

A
LOG
OF THE
CENTRAL
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
CAMP

HELD AT
Bryntail
IN
MONTGOM
ERYSHIRE.

1933 - 19 .

Easter Camp 1933.

This was a rather small camp. Those present included Messrs. N. Loveridge, P. J. Humphreys and J. May (in the "O. C.'s. Room") J. James (cook) Liggins V, Turner VI, Shirley and A.H. Hill V, Loverey IV Wharton III and the following new campers:- Tracey V Paterson IV Stockdale and Black III Inshaw and Butler II. Mr. G.B. Benton was present for part of the time and old boys included Faulkner and R. Broscumb. Hill, a laboratory assistant performed the necessary function of Inspector of Nuisances etc.

The weather, always the camp's most important factor, was good. Bathing was possible on each of the eight full days of the camp - a fact which speaks for itself. It snowed only on one day - the 19th April.

Health was good; the visit of J.M. to Dr. Davis was caused by a fall a fortnight earlier, the wound, through inattention, having become septic.

Main events of Easter Camp 1933.

W. 12th April. — Arrival of main body.

Th. 13th. Camp Walk for new campers. Baseball — a ball was lost in the river.

F. 14th Free afternoon. Baseball.

S. 15th Despatch Run. Rugger Touch in evening.
The front gate was repaired. P. J. H to Birmingham ^{ham}

Sun. 16th Walk to the authentic Craig-y-Dlo, led by R. S. Brosecomb — old campers had free afternoon.

Mon. 17th Easter Monday. Baseball and Rugger Touch.
J. M. with R. S. Brosecomb to Tal y Llyn, Dolgoch Falls, etc. per "Murgatrozd the M. G."

Tues 18th Return despatch run and Rugger Touch.
Painting of the tent walls, outside, finished

W. 19th April 1933.

Camp Championships.

Quoits:	LOVESEY.	Runner-up.	BLACK.
Draughts:	FAULKNER.	"	PATERSON.
Ping pong:	HILL A.H.	"	LOVESEY.
Bagatelle:	HILL A.H.	"	SHIRLEY.

W. 19th

Today some snow fell. Only N.L. and Tracey bathed. Indoor Tournament.

P.J.H. returned from B'ham; took J.M to see Dr. Davis. Camp Supper and Concert.

Th. 20.

Walk via Bwlch y Gle to "Old Aberystwyth Road". James, Liggins and Turner bathed.

F. 21st

Return. J.M and 11 boys on 11.25 - N.L. and P.J.H. ^{etc.}, G.B.B. and "Lab." Hill by road.

Summer Camp, 1933.

In retrospect this Camp seems to have been one of the happiest and most successful ever held (I am writing this in Birmingham and November). The weather was not "perfect" - that would have been boring. It was delightful.

Everyone was contented; everyone was enthusiastic - about something. The people one likes to see at camp were at camp.

There were no paper chases.

The total number using the camp was 62; the maximum at one time, 58. Permanent residents included 28 boys, W. Dolphin (a Technical College porter) Messrs. N. Loveridge, P. J. Humphreys, E. Crump, F. J. Broscout and J. May and, again proving an excellent camp Cook, J. James. Several old boys stayed throughout the whole period of the camp, some indeed longer. Other old boys (also Mr. H. Whate) were there for varying periods.

"Broscomb and Crump Ltd." carried out various repairs to the fabric including a new partition for the Long Room, cementing O.C.'s fireplace, concreting front steps and putting up panelling in the kitchen. The O.C. wielded his paintbrush in the kitchen and Long Room; he finally got part of the paint on the surfaces for which it was intended.

Mrs. Broscomb and her friends staying at the farm were always eager to mend clothes torn by sliding down Crowdown. They also proved invaluable in the Camp Concert.

Some outstanding events: the "Great Gale" of the 30th - 31st August; the visit to Llanidloes show and sheep-dog trials, "stood" all campers by Mr. Varnom; bathing possible on each of the 13 full days; acetylene lighting-set used for concerts.*

Health was good, only Bill (L.V) causing a little anxiety (feverish, sore throat and temperature of 101) on 31st July and 1st August

? July
Smochy.

* As the Junior Tent was stronger and more sheltered, there was thought to be no danger of the roof lifting and then collapsing.

2 After leaving B'ham the previous evening, being blown off his bicycle and spending some hours in a Dutch barn near Newtown. Probably one of the most "interesting" journeys between B. and Bryntail.

Main events of Summer Camp, 1933.

Th. 27 AUG: JULY.	Fine & Warm.	P. J. H., F. Broscomb, P. Broscomb & S. T. Liggins formed advance party.
F. 28.	Showers & Freshening Wind	Main party arrived (half an hour late) - N. L., H. W. and 26 boys.
S. 29	Showers but warm. Wind slighter.	Four old boys arrived. J. M. from Clun (youth hostel) by bicycle. Camp Walk. Rigger Touch.
Sun. 30	Wind rising, to gale force	Free afternoon, early tea and service at Deildre Chapel, 6 p.m. The S.W. gale caused evacuation of Senior tent at midnight, Intermediate at 3 a.m.*
M. 31	Showers. Cold. Wind strong until sunset.	Faulkner arrived by bicycle 7. a.m. ² Only 5 bathed, bathing for juniors being forbidden. "Paper chase" without paper, followed by Rigger Touch. P. J. H. to B'ham.
Tu. 1 Aug.	Warm. Wind slight.	Despatch run. "Runner Ball" for juniors, demonstrated by H. R. Walker.
W. 2.	Warm. Windy.	"Exhibition" Baseball game. Baseball and R. T. after tea. Five cyclists to Aberystwyth report rain on coast and heavy mist on hills.

- Th. 3 Fine. V. Warm Baseball. After tea the great R.T. match, "School v. Old Boys" ended in a draw: 13 all. Richardson and Mills to Plynlimon. After supper Old Boys' and Novices' concert.
- F. 4 Fine. Warm. H.W. returned with H.R. Walker. Baseball seniors, Prisoners' Release juniors. Mrs. Brosecomb's birthday and birthday picnic.
- S. 5 Very hot. Seven men went to Rhayader at 10 am. Baseball etc.
- Sun. 6 Hot. J.M. and 25 to Craig y Llo. Bathing again on return.
- M. 7 Warm. Cool breeze at night. Second Despatch Run. Baseball and Rugby T. An open-air "Sing - Song" - fairly good but would have been better if weather warmer.
- Tu. 8 V. Warm J.M. and 19 to Pennant. It was warm even at the gorge and the air was clear; Aran Mawddwy (not Cader) stood out very sharply. V. Hot especially coming down Waen y Gader. Bathing after tea.
- W. 9 Cool morning ~~to~~ warm later. w. showers until 11.15 Then hot. Optional Bathing. Mr. W.H. Reynolds and family arrived. P.S.M. returned, 3 pm. Gwi. G. Davison

* A Mixed Menu.

Potage Croullem.

Sambon Pearks.

Pois gris.

"Mashed"

Dried fruit with custard
(à la bryntail).

Fromage Fussell. Biscuits.

Oranges.

Chocolate - a present
from the Head Master.

Speeches - various, in-
cluding N.L. and Dolphin.

b. Concert.

a. Audiences : The Camp, Mr.
H. Guerra and Bristol boys, ladies
from farm, Evans family, Crowllem
people, various visitors.

b. Some items : "The Old Lady shows
her ~~maddles~~" F.J., Mrs., Mary
and Denis Broscourt.

Opera "Leave the pretty Girls alone"
by F.G. Jones, Freeman,
Faulkner, Whitehouse, J.M.

Pigtail of Lee Fang Fu by R. Turner.

Kipling poems by N.L.

Community singing with W. Walker

c. Finale 11.30.

and Mary Davison also arrived. Baseball in afternoon W.H.R. taking part. Camp Supper* and Concert.²

Th. 10 Hot.

Visit to Agricultural Show and Sheep-dog Trials at "Dob-llys", Llanidloes. 39 attended. Faulkner walked to Plynlimon. Evening spent in clearing up, also, by some, in washing off the traces of the agricultural show in Afon Clywedog.

F. 11 Dull.

Return by train, car or bicycle.

Easter Camp 1934.

This was the 10^m camp run by N.L. and P.J.H.; the 36th since camp was first opened at Bryntail in 1916(?)

It was one of the largest Easter camps known, many juniors being present - apparently lured by the vivid word-pictures of the veterans in Form III. Once again the weather was good, i.e. dry, and the younger campers still believe in the Dry-Bryntail theory, since this was the fourth successive fine-weather camp.

The total number using the camp was 46, including 28 present boys, 3 masters and - all of them very welcome - 15 old boys most of whom stayed 3 or 4 days. J. James was even more successful than usual as cook.

Some outstanding points:

1. A cold east wind blew steadily throughout the whole period of the camp.
2. Bathing on five days.

BRYNTAIL R.F.C.

L. G. Clark.

S. Bundy. (left).

F. G. Field.

J. E. Richardson.

A. J. Dunn. (Capt.)

S. Liggins.

R. J. Turner. (Scrum)

G. E. Mather.

S. J. Roberts.

E. R. Deeley.

N. H. Bonsell.

J. May.

A. J. Holland.

S. G. Isherwood.

R. Baggott.

3. A boy refused to stir the porridge, excusing himself on the grounds of being left-handed. A left-handed spoon is to be provided in Summer.
4. The great International Match between England (Bryntail) and Wales (the Llanidloes Town club), "Llani", captained by Dr. Graham-Davies a Welsh International, and containing a few North Wales forwards, had been playing Rigger as a club for only a few weeks. Consequently the Camp team, whose forwards played very well together had the most of the ball and very nearly won when Bundy just missed with a drop at goal. As it was, we did well to lose by only 3 points to nil, for our team was light, containing four present boys whereas "Llani" were strengthened by some hard-running Newtown three-quarters.

Bid Boys

Juniors

Seniors

James Liggins Turner		N.L. P.J.H. J.M.	Holland A.J. Isherwood Yond etc.	

Daily log at Easter 1934.

Tu 27 th March	Fine and Warm	Advance party - P.J.H., J.M., J. James, Baggott -
		arrived 4 pm. Aired palliasse - cases. Tea. Filled
W 28 th	Fine & Sunny but cold E. wind	Cleaned miners cottage
		Washed crocks, cleaned cottage out, etc.
		(James, Baggott, J.M. bathed) Youd & Whitehouse arrived
		by bicycle. Main party arrived (N.L., Higgins and 27
Th 29 th	Dull Cold E wind.	boys). Parker, Boucher and Toney lost on way up.
		N.L., Holland, Varnom, Isherwood bathed.
		Camp Walk. Rugby Touch after tea.
		J. Richardson, G. Mather, G.F. Clarke, S. Bundy, S.J. Roberts
F. 30 th	Dull, Cold E. wind.	arrived (by TAXI) at midnight.
		Rugger Touch am.
		Eight campers assisted Rhayader v. Llaidloes.
		Match refereed by N.L. Post 15-0.
		Llaidloes club provided transport and tea.
Sat 31 st	Sunny Cold E. wind	Hot Cross Buns. Rugby Touch - juniors only!
		N. Bonsell arrived by bicycle.
		N.L., J.M., Bonsell, Black bathed. J. Dunn arrived

* Advice to the callow : never play Rugby football before dinner. It is a Bad Thing.

* Their last camp as Mr. and Mrs Headmaster.

3. MENU. 1: Extra-special Potage - very good. 2: Ham, Mashed and Peas. 3: Fruit in thick Custard - Thick! how does he do it? 4: Biscuits and Cheese. 5: Oranges. 6: Toffee provided by W.H.R.

		by motor-cycle. Despatch Run. Rugger Touch.
SUN.	Sunny in after noon.	F. Field, L. Clark, E. Deeley arrived.
1. APRIL	Cold E. wind, moving to W. at night.	No bathing. Walk to Craig y Llo (30)
M.		Free evening. W'house departed by bicycle.
2 nd	Cold.	Easter Monday. Camp team lost to Llanidloes R.F.C.
	E. Wind.	by 3 pts. to nil. * Two or three hundred spectators
		Prisoner's Release in afternoon. 3 OBs returned.
Tu 3 rd	Sunny. Cold wind.	27 walked to Pennant in $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours, leaving at 11 am. and returning at 4.30 pm.
		Evening: voluntary R-Touch. 5 OBs returned.
W. 4 th	Sunny a.m. Wet after 1.30 pm E. wind.	N.L. and 13 boys bathed. Temperature of water - taken by Faulkner - 39°F . Can we trust the Physics department?
		Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds arrived.*
		Camp Banquet and Concert.
Th 5 th	Wet a.m. Sunny but cold after 11 am.	Breakfast late. No bathing.
		Free afternoon.
F. 6 th		The return. Train from Llani. 11.25 am.



Summer Camp, 1934.

The Dry-Bryntail theory was abolished after gaining a considerable number of adherents. It even retained them for a year or two, and indeed made a gallant fight of it, but at this camp ~~it~~ was completely discredited and once again replaced by the "Wet" or "Plynlimon" theory. The records state that we had three completely fine days, two completely wet ones, and nine when the Heavens, if not ~~exactly~~ opened, were at any rate distinctly ajar.

New campers included Mr. Bradley, hereinafter referred to as L.B., & Mr. Chapman a Technical College lecturer with gifts in the arts of engineering and song-writing. They were both unanimously agreed to be good campers; both very definitely added to the amenities of life at Bryntail, ~~leaving it in many ways~~ enriching it with songs ancient and modern, cheerfulness and good humour, concrete

suggestions, concrete steps and a bottle of Worcester sauce. We hope to see them both at Bryntail again.

This camp also saw some important additions and improvements to our equipment. The tent roofs were all repainted; we acquired a new boiler; Mr Chapman stuck lumps of concrete on and round the kitchen fireplace - the focus of all camp-life; N.L. assisted by Freddie Broscumb stayed on and painted the cottage inside, after we had all cleared off to our respectable homes. Finally the front steps, laid and concreted by L.B. and Mr. Chapman, were declared open on the 5th August. On the 6th, after a thunderstorm, they became a cascade and shot half the water off "Bryn" neatly under the front door. The old gutter has been redeg.

Health was not so good as usual: Parkin's went to see Dr. Davis; the cook's room

fed one night on mushrooms, sardines and fried potatoes; Brockway suffered from some obscure Celtic disease; Essery slid down Crowlum on a wet afternoon.

A final interesting fact: the pool "Llyn Ror (?)" or "Whirl pool", reputed to be bottomless, is actually about 18 feet deep. After being sounded for concealed rocks or snags the pool was in use among seniors and Old Boys as a diving-pool.



Pemant.

<p>Th 25 July</p> <p>W. 25</p> <p>Fine, warm.</p> <p>Wind moderate from West.</p>	<p>Baggott, Holland, J. James, Dolphin, E.C., P.J.H., J.M. arrived as advance party. Opened and cleaned tents, etc. Aired and filled palliases. Bathed.</p>
<p>Th 26</p> <p>Rain. Fine + warm & after 3 p.m.</p> <p>W.</p>	<p>Washed all crocks; prepared Miners' Cottage; bathed. Mr Chapman, L.B., N.L. and 25 boys arrived. Faulkner arrived, by bicycle, at 9 p.m. P.J.H. returned home in afternoon.</p>
<p>F 27.</p> <p>Showery. Fine in afternoon.</p> <p>W.</p>	<p>Bathing. Camp Walk. New boiler arrived from Falkirk. Rugger Touch. E.C. went back.</p>
<p>S 28</p> <p>Rain in morning. Some sun later.</p>	<p>Bathing (optional). Whitehouse, Brooks, Freeman arrived by bicycle at breakfast time. Despatch run. Rugby Touch.</p>
<p>Sun 29</p> <p>Rain all day.</p>	<p>Indoor Tournaments.</p>

Though this hill is not high there is a good view
from the top.

(I went to Plyntimon Cwm Biga. Tea at Mrs Lloyd's,
Cwm Biga Farm J.M.)

M. 30	Fine; some sun. Wind S.W. to S.	Bathing; some old boys in "New pool". Free afternoon; small party walked via Bowlech ygle to "The Hill." After tea, the new campers last received compliments from the old on their unusual rapidity in picking up the rules and methods of Baseball. Leading-Aircraftsman Richmond arrived. Isherwood had four bowls of soup.
Tu. 31.	Heavy showers after 11.30 am	Pennant Walk. Sing-song after tea; L.B. introduces Barnsley Barnsley National Anthem.
W. 1 st Aug	Rain all day after 1 pm.	Bathing optional. "Straight" run. Another sing-song after tea led by old boys. L.B. Faulkner and J.M. walked to Plympton.
Th. 2.	Rained all day.	No bathing. "Straight" run. Free evening. Messrs. Crump and Crump arrived.

(Not sure about this visit, J.M)
i.e. MrMrs Holland's.

Visit from Mr. H. Guerra.

F. 3	Fine. Warm afternoon	E.C. and cousin departed. L.B. got up early, oyes, and also departed avec Legg. Richmond left. Bathing optional, river being high. Free aft., optional bathing at 4 pm. Painting tent-roofs and concreting front steps completed. Baseball. Tracey, S.J. Roberts, Mather, Field arrived.
S. 4	Fine.	Bathing. Walked to Craig y Llo.
Sun #7. 5 th	Showery	Optional Bathing. Treasure Hunt. To Deildre chapel; heard Mr Davies a local preacher of Llangurig. Mr. and Mrs Turner, Mr and Miss Gillam visited camp, also Mr & Mrs Holland.
M. 6	Showery. Thunderstorm in evening	Bathed. Prisoner's Release. Baseball (Old Boys v. School).

Programme.

Included: The Diver, Jean Ba'tiste, The Last Round Up, Assorted songs (Rowland 2A).
Five Sketches.

The following song, written and sung by Mr. Chapman (air: "John Peel"):

①

D'ye ken Bryntail with its boys
so gay?

D'ye ken the O.C. and big May?

D'ye ken the cooks who get no pay,
and the duty in the morning?

Chorus:—

For the O.C.'s face peers in at the door,
And we know that day we shall
sleep no more.

"Lazy swabs! Get up from the floor;
For there's duty to be done in the
morning."

②


The Veg. Squad to its work does fly.
At the start they're very spry;
At the 100th pound they're fit to die
Or jump in the river in the morning.

(Chorus.)

③ The big man May is very wise

For a person of his size.
When on walks, "Nice Now" he cries,
But he can't get up in the morning.

(Chorus)



Tu 7.	Dull but warm Bathing. Free afternoon.
Some rain at 5 pm.	Banquet and concert. Ladies from the farm (Mr Chapman's wife and mother) the Varnons Mr and Mrs Varnon, friends from Crowlewm, Cwm and Bryntail
W. 8	Fine and warm Bathing. Free afternoon with optional Shower abt. 8 pm. bathing. Baseball.
Th 9.	Showery. Return, the main party with Mr. Chapman.

4.

Clever men in the Long Room dwell;
 Of four of them I will not tell;
 The fifth finds it difficult to quell
 Their remarks as he gets up in the morning.

5.

The cook's efficient, there's no doubt,
 Altho' wet wood makes the fire go out.

His plans sometimes go up the spout
 And the porridge turns to water in the morning.

6.

But we must admit that in spite of this
 The life up here is full of bliss.
 We hope that next time we shant miss
 Tea in bed, hot fish and taters in the morning.

Easter Camp, 1935.

This camp was in several ways very different from previous ones. Instead of raining most days, it rained every day; it was in fact a wet camp and there was an unusually large number of Old Centrals present — the conjunction "and", grammarians say, is the most overworked word in the English language (*innuendo*).

Another change was the welcome ~~the~~ variation of the menu. Jam pudding on Easter Monday and plum duff on the previous Saturday replaced the usual rice and fruit. Then a more permanent change was the complete renovation of the Colole roof which had been found lying about the garden. The galvanised sheets of which it is made had been torn away from the bolts, clearly by a storm of some violence since the Colole is at the sheltered end

of the cottage.

Though Easter was late, the Clywedog was reported to be still fairly paralysing. The O.C. continued to lower the moral tone of the camp by indulging in the rite known inaccurately as "Bathing", and it is ~~known~~ ^{on Good Friday} ascertained that two Old Centrals — one Field and one Bundy — also participated in this ceremony which leads only too often to idle and vainglorious boasting. Happily, they later recanted and when the O.C. persisted in what the present writer must call his blue-blooded obstinacy — to adapt Macaulay

"Curse on him!" quoth good Bundy;

"Will not the villain drown?"

Finally, using Bryntail as their base, the Old Centrals carried out a brief but most successful tour which will no doubt be found reported in the O.B.A. section of the magazine.

Mon 15 Apr.	Mostly fine but rain at night	P.J.H., J.M., J. James, Legg, Varnon (advance party) cleared out cottage, washed crocks, etc.
Tu. 16.	Fine intervals morn and eve. Rain all afternoon.	Dried and filled palliasses. L.B., N.L., and 17 boys arr. Brooks + Freeman arr. by bicycle at 10.30 pm. (Never again!) P.J.H. and J. James ret?
W. 17.	Rain all morn and aft. Fair in eve. V. high W. wind.	N.L. bathed. Indoor tournaments and Rugby touch. Faulkner arr. two days late - said he had been touring in Mid-Welsh Border country. Late arrivals: Brockway (Civil Service exam) and Isherwood (Midland Schoolboys Rugger Trial).
Th. 18	Morn and aft. fair. Rain after 4 pm. Warmer.	No bathing. Camp walk via Bulch y Gle, "Old Aberystwyth Road" and Derelict Farm. Free evening. 12 old boys arr. late.
F. 19.	Some showers. Warmer.	N.L., Field, Bundy, Brockway bathed. Old Centrals walked to Llani., played the Town (and Dr. Graham. Davies) won 11-3. Free aft. some boys going down to match.

F. 19	(Cont)	Rugby touch in evening. Baggotts I + II arr ^d .
Sat 20	Rain in morn Showery aft ⁿ	Optional bathing. Straight run in aft ⁿ . O.C.s. played Newtown - lost 3-9.
Sun 21.	mainly fair.	Optional bathing. Free afternoon. Rugby touch at night.
M. 22.	mainly fine. Wet in evening.	O.C.s again played the Town, the Doctor, and the Newtown Flier, and with encouragement from H. G. on the touchline won 9-3 Despatch run in aft ⁿ . Old Boys' concert. J.M. injured and returned.
Tu. 23.	Fine; some thunder-showers after midday	Optional bathing. Camp supper and concert - adequate fodder in spite of absence of J. James. Visits from G.B.B. and F. J. Mills.



"Pussy Villa" + one of "inmates".

Summer Camp 1935.

The number of records made increases but as there are so many things in this world that might be done it is not surprising that these things are sometimes done and are considered as records. In any case "records are made to be broken".

The weather was the best in living memory there only being one day on which precipitation occurred & that only in the evening. In fact it was found possible to pitch "Pansy Villa", and for it to be occupied on all except one night.

The number of cars that heroically chugged up to Buntail was surely a record and never was there another to compare with Mr Chapman's "99 Bank".

The engineering Squad did a little more to render the surroundings unrecognisable by erecting a magnificent stile and garden gate and in organising the whole

camp to build up the wall of the "base-ball field" and to "shew up a great 'igh nettin'".

a great number of old boys visited Bugytail and it is told that a number returned at a later date to 'carnivalise' in Llanidloes.

The "County Times" again kindly gave us space to recount a little of our doings.

The numbers were smaller this year owing to the other calls of a Belgian holiday, a German walking tour, and a Cruise to the northern capitals, but camp still holds its own.

Daily Log. Summer 1935.

- July. W. 24th. Fine. advance party, P.J.H., J. James, Lagg, Black, Faulkner, Opened camp, sweeping away wasps cobwebs and killing 361 spiders + flies.
- Th. 25th. Fine + hot. Palliasses filled. F.G. Wills + E.T. Cooke arrived per chariot. N.L., J.M., and 21 boys arrived by train and cart (some by Shanks's). J. James + P.J.H. returned. Mr + Mrs Chapman by chariot (so called).
- Fr. 26th. Fine + warm. Camp awoke Sam. delighted to find that A.J. Dunn had arrived, alleged to have lost his way near Bishop's Castle. Bathing. Camp walk round "bounds". 1st Baseball game.
- S. 27th. Fine. High W wind with rain in evening. Bathing. Gate hunt - competitors unsuccessful in finding E.A.F. at Butch-y-gle. Rugger touch. R.G. Wood arrived carrying Kit-Bag.



Part of Party at Pennant.

Sun. 28th.

Bathing - river quite warm. Free afternoon.

Fine

Chapel at night to hear Mr Jones of Dinas Mawddwy.

Mon. 29th.

Dispatch man - he got home, 7 caught.

Very warm.

Chief Engineer Chapman & Mrs C. go to Rhayader, approve B'ham Corpⁿ. water works; Lord Mayon kneathes again.

Stile completed & guaranteed to last until 1985.

S. S. Roberts arrived.

T. 30th.

camp started for Pennant at 10.30 in charge

cool wind but

(sic) of Mr May. Party of 25.

very hot sun.

Staff, engineers & cooks very happy left behind.

Mysterious miscreants waticiously meddle with Mr May's movable miniature mansion. Fearful fuss at farms. Furious farmers fulminating when tent found in barn. Engineering squad nestored same.

Bathing after tea in a warm river.

W. 31st.
Hot and
overcast.

Bathing a.m. Treasure Hunt perpetrated by
Messrs. May, Brookes & Faulkner - Penclijn,
Bulch-y-gle, Spinny & Home. 8 winners Verb sap.
Chief Engineer approves Van mountain leaving
headwear on same.
Lost two baseballs. Open air sing-song.

Th August 1st.
Warm tho'
dull.

Bathing as usual. C.O. convalescent in me.
baseballs. Entire come under direction of
acting Chief Engineer Dunn built 55' of wall
and erected netting screen 12' high, 36' long.
C.O. almost cheerful.
Old Boys sock School 75 runs (7 inns.) to 41.
J.M. did wonders for school at Baseball.
gilliam went to bed at 18.15 with severe cold
& temp 101°. Sleeping well after 10q. asp. at 22 hrs.
"Good dog Rover" to Aberdovey and, mirabile
dictu; back again. Received rightful nickname
"99 Bank" this being a graphic representation

of its efforts on any steep incline.

F. G. Mills bitten by baseball.

F. 2nd.

Bathing. Return dispatch ~~was~~. 3 hours, I caught.

Fine & warm.

Baseball.

S. 3rd.

Bathing. Treasure Hunt - a great success from point of view of organizing etc. as no one came anywhere near solving clues and ran many unnecessary miles. Bathing in evening. Numbers of Old Boys arrived.

Fine & hot.

Painting of tent roofs completed. (N.B. discovers disconcerting hole in netting garments).

Sun. 4th.

Bathing. Free afternoon. Visiting parents & friends over the camp & surrounding country.

Fine & hot.

J.M. & Brookes to Plymlium Fair, 10 hours trip.

Plum Duff. Oh Boy! it was good.



method of return (?) adopted by J. C. & Varnon.



"C. S. S. Return Coach".

M. 5th. Baseball in afternoon, School & "Odds & Clods".
 Fine & Hot. Bathing in evening.
 New garden gate constructed & fitted.

Tu. 6th. Free afternoon & bathing. Camp supper —
 Hot. Soup; veal & ham and tongue past; peas, & potatoes;
 fruit & custard; biscuits & cheese; oranges.
 || Camp Concert. ||

W. 7th. Compulsory bathing a.m. & evening. Prisoners'
 Fine & Hot. release in afternoon.
 P.S.H. & J. James return to camp.

Th. 8th. Camp again survived the strain of rising
 Fine at 6.0 am. Wonderful stamina these kids
 get in Wales!! Isn't it?
 Party left by train, odds ends by car,
 and some remnants of O.B.'s left in town
 with "red paint".

Eastern Camp.

1936

This camp was notable for the hordes of young and old Old Boys who were attracted to Bynntail by the promise of nigger matches at Newtown and Glavidloes. Although only one game was played, at Newtown, Bynntail renewed some friendships and made some more.

The weather was fine, though cool, for a few days but we were treated to mixed weather, with substantial suggestions of snow each day, for the rest of the camp.

Daily Log.

Tuesday
 April 7th. losing the essential camp keys
 through a hole in the car, P.J.H., J.J.,
 Dug, E.A.F., Hegg + Parkins had to borrow other
 fine, keys from the farm, to open camp.
 cool.

 a hundred yards of hedge were covered
 with palliases and socks, put out to air in
 5 in camp. the summer sunshine.

Wed. 8th. Jimmy James + Hegg bathed, although
 Dug, in general they seem to be quite normal people
 fine, Messrs Bradley, Coveridge + Butler (O.B.)
 cool. arrived with the seventeen boys to enjoy
 the usual delightful sausage tea.

23 in camp. P.J.H. + J.J. returned.

Th. 9th. new campers roused the lark at 6 a.m.
 Dug, fine, and were quite hurt when old hands told
 cool. them that they would get out of such bad habits

at any rate "veg" was nearly finished before breakfast.

Seven tough guys bathed, four of them were new campers and one probably cured by show of such habits.

"Round the bounds" walk was varied by going round Crowlem & Deidne & not touching the Van pools.

Rugger - touch.

Engineering squad arrive

Jimmy Dunn on another "bike" and Mrs Chapman on "ninety-eight bark-bark," known in more select circles as "Maurice".

25 in Camp.

Fri. 10th.

Five stalwarts braved the river.

dry,
fine,
cool.

the usual comment was heard; "It was very nice; I enjoyed it."

Despatch man, conducive to calculated cunning

thin camp.

numerous old boys arrive.

Sat. 11th. Only "O.C. Camp" bathed & even he
Snow early, granted it "not so good".

dry, Camp walked up the Van hill &
cloudy, found it cool and prone to hail showers.

cold. Two regular dare-devils took round
Rhayader or "Lizzy" and climbed Ael-y-Bryn
in top, thus creating a record.

Free evening; thanks given for
paraffin stove in the dining-room.

42 in camp. Old boys alive.

Sunday 12th. The river was untroubled with
Snow again bathing-belles.

early & Free afternoon, except for the brain
further showers, rocking in preparation for the impromptu
cold, (very) car sing-song in the evening.

cloudy. Old boys still alive

Visitors went to see H.G.'s & his party at
his cottage "Tyn-Llyn".

45 in camp.

- rain. 13th. Snow & wind cut out bathing.
 Snow, Old Centrals v Newtown (A). L. 8-13.
 cloudy, The O.B.s. provided a drama for the boys to
 cold. Newtown. All the camp enjoyed a good tough
 match on a snowy but pleasant afternoon.
 Mr Bradley returned, making the first
 stage to Han in Warrice necessitating
 the holding up of the train by phone call
 from Mr Francis to the Station Master.
 46 in camp. More old boys staying at Aelby-Bryn.
 Tu 14th. "Bathing Parade" at 11 a.m.
 Evidence of Cooks successful with a treacle
 snow, pudding although Mrs Engineer Chapman
 largely cloudy, would have preferred it a little drier.
 some warm sun, 3-ee afternoon for recovery from
 cold. supposed ill effects of dinner.
 Rigger touch in evening.
 23 in camp. Excuse most Old Boys.

Thurs 16th.

River again undisturbed.

Snow & hail

3 1/2 afternoon involving frontier

showers,

preparations in some quarters for the camp

bright wainish concert in the evening.

intervals,

Parkin's unfortunate argument with

cold.

bread-cutter resulted in loss of a bit of thumb and gain of a couple of stitches, but he kept smiling in the old camp style.

J. D. after tea in town with some

"old friends" dashed back to camp to compere concert.

2 1/2 in camp.

P. J. H. returns to direct rear guard.

Frid. 17th.

Though sleepy, the boys stood the strain

dry,

of the 6.0 am. reveille.

fine,

P. J. H. & rear guard cleared up camp &

cold.

paid all the bills. Strangely enough they arrived in just before the train party.

J. Dunn remains to attend to other "old friends".

Summer 1936.

- Thursday. Campers arrived.
- Friday. Camp walk round the bounds.
- Saturday. Two accounts of straight run
 Brookes It was rather long but I
 knew where we were.
 camp. she did — got us lost.
 The question is still unsettled.
- Sunday. The ham was lost. after cooking
 on the outside - fire it was left
 to cool and simply disappeared.
 What a life!
- Monday. Despatch run.
- Tuesday. a gentle paper chase.
 Went down for base-ball, but
 immediately the field was set the
 rain tumbled down and we returned.
- Wednesday. Base-ball. a ball went down
 the slope but not only did we find it
 but also one lost last year.

Thursday. Pennant walk.

Engineer Dunn made a stone platform for the 'absolution' bench. There is no absolution for such a breaking of the unwritten camp rules i.e. of making it more certain that boys must wash before breakfast.

Saturday. A treasure hunt, following a series of clues in rhyme.

The engineers hammer was lost, by a certain old boy who took it out to nail up the clues.

Monday. A real paper-chase, with river & wet gullies to our hearts' content.

Tuesday. Banquet & Concert.

Wednesday. Base-ball; O.B.s. 12 v School 10.

Thursday. Camp ended

Easter 1937.

all the usual advance arrangements were made by P.G.H. and N.L.

For a few weeks previous to Easter the weather was distinctly bad and a week or ten days before camp was due to begin N.L. heard from the Evans at Bryntail that there was still 4 or 5 feet of snow in places.

N.L. decided to cancel camp.

Five old boys could not resist the lure of mid Wales however and resorted to Llanidloes for a long week-end, playing nigger for Llanidloes v Newtown on the Llanidloes soccer pitch.

Summer 1937.

a most successful camp from the point of view of the weather.

Friday. Disc stalwarts bathed and the wet. rest of camp went a short walk.

A camp magazine was run under the editorship of A. James Dunning with assistant editor, Alan Freeman; Printer, "Spider" Coates; Printer's Devil, E.A.F.

Tuesday. The weather really turned fine.

Wednesday. Backs blistered by the sun. Bathing compulsory for the first time.

Thursday. Pennant-walk; some returning with blistered heels.

Saturday. Hottest day since 1933.

Sunday. "Grand Banquet and Concert".

(adapted from Magazine article by Weaver) E.A.F.

Bryntail, Easter, 1938.

Bryntail now works miracles twice nightly. We cook the stew, the porridge and the pud, by putting them into a box full of hay, and as we now possess two of these boxes, the miraculous feat is performed twice as often as before.

We mention food first, for at Bryntail one takes a keen and permanent interest in food. It is discussed. Sometimes it is criticised. At frequent intervals it is eaten. And always it is a subject for meditation and silent thought, as indeed it must be at all camps, for the life in the keen open air will soon whip up an immense, gargantuan, all-deavouring—in fact, hearty—appetite, even in your puny, ice-cream and fish-and-chip-nibbling delicate stomached darling.

Food first, even at Bryntail, where the country is so grand and wild in its beauty. We record with pleasure that Mr. Simm and his friends, Michael and George, were so captured by the unspoilt beauty

of mid-Wales, so charmed by our lovely Clywedog valley and impressed by great Plinlimon that, though they had come for a couple of days, they stayed a week. Other visitors whose presence was felt in camp for some days were the Old Boys. They also left their mark on Llanidloes, whacking them most decisively, twice in three days, by really good and attractive football.

Unfortunately, only a handful of our own boys were present to enjoy the fine Easter weather. This is a pity, for several reasons. It means that the economical running of the camp is impossible—in fact, as Mr. Loveridge justly pointed out last time, it is hardly worth while running Bryntail at all for fewer than 15 boys. It means that for those boys who go, such games as “Despatch Run” or “Race to the Pole” are not easily managed—for these and many other excellent wide games, numbers are essential. It means finally that you are missing a chance—the chance of getting to know, and love, one of the finest of unspoiled countries in Britain, and *that*, to anyone who lives in Birmingham and haunts Suffolk Street daily, is certainly a chance not to be missed.

Summer 1938.

although one expects almost any type of weather at Brighttail this year it was of a type rather unusual; a large number of days with a lot of mist about, only one really hot day and only one day with real heavy rain.

The camp work also notable for the CARNIVAL and the CRICKET MATCH against the Plaindles Boys' Club.

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- Wednesday. Advance party, including
 July 20th. Messrs Humphries + May, arrived to find the weather fine.
- Thursday. "Camp" arrived at 5.30, walking
 July 21st. up from town.
- Friday. Cooks got up before 6 am. thus
 July 22nd. breaking camp rules.
- Sine. Compulsory bathing.

Walk round Bryn + Van with
J. M. + Perrott. Baseball.

Saturday
July 23rd. Cooks arose at 7 a.m. and "got it
Fine. in the neck" again, this time for late
rising.

25 in camp. Bathing compulsory again.
Sherwood + Faulkner arrived.
Base-ball. Ball lost; found
by Filer. "I was just walking about,
thinking of something else, when on
turning round and staring vacantly
into the middle of a gorse bush the
ball appeared."

Sunday.
July 24th. Walk to Craig y Hb.
Fair. Mr, Mrs + Miss Chapman to tea.

Monday
July 25th. Remains of stew put in pig-pot
instead of in soup; "well aren't the
shrimpy pigs just as important as the campers?"



Bryntail Farmyard — "Feeding Time"



Llyn yr Ordd.

Rugger touch between three teams, changing over at each point scored. evening indoors at cards & other games.

Sing-song after supper.

Tuesday

July 26th.

Compulsory bathing.

Free afternoon & evening indoors.

Dine early,

Messrs May, Penrott, & Sherwood

heavy rain p.m. and Falkner went up Plynlimon.

Stopped to investigate old mine workings, went to source of Wye, saw beautiful views & much cloud from summit.

Returned via Cwm Biga and Aberystwyth valley.

Wednesday

July 27th.

Voluntary bathing.

Cards, letter writing & other

Wet, much indoor pastimes in afternoon & evening. high wind.

Time Table of the Day's Events.

A.M.

10 0—Outside the Town Hall the Girl Guides will offer Nosegays from their Flower Stall in token of your generosity on the opening of our Fete.

A Radio Car will Broadcast Music and Announcements.

P.M.

1 15—The ever-popular Stilt Walker will provide amusing entertainment.

2 0—Assembly of Entrants on the Gro for Judging.

2 0 to 2 30—First Recital by PARK AND DARE BAND outside the Town Hall.

2 45—The Carnival Procession moves off.

4 0—CROWNING CEREMONY in Victoria Park.

4 30—The first of CARDI'S several Performances.

The Refreshments Marquees, Buffet and American Bar opens.

The Fun Fair opens.

4 30 to 4 45—Display by the LLANIDLOES BOYS' CLUB (Gymnastic Section).

5 0 to 5 30—Recital by PARK AND DARE BAND.

5 30 to 9 0—In the Victoria and Amusement Parks. A RIOT OF NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT and REVELRY including :

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DANCING AND ENTERTAINING TROUPES CONTEST.

Frequent Displays of Wonder and Illusion by CARDI.

GREAT FUN FAIR in the Amusement Park.

RECITALS BY PARK AND DARE BAND, Etc., Etc.

9 0 to 10—CONFETTI BATTLE in Great Oak Street.

10 0 to 2 a.m.—DANCE in the Drill Hall.

→ It moved off but had many halts by the way.

→ Run by Mr Guerra, late of C.S.S. & Brightail.

→ Seven side-shows

What a riot; Bull
→ Ring on a quiet saty

→ Some do, some don't

Thursday.

Bathing not compulsory.

July 28th.

Camp repaired to Flaidloesti
the Carnival.

Showery,

cleared p.m.

Friday

Parade at the river to look at

July 29th. the water.

Wet.

Competitions arranged p.m.

Table Tennis. Podmore Quits. Machin

Weaver.

Floyd.

Blaze yr Odd:- the lake of the
hammers, by the water-fall. Made
by the fall of two battle axes which
clashed in mid-air; one from a giant on
Crowlum, another from Bryntail.

Boy:- Please can we have the
pincers for the winder for the vegetable?

M.L:- Oh! you mean the pliers
for the wincer; Eh?

Camp ConcertAugust 2nd 1938

Song	The fish ball.	
Songs	Polly Wolly Doodle	Allen, Lloyd, Lucket
	Pack up Your Troubles	
	Tipperary	Juniors
	Pack up your Tipperary	
Sketch	The bells	Isherwood, Faulkner, May.
Song	Shoo! Fly. Don't bother me.	May.
Song	Sah ein Knab'	May, Faulkner.
Mime	Bathing through the Ages.	Faulkner.
Round	Frere Jaques	Juniors
Sketch	Sidelights on Camp Life or Reformatory Boys in Camp.	Seniors
Song	Michal Finnegan	
Sketch	Modern Reporting	Feeling, Bamping.
Warning	Wedded Life	Bamping
Sketches	Phone Conversations	1. Podmore, Machin, Filer. 2. Downes, Podmore, Machin.
Ad Lib.	The King of Caractus	
Song	Three Blue Pigeons	Seniors
Phone Call	Scotland Yard	Shenton
Recit.	Nelson's Farewell	Isherwood
Song	My Brother Sylveste	May, Isherwood, Faulkner.
Song	Zimzamarereboombazuruzeladee	May, Faulkner
Song	My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean.	

Saturday Bathing parade.
 July 30th. Hibernation in the afternoon.
 Fine, rain old centrals arrive, Field, Bundy
 later. Swansbrick, Black, Clark, Potter, Kusler,
 Jimmy Butler, Haynes R.A., Jimmy James & family
 at farm.

Sunday Bathing.
 July 31st. Fine afternoon.
 misty, fine. Chapel
 36 in camp. "I really must thank you boys for your
close attention."

Monday Usual morning.
 August 1st. Cricket team 12 v flannelles
 fair, fine. Boys' Club 34.
Billiards team 2 v L.B.'s Club 4.

Tuesday Camp Banquet.
 August 2nd. Camp Concert.
 mist all day. James Dunn arrived to help
 J.M. play his guitar & to smoke camp "Planters".

wednesday. The weather in the afternoon
 August 3rd. was of the Bryntail A.H. First Class
 Very fine. variety; there were numerous
 pink shouldens.

Bathing both morning and
 after-noon.

The wood-squall excelled, leaving
 eight full sacks and then some.

Base-ball; ball lost twice
 but found each time in gorse bushes

Thursday Camp closed and locked up.
 August 4th. We missed P. J. H. and had to
 dine. hire a taxi.

a number of old boys
 remaining for the week end in
 Glanidloes.

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ANCIENT SKULL

DISCOVERY IN WALES

MURDER STORY RECALLED

DARK DEED BY BLACKSMITH

Two unemployed Welshmen, Evan Gwilym Davies and William Morris Richards, of Dylife, near Machynlleth, were digging on Plynlimmon, highest mountain in Central Wales.

On Gallows Hill their picks unearthed a skull—and with it a piece of 200-year-old history. The skull was encased in a wired iron cage.

The story is that Sionygof, or John the Blacksmith, was hanged for the murder of his wife and child. He had deserted his family to go to the lead mines of Dylife, became enraged when they followed, and murdered them both by throwing them down a mine shaft.

When the crime was discovered by other miners they ordered Sionygof to be hanged.

The head of the condemned man was encased in irons. After walking around the gallows wearing this iron frame, an object of scorn, the man was suspended from the gallows, twirling in the wind, till he died.

Friends of Sionygof cut away the body after his death, and the theory is that the skull which has been found is his. It will be sent to the National Museum of Wales.

Tavern, 262, Cooks
 Minstrel ~~By~~ Turner Blue
No 24.
 Diver Porter Song, Ye Quire
 WAITER Sketch
 Jean Baptiste, ~~Ye Quire~~ Faulkner + May
 POSTMAN Sketch Gilliam + Co.
 Grandfather Clock, James
 Song, To an old North Country air Chapman
 Monologue Varnon
 Hecoughs Sketch
 Bog, Faulkner
 Barnsla, May
 (Comic) Songs Rowland
 OLE IN THE ROAD
 Birds in the Wilderness
 Last Round Up Inter. Tent
 CRICKET MATCH
 Spider Faulkner
 Hamut Hoem Lane
 arnon, Graveyard Rowland
 Cockles & Mussels
 Pig in Pig O.C.

Ystrad hynod

Penyrhynn ...

Bitfal Bidffald.

Aber Dynant Demant

Llyn Ror?

Llyn yr Oudd.

Pennant Fall - Ffrowd Fawr.