left?

OBITUARIES

OWEN SWINNERTON (1955-61)

We were all saddened by news of Owen's death. I quote below from an email from Helen, Owen's widow. *I am very sad to inform you that my husband, Owen Swinnerton, died after a long illness on September 8th 2012. We both enjoyed meeting Owen's old friends at re-unions and those meetings sparked off renewed friendships. Thank you! We send our deepest sympathy and best wishes to Helen and her family.*

Owen was, of course, the son of the former teacher at QEGS, one of the most popular masters at school in its later years.

MISS M. RASTRICK

Len Pearce relays the sad news that a former teacher at QEGS, Miss Rastrick, passed away on the island of Minorca where she spent her retirement years. At this stage no other information is available.

JOHN BASS (dates unknown)

Len Pearce also passed on the news that John Bass of Milton Road, Wimborne, died in late summer. We send our condolences to his widow. We may have more news in the next issue.

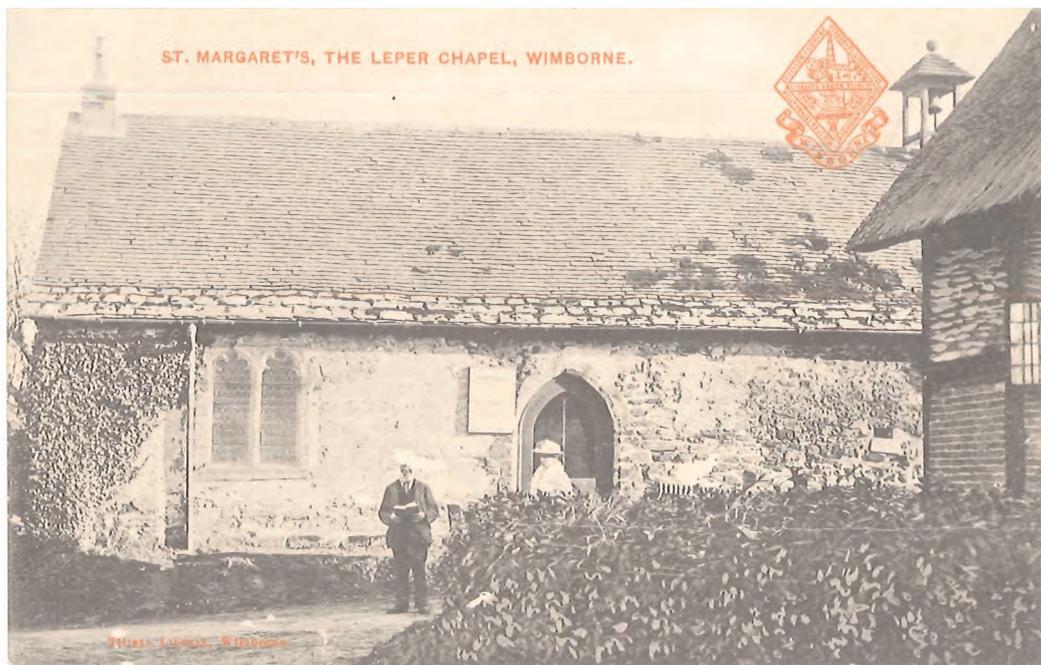
ALAN EVANS (1938 - 45)

A sad message from Alan's daughter, Harriet, who contacted us to tell of the passing of Alan Evans who died peacefully in Sydney, Australia, where he retired in 2006.

I quote from Harriet's email.

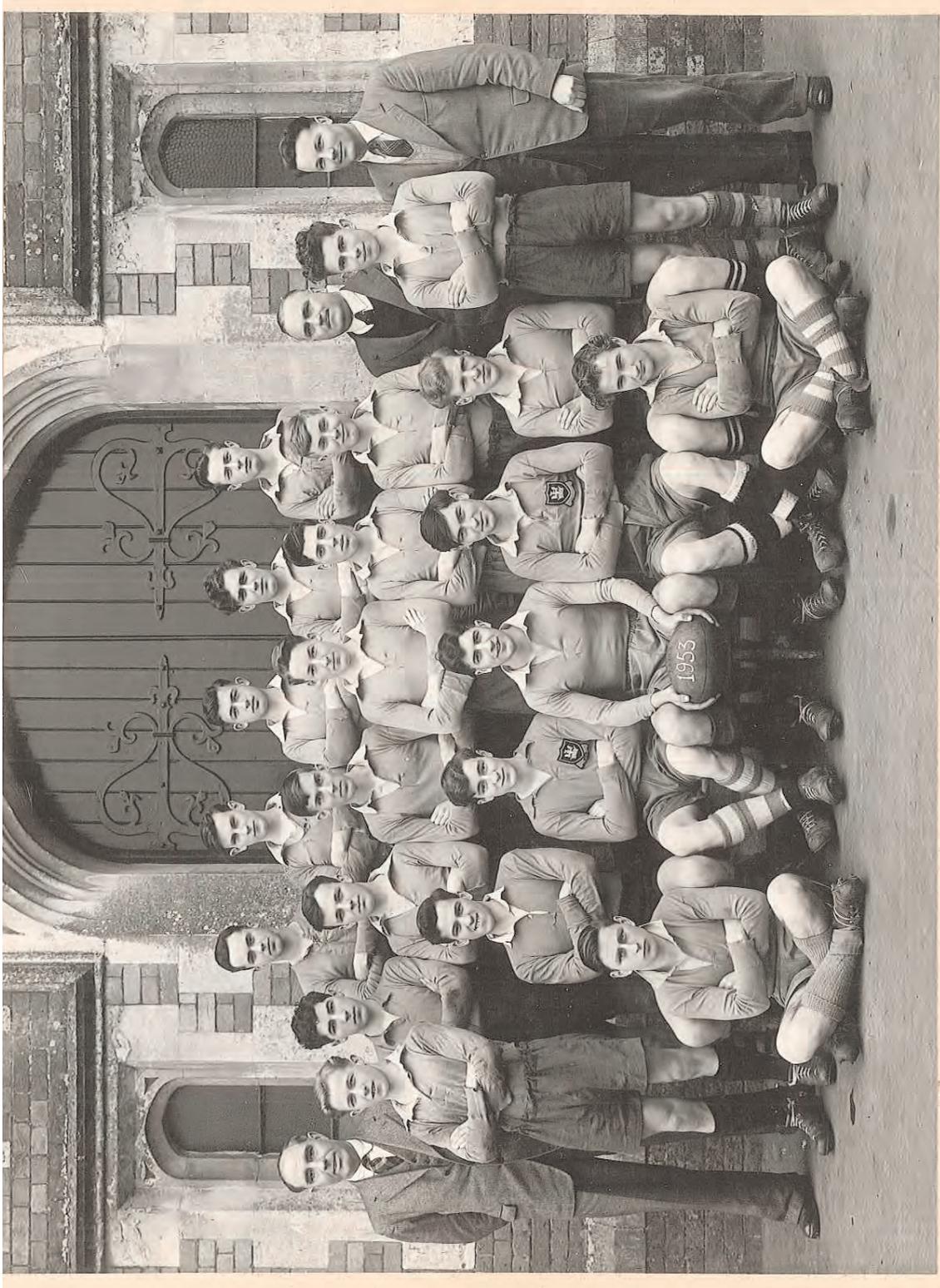
'My father very much loved his times at the Grammar School and, in recent years, returned to as many of the OW reunions as he could, along with his sister Dee, now also sadly deceased. He often spoke of his days at the grammar school with great affection.'

We send our condolences, Harriet, and our very best wishes to you and your family.
(A.R.B.)



(I wonder how many OWs are familiar with this building?
Editor's collection)

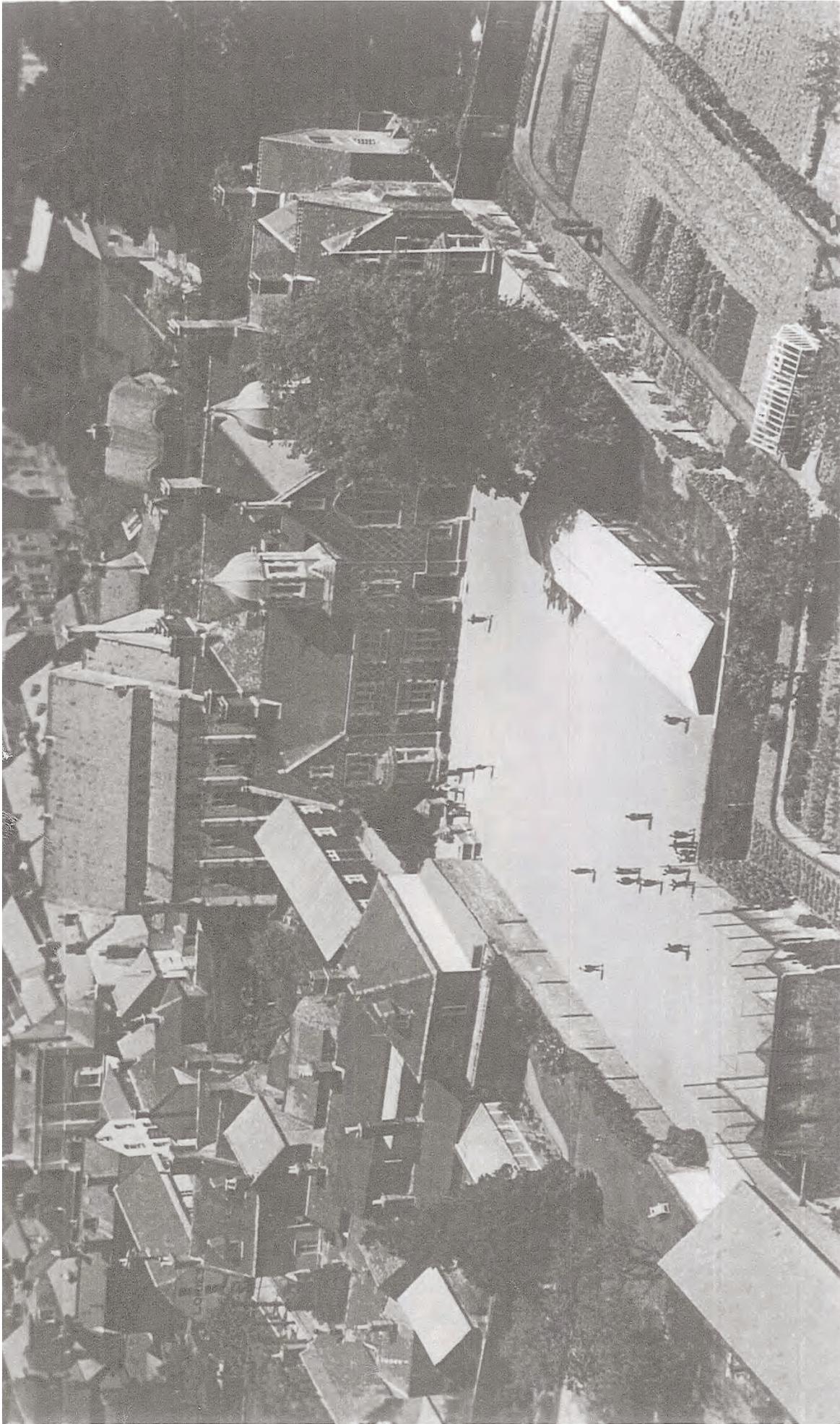
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MEMORIES OF SPORTING DAYS

(With grateful thanks to my old pal Monty Ford Wilcox for the photograph. A.R.B.)



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(A fascinating aerial photograph from the early 1930s With thanks to Derek Stevens)