



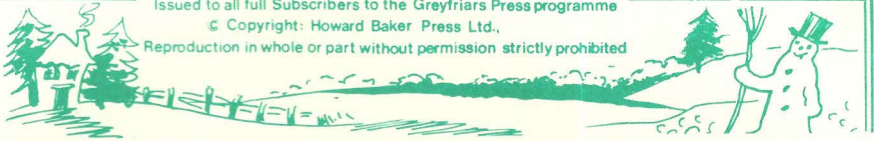
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Christmas Greetings to all Friars!

Here at Greyfriars Press we especially welcome the advent of this Christmas, and look forward to laying down pens, covering typewriters, putting aside sliderules, calculators, printers' and bookbinders' estimates and quotations—and all other tools and torments of the trade that obsess us for most of the year.

In truth, it has been a difficult and troublous year for us—as no doubt it has been for some of you, our readers.

Now, at last, comes that time when we can forget our worldly woes and thoroughly enjoy the blessings and peace that this joyous season brings to us all.

In the period leading up to December 25th we envisage Friars the world over, taking from book-shelves their Greyfriars and St. Jim's Yuletide volumes to indulge yet again in the unalloyed pleasure and nostalgia of a Hamiltonian Christmas: The Mystery of the Moat House, The Secret of the Silver Cigarette Case, The Shadow over Eastwood House, The Mystery of Wharton Lodge, The Ghost of Polpelly, The Courtfield Cracksman Christmas, My Lord Bunter (at Reynham Castle)—and so many more. The only problem, as always, will be to get through as much reading as possible before Season's end.

PUBLISHING PROGRESS REPORT

For this end-of-term report, we can do no better than quote the statistics and findings of one of our Midlands readers, Friar Vincent Loveday, of 7 Bromley Close, Crowle, Worcester.

He has discovered that at this year's end 1,000 (one thousand) Magnets have been issued in bound volume form by Greyfriars Press. There remain to be published 683 Magnets, to complete the grand total of 1,683.

So there you have it, Friars! One thousand Magnets in volume form published to date. Surely an occasion to be marked with a white stone—or a multi-candled Christmas cake! The mind boggles at the vision of such a mammoth confection.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The 4th Greyfriars Book Club Catalogue (1982 onwards) has been published, and copies have been mailed out to all members, either by letter post or in their pre-Christmas parcels. We urge all members to fill in and return the accompanying Intent Form as soon as possible, in order to be re-enrolled and have their names entered on our new mailing list.

THE NEW GREYFRIARS TIE

A new Greyfriars 'Old Boys' Tie should be ready for sale during the weeks before Christmas. The colours this time are red and gold, with light grey 'Friar' motif. By now, the tie we produced in Easter 1978 must have lost some of its pristine glory, so no doubt most Friars will welcome the opportunity to acquire this new version. Only a limited supply is available, so do order early to avoid disappointment. A splendid Christmas present from you to you! (£5 plus 30p postage)

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GUIDE BOOK

A remarkable new book of reference is scheduled for publication in the Spring programme. The title: *McCall's Greyfriars Guide*. The author is Dr. Peter McCall, one of the most knowledgeable members of our arcane society of Friars and Collectors. His cognition of the Greyfriars scene is vast and truly awe-inspiring. You will find everything you could ever want to know contained in this bumper volume. Every character who has appeared in the long Magnet saga is featured and described. Ditto: every place-name and locale, home and overseas. The contents of every Greyfriars Press volume and every Greyfriars Press Book Club volume is annotated and described.

STOP PRESS: Delays in delivery of completed copy by our author have resulted in our being forced to postpone publication of **THE GREYFRIARS GUIDE**. We cannot, in safety, project a book with a scheduled publication date only a few months ahead unless we have the finished manuscript in front of us. This we have not received at time of going to press. So it is with the greatest regret that we have to announce postponement of a publication already announced in our Spring Catalogue. Such, alas, is just one of the pains of publishing. We wish Friar McCall all success in overcoming his production difficulties at a very early date.

BLUE MAGNET

Collectors will note, when they peruse other sections of our Spring '82 Greyfriars Press Catalogue, that we are now reaching back to the Blue Magnet period (1922 and earlier) in order to encompass stories written by the original Frank Richards. This course brings us into collision with the Greyfriars Book Club programme. In fact, it really is a trespass upon Book Club territory. It means that readers of the ordinary Greyfriars Press volumes, which includes casual customers through the Trade, will be offered issues not so much to their taste. It is our experience that the casual purchaser—as opposed to the dedicated Collector—prefers Magnets of the later vintage, i.e. the orange and blue and salmon-cover period (1925–1940). So . . . we have something of a problem! A problem we shall have to address ourselves to in the months ahead.

In this context, we assume that our readers appreciate that casual sales are essential to our continued survival. Sales to our faithful collectors alone are not sufficient to make the Greyfriars Press cost effective. The dimensions of the problem begin to manifest themselves to the layman???



THE CURSE

Already our more eagle-eyed Club members will have pounced on the omission on Page 34 of the Fourth Book Club Catalogue. The curse of the Prince has struck again! Ever since the inception of the Third Programme, back in 1978, we have encountered difficulties with the volume 'Prince of Greyfriars'. First we discovered that several of the issues listed had already—or were about to be—published in other editions. This caused us to put back production of this particular volume again and again, until it became the very last on the list of 3rd Catalogue Magnet volumes. But the jinx on the Prince continued: happenings too numerous to relate here. Suffice it to say that, finally, at the 59th minute of the 11th hour, the title No. 40 was omitted from our sparkling new Club Catalogue and Stock List. Thus, **THE FIRST BOYS' PAPER OMNIBUS** is listed as No. 40, whereas it should read No. 41. Surely, the Curse of Rattenstein has never ceased to plague us. Perhaps the expulsion of Prince Rattenstein from Greyfriars was unfair, prejudiced, and born of World War 1 anti-German war hysteria? Perhaps the lad was grossly misunderstood?

Whatever the truth of it, the Prince has had his revenge. He has absented himself from page 34 of our new Book Club Catalogue. The Curse of Rattenstein is a living and continuing thing. Look out, Club Friars, for a sinister glow in the dark watches of the night from your Club shelves where Volume 40 rests uneasily.

What would Christmas be without a ghost story? Or, at least a spectral manifestation?



Dear Sir...

From Beech Cottage, High Lorton, Cockermouth, Cumbria, Friar G. Fielding writes: "It was most pleasing to hear the voice of Howard Baker on the Radio Four programme dealing with the life of Charles Hamilton, and I was most gratified to discover that I am not the only person buying your present-day facsimiles who never actually bought a Magnet before it ceased publication in 1940. (That would have been an impossibility by a good twenty years or so.) The programme was long overdue, but none the less satisfactory for that.

"However, I am surprised at the B.B.C. allowing the error about Arthur Clarke being the first Magnet artist to creep into the programme."

"Congratulations on your part in the B.B.C.'s 'Good Old Greyfriars' programme," says Friar W. H. Marshall of 'Beckbury', 107 Copthorne Road, Shrewsbury. "The whole broadcast was fascinating!"

And Friar J. A. Hollis, of 19 Manor View, Manor Farm Estate, Hazlemere, Bucks, declares: "I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Baker's remarks in the recent Radio Four broadcast as to why people continue to read the Greyfriars stories. I first read the Magnet and Gem when I was about twelve and continued to do so until the war put an end to the publications. I am now sixty and recently retired."

"It was so good to hear you taking part in the Richards B.B.C. programme last Thursday," opines Friar T. A. Johnson, of Raby Cottage, 18 Raby Park Road, Neston, South Wirral, and Friar Esmond Kadish, of 18 Grove Gardens, Hendon, London NW4, concurs: "As I said t'other day, I enjoyed the Greyfriars broadcast. It was nice to hear your dulcet tones issuing forth from the radio!"

For all of these very kind words, many thanks. Our readers will be interested to know that the B.B.C. plans the broadcast of some more Greyfriars material in the programme Thanks For the Memory on Radio 2, on December 23rd. (The eve of Christmas Eve.)

"Really, nobody should complain at all about any of the excellent facsimile volumes of the Magnet and Gem, whether the stories are by substitute writers or not!" declares Friar Tommy Kenyon, of 16 Weston Park, Thames Ditton, Surrey. "I tend to think that unless we were told so by you, or found out for ourselves by checking up with the Magnet Companion, we should hardly know whether the stories were by the original Frank Richards or not.

"As a boy, when I first read the Magnet and Gem, most of the stories — it would now appear — were being written by substitute writers, and apart from the fact that there were too many cricket or football cup stories, I loved them. In fact, Mr. Chapman's illustrations helped to make the stories come alive to such a degree that I hardly gave a thought to the author's name.

"Also, although I am a great admirer of the real Frank Richards, it has to be said that many of his stories were repetitive, the same themes being used in both the Magnet and the Gem."

But Friar Tom Kelly, of 12 Auburn Avenue, Co. Dublin, Eire, wouldn't entirely agree. "Even as a boy," he states flatly, "I could smell a wrong 'un!" And then he goes on: "But if we are to complete our mission then every Magnet must be published.

With which Friar V. Merrills, of PO Box 151, Exshaw, Alberta, Canada, concurs: "I see in the Gazette that correspondence on the old question of the substitute writers continues pro and con. Let us hope that sanity prevails and a complete set of all Magnets will eventually be published. It would be a real shame to have the job only partially completed due to the few who are not in favour."



Dear Sir...

Dear Sir — Continued/2

And Friar Harold Truscott, of 16 Claremont Road, Deal, Kent, writes: "Many thanks for your answer to my letter in the Gazette. If I am your second severest critic, I wonder who is the severest. (*We hope that it is ourselves — Editor.*)"

"Actually, I do not intend to be a severe critic at all. I have only written about two things: the persistence with sub stories — where I realise I am in a minority — and the duplications. As to the latter, I understand about Magnets and HAs, but this still does not explain the choice of the SOL Ragged Dick story for No. 3 of the Greyfriars Library in the light of your recent reproduction of the original Magnets. However, enough of that. I am immensely grateful to you for all you have done and are doing. And I am especially thankful for the promise of the St. Jim's Christmas Barring-Out series in the New Book Club List."

"Congratulations on the new publishing policy for the Fourth Book Club Catalogue," writes Friar D. G. Cottrell, of 6 Grange Park, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. "Long overdue. Just what was wanted. Excellent."

With which sentiments Friar Eric Connolly, of Dunstan Lodge, 25 Paynes Pitch, Churchdown, Gloucester, is in complete accord, "I read with great joy that you are now going to publish Magnets in numerical order as from the commencement of your next Book Club programme. It is a splendid idea indeed."

"As regards last Summer's price rise, I think you have done wonderfully well to keep the prices so low for so long. I am sure we would all still be glad to buy the volumes at whatever price they go up to. After all, everything else goes up shockingly and people still continue to buy the articles they want. So why should Greyfriars Press publications be singled out for any complaint?"

And Miss Julia Emerton, of Hillside, 7 Castle Road, Penzance, Cornwall, adds: "I would also like to congratulate you on your excellent service and the quality of your publications. I am very pleased to hear of your Club plan to publish the very early Magnet stories in sequence."

"Whilst hesitating to cross rapiers with such swordsmen as Mr. Lofts and yourself," begins Friar Geoffrey Crang, of Aspindle House, Heathcote, Hartington, Near Buxton, "and with never a hint of *'Touché'*, I venture a riposte to dispute that Eric Parker drew Gem cover no 1388, dated September 22nd, 1934 (and not as stated). (See Gazette No 35.)

"But if he did," Friar Crang continues, "then from that same excellent volume must he not also have drawn cover no. 1390? The styles are similar (cf. also no. 1395) and admittedly the drawings do not contain the richness of detail usually associated with MacDonald (e.g. covers 1389 and 1392).

"Because of the subject matter, MacDonald (if he did draw no. 1388) may have been influenced by Eric Parker, or was simply constrained through lack of time or editorial desire for greater impact through simplicity. Yes, I still raise my blade in defence of MacDonald!

"A small publication (or article) on the subject of the artists of the 'Old Papers' would be most welcome. What a wealth of talent was there! Chapman, Shields, the excellent Saville Lumley — and another old favourite, Kenneth Brookes, who drew for the later Nelson Lees. Did he not also draw for the Scout and the 'Cedar Creek' series in the later Gems? His style seemed to combine something of both MacDonald and Parker.

"What about Brookes as another candidate for cover no. 1388? But, on second thoughts, no. I still defend MacDonald, the doyen."



Frohe Weihnachten!

Buon Natale!

To turn to other matters:

Friar G. T. Loach, of 52 Alexandra Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire, raises a matter which, for some time, has caused us concern. "As a 'Bonded Friar'," he writes, "I eagerly await the Gazette and scan its *Sales and Wants* column to see if I can obtain any of the out-of-print volumes that I require, and last month I saw an advertisement that interested me. I telephoned the advertiser on the same day that I received the Gazette, only to be told that the items concerned had been sold *several days earlier*. People living closer to London clearly receive their parcels of books faster than I receive mine.

"It seems unfair to me that, as a result, I may never enjoy the same opportunities that they have to obtain scarce out-of-print books. Surely it would be more equitable to send out all the Gazettes at the same time, by letter post, quite separate from the parcels of books. I realise that this would involve extra postal cost, but this would be something that I'm sure no-one in these circumstances would complain about."

As indicated at the beginning of this letter, Friar Loach has raised a matter which has caused us concern for some time. We sincerely sympathise with him, and with other Friars like him, who feel that our present Sales and Wants advertisements system operates unfairly against them, and we would like to put matters right.

The simplest way, in our view, for this to be done, would be for all advertisements appearing in our Sales and Wants section to be allocated Box Numbers. No names and addresses of advertisers would appear. Friars responding to advertisements would address themselves to the Box Numbers concerned, care of the Greyfriars Gazette at this office, and replies would be collected here for fourteen days after the day on which Gazettes were posted, and forwarded to the advertisers in one batch. at the same time.

Thus, wherever in the British Isles Friars might live, all would have the same opportunity of successfully responding to any advertisement which appeared in our columns.

Some small postal charge would be involved in forwarding replies to advertisers under this new system but, no doubt, this would be something which, in the interests of fair play, our advertisers would be happy to meet.

If such a system would meet with general approval, we would be willing to introduce it as soon as possible. Your comments, please.

THE BATH MAGNET CLUB

"A most interesting item of Hamiltonia has just come to light," writes W. O. Loft, 56 Sheringham House, London NW1. "This is a twelve page magazine which was the official organ of The Bath (Somerset) Magnet Club, which was in existence from 1936 to 1940, when the Magnet and Gem were still being published.

"Edited by two 15-year-old enthusiasts who modelled themselves on the same-aged Harry Wharton and Bob Cherry, the magazine is packed with fascinating items about Greyfriars and St. Jim's characters, articles and quizzes.

"After forty years, I have succeeded in tracing the Editor-in-Chief, who is now Secretary of a famous organisation whose patron is H.M. The Queen, and some interesting facts have emerged.

"The Club had over one hundred members, half of whom lived in Bath, and regular meetings were organised. The Club Library had more than five hundred books available for loan, together with Magnet and Gem issues from No. 1 onwards. There is no doubt at all that the Club's organisation was truly first-class and its President (reputed to be a great authority on Hamiltonia) has just been traced by this correspondent — using methods of which the great Ferrers Locke would have approved.

**с Рождеством и
с Новым Годом!**

¡Feliz Navidad!



DEAR SIR . . .

"Further developments are anticipated, so look out for more details shortly about a Club which was surely the forerunner of all O.B.B.C. and Friars Clubs which exist today."

Friar Gary Smurthwaite, of Squirrels Acres, Glen Esk, Whitby, North Yorkshire, writes to offer his compliments: "on your impeccable service and the high quality of your excellent product." And then goes on:

"My very first Howard Baker volume was *Billy Bunter and the Terror of the Form*, purchased from a local bookshop, and my second, purchased the *very next day* from the same source, was *The Courtfield Cracksman*, priced 50/- and 55/- respectively. This was in 1970 when I was fourteen. I have since purchased all of your volumes via your marvellous Mail Order service and have never regretted the expense which, after all, by today's standards is exceedingly modest.

"My enthusiasm for the creations of Frank Richards began when I collected the Cassel volumes, with their shiny colour illustrations, in the sixties — and which I still possess. Both my father and grandfather were enthusiasts long before I was, and now read your volumes avidly.

"May I make one suggestion regarding the collections of the Gem which you produce? Surely a greater number could include stories featuring Ralph Reckness Cardew, a Hamilton character of great potential in my view — of the same ilk as Herbert Vernon Smith. Do many stories involving Cardew exist?

"Again: my compliments on your service and on your product."

With which felicitations a number of other Friars clearly would like to be associated.

From 39 Fairway, Kingsley, Northampton, Friar L. W. Garner writes: "Despite the increase in price, these volumes are still excellent value. Keep up supplies!" And from 7 Alderey Road, Guildford, Surrey, Friar Richard Alford voices agreement: "I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the unparalleled service that you give to all readers of Greyfriars Press books. Well done!"

"How much I appreciate the books you are bringing out!" says Mrs Beryl Matthew, of 4 Penine Way, Spalding, Lincs. "They take me back to my childhood and the joy and thrill of reading these stories is really indescribable. Thank you!"

Whilst, for his part, Friar Parnesh Sharma, of 1555 Burril Avenue, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, simply exudes praise: "You leave me absolutely no choice but to write and let you know what an excellent, superb, super, great, wonderful, fantastic and just plain indescribably great job you're doing. Your service (very, very prompt) far surpasses those of the so-called giant publishers."

Mrs Joan Golen, of 41 Cherrywood Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, rounds off and sums up: "A suggestion — how about the Sexton Blake and E. S. Brooks fans? I could absorb these stories too, and hope there are lots like me.

"As you know, I feel most grateful for all the work you have put in over the past decade on behalf of people like myself who are addicted to this hobby. I dread it coming to an end, though, as indeed it will have to sometime . . ."

The series will come to an end one day, Friars, but the pleasure of reading, and re-reading, will go on, and on, and on.



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GREYFRIARS GAZETTE

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

The premier grouping of Friars in the London/Home Counties area continues to be ably organised by Bob Acraman, at 'Courtfield', 29 Kingsend, Ruislip, Middlesex. Members of this chapter meet at the above address (and at others in the London area) at frequent intervals, where matters of interest to all Collectors are discussed in a spirit of conviviality and good fellowship. The next get-together, the Grand Friars Christmas Party, will take place at 'Courtfield' on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 3pm. All Friars, and intending members, are cordially invited to attend by host Bob Acraman. Your Publisher looks forward to joining the merry throng on that occasion. Also hoping to attend: Miss Edith Hood, housekeeper to Frank Richards for so many years of his writing life. Guests will also be welcome to visit the Charles Hamilton Museum at 'Courtfield' to inspect many of the implements of The Master's trade, i.e. his desk, his typewriter ("Old Remington") and other Frank Richards artifacts.

All intending visitors are asked to advise Bob Acraman beforehand, at the above address. [Telephone: 71 (Ruislip) 31025]

The Christmas Party for the Midland Club will be held on Tuesday, December 15th. Friars resident in the Midlands area and desirous of joining this local club should write to Jack Bellfield at 65 Bridge Court, Cradley Heath, Warley, West Midlands. Or write to Joan Golen, at 41 Cherrywood Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 3RU.

'SINGLES' SPIN-OFFS

Single issue collectors will be pleased to know that it is our intention to produce a Singles Catalogue No. 3. We have managed to secure extra storage space at some distance from London, where a much larger selection of single copy Magnets, Gems etc will be held. Dispatch mailings will be effected from this new storage point as from about February '82, the time when the 3rd Singles Catalogue will be published and distributed to all interested collectors. Please indicate your interest, with SAE if possible, to the usual Wimbledon address, from whence your orders will be forwarded and duly serviced.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GREETINGS

As in every year for the past decade, we proffer heartfelt thanks to all those Friars who send us Christmas Cards and other seasonal tokens at this happy time. You well know that these gestures are much appreciated and highly prized. Each message has its place upon our Greetings Board.

OUR MESSAGE

In place of a personally inscribed message to each and every one of you (a daunting task beyond our already stretched resources) we hope you will accept these concluding words as our personal greeting:

"The Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you all now and throughout the Coming Year!"



Sincerely,
Your Publisher

Howard Baker



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CLASSIFIED ADVTs

SALES AND WANTS



It has become necessary to levy a small charge for insertion of advertisements in our Classified Advertisement/Sales and Wants Section. Please rehit at the rate of 5 pence per word.



FOR SALE: Magnet Vol. 15 — Calling Mr Quelch — £20; Magnet Vol. 31 — Billy Bunter's Hat Trick — £20; Gem Vol. 6 — Tom Merry's Holiday — £15. Please write to: Mr D. L. Jones, 14 Gogarth Avenue, Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd LL34 6PY.

FOR SALE: Offers invited for Club Volumes 1 to 35; plus Magnet Vols. 1 to 17 and 19 to 79; also most GHAs, many Gem Vols, and about 34 Charles Skilton/Cassell Bunter books published from 1952 onwards. Would prefer to sell as a collection, but would nevertheless consider realistic offers for individual items. Write, or call: Mr W. M. Baker, 20 Bradbury Avenue, Brant Road, Lincoln LN5 9AP.

FOR SALE: 50 Howard Baker Volumes. Details from, and offers to: Mr A. E. Angus, 37 Gainsborough Road, Dronfield, Woodhouse, near Sheffield S18 6QT.

FOR SALE: Greyfriars Press Magnet etc. volumes in mint condition. Some o/p volumes offered at £8 each, and current titles at £5 each plus postage. Send for list, with one International Reply Coupon, to: Mr J. Hardy, 22 Rue des Asters — Apt 57, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland. (Letters only please. No callers.)

FOR SALE: 50 Hardback and paperback Cassell Bunter books, £34. Buyer must collect. Mrs B. Shackleton, 41 Salford Road, Bidford-on-Avon, Warwicks.

FOR SALE: Magnet Vol. 7 — The Greyfriars Pretender — £15; Magnet Vol. 19 — The Greyfriars Hikers — £15; Magnet Vol. 27 — The Shadow Over Harry Wharton — £15; Magnet Vol. 37 — Billy Bunter's Lucky Day — £15; Magnet Vol. 38 — Bunter Tells the Truth — £15; Magnet Vol. 10 — Bunter and the Greyfriars Mutiny — £12.50; Magnet Vol. 33 — The Sleuth of Greyfriars — £10; Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1928 — £12.50; Greyfriars Holiday Annual 1976 — £12.50. Apply: Mr S. G. Smith, 170 Algernon Road, Lewisham, London SE13 7AW.

FOR SALE: Magnet Vol. 2 — The Rebellion of Harry Wharton — £15; Magnet Vol. 37 — Billy Bunter's Lucky Day — £15; Greyfriars Holiday Annuals for 1928 and 1975 — £15 each; Club Vol. 5 — Tom Merry's Schooldays — £25; Club Vol. 6 — Paul Dallas at Greyfriars — £25; Club Vol. 7 — The Greyfriars Crusaders — £25. All books mint or near mint. All prices exclusive of postage. Write: Mr B. V. J. Deeks, Plas-yn-Doll, Abbey Road, Llangollen, Clwyd LL20 8SP. (Letters please. No callers.)

FOR SALE: Club Vol. 4 — Harry Wharton and Co in India — £35; Magnet Vol. 33 — The Sleuth of Greyfriars — £7; Gem Vol. 6 — Tom Merry's Holiday — £15. Other volumes £4.50, please state your requirements. Letters only to: Mr I. M. Cox, 193 Minard Road, Catford, London SE6 1NH.

FOR SALE: Rare out of print volumes — all in mint condition: Club No. 2 — Loder for Captain — £30; Club No. 5 — Tom Merry's Schooldays — £25; Club No. 7 — Greyfriars Crusaders — £25; Club No. 9 — Boy From the Underworld (Dick the Penman) — £30. ALSO Greyfriars Press Volumes — No. 21 — Tyrant of Greyfriars — £25; No. 26 — A Bargain for Bunter — £20; No. 27 — Shadow over Harry Wharton — £25; No. 30 — Burglar of Greyfriars — £25; No. 36 — Bob Cherry's Big Bargain — £20; No. 38 — Bunter Tells the Truth — £25; No. 19 — Greyfriars Hikers — £30; No. 7 — Greyfriars Pretender — £30; No. 8 — Mystery of Wharton Lodge — £30. REMITTANCE WITH ORDER TO: Mrs K. R. Cox, 188 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent. (Letters only. Positively no telephone calls or callers.)

WANTED: W. E. John's 'Biggles' books, Richmal Crompton's 'William' books and Evadne Price's 'Jane' books. **FOR SALE:** Surplus copies of the above, plus some out-of-print H.B. volumes. Write: Darrell Swift Esq, 22 Woodnock Close, Leeds LS16 6PQ.

