

Swimming Notes

After last term's Shotley Magazine went to press, we at "Ganges" were privileged to witness the Inter-Command Swimming Championships. "Ganges" was represented by Writer Painter who came second in the Spring Board Diving, and by Boy Hales who, swimming against considerable talent, did well to finish fifth in the 100 yards Back Stroke.

On the last Sunday of the Summer Term, the Captain presented "Ganges" Swimming Colours to the following Boys: Hales (Collingwood); Jackson (Drake); Skelton (Drake); Smith, F. L. (Benbow); Young (Benbow).

"Colours" now consist of the badge with the word "Swimming", together with trunks in the "Ganges" green and white.

This term, only a few outside swimming events have taken place. Writer Painter is to be congratulated on finishing fourth in the Inter-Services Spring-Board Diving. He was also selected to play Water Polo for the Royal Navy, but was prevented by duty.

We were glad to accept Ipswich S.C.'s invitation to compete in the Relay Race at the Swimming Festival with which they concluded their season. Out of five clubs, we finished second, Skelton, swimming third, considerably reduced the lead of our old rivals, Ipswich.

On the 17th October, we entertained Stowmarket (who have no swimming facilities in the winter) for a friendly contest. The usual East Anglian League events were swum, "Ganges" being victorious in them all. In addition, a diving competition was introduced which proved to be the most interesting item of the evening, both teams producing some first-class divers. We were particularly pleased to see Writer Painter in action again, and also E.M.1 Panaji (of the Reserve Fleet) who competed as an individual. A word of commendation is due to Boy Young, who, despite an injured hand, performed most creditably some difficult dives. "Ganges" won the whole contest by 35 points to 22.

THE INTER-DIVISIONAL RELAYS.

The Inter-Divisional Swimming Competition was held on Tuesday, 23rd October, in the usual atmosphere of crowd, noise and splash. An innovation this term was the Inter-Class Relay which began the Gala. The best pair of Classes from each Division provided a team of 12. This event turned out to be the closest of the afternoon, but eventually 170/3 Classes of Hawke got home first.

It was soon clear that the struggle for the trophy would be between Collingwood, Drake and Hawke. Drake would probably have been successful had they not suffered several disqualifications. Collingwood gradually wrested the first place from Hawke, only to be forced to share it with them for one race, and concede it to them for the next. Collingwood's performance in the 20 by 1 length Free Style enabled them to finish winners.

Disqualifications were more numerous than they need have been. To disqualify a team is unpleasant for a judge; but he has no alternative if rules have been infringed. The starter made the following points perfectly clear:—

- (i) Breast Stroke swimmers must touch the side of the Bath with both hands simultaneously.
- (ii) Back Stroke swimmers must not turn over to touch.
- (iii) No member of a team may leave the side before his predecessor has touched it.

No doubt excitement was the cause of many infringements as also of much erratic swimming. There are two reasons for keeping to your own lane. One is



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that, if you do not, you force yourself to swim farther. The other is that you may collide with a member of another team and be disqualified for impeding him.

RESULTS.

INTER-CLASS RELAY FINAL — Hawke (170/3 Classes).

BREAST STROKE RELAY (2 lengths each) A. — Hawke.

B. — Drake.

BACK STROKE RELAY (2 lengths each) — Benbow.

FREE STYLE RELAY (2 lengths each) A. — Drake.

B. — Hawke.

BREAST STROKE RELAY (3 lengths each) — Drake.

FREE STYLE RELAY (3 lengths each) — Hawke.

— MEDLEY RELAY (1 length each) — Benbow.

FREE STYLE RELAY (20 per team-1 length each) — Grenville.

FINAL POINTS.

1. Collingwood 64 points 5 Benbow — 42 points.

2. Hawke 62 points Drake.

3. 0 8 Rodney 30 points.

Blake 48 points 7 Anson 4

Grenville
points.

Inter-Divisional Water Polo League

1st TEAM RESULTS.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
Drake	7	7	0	0	14
Anson ...	7	5	1	1	11
Collingwood ...	7	5	0	0	10
Rodney	7	3	1	3	7
Benbow	7	1	2	4	4
Blake	7	1	2	4	4
Hawke	7	1	2	4	4
Grenville	7	1	0	6	2

2ND TEAM RESULTS.

Hawke	7	6	1	0	13
Drake ...	7	5	2	0	12
Collingwood ...	7	5	0	2	10
Benbow	7	4	1	2	9
Rodney	7	1	2	4	4
Anson.	7	1	1	5	3
Grenville	7	0	2	5	2

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Addey, J. B. ...	C.95	795
White, M. ...	D.163	273
Hendrick, J. E.	A.165	209
Hammill, M. N.	B.332	1162
Mourne, D. ...	B.175	1374
McKenry, D. ...	H.88	282

BRONZE MEDALLIONS.

Marcus, D. R.98	792
Patrick, N. J. ...	H.3	948
Kirkwood, E. L. P.	G.168	729
Alderman, D. E.	Bw.353	1594
Godly, M. E. ...	Bw.352	1599
Knights, C. F. ...	B.93	491
Purkiss, E. J. ...	Bw.353	1605
Lieut. C. A. C. Hodgson		

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

Stewart, I. W. ...	G.97	842
Wilson, W. E. C.	Bw.331	890
Kayley, J. E. ...	A.271	84
Grant, A. ...	D.167	615
Knight, C. F. ...	B.93	491
Vanderson, P. L.	C.172	1206
Wills, A. J. ...	H.89	494
Smith, G. A. E.	A.8	1097
Saunders, C. N.	A.173	1111
Littlewood, M. J.	A.173	1067
Allan, J. S. ...	R.9	1320
Storey, M. J. R.12	1335
Pegram, D. R. ...	H.3	838
Hay, B. O. ...	D.342	1387
Pickles, D. A. B.351	1586
Jennings, W. ...	Bw.10	1292
Dennett, G. E. ...	B.174	1393



"St. Vincent" and "Ganges" Basketball teams.

This term's basketball started with the Inter-Divisional League which was eventually won by Benbow Division. Towards the end of October about a dozen boys received special coaching, and we were able to produce a team on 3rd November that beat "St. Vincent" 23-8.

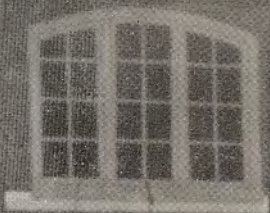
Immediately afterwards, the Basketball Training Group was formed; its aim being to improve the standard of Inter-Divisional play and to provide a number of competent players from which a powerful "Ganges" team may be selected. How well it has succeeded was seen, in part, when we beat "St. Vincent" 27-17 in a very good game on 1st December.

On Sunday, 25th November, we were once again privileged to watch the United States Air Force team, Lakenheath, give a demonstration in our Gymnasium. They provided 45 minutes of real pleasure to the spectators. They have quite a record behind them already:—United Kingdom, 1951 Champions; European Invitation Inter-Club Champions and European U.S.A.F. Champions; and hope to reach the United States Olympic trials. We Wish them luck!

Finally, congratulations to Boys Mullen (Collingwood), Cook (Anson), Muspratt (Hawke), Partridge (Benbow), Tibbles (Blake), Southurst (Rodney), Wood (Rodney), Price (Hawke) and Norbury (Collingwood) on being awarded their Colours.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS—WINTER TERM, 1951.

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Anson	7	4	0	3	8
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Blake	7	3	0	4	6
Drake	7	2	1	4	5
Grenville	7	0	2	5	2
Rodney	7	0	1	6	1



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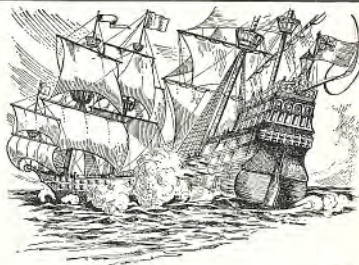
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RESULTS—WINTER TERM, 1951.

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<i>Class</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Top Boy</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Medal</i>	<i>Average</i>
87	Collingwood	M. D. Howden	87	Bronze	75.8
86	Drake	K. England	85	Bronze	74.1
263	Drake	K. Godfrey	92	Silver	80.6
262	Drake	L. B. Stanton	92	Silver	80.2
261	Anson	T. J. England	88	Bronze	73.4
163	Drake	J. Collyer	80	Nil	70.2
			(Re-Exam)		
89	Hawke	J. Thomas	80	Nil	70.0
162	Collingwood	E. Henderson	79	Nil	68.8
			(Re-Exam)		
90	Anson	B. Morrison	88	Bronze	71.7
91	Benbow	H. F. Brown	81	Nil	73.8
164	Benbow	S. A. Brown	86	Bronze	78.3
165	Anson	J. Walker	80	Nil	72.2
88	Hawke	E. Mason	79	Nil	69.0

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That Officers, envious of Boys' Dancing Classes are having Sunday Ballet classes next term.

That now commercial aircraft are on the increase that the mast is to be repainted with black and white stripes to conform to Zebra crossing—For Boy Sarty.

That the Parade Chief will be seen going on leave in a black and white spotted suit, following his efforts to get the right spot in the right place.

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