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ALL SCHOOLS HAVE LOOS,

SCRUFFY ONES CAN MEAN

SCRUFFY SCHOOLS

(The Observer Supplement)

EDITORIAL

We are sad to announce that an accident occured during the selling of the last issue of Cactus and both copies were misplaced. If found please return them to the Cactus office.

The last issue went went like hot cakes. (people ate them?) and this time wefre hoping to get rid of them as quickly.

Our column 'The ~~Wal~~ Walls Have Ears' has made us innumerable friends and we are sure that you will soon be thumbing through this paper to see who's been hit by a ~~obeious~~ ~~lie~~ revealing truth.

We are still waiting for some constructive critisizm and notes that read with such encouraging comments as "Give it up!" and "My little brother writes better than you do" don't really help us to improve.

But anyway we are not deterred(much).

Would anybody who has read 'Black Doom' and understood it please come and explain it to the Cactus staff(Only a joke Scott).

signed,
Miss Spelling Glottal Stop
Mustapha Gossip
Gladys Gruntfuttock
(Deceased)
Scotch Clutchpenny
Well before Head boy
Mr Dyslexia
luv,
John.

MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF SCHOOL.

My first impressions of Wandsworth school were that the big boys went round kicking your head in and throwing you over a wall into mud. I thought the dinners would be like Pedigree chum and minced morcels(Ed. They are!) I thought the teachers walked round with canes hitting you. I thought games would be bad and you had to have an ice cold shower and came out like an ice cube. I also thought the the P.E. teachers made you do 500 press-ups. I thought we would do about 2000 lines if we talked.

But my first impressions were wrong.

N. Morris.

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My first impressions of Wandsworth School were that I thought there would be plenty of bullying and that boys would take their footballs and kick them at you.

The first time I went in for dinner, I thought the cooks put ghastly things in the dinners, like worms under the lettuce, and flies on the greens. The worse thing about going for school dinners is trying to get in the dinner hall, because you have to que up. If you get there before anybody else you're liable to be squashed to a pulp by the 2nd-5th years and most of the 6th years. However that is not all true, because ~~x~~ they don't bully you, (well at least only sometimes). The cooks don't put things in your dinners, but the bit about the boys squashing you is quite true. If you're at the back of the que you're alright and if that doesn't convince you, come and find out. Well thats what they do in the day but in the night they have special parents evenings and in the afternoon, after school they show films. The films I've seen at this school are: Monty-Python and the Holy Grail, That'll be the Day, Little Big Man and Beneath the Planet of the Apes.

Well that's all from me, I hope you enjoy it here.

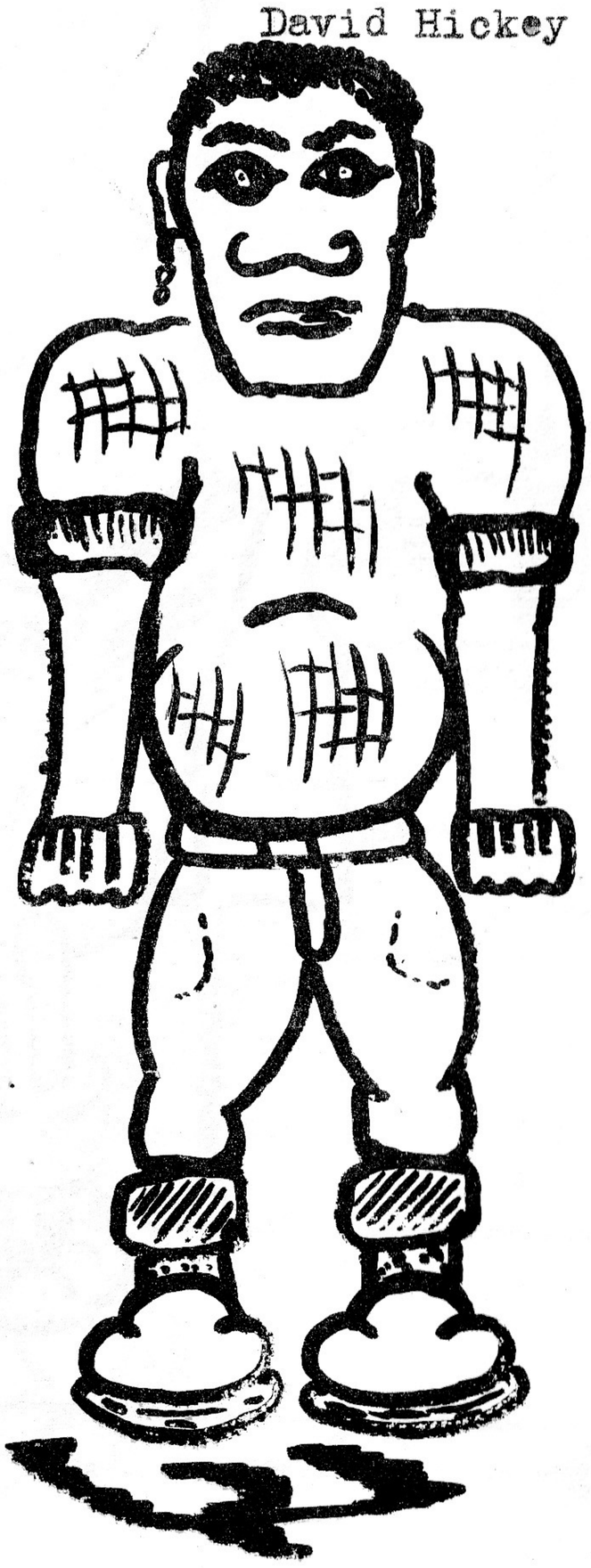
~~Max~~ D, Richards.

Bullies

In Wandsworth School I think that ~~I am~~ most of my friends are nice, but most of all thre is a few bullies I myself don't care what creed or race they are. Sometimes I think that I am standing and talking to the biggest bullie but it is hard to tell. I see kids ~~ge~~ getting bullied every day, not once but twice. They ask for money mostly, as low as ½p to 10p.

Surely something can be done.

David Hickey



Glad's column



Characters from history. King John. 1167 to 1216

John was the youngest child of Henry 11nd. He was his old man's favourite and the little yob was a spoilt brat. He is famous for signing a little note called the Magna Charta and losing his old mans territory in France after a great ding-dong at a place called Bouvines, in 1214.

DEAR BUTTER (AS OPPOSED TO MARGE)

Dear cButter,

Ihave a mad crush on a small, pretty English teacher and I don't know what I should do about it. Can you advise me please?

Signed,
Enamoured.

Butter says; Please leave Mr. Polhill alone, he's a mmarried man!

Dear Butter,

Iam totally unmusical, cannot play a musical instrument but would very much like to perform at the April Fools concert. What should I do?

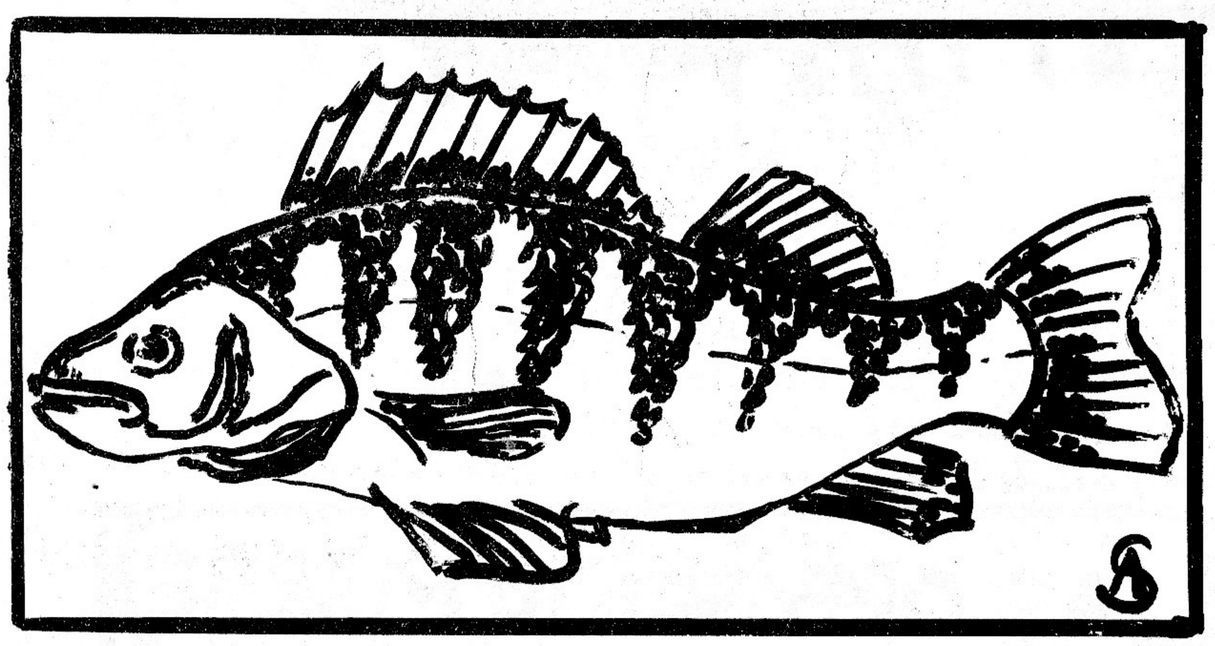
Signed,
Yehudi(@s)

Butter says: Go and play anyway, I doubt if anybody will notice.

Fishing Around Wandsworth

If you are a masachist and have read our last artticle on the Pen Ponds, you will have realised that fishing around Wandsworth is better than generally beleived. In this esteemed water, Pike are not the only fish which appears in abundance. In these murky depths, are various snags, concealing 2oz monsters of disease-ridden Stickleback and Pir-
annah. Seriously though, contained in the Pen Ponds are exeelent quality specimens which, unfortunately will only feed avidly in warmer weather. Scaly-covered friends whichare caught in winter will either be dead, dying or just daft. (For example Paul (Dreger) Doubledee sat for 13 hours in winter teaching mangalised maggots to swim while being impaled on a hook. Ah well such is dedication! But this same mindless idiot managed to catch almost 80 Perch and Roach last summer! (Or so he tells me)). Difficult as it is to beleive Roach and Perch need specific methods to catch them i.e. using Jaws as live-bait might prove unsuccessful, but would add variety to the normal diversion of thoughtful Punk Rockers hurling bricks to the ducks. So consequently each fish will be dealt with seperately.

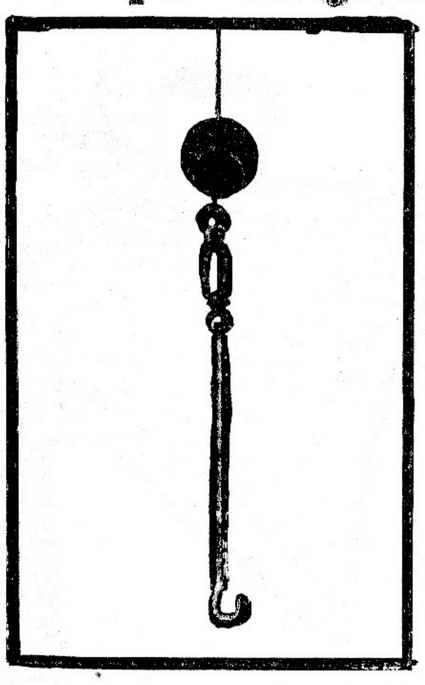
THE PERCH.



The Perch themselves vary in size from .005oz to1431bs reputedly caught from the Pen Ponds by Paul(My scales are faulty)Doubledee 4K. But despite these valid claims, the record only stands at 41b 12oz. The Perch once haunted all waters, but after a mysterious desease these striped-predators have all but dissapeared.

This slimy, waste-disposal unit will consume anything you care to bombard it with.

But before you try squeezing your neighbours cat on the hook, there are baits that do work better.
For example these large-mouthed vacuum-cleaners will accept a ledgered worm more readily than a freelined Octopus or your Grans false teeth.



Unfortunatly this does not mean theymare easy to catch, in fact without the registered Jack Hargreaves Leger rig this is almost impossible:
1 Beachcaster Rod,
1 Intrepid Reel,
1 mile of cotton,
1 Anchor.
Stir thoroughly and simmer for 20 mins.

The diagram doesn't represent what it seems to, believe it or not it's a badly-drawn leger rig. The distance between the weight and hook varies depending on how the fish are feeding. If they avoid the bait as though it had rabies (it probably has) lengthen the distance to about two feet.

The hook size also varies, depending on the bait used. i.e. maggots, -16-20, worms-12-16, Ron Bedford-anchor.
The weight also varies, depending on how far you are fishing from the bank Most instances ¼ozs. -⅛ozs. weights should suffice.
Unfortunately without a bite-indicator striking is slightly hit and miss. One way of solving this problem is with a swing-tip (preferably attached to the rod). This was invented in the 1960s by Jack Clayton to try and improve Fenland Legering methods. It is best used against a target-board, or the end painted yellow, otherwise it will not be distinguishable from the background.
Cast out about twenty yards and reel in the line until the swing-tip is at about 125 degrees to the line. Spinning for Perch can be done in the same way as for Pike.

created by,

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ALBUM REVIEW "GRADUATION"

This is the first and very impressive album from the find of the seventies. 2THE SENSATIONAL BUB-BUBBISTO BAND" They write their own music and this record captures their immaculate and electrifying original presentation. On this album RAY MEDIALvaries his wide ranging vocalistic talents superbly. Guitarist, SLIPS McGEE, is big on the tricky guitar solos and he is a fine musician..The thunderous heavy background beat flows incessantly from the sticks of, STICKS McGEE. To round off this fine musical outfit is BIG J.C. on keyboards.
I think the best track on this superb album is an outrageous heavy metal xversion of the piano classic, "Walk in the Black Forest". This record sees the band at their devastating best. I hope this sets the band on the road to success as they deserve and they should take their place alongside the greats by achieving astronomical success.

HERE IS A SAMPLE OF THEIR MUSIC...

[redacted]

The Squealer's Song

(To the famous cresta song)
Dedicated to (CRYPTIC CLUE) Iwith
Big Heed or Whitbread.

Baby I will (ooh bee doo)
Your ever squealing man
Give me a secret I just can't keep
or put me in the can.
(Bub Bub Bawooo)

I'm the Squealer Man.
(Bub bee doo bub, bub bee doo bub)

I only squeal to teachers (ooooh)
Cause man ~~kkxix~~ they're really
rough.
But when it comes to squealing
Here's one squealer, who just can't
Squeal enough.
(Bub Bub Bawooo)
I'm a Squealer Man.

BUB-BUB BISTO BAND MUSIC
copyright 1977.
Producer; Mickey Taker
Manager: Mr. Bistollis
ASYLUM RECORDS, Grawy Cabel½

COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

YOUTH CLUBS.

Ackroydon Youth Club,
Ackroydon Hall,
Montfort Place, S.W.19.

Sundays & Wednesdays	8-10pm.m (13-18yrs.)
Tuesday	7-10p.m. (8-18yrs)
Friday	7-9p.m.) (8-18)

Leader: Miss D.Boyd
25, Tarver Road, S.E.17.

'50-50' Youth Club,
(St. Paul's Youth Association.)
St. Paul's Hall,
Inner Park Road, S.W.19.

Sunday	7.30-10p.m. (12-20)

Leader: Mr. T.Woolgar,
331c , Upper Richmond Road,
S.W.15 5X6.

Orbit Youth Club.
(above address)

Thursday: 6.15-9.30p.m.
(7-20yrs,)
Friday: 7-8p.m.
(7-8p.m.)

Leader: Mr. Woolgar.
(address as above)

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THIS TOO?

Marie Antoinette and Jayne Mansfield had identical bust measurements.

If the British National Debt were stacked in £1 notes the pile would exceed 2500 miles.

Thieves in London have a turnover of about £1 per second.

More than 1000 million fish fingers aremeaten in Britain every year.

An American child need be only a moderate television viewer to have been exposed to 80,000 commercials by the age of 16 yrs.

FILM THINGS

BY S.MANNING.

Recently people have been coming up to me and asking where I get my information from. I'm not telling! After all, if I did noone would want to read this column. (What do you mean no one-does anyway?!!.....I do!)

*The bit of news this issue is that there is to be a new David Bowie science fiction film, called 'Zero Hour'.

*Tom Baker, (Doctor Who), has been given the film rights to 'The Doctor', for two years. Baker has already writen a script for the film himself and has already chosen a director and the film site.

There is however one problem; he can't get the £500,000 needed to make the film from any of the major producers. This could have meant that we would have been denied the chance to see a 'Doctor Who' film, but Tom Baker has an idea to solve this problem. His plan is to sell shares in the film at £5 a time, to anybody willing to help. If you are interested in this, or would like more information, write to:

Tom Baker (Dr. Who film), C/O
B.B.C. T.V. Centre, Wood Lane
London, W.12.

If the film does get off the ground Vincent Price will be playing the Doctor's ANTAGONIST.

*A Boy And His Dog' IS a new science fiction film based on a short story by Harlan Ellison. The story concerns the symbiotic relationship between man and animal; (a relationship whereby the two are physicaly joined together for their mutual benefit). The story occurs after the 'Third World War', in a world full of mutants and looters.

The film has been around for awhile now but it is only just surfacing due to the fact that the distributers are unsure as to how to handle it. The title makes it sound like a childrens film, whereas the violence it contains means it deserves an X-rating.

*More bad news from the T.V. world, is that Lee Majors has decided to give up his role as the 'Six Million Dollar Man'. His wife, (Farrah Fawcett-Majors) who plays Jill in 'Charlies Angels', is also giving up her part. Together they are opening 'Fawcett-Majors Productions'.

This means that there is a place for another 'Bionic' series. This will most probably go to 'The Bionic Boy', or maybe the 'Seven Million Dollar Man' (remember him?) will be brought out of storage and given his own show.

There are even talks of having a 'Bionic Dog'. (No joke!).

NIGHT CAP

by C. Lyden-Cowen.
(THE FINAL PART)

Into a dark cell at Wormwood Scrubbs went Graham protesting his innocence.

About 2 weeks passed when an American Pathologist came forward and asked to re-examine Dr. Copes' body. It was dug up, a decaying odour stunned the pathologist Dr. Eric Droge. After several hours of intense examining and close scrutineering he stepped into his office and rang Mrs. Cope. She was asked to come around. She did so and Dr. Droge had a very lengthy talk with her.

He then told his story. 'The real murderer' to the press.

"On the night in question Dr. Marcus Cope went to Brookborough Mansions for one purpose: to kill!

Jessica Bentley, an old acquaintance of Dr. Copes, decided to bribe him.

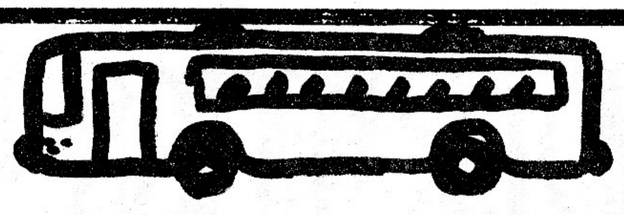
For a few months it worked but when Dr. Cope discovered the new, foolproof skin, things went wrong for Jessica. That night he copied Grahams fingerprints and then put them over his own After arriving at the mansion he killed Jessica and then he committed suicide.

This shocked the public but it got Graham released.

THE END (Thank-God)

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Present
"APRIL FOOLS" CONCERT 30p
Wands. Sch. (Main Hall)

TRAVEL INFORMATION



By R. JAMNADASS

COACH SERVICES TO EUROPE.

From 1st April Wallace Arnold will begin a new fast, inexpensive, reliable way to travel from London to Paris and Rome the service will also be serving Lyon, Turin, Gena and Florence. It will be the first ever direct express coach service.

There will be three companies operating the service, they are Wallace Arnold of London, SITA of Florance and VIA of Paris. The companies will each run the service for three months.

The coach will leave London from Britannia Terminal, Pentonville Rd In Paris from Place Stalingrad and from Rome at Plazza della Repyblica. The journey will take two days and one night traveling time.

The coach will leave London at 07.50 on a Friday and reporting time will be 30mins before departure, arriving in Paris at 1920. The channal crossing will take two hours to Calais. It will then leave Paris at 20.22 and arrive in Rome at 18.15. All times are in local time.

FARES.

Fares are from London only. These include channel crossing with Townsend Thoresen Ferries.

London to:	Single--Return
Paris:	£13.00--£25.00
Lyon:	£18.00--£32.00
Turin:	£22.00--£38.00
Genoa:	£24.50--£42.50
Florance:	£28.00--£42.50
Rome:	£32.00--£55.50

REDUCTION.

Reduction will be for children between their fourth and twelth birthday who will be carried at 50% of the fare. Student fares are for persons under 25 years of age will be carried at 20% less than the autherised fare.

Reservations.

These can be made through any accredited travel agent. The local travel agents are Pantours at Clapham Junction.

REFUNDS.

Refunds will not be made to passengers failing to join any particular service, or to passengers who are not permitted to travel due to incorrect travel documents.

What you get.

All travel; cross-channel ferry, road tolls and services of the driver and the couriers.

NOT INCLUDED. ARE: Accommodation, meals en route and tips.

SPEEDWAY AT WIMBLEDON.

Come to Wimbledon Stadium and support the famous 'Dons' speedway team. Tapes go up at 7.45p.mp and finish at about 10.p.m. every Thursday. There are league matches, individual tournaments, four-team tournaments and pairs meetings. The scoring system is 3points for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd and 0for coming ~~1a~~ last.

In league matches each team has seven riders and there are thirteen heats of exciting racing plus a sponsored 2nd. half. In individual tournaments there are twenty heats of great racing with sixteen of the worlds best riders. A four-team tournament consists of four teams of four riders and sixteen heats of top action. A pairs tournament is wn when the top two riders of each team join forces and compete against the riders of other teams. The number of heats depends on how many pairs there are in the meeting.

In the stadium there is a fully enclosed, heated grandstand with a bar and a buffet bar. The rest of the stadium is mainly terracing, also with bars and buffet bars. All the top magazines are on sale in the stadium, all with the ~~l~~t latest reports and pictures. There are souvenir kiosks which sell stickers, photos, badges and pennants. There is a supporters club which is ten pence to join inside the stadium at the supporters club kiosk. You will receive a membership card and a membership number. Every week your number will go into a special draw. If you win you will receive a free ticket for the next meeting. The admission prices are: Grandstand: £1.10 adult, 55p children U/15, Terracing: £1.00 adult, 50p children U/15. Admission prices include a free programme.

SPORTS PAGE

EDITED BY M.SPEARING

FOOTBALL

Football is the greatest gameever played.It's played all over the world from England to Australia.It is estimated that there are over five million people who play professional or amateur football.There are also about 250 000 teams who play.English football has in my mind improved a great deal.But some managers still don't know how to pick a team.One example is Don Revie manager of the English national team.He keeps changing his team,which is wrong because he should pick the same team so it could blend together which would make a winning team because the way he's going we haven't got a cat in hell's chance of qualifying for the 1978 World cup.If we had someone like Brian Clough,'cause he is the man, xxx who could take England right back to the top of International leval just like they were when we won the World cup in 1966 .'cause the way Don Revie is going we have had it.'cause if we can't beat Finland at Wembley we can't beat anybody.

Paul Clawson.

RUGBY RESULTS

U/I4 v. Carshalten won 42-0
U/I4 v. London Nautical won 34-I4.

ROWING by R. O'FARRELL

Wandsworth School had mixed luck in the School's Head of The River Race at Putney on March 17th. Conditions on the $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile course were rough, with a strong headwind. The 5th Year crew, due to poor manhandling, had to row in a "vacuum" with no other crews anywhere near them. With no one to push them, they saved time by slogging right through the rough.water instead of going round it., and did well to finish 29th out of 70 overall, and 4th. in the UI6 section.

The 4th. yer. crew had very bad luk luck when, coming to the end of a very good row, the bowman's seat stuck fast, and the other three had to carry him for the last half mile. The crew still finished 49th overall, and 7th in their class.

So, although we won no prizes, it looks as though both crews could do well in the summer regattas. Both crews are aiming to compete in the National Championships in Nottingham in July.

SOCCER RESULTS

U/I5	v. Southfields	drew	0-0
U/I5	v. Tulse Hill	lost	2-0
U/I4	v. Tulse hill	lost	4-2
U/I3 (a)	v. Southfields	lost	4-2
U/I3 (b)	v. Southfields	dreww	5-5
Ist. XI.	v. Tulse Hill	lost	6-2
2nd XI	v. Tulse hill	lost	6-3

SCHOOL STAFF VERSUS 2nd XI.

Staff won 6-5

CAPTAIN CACTUS

