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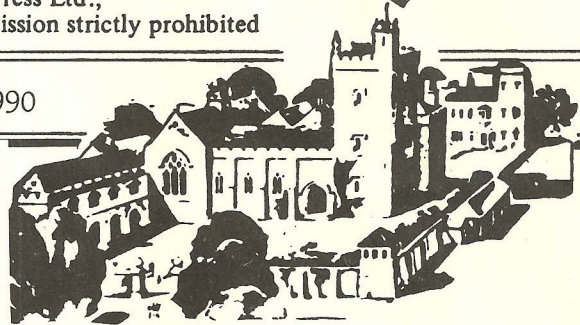
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There will be no bumper Christmas Gazette to mark the end of another successful year of Magnet publications. However, the next edition will appear very early in the New Year, and this will contain all the usual features: editorial, readers' letters, classified advertisements, news of the Friars Clubs' activities &c., &c.

THE FOXING OF SKINNER

At least this brief edition does provide us with the opportunity to explain, and apologise for, the patchy printing on pages 2,4,12,17,18, 21 and 23 of Magnet issue 274: Standing By Skinner: a section of Club Volume 89, PETER TODD'S CHANCE. This is not the fault of our printers who always do their best to work wonders with sometimes very indifferent original copy. In this case, some of the original pages were so badly foxed that it was impossible to rescue the printed image which the foxing obscured.

PRICES

Having held all our book prices stable for the past four years, we now have to give notice that from January 1st there will be price increases on some of our Stock Titles. Greyfriars Press Magnet stock titles at £9.95 are increased in price to £12.95. Greyfriars Holiday Annuals and Collectors' Pieces will be subject to the same increase. The three Greyfriars Library titles will be priced at £8.95.

The prices of all other titles in all other series - Gem, Nelson Lee, Sexton Blake and Greyfriars Book Club - remain unaltered at par. No Price Increases.

Our purpose in increasing prices on only a minor proportion of our list is to do our best to hold the line against the steadily increasing costs that beset every aspect of the lives of each one of us. At the same time, we must at least partially offset regular annual increases in the prices we have to pay for printing and binding and - particularly - paper. Not to mention the horrendously high cost of warehousing our stock. Storage charges today are bordering on the punitive - as anyone who has had to put furniture or other goods into store will very well know.

THE CATALOGUE

All interested Friars will by now have received our new Catalogue (and Bond) for 1990. They will have noted that the forward Book Club Programme only extends to July 1990, for beyond this we cannot easily go until we have acquired, purchased or borrowed the missing half-year January-June 1912, Magnet issues Nos. 204 to 231.

Many of us know full well that at least half a dozen of our people hold these numbers, and could perform a sterling service to their fellow devotees by disgorging a very small piece of their hoard for a very small time - and for a handsome reward.

Alternatively, we would be happy to purchase the much-needed numbers outright, at the asking price.

O/P TITLES

Please note that further volumes have gone OUT OF PRINT since the last Catalogue was published. They are as follows:

Book Club Vol. 13 : NEW BOYS AT GREYFRIARS
Magnet Vol. 11 : SIX BOYS IN A BOAT
Magnet Vol. 41 : BILLY BUNTER'S HAIR RAID
Magnet Vol. 52 : BUNTER THE HYPNOTIST
Magnet Vol. 56 : BUNTER'S FUNNY TURN
GREYFRIARS HOLIDAY ANNUAL 1921

MISS EDITH HOOD - REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with deep sadness that we record the death of Miss Edith Hood, who for many long years was housekeeper to Frank Richards at his home in Kingsgate, Kent. Miss Hood was held in great affection by Friars, many of whom visited her at the Broadstairs Nursing Home where she spent the last years of her life. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Kemp, local vicar.

FOUND AT LAST

Magnet issue No. 256: The Greyfriars Pantomime: was missing from Club Volume 86 and, at the time, we expressed the hope that it would appear in Volume Nos. 87,88 or 89. It did not. Now, however, a copy has finally come to hand, and the elusive Greyfriars Pantomime will be included in our March 1990 title - THE HERLOCK SHOLMES OF GREYFRIARS (Volume 91). Another gap filled!

We believe that the foregoing will provide all the essential information you require for planning your reading, book-buying, acquisitions programme for the year ahead. If any important guide-lines have been overlooked - our apologies.

It only remains to wish all H.B. Friars many hours of happy reading in the coming holidays, Seasonal Good Wishes, and a more prosperous 1990 for us all.

Sincerely,

Your Publisher

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