

The Briars Sporting Club



TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL
REPORT

1943-44.

*Presented to Members at the Club Rooms, Burwood
18th August, 1944*

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

34A GEORGE STREET, BURWOOD.

Office-Bearers, 1943-44.

PATRON:

Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

PRESIDENT:

H. G. Whiddon.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of Concord	J. E. Holmes
The Mayor of Enfield	E. P. Love
A. J. Austin	S. Jones
R. O. Beale	R. W. May
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M. R. Blair	P. C. Murray
R. B. Clark	C. N. Neale
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F. J. Herlihy	R. R. Turner
Dr. W. J. Hull	Dr. R. W. Walsh
J. Darvall Hunt	E. F. Watt

TRUSTEES:

R. W. May. E. J. Siddeley.
Hon. H. W. Whiddon, M.L.C.

HON. TREASURER:

L. B. Meulman.

HON. SECRETARY:

R. W. R. Glasgow.

HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER:

M. A. Hill.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

J. Kerr.

HON. AUDITOR:

N. G. Wales.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

J. Hollands	O. Osterman (Resgd. Dec., 1943).
W. Elder	L. Knight
A. Land	D. Walker (Apptd. Dec., 1943).
J. Kerr	

CHIEF STEWARD:

W. Elder.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To the Members of The Briars Sporting Club.
Gentlemen,—

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of your Club's activities, for the year ended 30th June, 1944, is presented herewith.

Again we are forced to review a year beset with the many difficulties consequent upon war-time conditions. However, despite such difficulties, the year has been outstanding for the encouraging activity displayed in nearly every phase of the Club's life. It may be no exaggeration to state now that an doubt that may have existed concerning the Club's ability to carry on during these difficult times has been dispelled during the past year.

A most pleasing feature during the year was the attendance at the Club rooms of a considerable number of Members who are in the Services, when on leave. Many had not been in a position to visit the Club for long periods, and most expressed agreeable surprise at finding the Club rooms a hive of activity, particularly on Friday nights.

Members will applaud the return during the present season of football as one of the Club's major sporting interests. A team has been fielded in the Metropolitan District Junior Rugby Union, and although the results of matches played so far are not favourable on paper, it will be realised that the effects of the revival of football in the Club will be more far-reaching than any scores for or against would indicate.

Two teams again represented your Club in the Municipal and Shires Cricket Competition, and both worthily upheld the Club's reputation in this sphere.

Total Membership increased during the year, and now stands at 209. Honorary Members, being those on Active Service, increased by two to 136 for the year, so that there was an increase under the classes Active, Associate and Country of 13, taking the total for these classes to 73, as at 30th June, 1944.

CRICKET.

Sub-Committee Chairman: J. G. Hollands.

As in the previous season, the 1943-44 Municipal and Shires Competition was confined to one grade and one division, in which the Club entered two teams.

We again appreciate the interest displayed in both teams by Vice-Presidents Messrs. E. J. Siddeley and E. F. Watt. Their cheerful encouragement and kindly criticism at all times helped to make the players' enjoyment of the game more complete. It was a matter for regret that Mr. A. J. Robinson was unable to attend the matches owing to illness, but we know that he was with us in spirit at all times. Our good wishes are extended to him.

The Bexley Club's "A" team won the Competition for the second successive year, and we congratulate them on their achievement. Our "A" team occupied third place, and the "B" team finished seventh on the Competition table.

Our thanks are due to the Western Suburbs District Cricket Club for directing several players to our ranks.

"A" TEAM.

After a disappointing start in the season this team made a good recovery to eventually fill third place in the competition. Weak batting resulted in five of the first twelve matches being lost, while two were drawn games. Arrangements for practice one night a week were later reflected in the batting

and in the second half of the season the team won the first eleven of the twelve matches played during that period.

A. Land was once again the most consistent batsman. His average (25.6) was the team's best, and he failed on only one occasion to reach a double figure score. A. Leadbeater, striking form somewhat late in the season, put together a sequence of sound batting displays. L. Davis and W. Elder were the best of the other batsmen, while W. Wolfe showed glimpses of his best. Next season should see J. Robertson fulfilling the promise he showed last season.

Bowling was undoubtedly the team's strong feature. A. Rose, E. Watt and T. Mobbs were all outstanding in this department. Rose concluded another excellent season by eclipsing his own aggregate record. He secured 95 wickets for the season, and his feat in securing the last three wickets of the Bexley "A" Team with three successive balls, when that team was but three runs short of our team's total, was the highlight of the season. As indicated by his figures (57 wickets at 9.42), E. Watt again commanded respect at all times with his medium paced bowling.

The bowling find of the year was T. Mobbs, who secured the best average and took 58 wickets despite the fact that he commenced to play only after several rounds had elapsed.

J. Roberts also showed promise with the ball.

Evidence of the quality of the team's bowling, backed up by good fielding, can be gained from the fact that our opponents exceeded a total of 100 runs only nine times in twenty-four innings.

In the field W. Elder was outstanding and by taking 23 catches established a new record. T. Mobbs, L. Davis, W. Wolfe, E. Watt and E. Annetts were also to the fore in the field.

"B" TEAM.

Despite lack of success in the first round the team built into a reasonably strong combination. During the first round of twelve matches only three wins were recorded, but during the second round six of the twelve games were won.

To a large extent the team proved a recruiting ground for the "A" team during the first few games, but after settling down under the able leadership of Peter Meulman an excellent team spirit developed, and a most enjoyable season resulted.

The team's most notable win was that against the strong Western Suburbs side, which was defeated in the last over of the day by six runs.

The cricket generally was not of a high standard but several younger players show distinct promise for future seasons. Most notable of these are B. Curtin and H. Lennartz, while R. Fulwood and R. Ackerman are useful all-rounders. J. Mason bowled with exceptional accuracy.

The fielding was only fair, but there are excellent foundations on which to build next season, which is anticipated with confidence of improvement.

"A" AND "B" TEAM RESULTS— M. AND S. COMPETITION

	M.	W.	W.I.	L.	L.I.	T.I.	Pts.	%	Pos.
"A" Team	24	3	13	1	5	2	134	55.8	3rd
"B" Team	24	—	9	2	12	1	78	32.5	7th
			R. for	W. for.	Av.	R. Ag.	W. Ag.	Av.	
"A" Team			2877	211	13.64	2850	285	9.96	
"B" Team			2521	243	10.37	2887	195	14.80	

AVERAGES — "A" TEAM.

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Run	Avge.
A. Land	15	-	80	385	25.7
A. Leadbeater	9	-	49	195	21.7

Batting—Continued.

L. Davis	14	1	50	253	19.5
W. Elder	22	2	87	348	17.4
T. Mobbs	15	4	38x	171	15.5
E. Watt	19	-	68	220	11.6
J. Hollands	17	2	54	171	11.4
W. Wolfe	20	2	51	200	11.1
J. Whiting	13	4	20x	91	10.1
J. Robertson	14	1	21	128	9.8
J. Roberts	18	6	24x	114	9.5
E. Annetts	15	4	30x	98	8.9
A. Rose	16	2	13	83	5.9

x—Not Out

Also Batted: R. Fulwood, R. McLaughlin, W. Farnsworth, C. McCauley, E. Siddeley, B. Curtin, W. Wyllie, E. Perrin, Gordon Lee, D. Walker, H. Lennartz, E. F. Watt, R. Thomson, W. Stephens.

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
T. Mobbs	122	14	446	58	7.69
E. Watt	145	16	537	57	9.42
A. Rose	220	18	911	95	9.59
J. Robertson	29	4	107	9	11.9
J. Roberts	50	2	230	18	12.8
E. Annetts	51	6	243	15	16.2

Also Bowled: R. Fulwood, E. Siddeley, J. Hollands, W. Wolfe, W. Farnsworth, W. Stephens, H. Lennartz, R. McLaughlin.

"B" TEAM

BATTING.

Name	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Avg.
L. Meulman	22	1	41	317	15.2
R. Fulwood	17	2	37x	222	14.8
H. Lennartz	15	1	34	194	13.9
R. Ackerman	24	-	48	328	13.7
B. Curtin	16	1	34	143	9.5
A. Leadbeater	12	1	29	104	9.5
J. Mason	11	2	21x	81	9.0
F. Richards	21	-	22	180	8.6
D. Walker	15	7	9	58	7.3
R. Creighton	12	3	11x	53	5.9
E. Perrin	13	-	17	63	4.8
J. Kerr	18	3	5	21	1.4

x—Not Out

Also Batted: L. Davis, J. Robertson, J. Black, N. Neale, B. McKittrick, E. Annetts, J. Rudd, R. Thomson, L. Knight, J. Hollands, W. Goodall, G. Hall-Walker, R. Glasgow, W. Wolfe, T. Mobbs, N. Thomas, W. Wyllie, J. Walker, M. Wanklyn.

BOWLING.

Name	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
J. Mason	77	6	279	27	10.3
H. Lennartz	36	-	148	14	10.6
D. Walker	57	5	232	20	11.6
R. Fulwood	159	16	582	47	12.4
R. Ackerman	92	7	360	23	15.7

Also Bowled: M. Wanklyn, E. Annetts, W. Wyllie, J. Kerr, F. Richards, N. Neale, L. Meulman, J. Hollands, R. Glasgow, R. Thomson, J. Robertson, B. Curtin, L. Knight, R. Creighton.

HONOUR ROLL.

H. Anderson	R. Gee	J. C. Munro
K. M. Antill	A. J. Gibson	P. C. Murray
A. Arnold	M. Gillies	G. Musgrave
G. H. Artur	P. T. Glanville	C. P. Nee
J. Atwill	W. Goodall	V. J. Nee
xA. N. Austin	W. Gunn	N. Neville
A. P. Barnes	H. Haigh	C. B. Noble
J. Barnes	xA. A. Herron	L. R. Nossiter
N. Barrell	D. M. Hilder	S. Osborn
D. Beale	R. Hillis	O. Osterman
R. H. Beale	R. Hofstetter	R. E. Osterman
H. Beardsmore	R. Hooker	D. Page
E. P. Bevan	B. Hopkins	P. J. Pollock
R. Binsted	N. Horton	D. V. Prowse
J. D. Black	T. Hudson	R. Randle
A. E. Bradley	A. W. Hulls	L. Robinson
J. L. Brereton	Alan Hulls	G. Ross
H. H. Brown	L. Jarvis	D. Russell
F. C. Brownhill	E. Johnson	J. Rudd
K. J. Burnett	D. Johns	W. Rudd
xK. Bussell	S. Jones	D. V. Sams
J. V. Buzacott	L. N. Keeler	xxW. Sams
R. V. Buzacott	A. L. Lachlan	J. Saunders
J. Carson	R. L. Lamb	xH. P. Searle
S. S. Coldham	G. A. Lee	H. A. Scott
R. B. Clark	xJ. G. Lee	N. Sharpe
J. Cleary	G. J. Lee	W. Smith
R. Clifford	E. W. Love	W. G. Smith
R. Coote	R. McAnally	T. J. Soden
I. D. Cozens	C. McCauley	R. Stephens
C. N. Daly	A. McClintock	R. P. Storey
F. Dane	B. McCrossan	P. Tainton
J. H. Dinning (M.C.)	E. McDade	H. J. Tatham
J. Divett	L. McGlynn	xxW. Theyer
J. M. Dunbar	W. McKay	J. Thompson
xL. N. Dunbar	R. E. McLaughlin	R. J. Thomson
N. Dunbar	C. G. McMaster	A. Thomson
xxW. Edginton	xF. C. McMaster	D. Vanderfield
J. Fairley	xxN. C. Marshall	R. D. Vanderfield
xR. E. Farnsworth	W. D. Marshall	A. L. Vincent
N. D. Fisher	(D.F.C.)	J. H. Walker
H. Ford	K. W. Maxwell	R. Wallis
P. Foster	xJ. D. May	B. Ward-Smith
B. W. Fraser	R. May	R. R. Watson
D. D. Fraser	H. J. Meeks	R. H. Watts
J. Fraser	A. E. Mitchell	D. R. Way
A. D. Friend	C. Mitchell	R. Wicks
P. O. Friend	M. Mitchell	R. Williams
P. Gee	C. Morgan	G. Wright
	J. Morrow	W. M. Wyllie

x--Killed on Active Service. xx--Missing on Active Service.

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CLUBROOM TRADING ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1943: June 30—																
To Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.		11	15	3				1944: June 30—								
1944: June 30—								By Sales Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.		111	10	8				
To Purchases Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.		93	12	11				„ Stock on Hand—Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc.				5	18	0		
	b				105	8	2									
„ Gross Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account					12	0	6									
					£117	8	8						£117	8	8	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1944: June 30—								1944: June 30—									
To Cricket—								By Gross Profit from Trading Account					12	0	6		
Hire of Ground		45	0	0				„ Cricket—									
Material, etc.		20	5	6				Fees, etc.		49	11	0					
					65	5	6	Subletting Oval		5	4	0					
„ Football—													54	15	0		
Registrations, etc.					5	14	0	„ Clubroom Amusements—									
„ Clubroom Amusements—								Billiards and Library		18	6	1					
Billiards					7	3	0	Entertainments		60	12	2					
„ Annual Meeting					9	16	11						78	18	3		
„ Christmas Smoko & Picture Night—								„ Football							4	2	0
Expenses		2	8	5				„ Annual Meeting								11	9
Profits to War Comforts Fund		47	15	8				„ Christmas Smoko and Picture Night							50	4	1
					50	4	1	„ Annual Subscriptions							73	3	9
„ Administrative and Clubroom Expenses—								„ Sundry Income									
Rent and Cleaning		96	8	6				Interest		2	3	10					
Lighting and Heating		10	7	3				Donations		3	2	0					
Repairs and Maintenance				6				Telephone				5	7				
Stationery, Stamps and Telephone		15	15	11				Newsletter		2	4	0					
Insurance		5	9	8									7	15	5		
Sundry Expenses		2	5	6													
					130	13	4										
„ Depreciation on Fixtures & Fittings					12	1	0										
Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year							12	11									
					£281	10	9						£281	10	9		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Sundry Creditors							1	18	9	Furniture and Fittings, at Cost, less						
Deposit on Clubroom Keys								11	0	Depreciation				124	3	0
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities—										Stock on Hand at Valuation—						
Balance as at 30th June, 1943		315	1	8						Cigarettes, Tobacco		5	18	0		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year				12	11					Badges, etc.		14	2	0		
					315	14	7							20	0	0
										Sundry Debtors—						
										Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts..				31	19	11
										Commonwealth Savings Bank				135	16	5
										Extraordinary Expenses—						
										Repairs to Billiard Table, to be written off next year				4	5	0
										Advance against Purchases				2	0	0
					£318	4	4						£318	4	4	

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of account and vouchers of The Briars Sporting Club for the year ended 30th June, 1944, and the above Balance Sheet, in my opinion, presents a true and correct view of the Club's activities at this date to the best of my knowledge and belief and according to the Books and Vouchers inspected by me.

NORMAN G. WALES,
Public Accountant and Auditor.

6th July, 1944.

FOOTBALL

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: M. A. HILL.

It is most pleasing to report that after a lapse of two years the Club is again represented this year by a Rugby Union team.

Your Committee undertook to revive Club interest in football by entering a side in the Metropolitan District Junior Rugby Union 2nd grade competition.

This meant an entirely new start, as most of the Club's players of former years are either in the Services or past the retiring age. However, an enthusiastic and energetic Sub-Committee attacked the problem with a will. New members were secured to form the nucleus of a team, and again the Briars football team took the field.

The team has a light but virile pack of forwards and a promising back line. It is difficult to select any players for individual mention as every man is keen and the team spirit is excellent.

Early the team was not able to show its true capabilities, injuries contributing particularly to this fact, but at present the side is showing more combination and is improving.

Attendance has been only fair, but this is excusable in most instances at the present time.

The process of team building is proceeding and will be continued during the summer months with a view to fielding a team or teams next year capable of further adding to the foundations laid this year.

The Gordon Bevan Shield, previously awarded annually, will again be a coveted and eagerly contested honour to be won by Club footballers.

Members who have appeared with District Clubs this season are: E. Watt, J. Robertson, M. Gillies, F. Richards, D. Vanderfield, and R. McLaughlin with Wests; G. Vanderfield, University; and G. Musgrave, Gordon. Peter Glanville has represented the R.A.A.F. in matches in England.

WAR COMFORTS FUND.

The Committee of the Comforts Fund is pleased to report a very successful year's activities.

We still have Miss Wright and Mrs. Land as our President and Treasurer respectively, but during the year we were unfortunate in losing our Secretary, Miss Bub Kerr, who became Mrs. Borthwick. We are all very appreciative of the active interest Mrs. Borthwick has taken in the work of the committee almost since its inception and we take this opportunity of wishing her every success in her new life. Miss Walters is the newly-elected Secretary.

Early in the year new members were elected to form an entertainment committee under the directorship of Mrs. Walker, other members comprising Mesdames Whiddon, Hill, Hollands and Elder and Miss G. Walters.

Funds have been gathered from various sources. Two profitable theatre parties have been held at the Minerva and several competitions have been conducted. These proceeds, together with some generous donations and profits derived from Xmas Party and Picture Night held at the club rooms have made possible the posting of two batches, comprising over 200 parcels in all, to the boys, and we already have stocks in hand in readiness for the next two parcels. Just here we would like to extend a very pressing invitation to the ladies for any assistance they can give us in the packing of parcels and anyone wishing to help should contact Miss Gwen Walters through the club.

We wish to record our appreciation to the following who have so generously made donations to the comforts fund Special Appeal:

Angus and Coote Ltd.
 James Barnes Ltd.
 N. M. Barrell Esq.
 W. J. Coote Ltd.
 T. Cleary Esq.
 L. Dunbar Esq.
 R. Herford Esq.

John Herford & Sons.
 Nestanglo.
 Paper Bag Supply Co.
 Pardoe, Stone & Co.
 Tanner & Middleton Pty. Ltd.
 Ross Bros. Ltd.
 Vanderfield and Reid Ltd.
 Whiddon Bros. Pty. Ltd.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS
 YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

Receipts.			Payments.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1943—June 30:			1944—June 30:		
To Balance B/F.	61	9 0	By Cost of Goods for Par-		
1944—June 30:			cels	126	5 5
To Donations	71	19 0	" Stencil	10	0 0
" Briars Sporting Club			" Postages	11	15 3
Entertainments	47	15 8	" Donation A.C.F.	2	2 0
" Theatre Parties	16	13 0	" Balance C/F.	67	2 5
" Supper	7	11 0			
" Sundry Sales and Dis-					
counts	2	7 5			
	£207	15 1		£207	15 1

ENTERTAINMENTS.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: L. KNIGHT.

During the year several very successful functions were conducted.

The monthly mixed evenings were again carried on and proved popular, particularly with the married members and their wives.

A dinner was held at the Club Rooms to celebrate the conclusion of the cricket season. Some thirty guests enjoyed a most excellent repast, and the ladies are sincerely thanked for their help on this notable occasion.

The Christmas Party was again the main attraction of the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large gathering.

A picture evening was held at the Club through the courtesy of Wing-Commander Nigel B. Love, in aid of the Briars War Comforts Fund. As a result of this and other functions held at the Club for the purpose the sum of £47/15/8 was raised for the Briars War Comforts Fund.

An evening was devoted to a welcome to a group of new members at the Club Rooms and this proved an outstanding occasion.

A great measure of the success which has attended the efforts of the Entertainments Sub-Committee has been due to the assistance given by ladies in the preparation of meals and suppers and this is very much appreciated.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Club Rooms, followed by an informal smoko.

CLUB ROOMS.

CHIEF STEWARD—W. ELDER.

During the latter part of the year under review the attendance at the Club rooms showed a marked increase. This has been due in a big measure to the influx of new members particularly the footballers.

Members still in civilian life whose appearances at the Club have been infrequent are again reminded that a visit on a Friday night will prove a source of agreeable surprise. They are sure to meet quite a few old friends also.

Cigarettes: A decrease in the sales of cigarettes and tobacco has been occasioned by a reduction in the supplies made available to the Club.

BILLIARDS.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: A. LAND.

This branch of the Club's indoor activities retains its popularity. The tables have recently been reconditioned and as they will receive regular quarterly attention in the future, it is expected that members will avail themselves still further of the enjoyment which is provided by this game.

A successful 100-up Handicap Tournament was held during the year and after some very close games Ted Watt defeated Don Walker in a hard fought final.

Your committee is looking forward to the time when the Club Rooms will again be open each night and members will be able to take far greater advantage of an excellent table.

TENNIS

It is pleasing to note that tennis has again been revived by Club members. Social mixed tennis has been played for the past several months each Saturday afternoon, and as the standard of play has generally been good, it is hoped that at least one team will be entered in the Western Suburbs Hardcourt Competition at the close of next cricket season.

A revival in this excellent sport is to be desired as it provides an avenue whereby cricketers who do not participate in the Club's football activities may be enabled to carry on those excellent associations which are so much enjoyed during the summer months.

LIBRARY

O. Osterman was appointed Librarian early in the year. Following his subsequent enlistment in the R.A.A.F., the position has not been filled.

Due to scarcity and high cost of suitable books, no new volumes have been added during the year.

FINANCES

The activities of the year resulted in a profit of 12/11 as against a deficit last year of £34/2/4.

Increased collections of fees has been the main contributory item to this improvement, while reductions in the losses occasioned by cricket and the Annual Meeting in the previous year have been helped.

The rate of depreciation on Furniture and Fittings has been reduced from ten to five per cent. The amount was £12/1/0.

Outstanding subscriptions less reserve for doubtful debts stands at £31/19/11, an improvement of nearly £8 on last year's figure. However, this item can be reduced still further and members in arrears are asked to assist their Club by prompt payment of their fees.

Again we are indebted to Mr. Norman Wales who has conducted the audit of the Club's books. In this he has been of most valuable assistance to the Club at a period when his time must be very limited.

COMMITTEE

During the year there has been only one change in the Committee. Olaf Osterman, during the few months prior to his entry into the R.A.A.F., proved his worth in many ways and established himself as a very valuable Committee man.

Don Walker, who was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee, has been a particularly hard worker in the Club's interests.

Meetings have been well attended and the duties of the various Sub-Committees have been carried out in a most satisfactory manner.

Once again we were fortunate in having Peter Meulman as Hon. Treasurer, and he has carried the burdens of his office with distinction.

W. Hill and J. Kerr have been invaluable in their assistance to the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

The duties of the Chief Steward, most difficult in these times, have again been discharged by W. Elder in an outstanding manner.

THE BRIARS' LETTER.

EDITOR: D. WALKER.

During the year a roneoed letter telling of doings of the Club and members has gone forward at monthly intervals to Briars in the Services and in distant places. This has filled an oft repeated request for news of the Club, and it is felt that Servicemen greatly appreciate the news items conveyed to them in this way.

Members are reminded that items suitable for inclusion in the Briars' Letter will be welcomed by the Editor at all times.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY.

During the year two of your members in the R.A.A.F. Bill Edginton and Bill Theyer, have been posted missing on air operations. This news was received with great regret by members. Both men were true Briars in deed and spirit.

Our sympathy is extended to their relatives and friends, and with it the sincere hope that reassuring news will be received before long concerning both these lads.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We congratulate the following members whose engagements have been announced: Bob Coote to Miss Betty Alexander; Bill Rudd to Miss Joan Hughes; Don Vanderfield to Miss Jane Woodhill; Olaf Osterman to Miss Gwen Walters; Vic Nee to Miss Pat Fisher; Laurie Knight to Miss Dorothy Dodd; and Harvey Ford.

The marriages of the following members are recorded with pleasure: Geoff Whiddon to Miss Majorie Vanderfield; Wally Hulls to Miss Lola Reynolds; Dick Binsted, Bob Williams, Bruce Ward-Smith, Stewart Coldham and Norman Dunbar.

The following have been blessed with heirs, etc., and our congratulations go to them: Bruce McKittrick, a son; Roy Fulwood, a daughter; Bill Elder, a daughter; Mal. Blair, a son; Alan Hulls, a son; Harry Windon, a daughter; Doug Vanderfield, a son; Norman Wales, a son.

We apologise for any possible omissions from the above lists.

Our congratulations go also to Mrs. Borthwick, formerly Miss Bub Kerr, on the birth of daughter.

SYMPATHY.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mal. Blair and Jack Carson, who suffered bereavements during the year.

APPRECIATION.

Our thanks go to the following:—

The ladies of the Briars War Comforts Fund Committee, for their unceasing efforts on behalf of our members who are in the Services.

Western Suburbs Football Club for donation received.

The Concord Council for courtesies received.

Members who have assisted with their cars in transportation of Members and particularly Bob Clark, who has placed his car at the disposal of the Club while he is in the A.I.F.

Mr. Fenwick for many kindnesses.

Alderman Cooke, of Enfield, for donation received.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

H. G. WHIDDON, President.

R. W. R. GLASGOW, Hon Secretary.

ADDENDUM

I would like to add my thanks to Roy Glasgow, who has ably filled the position of Hon. Secretary during the year.

H. G. WHIDDON, President.