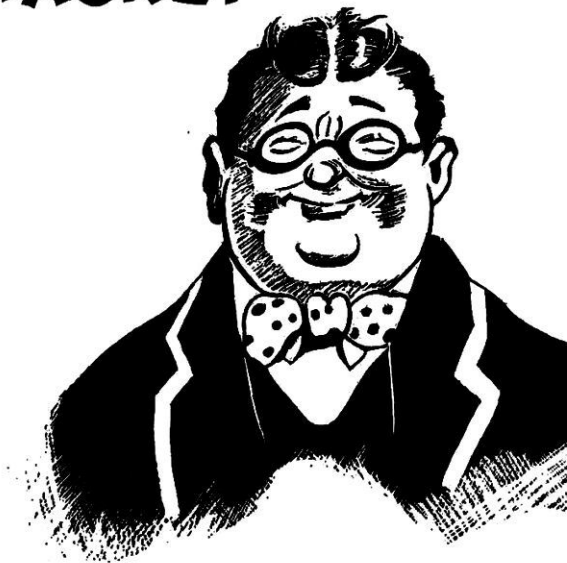


# GREYFRIARS SINCE THE MAGNET



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For some years now we have been receiving enquiries from collectors regarding publication details of post war Bunter and Greyfriars material, therefore we feel it will be useful to collectors to catalogue these details together in booklet form.

We have not included the Howard Baker Magnet reprints for the simple reason that they are facsimilies of pre war publications. A full detailed catalogue will readily be supplied of publications available by the publisher. Quite a bit of space has been devoted to The Knockout and its Annual, a fact that will earn us no bouquets from the 'old guard'. In the main the Bunter content was of picture strip format but nevertheless there is an increasing interest in this subject by younger collectors and therefore one should not ignore it. We are indebted to both Alan Clark and David Ashford for their assistance with data for the Annual publication as well as to Darrell Swift for his help with the Bunter Books and Billy Bunter Annuals.

Also included in the listing are the stage plays and those that appeared on television, for as the years roll by and memories fade many collectors will be unaware of the fact that they ever appeared. Several of these have been published and possibly one day someone may see fit to collect these scripts together and publish them as a collection.

As always we ask readers to inform us if they find any errors or have anything to add to our listing. Suggestions that may assist us in future projects are of course always welcome.

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## ARMADA BOOKS

These were an orthodox style paperback series that also issued titles of William, Biggles, Jennings, and more recently Nancy Drew and Hardy Brothers. The Greyfriars stories commenced with Magnet reprints and then switched to post war Bunter books and then reverted again to Magnet reprints.

1. Bunter the Tough Guy of Greyfriars.  
May 1965 Price 2/6 reprint of Magnets 1344 - 1348
2. Bunter and the Phantom of the Towers.  
May 1965 Price 2/6 reprint of Magnets 1244 - 1246
3. Bunter's Holiday Cruise.  
May 1965 Price 2/6 reprint of Magnets 1312 - 1316
4. Bunter the Racketeer.  
May 1965 Price 2/6 reprint of Magnets 1478 - 1479
5. Billy Bunter the Bold.  
July 1968 Price 2/6 reprint of Cassells March 1954
6. Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School.  
Aug 1968 Price 2/6 reprint of Skilton September 1947
7. Billy Bunter's Postal Order.  
Aug 1968 Price 2/6 reprint of Skilton May 1951
8. Billy Bunter's Benefit.  
March 1969 Price 2/6 reprint of Skilton March 1950
9. Billy Bunter in Brazil.  
June 1970 Price 3/6 (17½p) reprint of Skilton March 1949
10. Bunter the Ventriloquist.  
June 1970 Price 3/6 (17½p) reprint of Cassells Oct 1961
11. Billy Bunter's Bad Luck.  
February 1971 Price 17½p reprint of Magnet 1277
12. Billy Bunter's Bargain.  
Price 17½p reprint of Magnets 1277 - 1284  
(It would appear from adverts and the price that this volume was published in between two stories from the Egyptian series, in itself quite extraordinary. Publishing dates given in Whitakers are also very confusing)
13. Billy Bunter on the Nile.  
Price 20p reprint of Magnet 1282
14. Bunter and the Secret of the Scarab.  
August 1972 Price 20p reprint of Magnet 1283

BEST OF MAGNET AND GEM. THE

Published by Fleetway Publications. 7th July 1967

Price 3/6

Lame Bunter. reprint of Magnet 806

The Barring of Bolsover. reprint of Magnet 890 written  
by Stanley Austin.

BIG PARADE FOR BOYS

Published by Spring Books. c1959

Bad Luck for Billy Bunter. (39) reprint from New Tom Merry's  
Own. September 1950

BILLY BUNTER PICTURE BOOK, THE

Published by Hamilton Museum 1967

Price 15/-

All Through Bunter. reprint of Magnet 1311

Surprising the School. reprint of part of Magnet 364

BILLY BUNTER'S HOLIDAY ANNUAL 1967

Published by Odhams. September 1966.

Price 9/6

Saving Bunter's Bacon. (32) abridgement from Magnet 1614

Prince Bombolo. (Picture Story) reprint from Comet 438-441

Circus Boss Billy. (Picture Story)

BILLY BUNTER'S OWN ANNUAL

Numbers 1 - 3 were published by Mandeville Publications.

Numbers 4 - 8 were published by The Oxenhoath Press and  
distributed by Hultons.

Descriptions for 1 - 3 refer to the dust jackets as the  
actual covers were plain. Descriptions for 4 - 8 were for  
the pictured covers. Page length is given in brackets.

1. September 1953. Price 10/6

(Yellow; Bunter in football gear - shoulder high)

Billy Bunter's Christmas Box. (91)

Bunter Minor's Birthday Cake! (7)

2. September 1954. Price 8/6

(Yellow; Bunter and Co tobogganing)

The Right Thing! (80)

Six for Sammy! (8)

3. September 1955. Price 8/6  
 (Yellow; Bunter at the Hunt falling off horse)  
 Wibley to the Rescue. (72)  
 Too Good to be True! (9)  
 A Spread for Sammy! (12)
4. September 1956. Price 8/6  
 (Red; Bunter cooking over stove)  
 Brainy Bunter. (54)  
 Both Bunter's and a Box: (19)  
 Home for the Hols. (16)  
 Surprise for Sammy! (8)
5. September 1957. Price 8/6  
 (Yellow; The Co seated in sailing boat)  
 The Disappearance of Billy Bunter. (95)  
 Billy Bunter's Boundary. (11)
6. September 1959. Price 8/6  
 (Red; Billy Bunter goes hunting)  
 Was it Bunter? (37)  
 Bunter Turns the Key. (22)  
 Sammy's Snowball. (?)
7. September 1960. Price 8/6  
 (Red; Billy Bunter catches a crab)  
 Coker's Christmas Pudding. (43)  
 Hard Lines. (25)
8. September 1961. Price 8/6  
 (Red; Bunter falling off bike in farm yard)  
 Who Wants Bunter? )  
 French Leave. )  
 The Grey Ventriloquist. ) one story in five separate  
 The Deep End. ) chapters  
 Billy Bunter Owns Up. )

In their research, the authors have found difficulties in locating publishing dates for some of the above annuals.

#### BRISTOL EVENING WORLD

This paper was published six days a week and episodes of the Greyfriars story were reduced to such ridiculously short extracts that at times they were hidden away in odd corners making them hard to find.

23rd April 1949 to 22nd July 1949

The Mystery of Study No 1. reprint greatly abridged  
 Magnet 1271

Illustrations by Tony Hawes.

### BUNTER BOOKS, THE

Charles Skilton conceived the idea for the Bunter Books after seeing the article about Frank Richards in Picture Post in 1946. Much to Mr Skilton's delight when he contacted Frank Richards the latter readily agreed to write for him suggesting the rate to be 30/- per 1000 words. Skilton advocated that he, Richards, took a royalty on the book a suggestion that proved valuable for the latter earned over £1000 instead of his expected £90.

Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School was an immense success and sold 25,000 copies almost immediately, the limit that could be produced at that time.

All the Skilton books were illustrated by R J MacDonald but after his death Cassells engaged C H Chapman to take over and this he did with number 17 Backing Up Billy Bunter.

### Published by Charles Skilton.

1. Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School.

September 1947 Price 5/-.

Due to shortage of paper one edition was printed on very thin paper and was no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick.

2. Billy Bunter's Banknote.

October 1948 Price 7/6

3. Billy Bunter's Barring-Out.

October 1948 Price 7/6

R J MacDonald the artist became seriously ill following an accident in his garden. This meant that publication of numbers 2 and 3 were delayed to some extent and were eventually published at the same time.

4. Billy Bunter in Brazil.

March 1949 Price 7/6

5. Billy Bunter's Christmas Party.

October 1949 Price 7/6

6. Billy Bunter's Benefit.

March 1950 Price 7/6

7. Billy Bunter Among the Cannibals.

September 1950 Price 7/6

8. Billy Bunter's Postal Order.

May 1951 Price 7/6

9. Billy Bunter Butts In.

December 1951 Price 7/6

10. Billy Bunter and the Blue Mauritius.

March 1952 Price 7/6



Published by Cassells.

11. Billy Bunter's Beanfeast.  
November 1952 Price 7/6
12. Billy Bunter's Brain Wave.  
July 1953 Price 7/6
13. Billy Bunter's First Case.  
October 1953 Price 7/6
14. Billy Bunter the Bold.  
March 1954 Price 7/6
15. Bunter Does His Best.  
September 1954 Price 7/6
16. Billy Bunter's Double.  
March 1955 Price 7/6
17. Backing Up Billy Bunter.  
September 1955 Price 7/6
18. Lord Billy Bunter.  
April 1956 Price 7/6  
note: this was the first edition to be numbered.
19. The Banishing of Billy Bunter.  
September 1956 Price 8/6
20. Billy Bunter's Bolt.  
March 1957 Price 8/6
21. Billy Bunter Afloat.  
August 1957 Price 8/6
22. Billy Bunter's Bargain.  
March 1958 Price 8/6
23. Billy Bunter the Hiker.  
August 1958 Price 8/6
24. Bunter Out of Bounds.  
March 1959 Price 8/6
25. Bunter Comes for Christmas.  
September 1959 Price 8/6
26. Bunter the Bad Lad.  
March 1960 Price 9/6
27. Bunter Keeps it Dark.  
August 1960 Price 9/6
28. Billy Bunter's Treasure Hunt.  
March 1961 Price 9/6
29. Billy Bunter at Butlin's.  
June 1961 Price 9/6  
There was also a special Butlin's edition (Butlin's  
Beaver Club) also at 9/6 which was sold at the holiday  
camps. This had a Butlin's dust jacket with an inscription  
inside.

30. Bunter the Ventriloquist.  
October 1961 Price 9/6
31. Bunter the Caravanner.  
March 1962 Price 10/6
32. Billy Bunter's Bodyguard.  
September 1962 Price 10/6
33. Big Chief Bunter.  
March 1963 Price 10/6
34. Just Like Bunter.  
September 1963 Price 11/6
35. Bunter the Stowaway.  
March 1964 Price 11/6
36. Thanks to Bunter.  
September 1964 Price 11/6
37. Bunter the Sportsman.  
April 1965 Price 11/6
38. Bunter's Last Fling.  
September 1965 Price 11/6

#### QUILLER PRESS LTD

This is a reissued set of Bunter Books edited by Kay King and reillustrated. Issued to attract the younger reader and to introduce young people to the writings of Frank Richards. Whilst these books are nicely produced and printed on somewhat better paper than the originals. The popularity will depend entirely on the intended market for they are unlikely to attract diehard readers if only due to the dust jackets and inside illustrations by Victor Ambrus. These revamped drawings have nothing in common with C H Chapman or indeed R J MacDonald who though not a traditional Greyfriars artist worked on early Bunter Books. It is interesting to note that the copyright is given as Frank Richards and Kay King 1982.

Published September 1982 all priced at £4.95 each.

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School. | (Skilton 1947) |
| Bunter Does His Best.              | (Cassell 1954) |
| Billy Bunter's Double.             | (Cassell 1955) |
| Billy Bunter Comes For Christmas   | (Cassell 1959) |

## HOWARD BAKER

Although we stated that as the Howard Baker publications were listed adequately elsewhere we would not duplicate this list, we feel we must make an exception with the four books listed below. These were reset hardcover editions of Schoolboys Own Library's and certainly put them in a different category to the usual facsimilies.

Billy Bunter Gets the Boot.	reprint of S.O.L. 286	Jan 1937
Bunter the Bad Lad.	reprint of S.O.L. 237	Feb 1935
Billy Bunter's Tramp.	reprint of S.O.L. 253	Oct 1935
Billy Bunter's Rebellion.	reprint of S.O.L. 143	Mar 1931

All priced at £4.95

## THE COMET

This comic started by J B Allen and subsequently taken over by Amalgamated Press is one that though disregarded by collectors whilst it was actually being published has suddenly become sought after since its demise. It holds the distinction of reviving Greyfriars on a weekly basis even though the yarns were short and their stay was limited.

85.	4th Mar 1950	Billy Bunter's Bust-Up.
86.	11th Mar 1950	" " " "
87.	18th Mar 1950	" " " "
88.	25th Mar 1950	" " " "
89.	1st Apr 1950	Billy Bunter the Football Star.
90.	8th Apr 1950	" " " " "
91.	15th Apr 1950	" " " " "
92.	22nd Apr 1950	" " " " "
93.	29th Apr 1950	Billy Bunter Limited.
94.	6th May 1950	" " " "
95.	13th May 1950	" " " "
96.	20th May 1950	" " " "

Note: At this point Frank Richards commenced to supply original stories for the Comet.

97.	27th May 1950	Billy Bunter's Tea Party.
98.	3rd June 1950	Stumped.
99.	10th June 1950	Bunter Borrows a Bike.
100.	17th June 1950	Bunter's Fiver.

101. 24th June 1950 Bunter's Brainwave.
102. 1st Jul 1950 Billy Bunter Takes the Cake.
103. 8th Jul 1950 Billy Bunter Comes Unstuck.
104. 15th Jul 1950 Bunter No Likee.
105. 22nd Jul 1950 Hard Lines.
106. 29th Jul 1950 Was It Bunter?
107. 5th Aug 1950 Bunter Becomes Quelchy.
108. 12th Aug 1950 On a Good Thing.
109. 19th Aug 1950 The Upper Hand.
110. 26th Aug 1950 What Bunter Heard.
111. 2nd Sep 1950 How Bunter Caught a Cold.
112. 9th Sep 1950 A Bumper Book for Bunter.
113. 16th Sep 1950 Chocs for Bunter.
114. 23rd Sep 1950 Six for Skinner.
115. 30th Sep 1950 Tempting Billy Bunter.
116. 7th Oct 1950 Fearless Billy Bunter.
117. 14th Oct 1950 Simple Billy Bunter.
118. 21st Oct 1950 Bunter's Revenge.
119. 28th Oct 1950 Bunter Laughs Last.
120. 4th Nov 1950 Fireworks for Bunter.
121. 11th Nov 1950 The Greyfriars Guy.
122. 18th Nov 1950 Billy Bunter and Dutton's Cake.
123. 25th Nov 1950 Billy Bunter's Lucky Day.
124. 2nd Dec 1950 Bunter Owns Up.
125. 9th Dec 1950 The Aim of Billy Bunter.
126. 16th Dec 1950 Billy Bunter's Invitation.
127. 23rd Dec 1950 Billy Bunter's Christmas Party.
128. 30th Dec 1950 Bunter Breaks Through.
129. 6th Jan 1951 Bunter's Artful Dodge.
130. 13th Jan 1951 Two Lovely Black Eyes.
131. 20th Jan 1951 Bunter Takes the Biscuit.
132. 27th Jan 1951 Billy Bunter and Coker's Cake.
133. 3rd Feb 1951 Bunter's Bargain.
134. 10th Feb 1951 Billy Bunter Football Star.
135. 17th Feb 1951 Billy Bunter. (no other title)

#### Picture Stories

186. 9th Feb 1952 to 192. 22nd Mar 1952

The Exploits of Billy Bunter.

Note: Billy Bunter was also featured in the Claude and Cuthbert strip in No 191.

(Comet now Magnet size)

193. 29th Mar 1952 to 201. 24th May 1952

Billy Bunter Goes West.

202. 31st May 1952 to 203. 7th Jun 1952  
Billy Bunter.
204. 14th Jun 1952 to 206. 28th Jun 1952  
Billy Bunter's Birthday Party.
207. 5th Jul 1952 to 210. 26th Jul 1952  
The Worst Boy at Greyfriars.
211. 2nd Aug 1952 to 215. 30th Aug 1952  
Horace Coker's Motor Bike.
216. 6th Sep 1952 to 222. 18th Oct 1952  
The New Boys Secret.
223. 25th Oct 1952 to 227. 22nd Nov 1952  
Alonzo the Clown.
228. 29th Nov 1952 to 230. 13th Dec 1952  
Pennies from Heaven.
231. 20th Dec 1952 to 234. 10th Jan 1953  
The Greyfriars Ghost.
235. 17th Jan 1953 to 240. 21st Feb 1953  
The Greyfriars Rebellion.
- Picture Stories illustrated by C H Chapman and based on  
original stories from the Magnet.
407. 5th May 1956 to 413. 16th Jun 1956  
The Famous Five.  
(Jim Lee) Magnets 781 to 784
414. 23rd Jun 1956 to 419. 28th Jul 1956  
The Famous Five.  
(Mr Carneforth) Magnets 743 to 745
420. 4th Aug 1956 to 425. 8th Sep 1956  
(Clifford Levison)
426. 15th Sep 1956 to 437. 1st Dec 1956  
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
(Mick the Gipsy) Magnets 819 to 823
438. 8th Dec 1956 to 441. 29th Dec 1956  
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
(Prince Bombobo)
442. 5th Jan 1957 to 444. 19th Jan 1957  
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
(Bunter the Hypnotist)
445. 26th Jan 1957 to 449. 23rd Feb 1957  
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
(Coker's Motor Bike)

450. 2nd Mar 1957 to 453. 23rd Mar 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Lame Bunter)
454. 30th Mar 1957 to 461. 18th May 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Coker's Motor Bike - a further adventure)
463. 1st Jun 1957 to 465. 15th Jun 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Mr Chesham)
466. 22nd Jun 1957 to 477. 7th Sep 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Jimmy Vivian and Pengarth)
478. 14th Sep 1957 to 480. 28th Sep 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Dumb Bunter)
481. 5th Oct 1957 to 483. 19th Oct 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Thin Bunter)
484. 26th Oct 1957 to 485. 23rd Nov 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Billy in disguise as Bessie)
486. 9th Nov 1957 to 488. 23rd Nov 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Bunter finds some treasure)
489. 30th Nov 1957 to 490. 7th Dec 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Billy Bunter Detective)
491. 14th Dec 1957 to 493. 28th Dec 1957  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Bunter's attempt to visit Wharton  
 Lodge for Xmas)
494. 4th Jan 1958 to 496. 18th Jan 1958  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Bunter inks Quelch by mistake)

New artist.

506. 29th Mar 1958 to 511. 3rd May 1958  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Skinner steals Quelch's History of  
 Greyfriars and Wharton is blamed)
512. 10th May 1958 to 513. 17th May 1958  
 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.  
 (Bunter buys a bedstead at an auction)

514. 24th May 1958 to 516. 7th Jun 1958

Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.

(Bunter enters a competition for a bike and the 'Co' send him a penny farthing)

517. 14th Jun 1958 to 518. 21st Jun 1958

Billy Bunter of Greyfriars.

(Bunter receives a hamper and after he is sick he is made to stop being greedy)

#### FOUR SQUARE BOOKS

Another orthodox type paper back that had little success.

1. Billy Bunter's Beanfeast.  
May 1963. Price 2/6. reprint of Cassells 1952
2. Billy Bunter Butts In.  
July 1963. Price 2/6. reprint of Skilton 1951

#### FRENCH'S ACTING EDITIONS

A play published by Samuel French Ltd. 1960

Billy Bunter's Mystery Christmas.

A comedy by Maurice McLoughlin. Based on the play produced at the Palace Theatre, London 27th December 1958.

#### KNOCKOUT

It is not practical to list the adventures of Billy Bunter in the Knockout due to the fact that they were of a comic strip format as opposed to picture stories, however it is worth recording some details about the Bunter strip that appeared in the first nine issues of Knockout, drawn by C H Chapman, the Magnet artist. Around 1939 Chapman had drawn a few strip pages for the Magnet, and it was felt that here was the ideal type of picture strip for the new venture. Readers of Magnet were urged to read these new picture strips in Knockout, whilst readers of the latter were advised to read the full-length Bunter stories appearing in Magnet. Chapman's illustrations could not be faulted, amusing picture stories of authentic Greyfriars incidents that even the most ardent story paper fan would enjoy. Unfortunately, there was a snag. Chapman could not keep up this two-page strip on a weekly schedule with his Magnet work as well. As any artist knows, it takes much longer and

requires far more painstaking detail, to draw panels featuring human figures, than the quick slick type of cartoon drawing.

Consequently, after only nine instalments, Knockout had to find a new artist. Several were tried but without much conviction. Then the editors decided that as Billy Bunter was an extremely amusing character, there was no earthly reason why he should not appear in comic strip format. Frank Minnitt, who happened to be in the editors office just at the right moment, was then given the job of producing weekly two-page strips of the famous fat boy. After a slow beginning where he was required to emulate Chapman, he gradually brought into his work his own ideas of the character, broader and more slapstick, and the picture count was increased to twelve per page. In time, many comic readers identified Minnitt's version as the only true likeness of Frank Richards' creation. Most of the weekly episodes dealt with Bunter's greed and his misdeeds against his deadly foe, Mr Quelch, form-master of the Remove. By 1942 Minnitt had eliminated Harry Wharton and the Famous Five and introduced another foil in the small shape of Jones Minor, a bespectacled youth who looked more like a Third Former than a fellow Removite! Jones was a 'swot', an intellectual contrasting with Bunter's thick-headedness.

The Magnet itself finished suddenly due to paper shortage on 18 May 1940. Readers stranded in mid-air at the start of a new series of stories were surprised to see a caption printed in big letters across the top of the Knockout dated 1 June; "This Is the Magnet Too!" The official incorporation changing the title to Knockout and Magnet occurred in the 15 June issue. The readership of the Magnet was roughly in the 12 to 18 year old group, ranging upwards to include many adults who were readers from childhood. In its heyday, there was no doubt that Magnet was an extremely popular paper with a circulation of 250,000 at its peak. Over the years, and especially in the Thirties, it had gradually declined due to the growing popularity of the D C Thomson "Big Five". By 1940 its circulation was down to the 83,000 mark.

The stories of Frank Richards were all exceedingly well written, and were of a far higher standard than usually found in boys fiction. Most readers had long put comics behind them, and it was in a sense completely unrealistic



for the Knockout editor to expect them to revert from high-class fiction to comic strips. It is conceded that some very young Magnet readers may have enjoyed at least the Bunter strips by Chapman, but on the whole the majority of readers considered them an insult to their intelligence. As there were at least four completed stories in hand when Magnet closed, it would have been far more sensible to have printed these in shorter instalments in the Knockout. This would have gained for them a number of the old Magnet readers. As it was, many of them were outraged by the whole affair. The stories in hand were never used, and they were lost, it is claimed, when an A.P. director died. As they had been paid for, it was a complete loss to the company. Roy Nash, a film critic and ardent Magnet fan, writing in a Forces newspaper, compared the new strip cartoon Bunter to "like a pale NAAFI teacake of a character": Many others who were tempted to buy a copy of Knockout with the alluring subtitle probably gnashed their teeth with rage at reading about Jone Minor, never a Richards character, and seeing mention of Harry Wharton's sister, when the fellow was known to be an only child! There was also at times incredible dialogue: Mr Bunter calling Mr Quelch "Quelchy", and times when the form-master held out his hand for the school fees! Unheard of things in the carefully structured Frank Richards set-up.

On the other hand the editor of Knockout could easily have made the valid point that his new paper was of the modern format and he was catering for a complete new generation of young readers. There was no room for the old sentiment and besides within its first year of publication Knockout's sales were at least six times that of the Magnet and were rising all the time. In the Fifties, when paper shortage had reduced Bunter to a single page Minnitt was able to get commissions on other comics.

Minnitt was a prolific and reliable worker, always on schedule and often many weeks in advance with the strip. Other artists work was held in reserve in case he fell ill but the contributions never seemed to have been used. Cyril Price and Wally Robertson both submitted Bunter strips and Denis Gifford contributed strips and layouts for a number of Minnitt strips.

Readers may wonder what the reaction of creator Charles Hamilton was on seeing his famous fat boy in strip form.

Curiously, he never made any comment at all! But it is interesting to note that he was paid an honorarium of £5 per week each time the strip appeared, for 22 years right up to his death in 1961. Amusingly enough (but not to the artist) Hamilton was receiving more than the artist himself back in 1940, though by 1950 inflation had eroded this away. Frank Minnitt died in the summer of 1958: in 1961 Knockout was renamed Billy Bunter's Knockout...a tribute Minnitt never knew.

#### KNOCKOUT FUN BOOK

1941 published 1940

##### Billy Bunter the Fattest Schoolboy on Earth.

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter attends a fancy dress party as the 'Moaning Musketeer' (4)
2. Billy runs away to sea but ends up clapped in irons. (4)
3. Quelchy and his boys are camping in the country but Bunter falls foul of Farmer Giles. (3)
4. Bunter buys a strong cheese and buries it outside the school and the plumber is called in to check the drains. (4)

1942 published 1941 Price 4/-

##### Billy Bunter the Fattest Schoolboy on Earth.

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter is dismayed because he hasn't been selected to play in a cricket match but he locks Quelchy in the boxroom and takes his place as last man in. (4)
2. Nugent refuses to play the Fairy Queen in the panto and does a bunk. As there is a free feed after the show Bunter takes his place. (4)
3. After seeing a workman cooking sausages while he watched a hole, Bunter decides there must be big money in it and digs his own hole - and strikes the water main. (3)
4. Bunter blues the three pounds sent from home to buy clothes on tick. Quelchy knew about the money and Bunter has a jumble sale to collect the money back. (4)

1943 published 1942

##### Billy Bunter the Fattest Schoolboy on Earth.

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. A monster Christmas pudding arrives at the school and the boy who guesses the correct weight gets the 'pud'. (4)
2. A pancake is to be tossed in the gym and the boy who gets

the biggest piece will receive a guinea. (4)

3. Bunter has the winning number in the draw and borrows Quelchy's bike to collect the prize, but on the way the bike is ruined. (4)
4. As a punishment Bunter is set to work in Quelchy's rose garden and Bunter makes money by selling the roses. (4)

1944 published 1943

Billy Bunter the Fattest Schoolboy on Earth.

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter gets mixed up with the theft of a bag of pennies from an automatic chocolate machine. (4)
2. While the local sweeps are on strike Bunter decides to clean chimneys and earn himself some money. (4)

1945 published 1944

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter catches Ned the Pic-nic Pincher and earns a picnic basket of goodies. (4)
2. All the boys receive grub for their Xmas presents but Bunter gets a pair of beastly shoes. (4)  
(1st strip without captions below)
3. Quelchy and the boys go blackberrying in the woods but Bunter gets the lot and starts making jam. (4)

1946 published 1945 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter goes hunting for rabbit skins after seeing top prices offered. (4)
2. Bunter persuades Jones minor to buy a pear tree but Quelchy rips it out. (4)
3. Quelchy arranges a school concert and Bunter does a strong man act. (4)  
(there is also a story entitled 'Billy Bunter's Story' but it is actually a story of St.Sam's)

1947 published 1946 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. When Quelchy takes the boys swimming he is chased by a man he has hit thinking he was Bunter. (4)
2. After losing a pound note that his dad has sent him, Bunter finds a rare book for which a collector gives him £2. (4)
3. A gorilla grabs Bunter at the zoo and steals his clothes and Bunter is mistaken for the gorilla. (4)

1948 published 1947 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Billy Bunter Film Star. (4)

2. Billy Bunter - Nightwatchman. (4)

3. Billy Bunter's Good Deed. (4)

1949 published 1948 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt. Captions under pictures.

1. Bunter the Rich. (4)

2. Bunter at the Ball. (4)

1950 published 1949 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter and Jones Minor are the hares in a paper chase and after cheating by climbing into a van they land themselves in trouble with some robbers. (4)

2. Bunter wins Quelchy's raffle by putting his name on all the slips. (4)

1951 published 1950 Price 6/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter tries to get Jones minor's doughnuts but ends up with a handful of worms. (4)

2. Bunter tries to hang a painting he has done on the wall with disastrous results. (4)

3. Bunter tries to make money by selling his old clothes but after they fall in a dustcart Quelchy makes him wash the lot. (4)

4. After Bunter complains that he's not in the cricket team Quelchy gives him a place and the team loses. (4)

1952 published 1951 Price 7/-

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Quelch send the boys out for healthy exercise and after being caught sleeping Bunter manages to get the contents of the hamper. (4)

2. After seeing sign 'Good prices given for Foreign Stamps', Bunter steals Quelchy's collection and sells them to a friend of Quelchy's. (4)

3. Quelch discovers that Bunter has raided the pantry and punishes him. Bunter wrecks the study of the boy who gave him away but by mistake wrecks his own. (4)

1953 published 1952 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter believes Todd and Jones Minor are off to Courtfield to collect some grub but after scaring them in the woods he finds he has a bag of chicken food. (4)

2. Bunter steals Jones Minor's grub from his cupboard but Quelchy catches him through a secret hole in back of cupboard. (4)

3. Bunter buys a book 'How to Compel Others' and then compels others to give him food but Quelchy is too much for him. (2½)
4. Bunter hears Quelchy say that a newcomer from the East is to be given a tasty meal on arrival so Bunter arrives as an Indian. (3)

1954 published 1953 Price 7/-

comic strip by

1. Bunter the Sportsman. (20)

written story

Billy Bunter on the Warpath. by Frank Richards

1955 published 1954 Price 7/-

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter decides that if he can stop the school bell from ringing he'll have an excuse to go on snoozing. (2½)
2. Quelch sends boys outside to study but Bunter has jam tarts in his satchel not books. (2½)
3. A heavyweight is required for the school boxing team and the boys try and persuade Bunter he is the man. (2½)

text

Alonzo's Knotty Problem. (4½)

Cherry's Luck. (4½)

written story

Billy Bunter Not Guilty.

1956 published 1955 Price 7/6

comic strip by Selby Donnison

Billy Bunter Barges In. (10)

written story

'Bravo, Bunter'. (11)

#### KNOCKOUT ANNUAL

1957 published 1956 Price 7/6

comic strip with Bunter drawn by Minnitt but other characters by another artist.

Billy Bunter's Birthday Party. (16)

written story

Billy Bunter and the Bounder. (11) illustrated Mike Western

Bunter's Best Seller. (5) by William George Bunter.

title drawn by Minnitt but another artist did the rest.

text

Billy Bunter's Kookery Quiz. (1)

1958 published 1957 Price 7/6

comic strips

1. Bunter is after Quelchy's special lunch which turns out

to be two slices of carrot. (4) Frank Minnitt

2. Christmas at Greyfriars. (12) Tony Weave (reprint from  
text Comet)

Billy Bunter's Kookery Kwiz. (1)

1959 published 1958 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. Bunter tries to use hypnotic powers to get Quelchy to give him the answers to the maths exam. (5)
2. Bunter attempts to become a trumpet player and later a barber. (5)
3. Bunter sets himself up in business - 'Bags Presd Wile Yu Wate'. (5)
4. Quelchy sets Bunter a mathematical problem about bricks and bricklaying and Bunter decides to find the answer at a building site. (5)

1960 published 1959 Price 7/6

comic strips by Frank Minnitt

1. After Bunter declares to Jones Minor that he has no nerves Jones tricks Bunter with a balloon. Bunter tries to use the fact that he has had a shock for staying in bed. (3)
2. In order to claim a £5 reward for the return of a black cat Bunter and Jones Minor catch every black cat in Courtfield. (3)
3. Billy and Bessie go carol singing and Quelchy and the boys are attacked with snowballs by the pupils of a girls school. (3)
4. Billy believes Bessie has the winning ticket for a raffle for a box of cakes and enveigles this out of her.

1961 published 1960 8/6

first three strips by Reg Parlett last strip unknown.

1. When Bunter decides to run away he meets up with a tramp. (3)
2. Bunter helps himself to the food in Quelchy's study intended for the masters tea party. (3)
3. Bunter becomes a conjuror and the cream buns belonging to Wharton & Co vanish. (3)
4. It is a new rule that masters over 70 must retire so Bunter and Skinner try and prove Quelchy is over age. (3)

text

Billy Bunter's Tuck Teasers. (9 puzzle pictures)

Billy Bunter Writes Agane. (4) parody by W G Bunter

1962 published 1961 8/6

comic strips by unknown artist in style of Reg Parlett

1. Bunter believes Quelchy is being blackmailed.
2. Bunter trying various wheezes to get hold of tuck.

## LOOK AND LEARN

Published weekly by Amalgamated Press Ltd.

These stories were reprinted from the Magnet and were drastically pruned. Freddie Lidstone, the editor found that there was no reader reaction to the series and therefore was forced into dropping it.

Bunter's Prize Essay reprinted from Magnet 1054  
and written by W Catchpole

91. 12th Oct 1963 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School.
92. 19th Oct 1963 Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School.
93. 26th Oct 1963 Bunter's Mystery Money.
94. 2nd Nov 1963 Bunter Bowled Out.

Bunter's Barring Out. reprinted from Magnet  
802 and written by an  
unknown substitute writer.

95. 9th Nov 1963 Bunter the Bandit.
96. 16th Nov 1963 Bunter Runs Away.
97. 23rd Nov 1963 Bunter the Sailor.
98. 30th Nov 1963 Tracking Down Bunter.
99. 7th Dec 1963 Bunter Under Siege.
100. 14th Dec 1963 Bunter the Hero.

Muccolini's Circus.

101. 21st Dec 1963 Bunter the Lion Tamer.
102. 28th Dec 1963 Bunter the Lion Tamer.
103. 4th Jan 1964 Billy Bunter's Temptation.
104. 11th Jan 1964 Lion at Large.
105. 18th Jan 1964 Bunter to the Rescue.

## MAGNET No 1. FACSIMILE

Published by Fleetway Publications. August 1965 Price 1/6  
This was published with a wrapper giving a short account  
of Frank Richards and Greyfriars by W O G Lofts.

## MERLIN BOOKS

Another orthodox paperback published by Paul Hamlyn.

1. Billy Bunter's Big Top.  
September 1967. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 201
2. Billy Bunter and the Man from South America.  
September 1967. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 73
3. Billy Bunter and the School Rebellion.  
September 1967. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 191

4. Billy Bunter and the Secret Enemy.  
September 1967. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 195
5. Billy Bunter and the Crooked Captain.  
March 1968. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 197
6. Billy Bunter's Convict.  
March 1968. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 211
7. Billy Bunter - Sportsman.  
June 1968. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 83
8. Billy Bunter and the Bank Robber.  
June 1968. Price 2/6. reprinted from S O L 175

NEW TARGET BOOK FOR BOYS

Published by Spring Books. 1960

Just Like Bunter. reprinted from Tom Merry's Own Sep 1953

TOM MERRY'S ANNUAL

Published by Mandeville Publications.

Billy Bunter for Christmas. (47)

New Tom Merry's Own. September 1950. Cover: Ghost and a burglar.

Bad Luck for Billy Bunter. (47)

Tom Merry's Own. September 1951. Cover: Seven shields.

The Ghost of Billy Bunter. (70)

Tom Merry's Own. September 1952. Cover: St Jim's and Greyfriars having a snowball fight.

The Rebel of Greyfriars. (80)

Tom Merry's Own. September 1953. Cover: Football goalmouth.

Just Like Bunter. (49)

Tom Merry's Own. September 1954. Cover: Schoolboys skating.

YAROOH!

Published by Eyre Methuen. 1976 Price £4.50

Exit Bunter. (11)

Published from an incomplete manuscript intended for Magnet 1688

Hard Lines. (14)

reprinted from Billy Bunter's Own Annual 1960

Billy Bunter's Boundary. (8)

reprinted from Billy Bunter's Own Annual 1957

Billy Bunter's Booby-Trap. (7)

script of a radio play

Bunter the Hypnotist. (11)

script of a television play



WONDER BOOK OF COMICS, THE

Published by Odhams Press. circa 1949

Billy Bunter's Booby-Trap.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS WRITTEN BY MAURICE MC LOUGHLIN

1958. Billy Bunter's Mystery Christmas.

(Palace Theatre. London)

1959. Billy Bunter Flies Fast.

(Victoria Palace)

1960. Billy Bunter's Swiss Roll.

(Victoria Palace)

1961. Billy Bunter Shipwrecked.

(Victoria Palace)

1962. Billy Bunter's Christmas Circus.

(Queens Theatre)

1963. Billy Bunter Meets Magic.

(Shaftsbury Theatre)

TELEVISION PLAYS ON B.B.C.1

With Gerald Campion as Bunter.

19th Feb 1952. 1. The Siege of the Remove.

26th Feb 1952. 2. The Report.

4th Mar 1952. 3. Bunter's Christmas Party.

11th Mar 1952. 4. Bunter's Postal Order.

18th Mar 1952. 5. Bunter's Bicycle.

25th Mar 1952. 6. A Piece of Cake.

7th Jul 1953. 7. Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School.

9th Jul 1955. 8. Bunter on the Run.

23rd Jul 1955. 9. Bunter the Hypnotist.

6th Aug 1955. 10. Lord Billy Bunter.

20th Aug 1955. 11. Bunter Forgot.

3rd Sep 1955. 12. Bunter Takes the Blame.

17th Sep 1955. 13. Bunter Knows How.

3th Jun 1959. 14. Bunter's Bargain. 16th Jul 1960. 22. Bunter the Hypnotist.  
 7th Jun 1959. 15. Bunter's Burglar. 30th Jul 1960. 23. Brainy Bunter.  
 1th Jul 1959. 16. Phoney Bunter. 13th Aug 1960. 24. Bunter Knows How.  
 8th Jul 1959. 17. Bunter's Birchling. 20th Aug 1960. 25. Lord Billy Bunter.  
 1st Aug 1959. 18. Bunter Spells Trouble. 27th Aug 1960. 26. Bunter's Bicycle.  
 5th Aug 1959. 19. Bunter's Bullseye's. 3rd Sep 1960. 27. Toffee-Hunter Bunter.  
 9th Aug 1959. 20. Treasure Hunter Bunter. 17th Sep 1960. 28. Bunter Won't Go.  
 5th Sep 1959. 21. Bunter's Bedtime Story. 24th Sep 1960. 29. Bunter's Party.

20th May 1961. 30. Backing Up Bunter.  
 27th May 1961. 31. Bold Bunter.  
 3rd Jun 1961. 32. Double Bunter.  
 10th Jun 1961. 33. Hunter Bunter.  
 17th Jun 1961. 34. Stowaway Bunter.  
 24th Jun 1961. 35. Bunter Goes to Cairo.  
 1st Jul 1961. 36. Bunter Goes to Venice.  
 15th Jul 1961. 37. Bunter Goes to Naples.  
 22nd Jul 1961. 38. Bunter Goes to Nice.

Some Other Principal Works Concerning Greyfriars School -

The Autobiography of Frank Richards. Pub. Charles Skilton  
 10/6d 1952. Memorial edition re-issued 25/- 1962  
 Greyfriars School - A Prospectus. By J.S. Dutcher.  
 30/- 1965. Published Cassell, Ltd.  
 Gramophone Record "Floreat Greyfriars" December 1965. 32/-  
 Long playing 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  r.p.m. No. 3355X/1784. Columbia  
 Side 1: "Greyfriars Remembered"  
 Side 2: Personal Reminiscences of Frank Richards  
 The World Of Frank Richards By W.O.G. Lofts & B.J. Adley  
 Greyfriars For Grown-Ups By Laurie Sutton  
 McCall's Greyfriars Guide By Peter McCall  
 The Magnet Companion 1971 A Directory  
 The Magnet Companion 1977 A Directory  
 Greyfriars Map - in book-mark form and in large format for wall-mounting  
 (All above published by Howard Baker, Ltd.)

Yaroooooh ! By Giles Brandreth. Published by Hyre Methuen  
 £4.50 1976.

Charles Hamilton Museum Series

Volume 1 The History of The Magnet and Gem  
 Volume 2 The Greyfriars Characters  
 Volume 3 Centenary Edition - 1876-1976 (of Frank Richards)

(The above three items published privately by Museum Press, Maidstone)

Further Notes: