

## Charles Burgess Fry (1872- 1956)

*The Kingsfield Book of Remembrance* makes reference to C.B. Fry coaching cricket at college.

Considering Madame Österberg's interest in procuring the best coaches for her students, C.B. Fry's appointment does not appear to be surprising.

C.B. Fry was the step-father of Sybil Hoare (1906). Sybil was educated at Wycombe Abbey before she entered Madame Bergman Österberg's Physical Training College, but her family situation was scandalous for that era. Her mother, Beatrice Holme-Sumner had conducted an affair, from the age of fifteen, with a Charles Hoare, and as a result, Sybil was born in 1894, her brother Keith, in 1890. This was considered disgraceful at the time.

When Sybil entered college, in 1904, her mother had married C.B. Fry and the college *Record Book* lists Mrs Fry as Sybil's mother.

Perhaps Madame felt the step-father of a student was a safe person to coach her students, or was merely impressed by his brilliance.

When he retired in 1941 he had made over 30,000 runs in first class cricket matches and C.B. Fry was a nationally known figure.

His grave stone has the inscription:

*C B Fry 1872-1956. Cricketer, Scholar, Athlete, Author – The Ultimate All Rounder*