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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

For a school which played so notable a part in fostering international relationships between schools during the inter-war years and after the second World War, it is perhaps rather surprising that not until the present year have we taken part in the Anglo-American scheme for the exchange of teachers.

We have had one or two American teachers in recent years holding temporary appointments on the Staff. This term we welcome Mr. Teuvo Airola from the Dover High School, New Jersey, U.S.A., who has exchanged posts with Mr. Patten for the whole year. They have not only exchanged posts but also exchanged homes. So while Mr. and Mrs. Patten and family are living in the Airola home in Dover, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. Airola and family are living in the Patten home in East Sheen, Surrey.

Mr. Patten writes most interestingly about his experiences and very enthusiastically about the wonderful welcome he has received in the United States. He finds that the staff and students of the Dover High School show a lively interest in England in general and Wandsworth in particular. A number of suggestions have been made by Dover High School of ways in which our two schools could develop contacts by exchange of materials and matters of reciprocal interest. Literature and periodicals, the School Magazine, tape-recordings, examples of Art work, photographs, and possibly films come to mind, as well as exchanges of correspondence between individuals and groups.

Some of you may ask, if it is possible to exchange masters, why not exchange students? Dover High School seems from Mr. Patten's description to be a place where a Wandsworth boy would very profitably spend a year. There are schemes of course for English boys to spend a year in American Schools and American boys in English Schools. The two main difficulties are expense and, in our competitive education system, being able to spare a year.

Meantime we are very glad to have such a lively and vigorous personality as Mr. Airola to spend the year with us. He has set about getting to know the English scene and educational system with thoroughness and zest. I trust many of us will learn more of the United States through him.

One of the most gratifying features of our expansion has been the growth of the upper school. Although what may be called our "grammar school entry" has remained pretty well what it was before the expansion, our Sixth Form has increased fourfold and is now 200 strong. This year two hundred and ninety five boys passed the G.C.E. at Ordinary Level in from one to ten subjects. The expected upward leap at the Advanced Level has taken place; the number of subjects passed this year is more than double the average of recent years and easily the highest we have ever had.

In spite of the sharply increased competitiveness of university entrance, fifteen boys entered universities from the Sixth Form this October, R. Hancock with a State scholarship.

Our first fully comprehensive entry, that of September, 1956, has now reached the sixth form; or rather some 130 of the original 410 have stayed on for a sixth year. Boys from 9 of the original 13 forms are now following Sixth Form advanced academic courses up to university entrance standard. Opportunity has indeed been widely extended to talent or rather to the character and persistence that enable boys to discover and cultivate talent.

At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to six members of the permanent staff of the School. Mr. K. B. Simpson was appointed to a head of department post at Greenford Grammar School and has been succeeded in his post here by Mr. Garwood. We welcome Mr. L. C. Citeroni, B.Sc.Hons, from Kings College, London, to fill the vacancy in the Chemistry department.

After three years secondment to the Army School in Cyprus Mr. K. Lewis is back again on the Staff. We are fortunate in thus being able to replace Mr. Gardiner who has been appointed to a responsible post in Rutlish School. We welcome too, Mr. Ward who takes the place of Mr. Moss whom regretfully we lose to Portsmouth Technical School, after eleven years service in the Handicraft department; also Mr. Deubert who has replaced Mr. Lovecy and Mr. H. M. Walters who joins us from Elliott School. Our best wishes accompany Mr. Metcalfe to Woking after 6 years and Mr. Mozley to Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Our French and German assistants for the present year are Monsieur G. Fargier and Herr R. Winkler, both of whom we hope will have a useful and interesting year at Wandsworth.

A new kind of appointment, long awaited, has at last been made, and we extend a warm welcome to Miss Veale who takes charge of the medical suite and relieves the P.E. Staff of first-aid duties and the Office of routine medical record work.

We congratulate D. H. Pentecost on his success in the Administrative Class Method 1 Competition for the Home Civil Service. Sir George Mallaby, K.C.M.G., writes to say he would like to see many more young men like him among the candidates and he hopes Pentecost's success will encourage others.

I have been very glad to learn that Stephen Gibbs who left us from the Third Form in 1957 for St. Bartholomew's Grammar School, Newbury, has now gained 3 good passes at A level, is Head Prefect of his School, has been Rugby Captain for two years, and hopes in due course to go to the Imperial College of Science.

He was one of our non-grammar category entrants in 1954 who was up-graded at the end of his first year.

Congratulations too to D. P. Nathanson, this term's Deputy Head Boy, upon gaining an L.C.C. Modern Language Travel Scholarship which took him to France for three months this summer.

John Moore continues to show his prowess in swimming and was chosen this term to represent London in the English Schools' National Swimming Championships at Manchester.

During the summer holidays A. P. Wilson was selected to play for England against Scotland in the Junior International Golf Championships and on the first day won the foursomes in the morning and the singles in the afternoon. On the second day he was one of a British Isles team against a Continental Team and again won the foursomes in the morning and the singles in the afternoon. Congratulations upon such prowess and upon receiving an International Tie.

'I wish to acknowledge the gift by P. R. Leverick and D. W. Richards jointly of a Cup for the winning Photograph at the Eisteddfod and a gift to the Library: Odham's Manual of Photography. I should also like to thank both of them for the work they did for the Photographic Society.

Acknowledgements, too, to Form 3 Nu who received a letter of thanks from the Hon. Treasurer of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund for raising money for the Fund by the sale of a Form magazine.

Since Rowing is one of our most recent activities, it is pleasing to note that our School Eight won three of their four races in the London Schools Rowing League programme this summer.

In a Road Relay at Finsbury, the School under-16 team finished fifth out of 47 teams and were the first school team to finish.

The highlight of the afternoon came when Roy Sandford broke the course record by no less than 13 seconds in a valiant attempt to bring the School team to the front.

I am deeply grieved to record a tragic and fatal accident that took place at the end of the Summer Term in the School Swimming Pool, the first accident of any kind since the Pool was opened over thirty years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Worthy, their family and friends, I offer the profound sympathy of the whole School, Governors, Staff and Boys in the loss of their son, Kenneth Raymond, who had completed his first year in Form 1 Gamma.

Those who knew James Arthur (Jimmie) Herbert who left in 1953 will share the sorrow of his family and friends at his death whilst climbing in Scotland during his summer holidays. He will be greatly missed in the ranks of the Old Wandsworthians.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

The following appointments have been made for 1961-62:

Head Prefect

G. A. Lally (Morley A).

Joint Second Prefects

D. P. Nathanson (Cromwell B)—1st Term.

D. T. Snell (Pitt C)—2nd Term.

A. C. Hillyard (Cromwell B)—3rd Term.

Full Prefects

CROMWELL	GIBBON	MORLEY	PITT
B. H. Coleman (*Capt.*)	D. P. Flint (*Capt.*)	R. F. Alder (*Capt.*)	C. J. Smith (*Capt.*)
A. B. R. Seneviratne	M. C. K. Kane	J. G. Moore	B. V. Sandford
	C. M. Fogg	R. C. Pearson	M. V. Hamp

CROMWELL	GIBBON	MORLEY	PITT
K. L. Aziz	D. C. Lloyd	P. C. Hart	D. J. Guy
R. D. Ward	R. C. Dirs	M. G. Milan	M. P. Mitchell
S. C. Goddard	E. V. Elliott	F. G. Shaub	H. K. Spong
N. Hillyard	M. E. Hearne	B. J. A. Schol	C. A. J. Corio
I. A. Newman	G. S. Jones	I. P. Evans	D. R. Askew
S. H. Hashmi	D. B. Newark	A. J. Panos	F. A. Love
B. M. Hopkins	A. R. Knight	J. M. Neaser	
B. L. Sawyer	R. H. Dawson	R. C. D. Simons	
A. R. Greene	T. R. Farebrother	K. H. Taylor	
M. J. Eagle	P. M. Taylor	I. S. Jenner	
R. M. Fox	D. Goddard	J. Piears	
	J. E. Keeling	A. P. M. Wilson	

Sub-Prefects

I. M. Donno	R. B. Butler	D. P. Grant	D. A. Marshall
S. H. Mehlmann	L. D. Parry	I. Wood	S. Harper
A. I. North	S. W. England	M. C. Bellamy	G. A. Ost
M. J. Wherrett	P. J. Fogg	P. C. Fenwick	J. J. Jewkes
R. Dorsett	A. J. Liszka	K. J. Brown	R. P. Binstead
D. O. Munden	A. H. Mitson	K. E. Messer	B. M. Farrow
P. C. P. Lewis	D. Peckham	J. S. Sotiriou	P. D. Hodges
N. E. Lingwood	K. R. Blake	G. Croombs	C. F. Hewlett
A. L. McInnes	P. C. Howard	L. R. Hayes	H. Petfield
T. Davies	R. M. Margrave	A. V. Jeffery	E. C. Thomas
G. A. Cramp	J. E. House	P. T. Planken	D. A. Greer
D. R. Dungey	D. J. Creamer	P. Beard	T. R. Adhami
P. J. Dutch	C. J. Gunner	G. T. Thorne	K. W. Williams
T. Perrett	F. G. Martin	J. D. Sandiford	J. E. Bachelier
L. G. Quilter	R. Webber	D. Dorling	P. Kennedy
C. C. Hunt	E. H. Charleton	J. G. Smith	C. A. G. Lydford
S. Nandanwar	R. D. Clarke	A. W. Curtis	
P. R. Chesterman	R. W. Matthews	R. G. Somers	
C. J. Denning	P. W. Sumner		
	K. R. Moore		
	M. C. Hudson		

Pro-Prefects

B. J. Smith	R. R. Hughes	D. M. Eden	R. F. Sandford
	R. J. Holden	R. C. Herbert	M. W. Flower
			M. Hutchins
			E. J. Kaley
			R. A. Worthy
			D. R. Hunt
			R. J. Sargent
			P. A. James
			E. M. Muller
			E. B. Burridge

Cycle Marshalls

A. C. Siggers (*Chief*)	V. C. Hykel (*Chief*)	M. F. Haughton (*Chief*)	P. C. Fletcher (*Chief*)
J. T. Hagens	B. J. Carter	R. W. Clarke	M. Colbourne
C. P. Lewis	J. A. Hayward	A. D. Rogers	P. R. Cope
R. A. Morris	K. J. Lewis	N. J. Sammé	P. K. Haines
K. A. White	P. Sprigings	A. R. Wigglesworth	J. May
D. J. Crouch	K. J. C. Stratford	A. Williams	M. Pepler
K. D. Phillips			
T. F. Goddard			

Library Prefects

P. James	A. E. Budden	A. R. W. Dodd	D. A. Nicholls
A. D. Tierney	A. J. Davey	C. R. Pavey	
	A. Dobbie		
	R. Locker		
	D. P. Murray		

Tuck Shop Monitors

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J. B. Macartney	M. B. Konieczko	G. E. Morris	G. Sylvester-Evans

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the Christmas Term it was my privilege to welcome, on your behalf, the parents of the new boys at the School. This is always a happy occasion as it gives me the opportunity of outlining the purpose of our Parents' Association, which touches on many facets of the material, physical and recreational lives of our children throughout their association with the School.

Many of the parents of new boys returned to the School on the following Friday for the Open Questions Session following the "Tutorial At-Homes." Few could have been disappointed, if any, at the lively debate on various educational controversies. The panel, authoritatively representing the N.U.T., N.A.S., Joint Four Grammar Schools, the Headmasters' Association and the Local Education Authority, answered varied questions from the body of the hall. Opinions varied (as, indeed, one might have expected) amongst individual members of the panel and amongst the various parents who spoke, but the friendliest tone was maintained throughout the exchanges.

Eventually, of course, the topic turned to teachers' pay—with the inevitable variation of opinion on the matter of " strike action." Many points of view were expressed from all quarters, and a lively discussion ensued. Although, of course, a decisive conclusion on this particular topic was beyond the scope of the Meeting, it became overwhelmingly

clear that parents were unanimous in their sympathy towards the claim of the Teaching Profession to be accorded a status at least in parity with that enjoyed by the other learned professions. It does seem odd that our enlightened society should be so reluctant to recognise that: intellect being man's greatest attribute and the key to all his other accomplishments, surely those who nurture it should not just be ennobled but fairly rewarded.

M. G. KIRALFY, *Secretary.*

THE FETE, 1961

This year's Grand Fête was officially opened at 3.0 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd July, by the Deputy Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor George R. Dimond; Mrs. A. Dimond accompanied her husband.

Councillor Dimond referred to his previous association with Wandsworth School when he had attended the Dedication Service to the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Sports Ground at Claygate, held in September 1960. "It is very appropriate," he said, "that I should be asking the many visitors here to spend generously, as this Fête is being held to raise funds to pay for the Memorial Ground." Councillor Dimond also referred to the Headmaster who was unable to be present as he had just come out of hospital after recovering from an acute attack of pneumonia. It was the Headmaster's foresight and imagination which had revived the Fête, after the war. In this way he annually brought together the School, the Parents' Association and the Old Wandsworthians.

The Fête was indeed a very great success. The weather was fine, the attendance was excellent and a really exciting day was enjoyed by everybody. The Old Wandsworthians had provided and manned over twenty different side shows. There was a swimming match in which the School just managed to beat the Old Boys by one point. The famous School Fencing Club staged "The Tavern Brawl," a costume fencing display. There was a first class gymnastic display and also an exhibition and demonstration of power-driven model aeroplanes. The School prefects had combined with the girls of Mayfield School and jointly produced the very witty comedy of Oscar Wilde, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

As usual, the Parents' Association Social Committee so ably led by their Secretary, Mr. J. C. Calvert, who himself had got out of bed after an attack of thrombosis, provided refreshments throughout the afternoon and during the evening, when the Gala Dance was held in the Grand Hall of the School. About 600 teenagers attended to dance and "jive" to the excellent music of Ed. Wheeler's Orchestra and the Consulates Jazz Group.

The Parents' Association also manned the Grocery Stall, the Jumble Sale, the Bottle Stall and the Book Stall. There were many raffles. It was indeed rewarding to the organisers that almost 6,000 admission programmes had been sold. After all expenses had been met, the profit to be given to the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Sports Ground Fund was between £400 and £450.

H.S.S.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 26:

"Speak up, boy! You're always talking with your teeth in your mouth."

—Mr. Austin.

A MESSSAGE FROM THE DOVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

To the Students of Wandsworth School:

As President of the Student Government of our High School I would like to send greetings from all our students to the students of your School.

We feel that we have established a mutual friendship in the exchange of members of our faculty.

Thus far this school year we have had the pleasure of having Mr. Patten as a teacher and an eager participant in our extra-curricula activities.

We have learned much about your school life as compared to ours.

We hope that this feeling of mutual interest will continue and that your school year will be a successful and happy one.

Very truly yours,

JAY BOWLBY,

President, Student Government.

October, 1961.
Dover, N.J., U.S.A.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES (For Diligence)

Forms I

ONE	CARPENTER, James E.
	MONK, Robert A.
GAMMA	WELSH, David A.
NU	WILLIAMS, Peter
	RAINER, David
OMEGA	ARCHER, David J.
	FRIEND, Keith A. J.
THETA	JULIAN, Anthony J.
	ENTICKNAP, Malcolm J.
IOTA	IVES, David J.
SIGMA	RICHOLD, Christopher C.
	SMITHSON, Trevor
EPSILON	SMITH, Gordon J.
	PESKETT, Terence C.
ALPHA	RUNDLE, Barry C.
	FRENCH, Michael A.
UPSILON	BOYES, Michael J.
	RICHARDSON, James W.
TAU	TRAIL, Michael R.
	BATCHELDOR, Francis R.
OMICRON	OAKLEY, Brian T.
	ROE, Alan L.

Forms II

TWO	HARPER, Michael J.
	(Special Merit)
	CHAPMAN, Frederick J.
	BONE, John
GAMMA	BEENEY, Tony L.
	CLARKE, Glenn D. S.
	ELMER, Roger
NU	MILLS, Gordon E.
	MORE, Barry J.
OMEGA	WOODROW, John
	FIELDER, Barry V.
THETA	BORRETT, Brian
	COUTTS, Alan
IOTA	CAHALARN, Robin T.
	BAVIN, John H.
DELTA	MARRETT, Glyn
	CATCHPOLE, Keith R.
ETA	BUGH, Kelvin G.
	THORPE, Martin F.
SIGMA	GOOCH, Michael J.
	LEE, Colin J.
EPSILON	HOLMES, Barry L.
ALPHA	HERWYNEN, David J.
	CROWE, David R.
UPSILON	CONNORTON, Anthony E.
	KNIBB, Barry C.
TAU	SMITH, Brian D.
	CHASE, Tony P.
OMICRON	JONES, Colin R.

Forms III

THREE	SOBCZAK, Jeremy C.
	SPRIGINGS, David A.
	STONEHAM, Michael D.
	LEWINDON, Kenneth
	COLLINS, Michael R.
PI	CHRISTOU, Andrew
	BETTS, Charles J.
	SYLVESTER-EVANS, Graham
ALPHA	EAMES, David P.
	SOMERS, Keith
	GOLDSMITH, Philip R.
	HOLLAND, David J.
NU	BARBARSKI, Krzysztof
	(Special Merit)
	STRUGNELL, Keith D.
THETA	STURMAN, Reginald
EPSILON	SLATER, John K.
OMEGA	HOOPER, David T.
	BLANKS, John
RHO	JACKSON, Peter E.
ETA	MORRIS, Paul A.
	GODSAVE, Clive R.
TAU	OWEN, Peter J.
	HOBSON, Colin
IOTA	HOWARD, Stephen M.
KAPPA	HUDSON, Victor C.
OMICRON	BROWN, Keith
SIGMA	MUNDY, Malcolm G.
	WHIDDETT, Kenneth A.

Forms IV

FOUR	HUTCHISON, Martyn C.
	(Special Merit)
	WHERRETT, Duncan J.
	COOK, Leslie R.
	FRYER, Roger D.
	BATES, James
PI	PEARSON, Clifford
	PIRKS, Trevor A.
ALPHA	BENDER, Michael R.
	MILSON, Terence R. J.
	HEWITT, Roger
NU	HOLDEN, Richard J.
	HERBERT, Robert C.
THETA	DENYER, David G.
	BROWN, Michael E.
EPSILON	CARTER, John D.
OMEGA	BEARD, David
	(Special Merit)
	ELMES, Brian
RHO	KEEN, Kenneth A.
ETA	COMLEY, Robin T.
TAU	HOATH, Derrick R.
	WORTHY, Roy A.
IOTA	ROBERTS, David J.
KAPPA	SMITH, Michael R.
OMICRON	BARKER, Roger
SIGMA	COOPER, Christopher W.

Forms V

FIVE	MATTHEWS, Robert W.
PI	DUTCH, Peter J.
	MARSHALL, David A.
	DUNGEY, Derek R.
ALPHA	NEASER, Julian M.
	EVERITT, David J.
	MEHLMANN, Stephen
NU	SOTIRIOU, John S.
	WOODS, John G.
THETA	DORSETT, Ronald W.
	GREER, David
EPSILON	GRIFFITHS, Horace W. J.
	WOOD, John H.
OMEGA	BEARD, Paul
	HEDGES, Donald G.
RHO	GIRARD, Edward C.
	DANIELS, Graham S.
ETA	CREAMER, Derek J.
	BACHELIER, John E.
TAU	STEPHENS, Robert
IOTA	BURNESS, Martin

SPECIAL PRIZES

General Certificate of Education

ORDINARY LEVEL

During the School Year 1960-61 295 pupils gained certificates at the Ordinary Level of the G.C.E. Examinations. The following are awarded prizes for Special merit in the subjects indicated.

Forms V

FIVE	ANDREWS, David W.	*Art, History.*
	BATEMAN, David A.	*French.*
	BELL, Robert D.	*Art.*
	BINSTEAD, Ronald P.	*Applied Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Chemistry.*
	DONNO, Ian McD.	*Latin, Biology, Religious Knowledge, French, History, Geography.*
	FOGG, Peter J.	*Latin, French, Chemistry, Physics, Additional Mathematics.*
	MITSON, Alan H.	*Chemistry, Physics, Religious Knowledge, Geography.*
	BRIGHTLEY, Clive	*Biology, Additional Mathematics.*
	FENWICK, Peter C.	*Chemistry, History.*
	JEFFERY, Alan V.	*German.*
	McINNES, Adrian L.	*French.*
	PERRETT, Trevor	*English Language, English Literature.*
	QUILTER, Leonard G.	*French, History.*
	HARPER, Stephen	*Pure Mathematics, German.*
PI	CLARKE, Robert D.	*Music.*
	BAULK, Dennis M.	*Biology.*
	WOODS, William G.	*Pure Mathematics.*
	MANCE, Roger J.	*Pure Mathematics.*
	FARRELL, Frank	*Religious Knowledge.*
ALPHA	HYKEL, Vladimir C.	*Chemistry.*
	NICHOLLS, David A.	*Economic History, Biology.*
	TIERNEY, Alan D.	*Geography, Biology.*
NU	CHAPMAN, Sydney G.	*Engineering Drawing, Engineering Workshop Practice, Physics, Aeronautics, Mathematics.*
	FARROW, Bernard M.	*Mathematics.*
	ELSON, John E.	*Engineering Drawing, Chemistry.*
	DAINTREE, Peter J.	*Engineering Drawing.*
THETA	CHAMPNESS, Peter H.	*Engineering Workshop Practice, Engineering Drawing.*
	WHERRETT, Malcolm J.	*Engineering Drawing.*
	TOWERS, Keith E.	*Mathematics, Physics, Religious Knowledge.*
	BOTSON, David R.	*Physics, Engineering Drawing.*
	LANE, Ian McW.	*Economic History.*
EPSILON	BROWN, David R.	*Engineering Workshop Practice.*
	AZIZ, Shahid L.	*Art.*
	THOMSON, Edward C.	*Engineering Drawing.*
OMEGA	HOWARD, Peter C.	
	MUNDEN, David O.	
	PRIOR, Allan J.	
	CRAMP, John R.	
	SANDIFORD, John D.	
RHO	SEAR, Alan K.	
	PHILLIPS, Brian S.	
	FERRIROLI, Robin P.	
TAU	NIEVERGELT, Johann H.	
ETA	THORNE, Geoffrey J.	
	LINGWOOD, Norman E.	
	LOWMAN, David A.	
IOTA	BENTING, Robert E.	

Form IV

FARMER, Carl D.	
HUTCHISON, Martyn C.	
LEVERE, Noel R.	

STATE SCHOLARSHIP

HANCOCK, R.

ADVANCED LEVEL

AUSTIN, W. R.
BURT, R.
CROSBY, D. R.
ELLIOT, P. L.
FRANCIS, P. E.
HILLYARD, A. C.
HOLDICH, D. M.
JONES, G. L.
LALLY, J. A.
LEVENE, L. B.
LLOYD, D. C.
MORRISON, D. J.
NEWARK, D. B.
NEWMAN, R. C.
OLLERENSHAW, J. R.
RATCLIFFE, N. A.
SANDFORD, B. V.
SCOTT, W. G.

Technical Drawing, Surveying.	
Economic History, Religious Knowledge.	
Art.	
Religious Knowledge.	
Surveying.	
Carpentry and Joinery.	
Painting and Decorating, Art, Religious Knowledge.	
Plumbing.	
Metalwork.	
Religious Knowledge.	
Human Biology, Art.	
Music.	
Art.	
English, Mathematics.	
Mathematics.	
French.	

(Subjects marked * were passed with Special Merit)

**Pure Mathematics and *Applied Mathematics.*

SHIVERS, H. C.	*Pure Maths, *Chemistry.*
SHONS, F. R.	*History.*
SKINNER, C. J.	*Physics, Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology.*
SLATER, E. G. W.	*Physics, Chemistry, *Botany, *Zoology.*
STYLES, A. E. J.	*Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, *Chemistry.*
YOUNG, J. S.	**French, History, German.*
BARNES, R. E. H.	*Art.*
BONNETT, M. J.	*Engineering Drawing.*
BRIND, B. C.	*Engineering Drawing.*
COBB, I. A.	*Music.*
FLINT, D. P.	*Applied Maths.*
GILLINGHAM, P. M. T.	*French.*
GREENE, A. R.	*Art.*
GUY, D. J.	*Pure Maths, Applied Maths.*
HINSON, K. J.	*Engineering Drawing.*
HOPKINS, B. M.	*Engineering Drawing.*
HUNT, R. G.	*Art.*
LAFTA, D. C.	*Pure Mathematics.*
RICHARDS, D. W.	*Art, *Engineering Drawing.*

THE MAYORAL CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP, 1960-61

ASHTON, M.	LEE, B. S.
ELLISDON, D. J.	MAY, B. M.
FOULSHAM, G. A. J.	WARNER, L. L.
FOX, J. C.	WILSON, R. D.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Silver Medal) ...	BINSTEAD, Ronald
Chairman's Prize for Head Boys	GILLINGHAM, Paul M. T.
	NEWMAN, Roger C.
Wandsworthians Lodge Prize for Service ...	REYNOLDS, John H.
Old Wandsworthians' Academic Prize	HANCOCK, Robert
Semmens Prize for Drama	GILLINGHAM, Paul M. T.
	NEWMAN, Roger C.
Parents' Association Service Prize for Games ...	Senior: MORRISON, David J.
	Junior: MULLER, Erno
	WHERRETT, Duncan J.
Special Prize for Music	COBB, Ian A.
Gordon Wort Prize for Athletics	Senior: BRIND, Brian C.
	HALLIDAY, John H.
	Junior: SUMMERFIELD, Robert F.
Derek Ayshford Prize for Service to School Play	LEVERICK, Peter R.
Special Prize for L.C.C. Modern Language Travel Scholarship	NATHANSON, Daniel P.
Special Prize for Canadian Tour	LALLY, John A.
Handwriting Prize	HARPER, Michael J.
	CUFFLEY, David R.

University Entrants, 1961

BURT, R.	University of London London School of Economics	*Economics.*
COBB, I.	University of London Royal Academy of Music	*Music.*
CROSBY, D. R.	University of Edinburgh	*Physics.*
FRANCIS, P. E.	University of Reading	*Mathematics.*
GILLINGHAM, P. M. T.	University of Wales University College, Swansea.	*French.*
HANCOCK, R.	University of Wales University College, Swansea.	*Mathematics.*
HOLDICH, D. M.	University of Wales University College, Swansea.	*Geology.*
NEWMAN, R. C.	University of Nottingham	*English.*
RATCLIFFE, N. A.	University of Wales University College, Swansea.	*Zoology.*
SCOTT, W. G.	University of London Battersea College of Advanced Technology	*Chemical Engineering.*
SKINNER, C. J.	University of London Guy's Hospital Medical School	*Dentistry.*
SHIVERS, H. C.	University of London Battersea College of Advanced Technology	*Engineering.*
SLATER, E. G. W.	University of London London Hospital Medical School	*Medicine.*
STYLES, A. E. J.	University of London Queen Mary College	*Chemistry.*
YOUNG, J. S.	University of Edinburgh	*History.*

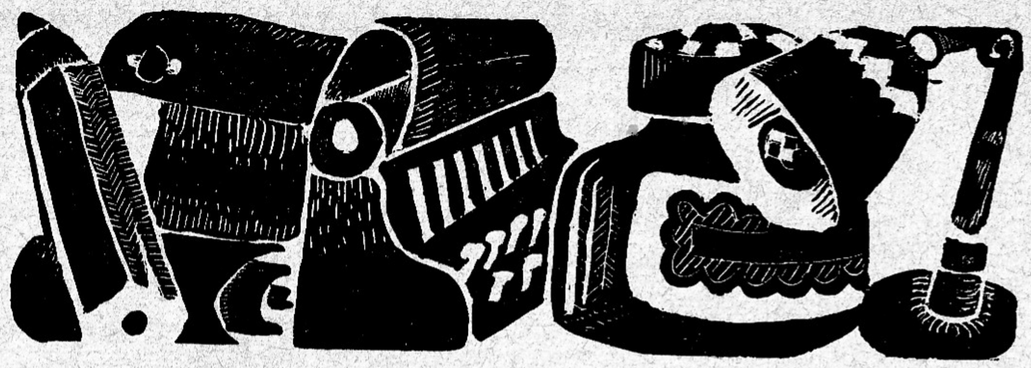
Teachers' Training Colleges

BRIND, B. C.	Goldsmiths' College, London.
ELLIOT, P. L.	St. Marks and St. Johns, London.
MORRISON, D. J.	Shoreditch Teachers' Training College.
OLLERENSHAW, J. R.	St. Marks and St. Johns, London.

Degree Record, 1961

CARR, J. D.	*B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Engineering, University of Bristol.*
MOODY, R. T. J.	*B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Geology, Queen Mary College, London.*
SMITH, M. R. M.	*B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Geology, University of Southampton.*
TUDGAY, J.	*B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Geology, University College, Cardiff.*
DRAIN, P. J.	*B.Sc., Second Class Honours in Geography, University of Hull.*
PRESTON, A. E.	*B.A., Second Class Honours in English, University College of North Staffordshire.*

EDITORIAL



Today, at lunch-time, I noticed a large group of small Wandsworthians, watching excitedly as bricks and rubble came sliding down a chute from the window of the old Physics Laboratory, into a builder's lorry. Whether they wanted to see their friends hit on the head with a brick, or a lump of concrete going through the window of one of the masters' cars, or whether they were waiting for the rest of the School to be demolished, I do not know, but I doubt if many of them realized that they were watching, in effect, an historical moment. There have been many historical moments in our School's history, some major, like the opening of the new building, some minor, like the alteration of the Physics Labs.

There have also been many slow changes, unnoticeable at first, such as the increase in the number of prefects from 27 in 1955, to 162 in 1960. One inexplicable change was the gradual withdrawal, and final abandonment, of " Hymns of the Kingdom," in favour of " Songs of Praise " in 1956, and its reintroduction for the lower school four years later.

Still, although many things change, many old institutions remain, a little modernized perhaps, but basically the same. In 1959, the *Link* changed its old yellow cover for a glossy black one, and since then has gone through six colour-changes, changing its cover each term. In the issue for December, 1955, the forms talked of are still " 1a, 1b, 1c " and not " 1gamma, 1nu, 1omega." But there is not a great deal of difference (apart from a sudden, strange, rise in quality about a year ago) between the *Link* for July 1955, and that for July 1961.

A glance at the present issue, however, will show you that, in one way at least, there has been a major change. There are several reasons for the new " economy-size " *Link*. The most important are the improvement in its general appearance, and the more convenient lay-out, which enables us to use double-columns, and to insert larger picture-blocks, without turning the page sideways. At the same time we have reverted to " Roman " type for headings and sub-headings, as well as for the words on the cover, and we hope with this two-column page to be able to give more space to headings, decorative or plain.

There is another change, too, and one that should not surprise you greatly if you were here last year. In this issue you will find a number of advertisements—real ones this time. We hasten to assure you that the magazine is still a non-profit-making concern, and that the income from advertisements is intended solely to improve subsequent issues. But quite apart from the small income they bring in, we like to think that these advertisements, restricted as they will be to suppliers of school uniform and firms offering worth-while careers, will be of some service to our readers, especially parents and senior boys.

But the most important part of this magazine is still the articles, poems and so forth, written by boys of the School. Without these contributions, the *Link* would be a mere record, instead of (as I hope it is) an interesting magazine. I would like to impress on you all, and especially the 400-odd new boys, that we rely very largely on voluntary contributions from the school. Almost any kind of story or poem is acceptable, and the Committee never reject anything without first taking into account the age and form of the contributor. Hand material in to your English master, or to any one of the Magazine Committee, whose names appear on the inside front cover. So many people tell us they are *going* to contribute something, but " can't find the time." Do not miss the opportunity to have your name in print, and help make the *Link* more interesting, more amusing, for all.

R. C. PEARSON, U6A, Mb.

We acknowledge with thanks the eight new, smaller decorative panels to accompany headings to individual articles, as follows:

Chemistry Corner — A. E. Gore, 5Pi, Cb.
Chess Club — P. E. Duprey, 5Io, Pe.
Engineering Society — D. R. Champness, 5Pi, Pa.
English Club — R. G. Poppelsdorff, 5Pi, Gb.
Radio and Electronic Society — S. P. O'Gorman, 5Pi, Md.
Badminton — M. A. Hawkins, 5Io, Mf.
Cricket — G. Worrall (last year's 4Io, Gg).

IN MEMORIAM

The School was deeply grieved to hear of the death of

Kenneth Raymond Worthy

on 26th July 1961, at the age of 12½.

He joined the School in September 1960, and was in form 1 Gamma.

We offer to his parents our sincerest sympathy.

JOURNEY TO SPAIN

An enthusiastic party of twenty boys and three masters met at School at 6.15 a.m. on the 17th August, 1961, to begin their holiday. We had a coach to Gatwick Airport where we boarded a Viking for Perpignan in south-west France. The journey was uneventful except for the air pockets as we neared Perpignan.

After a journey of four hours through the Pyrenees, we arrived at our destination—the Hotel Codina at Calella de la Costa in Spain. This is a town of two faces. Behind the neon-lit streets of the tourist area are the ramshackle houses of the local people, each house with its balcony and heavily shuttered windows to keep out the scorching sun.

That evening we ate our first Spanish meal, which was very good but extremely rich. We were ready for bed, but few of us slept well owing to the heat.

Next day we spent on the beach, sunbathing or hopping across the coarse, hot sand for a dip in the deep blue, salty Mediterranean.

On Saturday the English weather caught up with us and it rained heavily all day. We had a coach trip along the Costa Brava, travelling over the narrow winding road to Blanes and Tossa. In the late afternoon we watched the return of the fishing fleet at Blanes, and the auction in the fish market.

That evening many of the party complained of stomach upsets, so next morning a much reduced party walked through the surrounding hills to the lighthouse at the south of the bay. We were greatly interested in the small irrigated plots on which the peasants grew crops of maize, tomatoes and vegetables. Almond and fig trees dotted the hillsides, and we met a man collecting edible snails. Wasteland was covered with pine forest or scrub, with such cacti as the prickly pear.

On Tuesday we visited Barcelona, the second city in Spain, with a trip up to the Church of the Sacred Heart for the panoramic view across the city. We explored the cathedral and the giant concrete stadium of Barcelona Football Club, and finally took a launch across the harbour to see the one-third size scale model of the Santa Maria, she ship in which Columbus made his voyages of discovery.

Our last day was spent on the beach or packing for the return. Our journey home went off quite smoothly by coach, train and boat, and included a trip across Paris. The general comment of the party was that, much though we had enjoyed Spain, it was good to be home again.

A. J. C. DUDLEY, (Last year's L6G, Ci).

JOURNEY TO ROME AND S. ITALY

A party of twenty-five boys and two masters set off from Victoria station on Tuesday morning, 1st August, 1961, not particularly looking forward to the long journey ahead.

The crossing to Calais was quite smooth, and there we boarded a train for Milan. This was unfortunately delayed at Bâle for two hours which resulted in our missing the connection at Milan. Nobody slept much that night but the wonderful sights of the snow-capped mountains and swift-flowing rivers more than made up for it.

We arrived in Milan just in time to see our train leaving for Rome, but we managed to get reservations on the train leaving three hours later and after a second breakfast (our first was on the train) and a visit to the famous cathedral, we set off again on a through express to Rome.

The lunch provided by the Milan buffet was excellent and helped to induce some sleep during the long, hot ride to Rome, where we arrived eight hours later. Here we had a coach to take us to the Casa delli Studente, an international Students' hotel, where many of the undergraduates at Rome University have their living quarters. Here we had a hot meal and went to bed.

Early the next morning our guide collected us and we went by coach to St. Peter's, the Vatican, The Forum, and the Colosseum. The guide was a university student, who spoke English well, and he gave interesting talks wherever we went. In the Forum we saw the ruins of old temples, statues, the Senate House, the old streets and meeting-places, whilst at the Colosseum, the floor of the arena had collapsed and we could see the underground cells where the prisoners, and the cages for wild animals, were kept. We returned late for lunch but we were free the rest of the day until the evening meal and most of us went into the city in small groups.

The next morning we set out early by coach for Vico Equense, near Sorrento, via Naples and the "race track" called the Autostrada which runs most of the way. After lunch we went swimming in the sea, and, after the evening meal, wandered about the charming little town.

The next day, Saturday, was free but the weather was hot and cloudless, and we spent the day swimming and sunbathing. Sunday dawned equally bright and we visited Capri. We were ferried like sardines in a can to the steamer which stopped in the bay for us and off we went via Sorrento. Capri was at its best in the glorious sunshine and it was a relief from the heat to get into the sea, in spite of its rocky bottom and pebbly approach. Afterwards we went by funicular to the town above, where we had lunch in the gardens. Then we returned to the beach and set out for the Blue Grotto, a large cavern accessible at low tide through a small opening which requires everyone to lie down in the boat, or suffer decapitation. Once our eyes were accustomed to the darkness inside, the waters began to look like a shining green lake. It certainly wasn't blue but it was quite fascinating.

The next morning we went to Pompeii and had a special guide to show us round the excavations. Everything was well-preserved and it was not difficult to imagine life there 2000 years ago. From Pompeii we continued by coach to Amalfi, where we bathed in the lovely deep-blue, warm Mediterranean — and had cubicles to change in!

The next day, we returned to Rome, this time by train, and arrived at the Cassa delli Studente in time for lunch. After lunch, we set out by coach with our university student guide for a final tour of the city. We first of all visited the Catacombs, where the early Christians were buried outside the walls of Rome. They were certainly a living testimony to a somewhat grim past; yet very interesting. We later continued along the Appian Way, with its avenue of shrines and tombs, and then returned to the City to visit one of the big stores to buy our final presents.

Early the next morning we left Rome for Milan on the return two-day journey to London . The weather was wonderful until we reached Switzerland, when the wonderful scenery was ample compensation. At Bâle, we had dinner in the Station buffet, picked up our couchettes and slept all the way through France, just managing to complete our morning toilets as the train entered Boulogne. The crossing to Folkestone was uneventful, the white cliffs of Dover being visible the whole way across. After passing through the customs we boarded the train to London, arriving at Victoria one hour before the scheduled time, and thus finding no one to greet us or help us with our luggage home!

It was, however, a most interesting and pleasant holiday, and we should like to thank the two masters, Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Makin, for making it possible.

R. D. BULL, 3Pi, Gc.
G. E. MILLS, F3, Ca.
A. P. RUSSELL, 3Pi, Mb.

WEEK IN INDUSTRY

Dundee and the Highlands

WEDNESDAY, 12th JULY, 1961.

At about nine a.m. on this wet morning, the members of the School-party, consisting of third formers and above, slowly assembled in the main booking hall of King's Cross Station, and, as soon as the last late-comer had arrived, filed through the barrier and on to the Elizabethan express, bound for Edinburgh. To Dundee was a total of eight and a half hours travelling time, but, despite the inclement weather, the time did not drag, for Mr. Spearing was always ready to draw attention to numerous geographical points, carefully following our position on his inexhaustible supply of maps. Changing trains at Edinburgh, we looked around Waverley Station before the train left, on which we passed over those masterpieces of building, the Forth and Tay bridges. Alas, conditions were unfavourable for worthwhile photographs and Mr. Gouldstone only shot a few feet of film with his specially obtained ciné camera. At last at Dundee, we made our way through the damp grey streets to the Salvation Army Home, where we were to take our meals in the coming week, and there we received a particularly cordial reception from those in charge. After a splendid meal (of fish and chips) we proceeded in groups to the Youth Hostel, situated on a steep hill, a strange coincidence I thought, as the Youth Hostels of the two previous 'Weeks in Industry" were similarly placed.

THURSDAY, 13th.

Rising at what most of the "softer" members considered an absurd time, we soon were making our way down the hill to breakfast. After this substantial meal we set off, led by Mr. Spearing, to the Camperdown Jute Works, about a mile distant. Here, in what must have been the boiler room, we were swiftly introduced to the facts about this strange fibre by the very informative personnel manager, who afterwards sent us off on a tour around the large factory. The various processes to which the raw fibre was subjected were clearly observed in the large noisy sheds we visited, and the warm reception we received everywhere went far to confirm my belief that, in general, Scottish people are of a friendlier disposition than their English counterparts.

Leaving the factory with the whirr of Mr. Gouldstone's camera we set off back down into the town centre, one small group climbing the steep volcanic plug, Dundee Law (571 ft.), while the remainder proceeded to look at the town's main focal points before pitting their strength also against the "pimple," as we liked to call it. The remainder of the day the party spent in familiarizing themselves with the precincts of the city centre, notably with landmarks and places of entertainment. After supper a visit to the Town Hall was planned, as, by chance, our stay coincided with the city's Civic Week and many entertaining displays were on show there. Such events as archery, dancing, cycling, judo-wrestling, and fly-casting were all enjoyed, and I expect the woman's basket-ball match, about which even my colleague C. Fogg became an enthusiast, will be recalled by many with a broad grin.

FRIDAY, 14th.

The party travelled to Kircaldy and the new Seafield colliery.

We were all startled and impressed by the bold new structures and designs above and below ground, and intrigued further to learn that all of the proposed daily output of 5,000 tons would come from under the waters of the Firth of Forth. Descending the shaft, bedecked with with helmet, lamp, and close-fitting overalls, we saw and learned much of modern mining techniques at 1,850 ft. below sea level. Arriving at the surface without mishap we were shown round the coal disposal unit and the impressive power house before thanking our hosts and setting off along the nearby beach to the town. On the outskirts we lunched, basking like tourists in the brilliant sunshine. We later visited the fine museum, where a great deal of useful and didactic information was to be had.

SATURDAY, 15th.

Departing from the procedure of previous years, excursions planned for the weekend were not compulsory, so those with their own plans were given a reasonably free hand. Thus it was, that, while a main group made for Edinburgh for the day, C. Fogg and I eventually found ourselves high in the Sidlaw Hills in the pouring rain.

SUNDAY, 16th.

Another free day lay at the disposal of the party, and in the bright sunshine following the rain, plans were made for excursions to Broughty Ferry, Arbroath (the BRIGHTON of the east coast), and St. Andrew's, all various seaside resorts. For those who travelled the few miles to Broughty Ferry were the quiet Sunday pleasures of the minor estuary resort, brightened by one of the final fixtures of the Civic Week—a yacht race.

MONDAY, 17th.

To-day again we split up into parties, one led by Mr. Spearing and going to farms in the Sidlaws, and the other by Mr. Gouldstone going to farms centred in the famous Carse of Gowrie. With damp, unsettled weather we (party No. 2) travelled by bus to West Adamson

farm, several miles to the north-west of the town, and there, much to the surprise and delight of the party, and in typical farm-like manner, were transported around the 250 acres on a tractor trailer, piled with straw bales. Without anyone falling off the trailer we completed a very instructive tour of land and buildings, and were generously supplied with tea and given a chance to gather our own strawberries, a proposition on which even Mr. Gouldstone seemed keen.

When we crossed to the neighbouring farm we encountered a surprisingly different method of farming, but of whose techniques we were similarly well informed. Here also we were generously treated, and there were some doubts of the possibility of tackling the evening meal, but I fear the appetite of growing lads was not reckoned with, and we managed comfortably.

TUESDAY, 18th.

As it was the last day of our stay in Dundee we wished to show our gratitude to the servers at the Salvation Army, so, while buying provisions for an early breakfast the next day at the Youth Hostel, we all contributed towards some chocolates. Afterwards, we all looked round the town museum before lunching and visiting one of the several shipyards, close by the river. The visit was characterised by long and complicated processes of metallurgical engineering, interesting to many only in their immensity.

WEDNESDAY, 19th.

Very early in the morning we were speeding over the narrowing waters of the Tay towards Perth and Glasgow. Changing trains at Dunblane, we soon began to appreciate the true beauty of the Highlands as we sped by lochs of sparkling blues and greys, bordered by the extensive fresh greens of conifers, merging with the darker greens and browns of hills stretching up into the immeasurable extent of blue. A contrast with London indeed! At Crianlarich, a small station surrounded by towering peaks, we had to change again, though four members of the party forgot this and were taken on; however, they were extremely lucky in catching a returning train along the single line track. The track from Crianlarich to Fort William twisted and turned up and down the mountainous terrain, and in one instance described a gigantic bend along the sides of a valley. As we crossed Rannoch at 1,250 feet above sea level we caught sight of Ben Nevis to the north-west, covered with patches of snow which indeed gave a vivid impression of its height. At Fort William we made our way to the hostel, a pleasantly situated Norwegian-type cabin in Glen Nevis.

THURSDAY, 20th.

" Somewhere above the cloud lies our destination," it was announced as we set off from the hostel. Loaded with warm clothes, sandwiches and drinks, we began the ascent of Ben Nevis (4,406 ft), and it was not long before a long line of panting climbers was strung out along the rocky path to the summit. Soon a party led by Mr.



Photo : P. M. Taylor.

RAG-TIME BAND

This year's Fete Rag Band ready for action.

Spearing forged ahead, passing slowly into the insidious damp grey blanket of cloud, but at about 4,000 feet the yellow orb of the sun was faintly visible, and it was not long before we emerged into bright sunshine. Nearing the summit we passed patches of snow, which proved a small amusement for some, and in a short while we were eating our sandwiches on the highest point in the British Isles. Sitting in the bright sunlight some members became quite sunburnt and had substantial discomfort back at the hostel, but nothing to impair their voices in the sing-song that evening.

FRIDAY, 21st.

We left for Mallaig, where we caught the steamer for Skye. Arriving at Armadale pier we were subjected to a rather bumpy bus

ride along the southern part of the island, the road mostly skirting the low lying parts of the coast. When we changed buses at Sligachan, an alternative route for walkers over a low mountain col was suggested, so the energetic Mr. Spearing, C. Fogg, and the writer set off over the rugged stony path. Here is a walk which I can thoroughly recommend to anyone, even if he be of no geographic turn of mind, as the sheer symmetry of landscape with the lunar-like Black Cuillins in the background make for beauty in anyone's conception. We arrived at the hostel only twenty five minutes after those who had travelled by bus, and were soon settling in. The evening brought a bright period of sunlight and blue skies, and gave an almost alpine splendour to this solitary cabin in Glenbrittle.

SATURDAY, 22nd.

Given a free hand again the party broke up, and while some made for Portree (a " town " higher up the coast), and others remained on the beach, situated about a mile to the south, others contented themselves with the country near the hostel.

SUNDAY, 23rd.

While Mr. Spearing led one party up the neighbouring mountain, Mr. Gouldstone accompanied the other on a small pleasure boat to the nearby Isle of Canna. The island, one of the Inner Hebridean group, is inhabited by about fifty people, and for anybody desiring peace and quiet in a mild climate it is an admirable retreat.

MONDAY, 24th.

An extract from my diary on this day of ten and a half hours travelling reads: " I just had time to get the first boot on and tumble into the waiting bus. The warden-cum-driver joked facetiously about the smoking old bus, which rattled and bumped alarmingly around the hairpin bends, but a growing regret for leaving this barren but beautiful isle remained."

To newcomers, accustomed to cabins and huts, the large country house, converted as the Loch Lomond Y.H., came as rather a surprise, especially with the usual evening dance and its unexpected amusements.

TUESDAY, 25th.

To-day we were to be treated to a round trip of Loch Lomond and Loch Long, but so heavy was the rain that the renowned beautiful scenery along both shores could hardly be seen, let alone enjoyed. Thus for most of the journey time was passed in reading and exploring the boat.

WEDNESDAY, 26th.

Yet another day of rain greeted the risers, but by now we had become accustomed to the variable weather and no one was particularly depressed.

On the return journey to London we took the exclusive British Railways tea, eating in a manner we had been little accustomed to in the last week. A return to London and the comforts of modern civilization, but I can safely say that, in spite of the inclement weather, not one member of the party was bored or disappointed in these two weeks. Personally speaking, I found this final Week in Industry decidedly the best that I have had the pleasure of taking part in. How Messrs. Gouldstone and Spearing managed 1,500 miles of rail travel alone, for the party, plus many other expenses, on £14, I shall never know, but I realise that we, who have enjoyed the result of such skilful planning and management, owe them our sincerest thanks.

J. R. OLLERENSHAW (last year's U6Ec, Gd).

THE SOVIET EXHIBITION

Last term, during the month of July, a party from the Lower Sixth Science and Mr. Willer, paid a visit to the Soviet Exhibition at Earls Court.

We arrived at 2 p.m. on 21st July, excitedly speculating what we might see inside. I believe we all expected something out of the ordinary. Just after entering we split up into groups so that we could see the Exhibition at our leisure, but before parting we arranged to meet for a lecture later in the afternoon. After my first brief look around I was extremely disappointed and so were my friends. Everything that we saw seemed to be dead and lifeless; there seemed little to make one think. Nearly everywhere one went there was communist propaganda of one sort or another, though I had expected to see something of this nature.

The Hall was divided into a number of stands, large and small, displaying motor cars, scientific apparatus and many products of all shapes and sizes. One stand, however, that caught one's eye and imagination was a large dome-shaped roof, with the planets and Soviet space successes in position around the sun. It was in the form of a Planetarium and fascinating to watch, but I must admit that I expected something more in the way of sputniks and rockets than just this one large exhibit.

The other stands had many pictures of different aspects of Russian life and scenery, but of course it was the Russian way of life at its best.

It was now time to meet for the lecture, which was about Russian films. The Lecture Hall was fairly small but attractive, with comfortable seats. The Lecturer was a Russian, who could not speak fluent English, so he had a Russian Interpretress with him, and between them they gave an absorbing lecture on a number of Russian films, including " Ballad of a Soldier " which is now showing in London. He spoke of what the directors wanted and how they put what they wanted on to the screen. The lecture made me think more of the films I had seen, and at the end of the lecture I was glad that I had gone to it.

After the lecture we had one last look around and then we left Earls Court for home feeling disappointed, but not discontented.

P. GODDEN, U6Sc., Pc.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

A house report, I am informed, should run for less than 700 words and should include all relevant information which is considered too insignificant for inclusion in " Contemporary Quotations." A timely investigation of past reports, however, revealed that their chief virtue is not in conveying information, nor even in running for less than 700 words. The primary object of House Notes is to preserve a sacred conformity with all past attempts in this art-form, none of which display any originality except in the date at the head of the page. There are two good reasons for perpetuating this traditional pattern—each new Representative has only to fill in the new date, and this is the only part of the report that a regular *Link* reader need peruse, unless he wishes, once again, to revel in the æsthetic perfections of the form.

The above-mentioned perfections may be tabulated thus:—

(1) An arresting opening gambit (i.e. " The autumn term is the shortest term of the year, etc.").

(2) A tribute to Cromwell House leavers (who, incidentally, include Roger Newman (Head Boy), Eric Slater (Deputy Head Boy), Norman Ratcliffe and Andrew Hillyard (House Captains), Kenneth Hinson, Brian Chewter, Christopher Corton and Alan Dudley).

(3) At this point the Authorized Version offers two alternatives:—

(i) Panegyric on successes on the games field, with a contrasting section on diligence.

(ii) No mention of diligence and an exposition on the effects of adverse weather conditions on Cromwell House teams.

(I consider section i. to be the more appropriate for this term, bearing in mind our Cricketing success last term under the Captaincy of Kenneth Nebbett. Diligence, however, was cloudy with occasional drizzle.)

(4) The concluding section contains manifold exhortations, strictly for Cromwell House members. (May I never be guilty of inadvertently dropping a piece of good advice whereby our opponents may seize the initiative and turn the tables against us!).

There is, I think, no more news worthy of the notice of a Cromwellian, except the apology which immediately follows.

P.S.—The author wishes to express sincere regret for any departures from the traditional pattern of the House Notes which may have escaped his notice.

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cb.

Cromwell House Officers:

Rugby Captain—Paul Larkin.
Soccer Captain—Brian Hopkins.
Basket Ball Captain—John Woods.
Senior Cross-Country Captain—Christopher Hunt.
Junior Cross-Country Captain—Philip Olive.
Athletics Captain—Derek Dungey.
Fencing Captain—Duncan Wherrett.
Link Representative—Nicholas Hillyard.

GIBBON

The start of a new school year means that many new boys and members of staff will have joined Gibbon. I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming them on behalf of the whole House. I feel sure that they will have a very enjoyable school life as members of this House.

This time last year I wrote that Gibbon had been going through a period of depression and had suffered many defeats, and that I hoped that the beginning of a new school year would see a return of our past glories. Well, I am now very pleased to say that we have come through our darkest hour and have regained some of our former standing. It has been a hard struggle and has been due mainly to our leaders who made enormous efforts to pull the House up. They were, I am glad to report, ably supported by many loyal House members who all did their parts in one or more of the many and varied inter-house activities.

The end of last term saw the departure of many of our leaders, to whom we all wish the greatest of success in their careers. Their leaving has left large gaps in the leadership of the House, which have been noted with regret by most of the House members.

In the first House Meeting of the term the House elected new leaders who are as follows:—

House Captain—D. P. Flint.
Vice-Captain—M. C. Kane.
Rugby Captain—S. W. England.
Senior Cross-Country Captain—E. V. Elliott.
Junior Cross-Country Captain—K. M. Owen.
Link Representative—P. J. Fogg.

I am sure that these new leaders will do their utmost to maintain the high standard set by their predecessors, but they do need the support of the rest of the House. The real success or failure of the House depends on the support given by its members. The only part the leaders can do is to guide the energies of the members into channels where they will best serve the House. These channels, as I have said, are many and varied and there should be at least one and probably more activities during the year in which each boy can do his part.

Next term sees one of the climaxes of the inter-house activities—The Eisteddfod. Here there are so many sections that there should not be a single House member who cannot do his part towards the fortunes of Gibbon. Each House member should begin to prepare his entry now, and not leave it until a week before the judging. Now is the time to start collecting postage stamps or making model aircraft. Last Eisteddfod we moved up from 4th to 2nd place. In this Eisteddfod let us strive to come first. In fact let us strive to come first in all things and prove to the rest of the School that Gibbon is top.

D. C. Lloyd, U6Sc, Gd.

MORLEY

Firstly, we welcome all the new members of Morley House, with the hope that they will by now be settled down in the life of the School, and working as hard as possible, for their own sakes, and for that of the House. In fact, we have already had one indication that they are doing this, but more of that later.

At the House Assembly on September 21st, the new House Captain, R. F. Alder (Md), and the Vice-Captains, J. G. Moore (Mi) and R. C. Pearson (Mb), were presented to the House, together with all the new prefects. A list of these will be found elsewhere in the magazine. The House also congratulates J. A. Lally (Ma) on being appointed Head Prefect, a most responsible office for one person.

In preparation for the new school year, the following officials were elected:—

Rugby Captain—I. P. Evans, Mc.
Soccer Captain—J. Crane, Ma.
Fencing Captain—D. M. Eden, Mb.
Basketball Captain—J. S. Sotiriou, Mc.
Fives Captain—R. F. Alder, Md.
Swimming Captain—J. G. Moore, Mi.
Chess Captain—A. W. Curtis, Mj.
Cross-Country Captain (Snr.)—P. Beard, Me.
Cross-Country Captain (Jnr.)—P. Burgar, Md.
Link Representative—R. C. Pearson, Mb.

Please give these officials all the support you can. Theirs is a difficult enough job, without have to continually persuade people to enter the various events.

Our especial congratulations, by the way, go to J. G. Moore, who has been selected, for the third year running, to swim for the London Schools, in the English Schools Championships. This is certainly a most praiseworthy achievement. Another person to be congratulated is P. Burgar, our Junior Cross-Country Captain. Burgar came first in the junior inter-house cross-country, held on October 20th, although the junior team came only third in the final results. With the seniors coming second, we finished up in third place.

Now, we come to the usual grouse: diligence. We came third in the final results for last year, in a very close contest. Only 2.07 behind the top house, we could easily have come top if a few more boys had got a few more 1's and a few fewer minuses. The first award for this year makes one wonder how we even managed to come third. Out of ten sets, only four managed to get an average of more than 3, the result being that we were last, far below all the other houses. Three sets produced an average of less than 2.5, and they in particular must do their best to make amends in the next awards. (What happened to Morley D?). The one bright note was struck by the lower school, where we came top. It may, perhaps, make some of you ashamed of your feeble efforts, to realize that even the house with the lowest average in the Junior School, produced a higher average than the top house in the main school. Well done, anyway, to the 1st and 2nd years, and may the rest of the House follow your example!

Getting away from this gloomy note, we welcome three new masters to the House: Mr. Lewis, of Me, whom we are pleased to see again after three years in Cyprus; Mr. Saffir, who has come over from the Lower School to help Mr. Tovell with Mg; and Mr. Ward, now attached to Mh.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mr. Patten, who has gone to the United States for a year, on an exchange scheme. Although we are sorry to lose him, even for a year, we are glad that he has been given this opportunity to spread a little English culture. He has indeed gone as something of a missionary, taking an English football with him, to show them that football is not always played in headguards and padded jackets.

To conclude with, I would like to remind you all that next term brings the Eisteddfod once again. Last year, as I expect most of you remember, we came top, by 18½ points, a very good result. Please make sure you all do your best to give us another victory. You will be given all the details about the Eisteddfod next term, when the representatives will also be elected, so let us try and increase that lead.

Although these notes are being written in Mid-October, by the time you read them it will be December, so I will end by wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and the best of luck in the New Year.

R. C. Pearson, U6A, Mb.

PITT

Owing to the early date at which the *Link* is going to press this term, the results of the Inter-House cross-country race cannot be included in these notes. All that I can say at this stage is that the House Cross-Country Captain, R. Sandford, Pa, is confident of our chances of winning.

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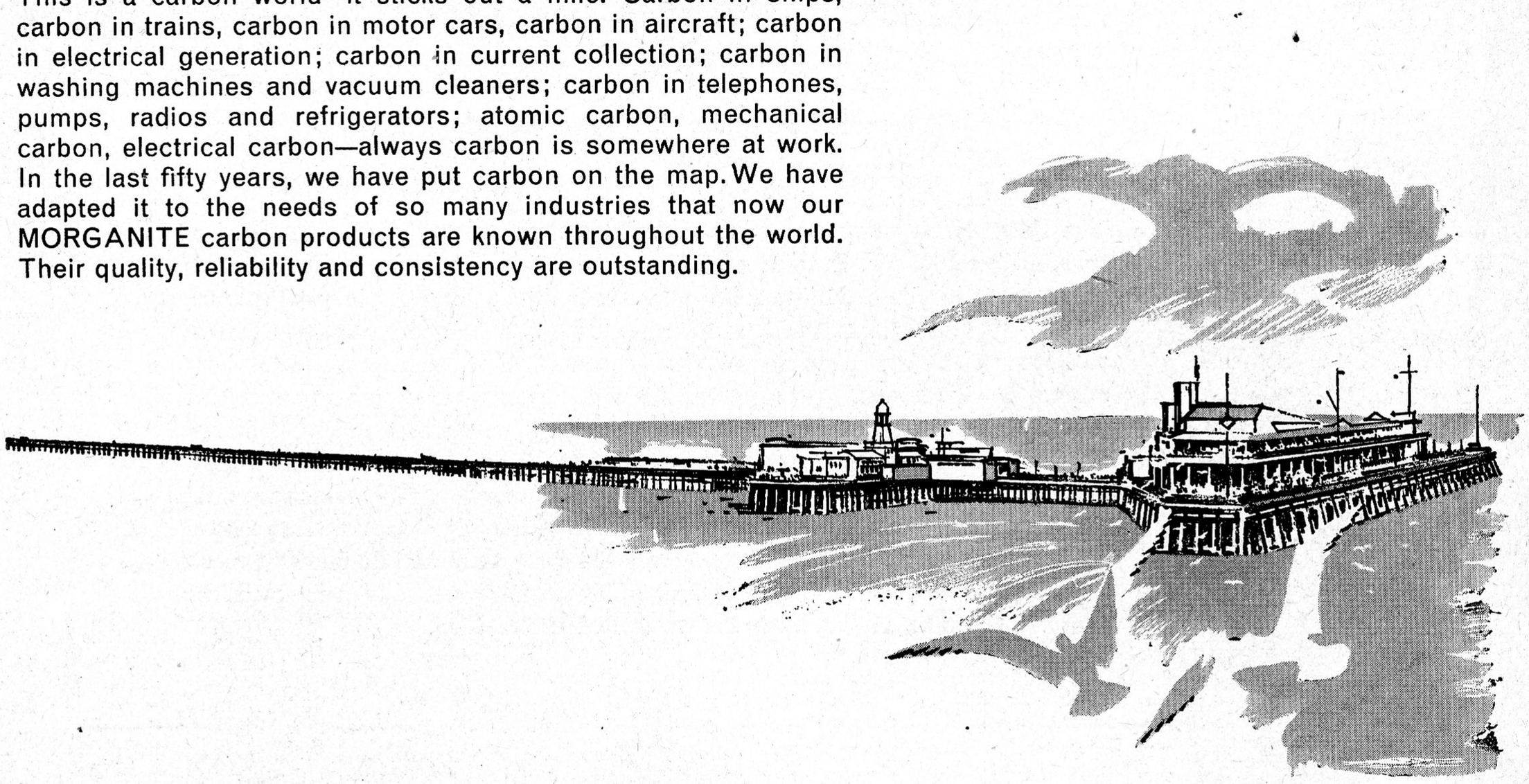
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One event of significance has taken place, the 1st Diligence Award, in which the House did rather well. At the moment, Pitt is two points clear of Cromwell. Although this is not a winning lead at this stage, we could be sure of winning the Diligence Shield if the same standard of work were maintained. Especial congratulations should go to Pitt B which was the leading set in this award.

I would next like to say, "Well done!" to all those members of Pitt who were successful in the G.C.E. last summer, and to give some encouragement to those who will be sitting exams. this Christmas, or shortly after.

Congratulations to all members of the House who have been appointed as Prefects, Cycle Marshals or Tuck Shop Stewards (the last being a key post). Good luck to C. J. Smith, our House Captain for this year. So far he is doing very well, the House duties having been performed with almost machine-like efficiency. I now give myself a pat on the back for being made joint Second Prefect (contrary to the hopes of some, it is true; and there has not been a ghastly mistake somewhere!).

Finally, I would like to welcome Mr. Citeroni who is helping Mr. Mercer with Pitt D.

D. T. SNELL, U6Sc, Pc.

MISCELLANY



HOW I GOT HOME THAT NIGHT

I was journeying home from Finspark, where my offices are, to Lynting. I was sitting in a single compartment of the seven fifteen from Finspark. Opposite me was a woman about fifty to fifty-five. She had legs that stuck down from her dress as if they ought to have had castors on them, and on each ear lobe was a thick glass ball. Also, she continually smiled.

I stared at these ear-rings. I then put my hand in my pocket to feel for my pipe; I was putting it to my lips when I remembered my manners.

"D'you mind if I smoke?" I said. She just continued to smile, and I noticed one front tooth was missing and one was as black as soot.

"D'you mind if I smoke?" I repeated.

"Words," she said to me, "that aren't in the praise of God are wasted words."

"I'm sorry," I said. I did not know for what I was sorry but just said it. I put my pipe in my pocket and fixed my eyes on a picture of Windsor Castle. After a short time I gave her a quick glance: she was smiling directly at me. I looked away and prepared to snatch a quick sleep.

I opened my eyes in a tunnel, which did not surprise me, and it did not surprise me that the lights in the old decrepit carriage had not come on. One thing that did surprise me was that out of the dusty blackness I could see the lady still smiling at me; she had also moved. At first she was sitting in the opposite corner and now she was facing me. I tried to produce a smile which became half twisted. I closed my eyes once again. When I opened them next time the light had returned, but she was there no longer. Then I saw she had moved on to my seat, and was two or three feet from my side.

It was becoming annoying. I gave her a deliberate angry look, but still she smiled. I turned my attention to hedges, cows and rivers.

We entered another tunnel. I began to feel a sharp discomfort and irritation. I moved my right hand up and down the wood, it met the line of the communication cord; I caressed it with one finger. I was furious with myself and pulled myself together just before we left the tunnel.

I looked at her again; she was now about six inches from my side; out of the corner of my eye I noticed her still smiling at me. "There

is something really sinister about her," I thought to myself; but what, I could not say. Perhaps it was those ugly teeth, and that ridiculous smile.

We rushed into the last tunnel. It was the main one, but I knew that a hundred yards past it was Lynting Station. In the darkness I could not hear the slightest movement, but I began to have an extraordinary feeling on my legs, as though they were being brushed. I looked sharply down to see a vague figure crawling past my legs, looking up and smiling at me. This ugly, now horrible smile began to make me perspire violently. We were at the end of the tunnel, when she suddenly sprang up, still smiling, opened the door of the carriage and leapt out, only to meet a non-stop express coming down the other line. It applied its brakes with a deafening screech but did not stop for two hundred yards. I could hear whistles being frantically blown and running footsteps.

I saw a paperboy selling papers on the platform who shouted these ominous words.

"Religious maniac escapes from Finspark asylum." I was not sure if I was sorry or relieved; but I was sure I was home, and never so pleased before in my life.

M. D. A. ERBEN, L6G, Gd.

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT

There was a cat who much desired
To find out how a gun was fired.
He saw a battleship from France,
At once the pussy took his chance.
On board he crawled into a gun,
The end at which the firing's done.
There he waited till at length,
The captain cried with all his strength,
"Fire, men!" and with a loud report
Our pussy found out what he sought.

W. J. HADDOCK, F2, Ch.

SIT-DOWN AT SWARTHWOND

(from our Special Correspondent)

Much concern, if not alarm, has been aroused in the breast of the School Captain, J. Lyall, by the activities of the militant "Campaign for No Detentions," or, to give it its abbreviated title, the C.N.D. It seems that a small body of malcontents are seeking to undermine and overthrow one of the School's most effective "deterrents." Egged on by a vociferous minority, large numbers of otherwise obedient and docile boys took part in a Sit Down obstruction demonstration outside the Prefects' Room. The demonstrators passed the time by chanting "Detentions constitute a threat to our psychological development!" (the exclamation mark is my own).

The attendant inconvenience to the users of the Prefects' Room has led to a storm of protest and demands for firm action from some right wing extremists. For the moment, however, the Senior Officers of the School Gendarmerie have decided to double all guards and to issue a warning to the effect that any repetition of such action will lead to the assumption of emergency powers and to warn that the ringleaders will be subject to severe punishment.

One effect of doubling the guards has been that the number of card games in progress at any time in the Prefects' Room has been halved. . . .Rather a neat case of killing two birds with one stone.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

40, Park Avenue,
Dover,
New Jersey,
U.S.A.

Dear Members of Wandsworth School,

Expect no profound observations in this "Letter from America." The day after our arrival in the United States on the S.S. Queen Mary, on 16th August to be precise, I heard this apocryphal tale of a French Anthropologist who, after a fleeting visit to the U.S., lectured at home on the American Indians. "In America," he said, "The Indians always walk in single file. At least, the one I saw did!" Accepting the moral of this tale, I shall confine this letter to incidents of common interest and postpone until my knowledge of the U.S.A. is greater, any serious comments upon the American scene. Suffice to say that it seems that I shall spend an absorbing and exhausting year in the company of very hospitable people.

"New York! New York! It's a wonderful town"—this is an opinion held by most New Yorkers but few other Americans. New York is surely unique. Even I, familiar with our own great city, London, was awed by it. The grandeur of the sun rising behind the famous Manhattan Skyline; the speed, the noise, the seeming recklessness and the sheer volume of traffic in New York, compared with which London is almost rural; the squalor of 9th Avenue, the elegance of

5th Avenue; the mingling of many races; the so exhausting heat and humidity of August; but most of all the cacophony of sirens, bells, screeching brakes and whistles, blown by Policemen, armed of course, to direct both traffic and pedestrians—no jay-walking allowed there. The story is told of an out-of-town visitor lost in New York who, telephoning a relative for directions, said he was at the junction of "Walk" and "Don't Walk"—a reference to the pedestrian traffic signals.

Just now New York is in the throes of the Mayoral election, the incumbent Democrat Mayor Wagner is opposed by Republican Louis Lefcovitch. Elections in England are sedate by comparison. The Election has shared pride of place on T.V. with the end of the Baseball season and whether a member of the New York Yankees team, Roger Maris, would break the record of 60 home runs in a season set by Babe Ruth in 1929. A "home run" is scored when the striker hits the ball "out of the ball park" without a bounce. Did he break the record? Yes, he scored 62. Here in the New Jersey area television offers a choice of 13 channels—one in colour—from morning prayer at 5.50 a.m. to the Late Late Show, followed by the news at 3 a.m. the next day! The Sunrise Semester—an early morning University course —is an ambitious venture. Today's programme was:—

6.00 a.m. New Biology: Structure of Cells. Dr. Roy. Koppelman.

6.30 a.m. Modern Algebra: The Continuity Axiom. Prof. J. L. Kelly.

7.00 a.m. History of Modern Russia: The Rise of Serfdom. Prof. A. P. Mendel.

7.30 a.m. American Government: Civil Rights. Dr. P. H. Odegard.

THEN

8.00 a.m. Cartoons: Stoneage Romeo . . . and more junk!

We travelled to Washington from New York, partly along the New Jersey Turnpike, a 120 mile multi-lane highway, without a traffic light or intersection. Washington D.C. is an elegant and stately Southern City selected and designed as the Nation's Capital during the early part of the 19th Century. Its showpiece is The Mall, a grassy avenue 600 yards wide stretching from the Capitol Building at one end to the Potomac River two miles away. Aligned along the centre of this sward are the white domed Capitol, the tall, slim, pyramid-topped George Washington Memorial and then, almost at the bank of the Potomac, the simple white marbled memorial to Abraham Lincoln—the whole an impressive and memorable sight when seen floodlit on a balmy summer evening.

Our party of Exchange Teachers visited the White House where I met the President John F. Kennedy. Curiously the meeting was the outcome of my own unpunctuality; my late arrival placed me at the end of the parties of visiting teachers. Whilst the others were shown around the White House, my party was conducted directly to the lawn fronting the President's office. When Mr. Kennedy addressed us therefore, Wandsworth School was represented in the front row! Following his talk Mr. Kennedy descended three steps to shake hands with those in the front, then at an embarrassed pause, when Mr. Kennedy appeared lost for words—or perhaps he merely paused for breath—I thanked him for having spared the time to speak to us. He said, "Ah. An Englishman. What part of England are you from?" I told him and he said, "I'm a London School of Economics man myself." At that moment, remembering another L.S.E. graduate I thought, "There, but for the grace of God, goes Mr. Squibb!"

Dover High School, Dover, New Jersey, has 1,150 pupils, boys and girls, aged 14 to 18 years, or in U.S. terminology "9th Grade through 12th Grade." Time and space prohibit a lengthy account of D.H.S. in this letter; however, my impressions are wholly favourable. If the industrious, diligent and lively students here are typical of U.S. High Schools, then we in England seriously underrate U.S. Education. But more of this in my next letter.

Sincere good wishes to you all at Wandsworth.

E. J. PATTEN.

BERLIN

In Berlin in this mad age,
The World says it's on a rampage;
The Kremlin acts, but then it wavers,
Fancy building a wall 'cos you don't like your neighbours!
Because of a mere accusation,
The World is full of radiation;
Because of the Berlin situation.
It could end up in annihilation.

A. SMITH, F2, Gj.

SOUTHFIELDS BOYS' CLUB

Our Club was started about eighteen months ago in response to an appeal by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, for boys' clubs to be established in those parts of London where the need was greatest, and last April the Club was visited by Prince Philip himself.

Members who are at School pay a small subscription each week. We have two main Club nights—Tuesday and Friday—7.30 to 10 p.m. The usual range of outdoor games is played as well as football in the outdoor " cage." Weight-lifting, gymnastics and carpentry sections also operate on certain evenings and two football teams play regularly against local sides. The " Adventure Section " caters for those members who like to get out and about doing such things as hiking, cycling, canoeing, sailing, gliding, rock climbing, camping, youth hostelling, boat building, pot holing, shark fishing, tackling commando style assault courses and going on visits both at home and abroad.

Two Adventure Section members, Raymond Couchman and Roger Wilkins, have passed the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award and over forty others are in the process of doing so.

Some 30 boys have joined the Youth Hostels Association as a result of the Adventure Section activities over the last one-and-a-half years. Many of these activities have been recorded in colour on ciné film.

New members are made welcome, so why not come along?

V. G. Deacon, 5Nu, Pg.

SCHOOL

Up at eight and out of the gate
To the bus or train we go.
Off at the station without hesitation
And to the school in streams we flow.
Into the court for a game of short
Duration ere the lessons start
Ten minutes long; and then the gong
And off to our different rooms we dart.
After a while in single file
We go to the hall and stand up straight,
A forest of boys without any noise,
And not one weary and not one late.
After a prayer, to our teacher's care,
But *our* cares are these all day:
To avoid detention, and make pretention
We're perfect at work and play!

E. Isaac, 1Om.

THE BOMB

On the television recently was a programme which delved into the defences of Britain and America, in the event of a nuclear war. A film was shown of interviews with people who were concerned with civil defence in the U.S.A. and with people who were taking precautions against such a disaster.

Los Angeles has attempted to provide a means of escape for its inhabitants. Special routes have been designated for the escape by road to the apparent safety of the surrounding countryside. A swimming-pool manufacturer has begun to build radio-active fall-out-shelters, which are selling at the rate of ten a day. Some wealthy people have built specially equipped under-ground " caves," to protect the occupants from fall-out and even from the tremendous blasts from the devastating bombs.

What is being done in Britain? Nothing! A discussion in the television studio revealed this and also that people wanted something to be done to preserve even perhaps just a few, who could preserve humanity. The main idea was to have the government build fall-out shelters and to have larger civil defence action taken.

If Britain did do this, other countries would follow the example. The world will then become a population of people with two houses, one of them a fall-out shelter. Tension would build up owing to the distrust of nation towards nation. Nerves run high; a careless order is given; the wrong button pressed and a devastating missile heads for a major city. An accident you may say, but it would be too late to say anything. The warning systems of the main powers would send answering rockets, and the global destruction would begin.

The other alternative is, to coin a phrase, to " ban the bomb." If this is achieved, who is to know if a country is not building a secret stock-pile in order to hold the rest of the world to ransom? Hitler tried to conquer the world, so why should another not follow his example?

It is either fall-out shelters or ban the bomb. Which is it to be? Either way, it can be plainly seen that the world is in such a great mess, that it needs a genius to restore peace of mind to each individual. Will a genius arrive or will Christ come, as he said he would, *on Doomsday?*

J. May, F5, Pb.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE

The waves battered against the sides of the small boat, they lashed over the sides and hit the faces of the two small boys inside. They had been on a picnic to a small island, the storm had broken suddenly on the way back home. The small boat was no match for the rough seas.

Although both the boys were baling out as fast as they could, the boat was nearly half full of water. The boat was old and battered and suddenly capsized, throwing the two boys in the sea. Suddenly a hand reached out and picked one of them out of the sea. Other hands lifted the second boy. The lifeboat had done it again.

R. Monk, F2, Mi.

HIGHERWAFFLE

Down the corridor at lunch-time
Comes a furtive, frightened figure,
Looking guiltily around him
As he creeps towards his set-room,
Having dodged the wary prefects,
Hiding in the darkest corners,
Like a fly evading capture
In the webs of lurking spiders.
He can hear his footsteps echo,
Feel his heart-beats thumping loudly.
Then a door slams shut behind him,
And his heart begins to flutter,
Starts to pound in futile terror;
Still he keeps on walking slowly,
Doesn't dare to look behind him.
Trying hard to look as casual
As if he possessed permission, —
Really had a right to be there.
(It was just an empty class-room,
With a window half-way open,
And the wind had blown the door shut.
So there was no need to tremble.
But his years of Wandsworth training,
Coupled with a fear of getting
Any more than three detentions
Made him hold his breath in terror.)
Now he passes room eleven,
(Having used the Foyer staircase)
So he has to pass another
Four rooms getting to his set-room,
Which is opposite room seven.
Now he breathes a little freer,
For he's almost there in safety.
Now the fear is that a prefect,
Standing, waiting on the staircase,
May snarl out, "You're in detention!"
(For he's well-known to the prefects.)

But there's nobody to hinder,
So he puts his hand out gently,
On the handle of his set-room,
And he hears the sound of music
Coming from inside the set-room.
Then he opens wide the door, and
Slips inside, and shuts it swiftly.

But — a sudden fear assails him!
Now at last he knows the answer,
Understands now why there were no
Prefects on the stairs patrolling;
In the corner, by the window,
On the gramophone revolving,
Is a disc of Billy Fury's.
Round it, clustered, fifteen prefects,
Glaring at him in annoyance;
Not for being in the set-room,
Not for having no permission,
But for scaring them so badly,
For they thought he was a master.

R. C. PEARSON, U6A, Mb.

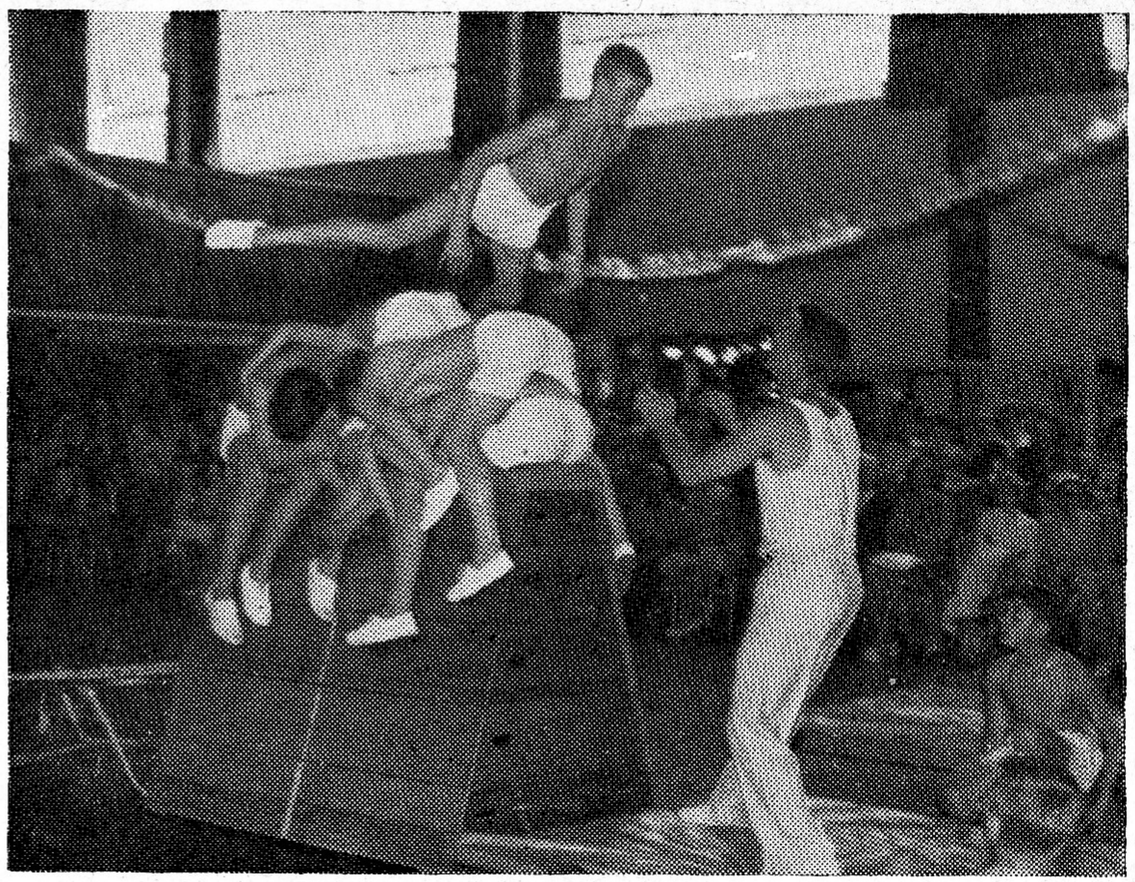


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GYMNASTICS AT THE FETE

THE SHOP ROUND THE CORNER

The shop round the corner from me is very old and small. The name over the door is now flaking off where the paint has been weather-beaten for many years. The windows are stained where the rain-drops have run in channels through the collected dust.

As you go in you are met by a distinct smell of biscuits. Over the counter there are small bottles of drink and packets of breakfast cereal. Round the walls are boxes of various kinds and sizes. There are some small plastic soldiers and other toys in a special glass case. Hanging from the ceiling is a dingy light.

The old man who owns the shop sits in an old oak chair with intricate carvings on it. He wears an old grey jacket, grey flannels and black boots. He has spectacles on his nose, and always serves you with a smile.

He and the shop have both been there ever since I can remember.

M. JOSEY, 3Io, Pf.

WAR

One by one the years pass on;
One by one the slain pass with them;
And yet the army ploughs on,
No matter what the consequences,
For glory it continues to fight,
For pride it does not retreat;
For salvation for the homeland,
For the freedom of its people.
No odour can smell like that of a body
Uncovered in the glaring sun;
Not even hell could be like this;
For the devil prolongs one's life,
But this is war, that evil spirit;
Which fills all men with hatred,
Men who once shook hands together
As a token of their friendship.
Men who signed so many treaties,
That their nations might survive.
But this means nothing when pride is at stake.
The pride of the people
The pride of the country.
Pride which sends all men to war.
And to their ultimate destruction . . .

B. LEVEY, F4, Pc.

TO MAKE YOU THINK

Solution to Last Term's Problem

9	6	2	3		3
C	R	O	S		S
6	2	5	1		3
R	O	A	D		S
D	A	N	G	E	R
1	5	8	7	4	6

Given S = 3, D can only be 1.

This Term's Problem:—

You are given three jugs of capacity 8 pints, 5 pints and 3 pints. They contain 5 pints, 3 pints and 2 pints of water respectively. How would you obtain exactly 1 pint in one of the jugs?

W.A.T.

WANTED

Antimony Angstrom Ohms

Escaped from Weston Primary Cell through a grid and got away on a -273° megacycle. He was charged with many crimes, including the induction of a 15 year old coil called Molyb Denum, raising power plants from light bulbs, and receiving stolen joules from a pole.

He is a potential killo-watt who has never been rectified.

Last seen on Faraday crossing Wheatstone Bridge to his ohm in Flux Fields.

We erg you to ampére 'im, but beware, he may offer series resistance.

ANON.

A DONKEY ON STREATHAM COMMON

Some friends of mine bought a donkey when they were on their holidays. It was going to be slaughtered and they took compassion on it and bought it for £70. But alas, they could not take it home with them, for there wasn't enough room in their car. So they paid its railway fare home, and gave it a good supply of food to last it through their journey. They live in Streatham, and the mother takes it for a walk every evening on Streatham Common. It lives in a shed in their back garden.

J. P. M. MACMAHON, 2Tau.

THE HIGHWAYMAN'S RIDE

The Highwayman galloped along the road.
In his sack he carried a load
Of gold and silver, a precious brooch,
Stolen from travellers on the coach
That runs from London to Dover.

The Highwayman rode his steed in haste.
Bow Street Runners took up the chase.
As his pursuers came in sight,
A pistol shot echoed through the night.
The Highwayman's ride was over!

J. BARROW, F3, Ca.

THE FIRST NIGHT

A True Story

This was the big night of my life. I was to play the piano at the famous Wigmore Hall in London. It was a concert given by my music teacher, Mrs. Bryan Gipps. She had spent hours rehearsing with her pupils for the concert of the year. It took place in May, two days before I went on the School Journey. The concert started at 7.30, but we had to be there at 4 o'clock for a short rehearsal and to get used to the atmosphere of such a famous place. I felt most important walking through the door marked " Artists' Entrance."

Sitting in the Artists' Lounge, I could hear the buzz of the audience. Suddenly all was silent, it had begun! I felt very nervous as I heard the first strains of music. My turn soon came and everyone wished me luck; I certainly needed it! The auditorium looked very large as I stepped on to the stage. I thought of all the people who had been here before me, but I am sure they never made such a blunder as I did, trying to put up the music stand. It crashed down twice, as I tried helplessly to put it up. I felt myelf getting redder and redder, and I wished I had never taken up the piano. Eventually Mrs. Gipps came to my aid. Even after all the mishaps, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and only hope I shall be asked to play again next year.

G. T. OSBORN, 1 Ga.

BIRD WATCHING

Bird watching is a very interesting hobby, because you can see birds, learn how to distinguish them, and get to know their habits. To see birds such as buzzards, kestrels or falcons, you would have to go right into Devon or Cornwall. But you can see birds such as bull-finches, thrushes or chaffinches over almost any common or heathland.

Buzzards, for instance, are very vicious birds, and fight and sometimes kill in order to get another bird's prey. They live on small animals, such as mice, voles and field mice. They build quite large nests made out of sticks and mud, so as to keep their babies warm.

Sparrows are very different birds; they do not kill in order to get their food, but they do fight and steal. The sparrow builds a small nest also made of twigs and mud, but also they put pieces of grass in with it. Sparrows live on bread, if it can be found, and worms. Other birds will attack the sparrows; but they can normally get their food back and eat it themselves. They are quite shy birds and will not let humans get near them. Sparrows are very small and common; buzzards big and uncommon: so they are two very different types of bird.

D. SPENCER, 1Ga.

THE TRAIN JOURNEY

The eager engine starts to heave;
The time is half-past three;
The whistle sounds, the flag is waved,
Express leaves for Dundee.
The gloomy station's left behind,
Dirty, drab and grey;
The lurching train with gathering speed,
Goes plunging on its way.
Through maze of factories, smoking chimneys,
Tight packed houses, over bridges,
Sprawling farmland, sheep and cattle,
Fields and rivers, hills and hedges:
Sunset, twilight, eerie darkness,
Still the train goes rushing on,
Till at last the brakes are straining,
Straining, halting,—journey's done!

A. DAVIS, F2, Pa.

RUSHING WATER

The stream lies still, and then awakes
In the sparkling sun, and then
Hurrying, scurrying, it bursts on
Rocks and through reeds; it
Dashes past forest, and it grows
Wider and slower and slower
And slower, and suddenly
It falls in a fountain,
Crashes at the bottom,
Then it settles down
To sleep in the
Shade.

BRIAN MERRITT, IUps.

THE SPIDER'S WEB

His web is like a piece of silk, hanging from the tree so delicately, with the dew of the Autumn mist, but it is used for such a cruel purpose—to trap the small, helpless fly. Once this fly has moved the web, the spider springs; he wraps the carcase in the silk, until the following day.

STEPHEN CARTMELL, 2Al.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 27:

"I am a man of few words."

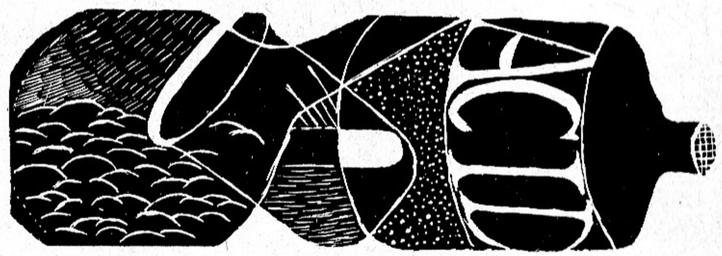
—Mr. Finbow.

A MEMORY

The name slips by me now
Like an actor taking his bow:
Perhaps it was a dream,
But so quiet, so serene.
The peace on top of the cliff,
A smell of salt, a racing skiff
The sea lapping against the shore,
To anyone else, I'm sure, a bore
But to me . . .
. . . The strange fascination of the sea.

M. BOLTON, 4Pi, Gb.

CHEMISTRY CORNER



There are four elements whose chemical properties are so similar that they are regarded as a little family on their own. They are chlorine, bromine, iodine and fluorine—the Halogen Family.

The most important one in everyday life is chlorine, which was isolated in 1774 by a Swedish chemist, Scheele (pronounced Shayler) by the action of muriatic acid on pyrolusite. (What are the modern names of these substances?). He thought it was an oxide of muriatic acid, as did Lavoisier, who called it oxymuriatic acid; but Davy, some thirty years later, proved it to be an element and gave it its present name from the Greek word CHLOROS, meaning greenish-yellow, on account of its colour.

Nowadays it is made industrially by the electrolysis of strong brine and it is used on an enormous scale throughout the world for many purposes.

It was first used to sterilise drinking water in 1910 during an epidemic in Reading: nowadays all drinking water supplied to towns and cities is so treated, only a small amount being necessary to ensure the water's being safe to drink.

It will not only kill dangerous germs, but also human beings. In 1915, during the First World War, the Germans used it in a surprise gas attack on the allies, which resulted in 20,000 casualties! Chlorine is readily absorbed by dilute alkalis, so a damp alkaline pad over the nose and mouth was all that was necessary to make it ineffective. They therefore tried two much more dangerous substances, both compounds of chlorine, phosgene and mustard gas, which necessitated a much more efficient respirator.

Curiously enough, many poisonous substances, gases, solids and liquids, in small or homeopathic doses can be of great benefit medicinally, for example belladonna (Deadly Nightshade) in bladder trouble. Chlorine itself in low concentration in air has been used to cure the common cold and it is not so very long ago that special chambers were constructed for this purpose and sufferers were invited to enter and inhale. Modern medicines are cheaper, easier to control and completely ineffective. The common cold is still only too common and dreadfully persistent.

Although chlorine is a killer and oxygen the only supporter of life, it is like oxygen in being an excellent supporter of burning; in fact, is is much better in this respect. Finely-divided metals will catch fire in chlorine; not so in oxygen. Hydrogen and chlorine explode if mixed in sunlight; not so oxygen and hydrogen. Chlorine has such an attraction for hydrogen (forming hydrogen chloride) that it will readily take it out of hydrocarbons such as paraffin, turpentine and wax, burning with a dull-red smoky flame and evolving dense black fumes of finely-divided carbon. This is made use of in making printers' ink, which consists of carbon in gum arabic, the latter to make the former stick to the paper.

Chlorine is a powerful bleaching agent, that is, a colour-remover, and for this purpose it is usually made into bleaching powder by allowing it to remain in contact with moist slaked lime until the latter has gained about 40% in weight. The article to be bleached, probably prior to dyeing, is soaked in a suspension of bleaching powder in water, excess squeezed out and then put into a bath of very dilute acid. This releases chlorine, which rapidly does the trick. Afterwards it is dipped into a solution of hypo to remove excess chlorine (which if not removed would rot the cloth), washed in water, and dried.

Chlorine is also used to sterilise swimming baths and sewage: to de-tin scrap tin plate; to make matches (potassium chlorate), weed-killer (sodium chlorate), fire-extinguishers (pyrene-carbon tetrachloride), anaesthetics (chloroform), solvents and dry cleaners (various organic chlorides): as a rat exterminator (chloropicrin) to combat bubonic plague, which is spread to human beings by rat fleas: to make D.D.T., and, oddly enough, to make pure hydrochloric acid from which it was first isolated, and (until electrolysis was used on a large scale) from which it was made. In short, chlorine is a wonderfully active and useful element and can contribute much more to man's happiness and well-being than to his destruction.

J.M.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 28:

"I have rather a sadistic nature."

— Mr. Waters.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



ART CLUB—*Organizer:* Mr. A. Hodgkinson.

BIOLOGY CLUB—*Secretary:* to be appointed.

C.E.W.C.—*Representative:* R. C. Dirs, U6A, Ga.

CHESS CLUB—*Secretary:* A. J. Hart, F4, Gh.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY—*Secretary:* P. J. James, 5Ep, Pg.

FILM SOCIETY—*Organizer:* Mr. M. Armstrong.

ENGLISH CLUB—*Secretary:* R. C. Dirs, U6A, Ga.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY—*Organizer:* Mr. T. Marchington.

HISTORY SOCIETY—*Organizer:* Mr. J. Hodges.

INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY—*Representative:* M. C. Kane, U6Sc, Gc.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY—*Secretary:* C. R. Presland, F2, Gg.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB—*Secretary:* A. Morris, L6G, Mc.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY—*Organizer:* Mr. A. M. Lincé.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY—*Secretary:* A. E. Davey, F5, Gb.

POTTERY CLUB—*Organizer:* Miss A. E. Lancaster.

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS SOCIETY—*Chairman:* P. C. Thomson, L6Sc, Pe.

RAILWAY CLUB—*Secretary:* to be appointed.

SPORTS SOCIETY—*Secretary:* A. J. Hart, F4, Gb.

STAMP CLUB—*Secretary:* D. C. Lloyd, U6Ec, Gd.

WOODWORK CLUB—*Organizer:* Mr. J. Hughes.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

This term's meetings have included a number of interesting films. Space-minded enthusiasts have seen "How Many Stars" and "The Rocket." "The Roman Wall" showed clearly the link between History and Geography.

Several other good films have been booked for the second half of the term. These are all in colour and include films of animal life in the deserts and grasslands of the world. A big attraction at the end of term is Walt Disney's "Water Birds," which is both instructive and amusing.

Normally there is no admission charge to film shows of the Society, and anyone interested in a particular film is always welcome to attend, even if he is not a regular member.

T.M.

BIOLOGY CLUB

The club has met regularly during the term for one hour each Monday and about 20 keen members have been busy investigating a variety of biological phenomena; these have varied from identifying insects attacking potatoes and producing cultures of pure fungal strains, to dissecting earthworms. One member has aroused much interest (and odour!) by electing to prepare the skull of a pig, the process involving the systematic putrification and boiling of the head in order to remove the flesh. It is hoped to have the specimen available for exhibition at Easter.

The club hope to start breeding rabbits shortly, in cages made by the members, so any boys wishing to find a home for their pet rabbits might like to lend a hand in building a cage.

D.G.

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CHESS CLUB



As usual the chess club is frequented mostly by juniors as seniors find that chess takes up too much of their time, with the consequence that our senior team has not been completely composed of a first-class team for some time. There have, however, been a few stalwarts who have all represented the School for the past five years, namely, M. C. Kane (Captain), A. W. Curtis (Vice-Captain), and P. M. Godden. Also the Secretary, A. J. Hart, has done admirable work in his post and is a valuable asset to the club. A new senior, A. K. Ashraf, also shows great promise. I hope the juniors will continue to play the game, and thus form once more, a good Wandsworth Team.

M. C. KANE, U6Sc., Gc *(Captain)*.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Notices for the *Link* are like Christmas decorations, two months in advance! Up to Half-Term we have three events to record.

We began with the screening to a packed house of two recently-made films in colour, issued by the G-B Film Library, on Magna Carta. Apart from plenty of interest motivation with knightly skirmishes, and rapine during the reign of Stephen, the information about the Charter did reflect modern research and John was acquitted of being the evil monster of legend. It is most encouraging to get faithful costume, reliable facts and an exciting presentation. These films are worthy successors to " Chaucer's England " which was shown over a year ago. All these films deserve to be hired annually. They aroused a positive enjoyment and interest in history.

In the Half-Term a party of twenty-five boys visited Cambridge. The day was the wettest of the week! Nevertheless, in the afternoon we met the guide as arranged and crossed quadrangles, went in dining halls and looked in Trinity Library. For the third time that lady has escorted a party of Wandsworth boys belonging to this society. After tea we attended King's College Chapel for Choral Evensong, and filled two maroon pews in the candlelight. As on past occasions, a boy left his cap behind to be courteously forwarded by the Chapel Warden.

Two days following Half-Term we have a visit by the Yeoman Gaoler of the Tower of London, bringing his own projector and coloured slides. But this copy is already overdue and cannot wait to tell you how many boys he carried away to lock up. J.H.

INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY

The committee, two representatives from each school (Mayfield, Putney High, Sir Walter St. John's and Wandsworth), met on September 28th to arrange the programme for this term and vote in the chairman. Yours truly had gone along as deputy with M. C. Kane and was voted in as chairman before he could escape!

Sir Walter St. John's are the host school this year and their two representatives are secretary and treasurer respectively. Also the Headmaster of Sir Walter St. John's is President of the society.

The programme for this term is as follows: A dance at Sinjuns on Thursday, 12th October. A debate at Mayfield on Thursday, 16th November. A dance at Wandsworth towards Christmas, and also possibly a play visit. This will probably be to " Stop the world, I want to get off."

At the time of writing the dance has already taken place and though at the beginning it appeared the ice would never be broken, the boys finally plucked up enough courage to ask the girls to dance. I think that on the whole it was quite a successful affair.

The topic for discussion at Mayfield on November 16th is " Is Advertising Immoral?" It will be started off with a short talk by Mr. Harvey Cole, a member of the Advertising Enquiry Council, and continued with an informal debate.

Arrangements for the other meetings have not yet been finalised.

The two Wandsworth representatives are P. J. Fogg (Gb) for the Lower Sixth and M. C. Kane (Gc) for the Upper Sixth and all complaints and suggestions should be addressed to them.

Finally I wish all members an enjoyable inter-sixth life.

M. TAYLOR, U6Sc, Gh. *(Chairman)*.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY



The Engineering Society continues to meet on Tuesdays, from 4 to 5.15 p.m., for practical engineering work in the Engineering Workshops.

Members of the Society also enjoyed a series of films on engineering subjects, during lunchtime on Wednesdays. These will be reviewed next term.

P. J. JAMES, 5Ep, Pg.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

The Lower School Debating Society meets again after the summer break. Topics for discussion include: The British Sunday, "Fings Ain't What they Used Be!", Caning, and Art.

The season opened with a very lively impromptu debate, or "sharp practice," in which a volunteer from the floor picks a subject, on which he has to speak for 2 minutes, out of a hat. We would like to impress on some people, that the society is not a dull, dry, society; on the contrary, it has very interesting, and often amusing meetings.

Although the name suggests the Lower School, all First, Second and Third Formers are welcome; indeed a number of Fifth Formers still come for lack of a main school society!

Finally we would like to thank Mr. E. McGill for all the help and encouragement he has given us.

R. L. BRICKWOOD, 3Al, Cg *(President)*.
C. R. PRESLAND, F2, Gg *(Hon. Secretary)*.
B. RANDALL, F3, Cd.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

The club has now increased its numbers to 41. Last term the club was generously given a large number of books and magazines, and a library has been started, with M. King, 5Tau, Gg, as the librarian.

Mr. Dorrell has begun a beginners' course for younger members, in which they will be taught the principles of making a successful model. It is starting with a simple chuck glider and working up gradually to a more elaborate rubber-powered model. When a number of chuck gliders have been made, a competition will be held, giving the makers a chance to see how their models perform compared with others.

The club now has in its possession two large planes which will be tackled as club projects. They are the Mercury 4, an eight foot wing span power model, and Fillon's Champion, a nine foot span glider.

The display held at the end of last term for the Fête, was quite successful, with displays of flying by both senior and junior members.

It is hoped that the club may soon become affiliated to the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers, giving the members the benefit of third party insurance.

A. MORRIS, L6G, Mc.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

The Society received the visit of Mayfield girls and staff on 19th October. After the usual refreshments, Mr. R. Winkler led the singing of some German songs with guitar accompaniment, and then followed two talks in French by holders of L.C.C. Travel Scholarships, Daniel Nathanson and Judith Avrach.

Mayfield girls gave the Riccaut scene from Minna von Barnhelm, in which Lessing so neatly combines French and German, and a Russian poem was explained in French and German by Mr. B. Williams and then read (twice, by special request) by Daniel Nathanson.

A. M. LINCE.

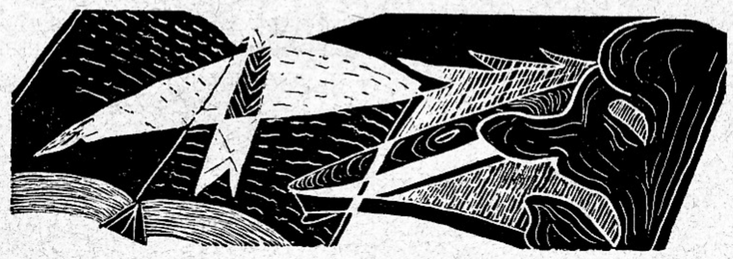
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

So far this term we have held two meetings which have been moderately successful. The first meeting was merely an introduction to the new members, of which there were not as many as expected. At the second meeting a film strip was shown which was of greater interest to the beginners to our hobby.

I am sure that there are many more potential members in the School and to assist them in their efforts we have a fully equipped darkroom which is at their disposal. We also have large stocks of chemicals and paper. With these attractions I hope to see larger numbers at our future meetings.

A. DAVEY, F5, Gb.

ENGLISH CLUB



14th July: "The Kitchen" by Arnold Wesker

A small party were fortunate in seeing this very successful play at the Royal Court last term. The rising tension and excitement in the restaurant kitchen as orders flood in and temperaments clash was most memorable. This was a remarkable production of a remarkable first play.

18th September: "Luther" by John Osborne

In comparison with our visit to John Whiting's "The Devils," last term, this play at the Phoenix proved rather disappointing. Luther's internal drama was presented in secular terms, the gay, persistent burlesque of religion prevented any sense of superhuman spiritual conflict materializing. Luther remained man: God—the driving power behind his life—was conspicuously absent. Albert Finney was at his best as the secular Luther.

26th — 27th September: A.G.M. — "Chaucer's Pilgrims"

At this meeting officials for the current year were elected. Then followed a showing of a series of colour slides of Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims—photographs of the 14th century Ellesmere manuscript illustrations, now in the United States—linked by readings from Neville Coghill's lively translation of the Prologue and Tales, which retains much of the flavour of the original, while being readily accessible to a modern audience.

28th September: "'Tis Pity She's a Whore" by John Ford

In comparison with another Italianate tragedy—Romeo and Juliet, recently produced by Franco Zeffirelli at the Old Vic—this production of John Ford's play at the Mermaid seemed small, and lacked the authentic Veronese Renaissance atmosphere of the former. The two plays, however, have little in common. John Ford's is bloodier, more vicious, shot through with the horror and savagery of incest. Ford sets out merely to dissect the incestuous love of the brother and sister Giovanni and Annabella. He points no moral, as perhaps Shakespeare might have done.

Due to the fine acting of some of the leading players, there *were* moments of great passion, and gripping tension. But these were all too few and far between, since the overall heaviness of the production soon clamped down.

Zena Walker, as Annabella, effectively expressed the twisted, passionate, nature of the character, so totally immersed in her horrible love, conveying both the intense passion for, and horror at, it. Edward de Souza, portrayed the brother with a certain conviction, and the supporting cast was competent.

10th October: The Faustus Legend

This talk by R. C. Dirs served as an interesting introduction to our visit to Marlowe's play. Dirs showed us how the same medieval story had inspired both Marlowe and Goethe, and how for Marlowe it had become a vehicle for renaissance ideas not very far removed from problems of our own age.

13th October: "Dr. Faustus" by Marlowe

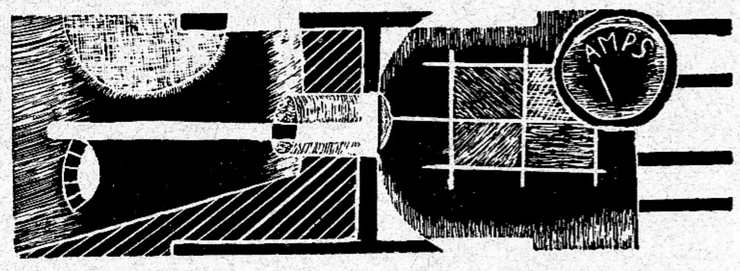
The original play almost completely vanished beneath a heap of stage effects of a pitiable nature. An incredibly loud firework discovered the fiendish Mephistophilis, on stage and posing defiantly as a dragon. Faust, the man who sold his soul to the Devil, was accompanied by a curious wooden "tick tock," which was found to proceed from beneath the gallery and presumably symbolized time, advancing to claim the damned soul of the hero. These distractions, however, could not stifle the magnificence of Marlowe's tragic poetry, which burst out in immense power and grandeur in Faust's closing soliloquy, which brings the drama to its restless and questioning close.

25th October: "The Showing Up of Blanco Posnet" and "Androcles and the Lion" by G. B. Shaw

This double bill at the Mermaid proved quite an enjoyable evening during half term. The first of these plays made typically Shavian use of the "western" for a discussion on the nature of goodness, and while the characterisation seemed in both plays to lack depth, Shaw's fluency in witty debate was well-illustrated in both plays.

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cb.
R. C. DIRS, U6A, Ga, *(Secretary)*

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS SOCIETY



This year the Radio and Electronics Society started up on the third Tuesday of the term with a short meeting to decide on this year's officials. As C. L. Boyes, our last year's Chairman, was not there he could not be elected to the post. Instead, P. C. Thomson, L6Sc, Pe, was made Chairman, M. J. Simpson, 5Nu, Pe, was re-elected Treasurer and I was reinstated Secretary. It was decided also that we should go on meeting on Tuesdays.

At the next meeting, a number of new boys started making crystal sets, while another group formed themselves into a short-wave group. It is hoped in the near future that the society will be able to buy a short-wave set and, with sets built by the members, this group will become amateur short-wave listeners, and later on (if a licence can be obtained) we will build a transmitter and go on the air.

Later on this term, Mr. Clarke (G5GY), will be giving a talk on short-wave receivers and transmitting, and it is hoped that this will draw a few more members to the Society.

T. CLARKE, 5Nu, Mh, *Secretary*.

SPORTS SOCIETY

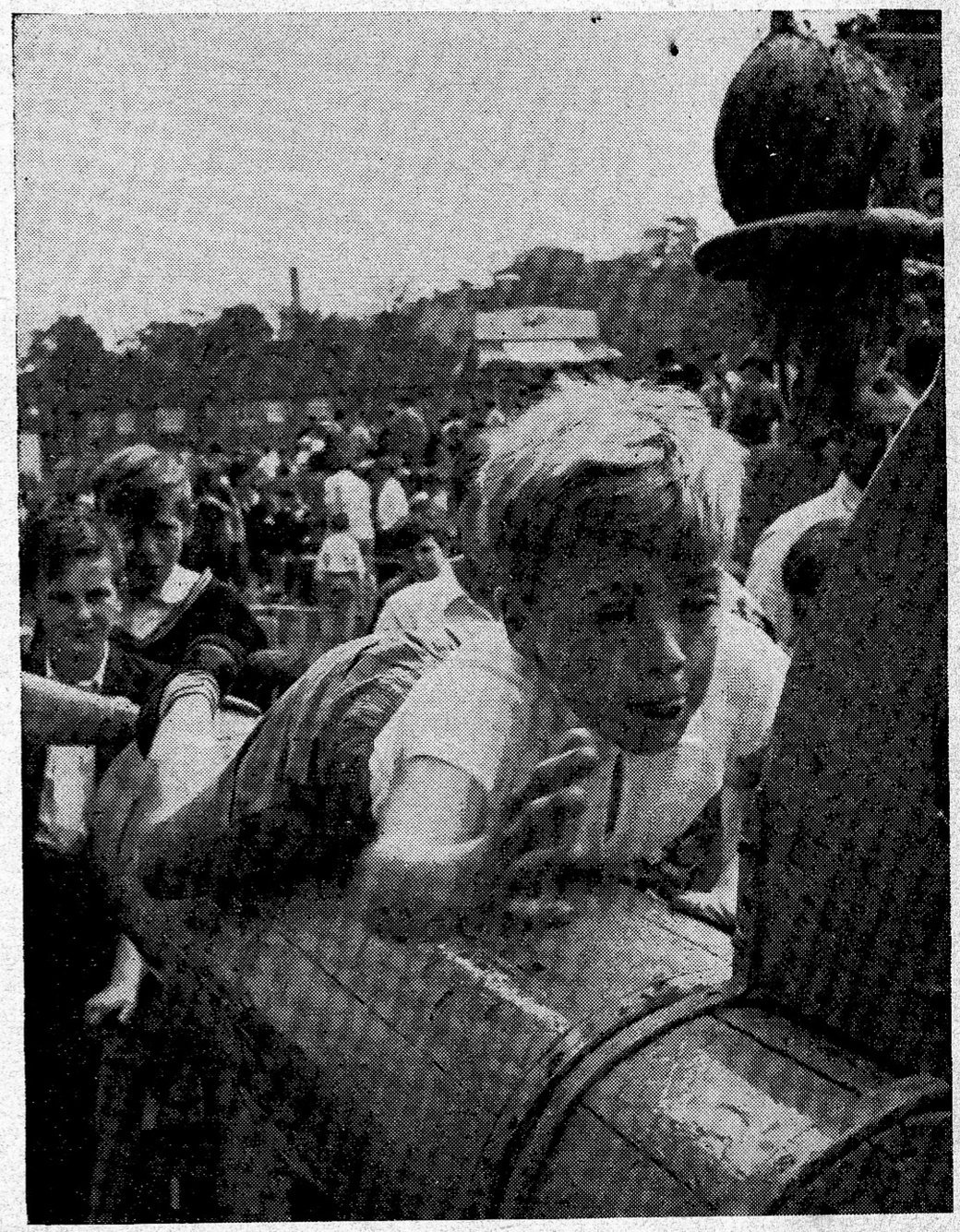
The first meeting of this term was held on September 19th, when a film of the 1958 World Ice Hockey Championships in Norway was shown. This film showed the progress of the winning team, Whitby Dunlop (Canada) in every round. It was a very good film and 44 boys turned up to see it.

During the half-term holiday a party of 82 boys went on the Sports Society visit to see England play Portugal at Wembley in the World Cup competition.

England scored two goals early on in the match and kept the Portuguese attack out for the rest of the time. The display of the England team was not up to the normal standard and was somewhat disappointing.

This outing is one of the many that the Sports Society have arranged. If you missed this international, make sure you don't miss the next, by coming to any Sports Society meeting and getting full details.

J. HART, F4, Gh, *Hon. Secretary*.



A STUDY IN CONCENTRATION

A Fete photograph by P. M. Taylor.

SPORTS REPORTS



ATHLETICS—*Captain:* To be appointed.
BADMINTON—*Captain:* S. Dean, U6, Ca.
BASKETBALL—*Captain:* D. Goddard, U6Sc, Gi.
BOAT CLUB—*Captain:* S. Mehlmann, L6G, Cc.
CRICKET—*1st XI Captain:* B. V. Sandford, U6Sc, Pa.
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FENCING—*Captain:* D. M. Eden, 5Pi, Mb.
FIVES CLUB—*Captain:* C. M. Fogg, U6Sc, Gb.
GOLF—*Captain:* M. C. Kane, U6Sc, Mc.
GYMNASTICS CLUB—*Secretary:* To be appointed.
HOCKEY—*Captain:* K. L. Aziz, U6Sc, Ca.
RUGBY—*1st XV Captain:* S. W. England, L6, Gb.
SAILING AND CANOE CLUB—*Captain:* M. J. Wherrett, L6Sc, Ce.
SOCCER—*1st XI Captain:* M. J. Byers, 5Nu, Gh.
SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING—*Captain:* J. G. Moore, U6, Mi.
TENNIS—*Captain:* To be appointed.

ATHLETICS

The Inter-house sports took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, 30th May, in fine weather at Hurlingham Park. Out of the fifty eight events, thirteen records were broken.

Age Group	*Event*	*Name*	*House*	*Time or Distance*
Under 14:	880 yards—	M. P. Ferne	(P),	2 min. 22.9 sec.
Under 14:	440 yards—	M. P. Ferne	(P),	62.4 sec.
Under 15:	880 yards—	R. F. Summerfield	(G),	2 min. 13.6 sec.
Under 16:	100 yards—	J. K. Lindsay	(G),	10.9 sec.
Under 16:	880 yards—	R. F. Sandford	(P),	2 min. 8.3 sec.
Under 16:	Mile—	R. F. Sandford	(P),	4 min. 38.0 sec.
Under 16:	Long Jump—	J. K. Lindsay	(G),	18′ 1″
Under 16:	Discuss—	P. Larkin	(C),	122′ 0″
Under 16:	Relay—	Pitt,		49.9 sec.
Over 16:	Long Jump—	C. Marshall	(G),	21′ 0″
Over 16:	880 yards—	J. H. Halliday	(G),	* 2 min. 3.5 sec.

(* B. C. Brind (G) also broke the record but he was a non-scorer—2 min. 3.2 sec.)

Over 16: 440 yards—H. C. Shivers (M), 55.5 sec.
Over 16: Mile—J. H. Reynolds (P), * 4 min. 37.2 sec.
(* J. H. Halliday (G) also broke the record but he was a non-scorer—4 min. 36.8 sec.)

The over 16 high jump record of 5′ 6½″ was equalled by R. Hancock (P).

In the house competition, Gibbon and Pitt were level after thirteen events, but due to some fine performances by the whole Gibbon team, they ran out winners of the Athletics trophy by forty-one points, from Pitt. Cromwell were another twenty-seven points behind Pitt, and Morley could only reach half Gibbon's total of 198.

1. Gibbon ..... 198 pts.
2. Pitt ..... 157 pts.
3. Cromwell ..... 130 pts.
4. Morley ..... 99 pts.

E. V. ELLIOTT, U6Sc, Gi.

BASKETBALL CLUB

Up to the time of going to print, three matches have been played by the Senior Team; two have been won and one lost. The team is looking forward to a good season as the core of last year's side remains and has been strengthened by some of last year's juniors.

We had easy victories in the first and second matches of the season against Elliott School and St. Mark's and St. John's Training College. Our usual fast attacking tactics proved very successful.

The third match against Glyn School was an excellent one, but the school team eventually lost to a much taller side by only six baskets.

Most of our points have been scored by D. Goddard and D. Dorling, who have received unselfish support from C. Marshall, J.

Sotiriou and M. Bellamy. The new players E. Simpson, C. Lydford and P. Maccini have proved useful and are now integrated into the team.

Results:—

October 3rd. v Elliott School.	Won 60–22.
October 10th. v. St. Mark's and St. John's.	Won 43–18.
October 16th. v. Glyn School.	Lost 46–58.

M. BELLAMY, L6Sc, Mb, *Hon. Secretary.*

BOAT CLUB

This term the club would like to thank the Parents' Association for their very generous gift of a set of rowing zephyrs. After many lengthy discussions on the latest fashions, neck lines, and where the stripes should be, the club came to a final agreement and chose a white rowing zephyr with three hoops alternating maroon, gold and maroon, across eight worthy chests.

S. R. Page-Symons, 3Rho, Pf, and S. Mehlmann, L6, Cc, are to be congratulated on the award of half colours. These boys and G. Clarke are the first to receive colours for rowing.

The end of each school year brings substantial losses in talent in all the school activities. This is especially so in the case of rowing, since training is such a lengthy procedure. Last term we said goodbye to our cox and captain, and several other valuable crew members. At the same time we lost Mr. Bloss, one of our coaches, but we hope this will only be temporary. However, most unexpectedly, there was a large increase in interest amongst sixth formers who had never rowed before. Seven novice sixth formers are in training now, but unfortunately we will not be able to take them all on permanently. This interest, has, however, relieved our immediate shortage, and with luck we should be able to put two eights on the water early next year.

New officers for the club were appointed at a meeting earlier this term: S. Mehlmann, L6, Cc, is our new Captain; D. Goddard, U6Sc, Gi, Vice-Captain.

A new policy has been adopted this term for the younger members of the club. A large group has been taken on initially, in the third and fourth years. All these boys will be coached this term, and early in 1962, those who show the most promise will be selected by their coaches to form the permanent groups.

This year's 1st eight has already had several outings, and various new boys are being tried in the crew. The crew is now beginning to settle down and train hard for races against our old rivals, Westminster City and Highbury School, whom we met in last year's Schools' League. There is also a possibility of an entry for the Vesta Club Grace Sabin Challenge Cup for lightweight crews. We will be able to qualify for this lightweight event only if our stroke can be tempted to have regular Turkish baths in the forthcoming weeks!

Finally, in order to improve the standard of crews, circuit training will be started after half term. To start with, only senior boys of the club will be able to take this up, but we hope later to extend these facilities to younger boys who are keen.

R. D. WARD, U6Sc, Ca, *Secretary.*

CRICKET



1st Eleven

First Eleven Cricket last season was more successful than it has been in previous years. Out of 15 matches played only one was lost and 9 were won. Credit is largely due to the bowlers for this fine record; they always maintained a tight length and keen hostility so that no opposing batsman ever dared relax against the seam attack, nor could he wait for easy runs against the slow bowlers. Particular mention should be made of S. England, L6G, Gb, who, as opening bowler, bore the brunt of the attack. He accepted his responsibility cheerfully and no matter how much he had bowled previously, he was always willing to deliver a few more overs if it was necessary. G. Waterhouse and L. Gibbs shared the attack with England and made such good use of the new ball that only once did an opposing opening pair manage to score double figures against us. T. Smith, L6G, Md, bowled his off-breaks intelligently, flighting the ball well, and was very economical as a stock bowler on an easy-paced wicket. S. Dean, U6, Ca, had some difficulty in controlling his leg breaks towards the end of the season and was unable to repeat some of his earlier successes.

The deep fielding was safe, and only three catches were put down during the whole season. There is nothing more calculated to encourage the bowlers than to see all their chances snapped up in this way. Wicket keeping duties were shared between C. Coast, 4Pi, Pb, and K. Aziz, U6, Ca. Coast, the Colts wicketkeeper, played very well for the 1st XI, taking the ball very cleanly on the leg-side. This most promising cricketer was then only in the third form and as such his first loyalty was with the Colts team, of which he was captain. K. Aziz kept wicket in his absence and quickly settled down to do the job with skill and enthusiasm, even though he had never kept wicket before.

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Mention of the batting has been left until last because there was a factor that hindered our batsmen considerably and is likely to continue to do so in future seasons. Out of 15 matches only two were played on the same ground. Virtually, therefore, we were always "playing away,' and this means that our batsmen never get practice on grass wickets. No artificial surface can ever take the place of the real thing and the pace and bounce of a grass wicket requires quite different timing to that of a matting wicket. Several matches resulted in draws because the middle order batsmen had insufficient confidence to make their strokes when up against the clock. This state of affairs will continue to affect all our teams until good grass wickets can be arranged on which our batsmen can practise.

The Colts, who started the season so well, ended in a blaze of glory by beating the second XI. Set to make 120 runs in only 90 minutes they won with 6 wickets and 5 minutes to spare, largely due to a splendid century partnership between B. Hart (47) and C. Coast (56 not out). Previously Coast, the captain, had made the highest score of the season with 76 in a win over Raynes Park's hitherto unbeaten colts XI. With such splendid batsmen on the way up and with accurate, hostile bowlers like A. Thompson, 4Al, Cg, and R. J. Somers, L6, Mj, in reserve, the prospects for future first Elevens would appear to be very bright.

B. V. SANDFORD, U6Sc, Pa, *Captain.*

Results

v. Sir Walter St. Johns.	Won by 5 wickets.
v. Raine's	Won by 3 wickets.
v. Wimbledon County	Won by 60 runs.
v. Elliott	Lost by 3 wickets.
v. Parents	Won by 10 wickets.
v. Henry Thornton	Won by 6 wickets.
v. Archbishop Tenison	Won by 5 wickets.
v. Spencer Club	Drew.
v. Mitcham	Drew.
v. Purley	Drew.
v. Raynes Park	Drew.
v. Spencer Park	Drew.
v. Staff	Won by 5 wickets.
v. Old Wandsworthians	Won by 3 wickets.

Under 14 Eleven

After our winning 2 of our first three matches convincingly and losing the other, Elliott were our next opponents and they proved very weak opposition and we beat them by 10 wickets. Hedges had a very good match, taking 4 wickets and scoring 22 n.o.

Mitcham were the next team we played. They proved to be not much better than Elliott and we beat them also by ten wickets, Regan taking three fine catches behind the stumps. The opening pair Hedges and Bull were proving to be a formidable partnership and were seldom parted with less than double figures on the board.

We were very unlucky in our next match against Tenison's. After a brilliant stand of 58 between Mills and Tizzard we lost by 1 wicket.

The following match against Purley we also lost by 1 wicket. Newman did well by taking 6 wickets for 11 runs, but this could not stop Purley from winning. The match against Sloane which we won by 6 wickets, was a very good one for Mills who, bowling his off-breaks, took 4 wickets and scored 22 n.o. Hedges also had a fine knock of 33. In this match we also played three first formers, Howard, Snare and Brereton.

Raynes Park did not give us much trouble, Newman taking 6 wickets for 13 runs and Mills taking three good catches in the slips. Snare, one of the first formers, batted well to get 10 n.o.

In our last match of the season we were very lucky to get away with a draw. Spencer Park, who at one stage were 5 wickets for 5 runs, recovered and made 53. They left us only 50 minutes to get the runs and we were 30 for 9, Regan saving the day by plodding out the last over.

The bowling successes of the season were Hedges and Newman, taking 24 and 31 wickets respectively. The batting successes were Mills with 113 runs, Hedges with 94 runs and Bull with 93 runs. Regan has improved immensely as wicketkeeper and now looks very promising.

The following boys have played this year: G. E. Mills, F3, Ca; A. R. Newman, 3Pi, Mc; R. O. Bull, 3Pi, Gc; B. A. Curtis, 3Nu, Ga; J. Day, 3Pi, Pa; C. R. Hands, F3, Cd; G. L. Hedges, 3Al, Mf; K. L. Paine, 3Al, Cd; M. Regan, 3Al, Gf; J. W. Tizzard, F4, Gd; E. B. Watts, 3Pi, Pd; B. M. White, 3Om, Ch; K. M. Owen, 3Al, Gb; J. Howard, 2Io; P. Snare, 2Om; A. K. Brereton, 2Nu, Cb.

A. R. NEWMAN, 3Pi, Mc, *Vice-Captain.*

BADMINTON CLUB



This year a great improvement in the standard of badminton was achieved; keen members turned up week after week. The idea of awarding colours to regular members of the team is now being considered. In the past it was thought that badminton was a minor activity, and less attention was paid to it, so colours were never given. More incentive and a higher standard of play is therefore expected in the future. Only two matches have been played so far, the first was as much a social event as a match, and was a much enjoyed evening. It has now become a tradition that we play Mayfield yearly.

The second match against Henry Thornton, enabled us to maintain a two year unbeaten record by beating them convincingly 7—2 in a one-sided match.

A great amount of time has been given by Mr. Mansfield and is much appreciated by the members, who also thank Miss Martin for providing refreshments.

The popularity of the club is increasing day by day, and now permission has been granted to play during a lunch hour in the week.

The team has consisted of: S. Dean (Captain), K. Aziz, B. Coleman, C. Lok, D. Dungey, D. Lloyd, D. Farebrother and C. J. Gunner.

Matches have been arranged with Spencer Park, Elliott, Battersea Grammar School, and Chiswick.

S. DEAN, U6, Ca, *Captain.*

CROSS COUNTRY

At first sight, this year looks as if it is going to be a bad year for Wandsworth, in the field of cross-country. This is due largely to the absence from the team of many of last year's senior team. The following boys left at the end of the Summer term:—J. H. Halliday, B. Brind, J. H. Reynolds, T. McNie, D. Hale, E. Slater, R. Hancock, H. Shivers, R. Green.

This means that the senior team will consist of only a handful of the members that were so successful last year. In the junior team, the situation is not so desperate, for there are still many of last year's team left.

At the beginning of the term, P. Beard and R. Sandford were elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively.

The annual Inter-house cross-country match took place on Friday, 20th October, at Wimbledon Common. The headmaster and his wife were there, and both races were started by Mrs. King.

In the Junior event, P. Burgar raced into the lead almost immediately, and stayed there until the end, never being troubled. In the fight for second place, P. C. Clarke beat K. Hylands by three seconds, but these were over twenty seconds behind Burgar. In the house competition, Gibbon and Pitt fought out a close battle, which Pitt won by two points.

In the Senior race, R. Sandford ran away with it, and at the finish was nearly a minute ahead of P. Beard, who finished second. Due to some fine packing (5 in the first 8), Gibbon won the Senior event by a margin of 64 pts.

1, P. Burgar (M), 17min. 54sec.; 2, P. C. Clarke (G), 18min. 17sec.; 3, K. Hylands (P), 18min. 20sec.; equal 4, P. Dower (P) and C. R. Coast (P), 18min. 26sec.; 6, B. Bagg (G), 18min. 46sec.; 7, M. C. Bagg (G), 18min. 49sec.; 8, P. J. Owen (G), 18min. 50sec.; 9, M. Dower (P), 18min. 54sec.; 10, R. J. Locke (M), 19min. 4sec.; 11, F. A. O. Pereira (M), 19min. 6sec.; 12, J. R. Day (P), 19min. 7sec.

1, R. Sandford (P), 18min. 40sec.; 2, P. Beard (M), 19min. 35sec.; 3, R. F. Summerfield (G), 19min. 50sec.; 4, C. Hunt (C), 20min. 5sec.; 5, E. V. Elliott (G), 20min. 5sec.; 6, B. Elmes (G), 20min. 24sec.; 7, D. Goddard (G), 20min. 44sec.; 8, E. R. Smallbone (G), 20min. 53 sec.; 9, D. Beard (M), 21min. 16sec.; 10, R. Wilkins (C), 22min. 2sec.; 11, P. Fenwick (M), 22min. 11sec.; 12, B. Sandford (P), 22min. 55sec.

HOUSE RESULTS

	JUNIOR		SENIOR	
	Pts.	Pn.	Pts.	Pn.
Cromwell ...	228	4	149	3
Gibbon ...	91	2	84	1
Morley ...	159	3	148	2
Pitt ...	89	1	167	4

COMBINED RESULT

1. Gibbon ..... 175 pts.
2. Pitt ..... 256 pts.
3. Morley ..... 307 pts.
4. Cromwell ..... 377 pts.

The combined result meant that Gibbon have won the trophy for the last three years.

E. V. ELLIOTT, U6Sc, Ga, *Hon. Secretary.*

FENCING

Captain: D. Eden. *Vice-Captain:* D. Nathanson.

Reporting events, which took place between September and December, eight weeks before the end of term, is like giving an opinion of a six course dinner after one has had the soup. However, since printers wait for no man, least of all a humble hon. secretary, the task must be undertaken, even though the results will be incomplete.

Due to the leaving of several of our senior fencers in the past year or so, namely, A. Berry, N. Bishop, D. Titheradge, and now R. Burt, it seems evident, that without a special effort by all fencers, Wandsworth's long record of successes in matches and competitions will be hard to maintain, for now our senior teams are sadly depleted. Unfortunately, despite the A.F.A. rules, it takes more than the attainment of one's fifteenth birthday to make a senior fencer of the standard to which we have been accustomed, but when some of our less experienced members have had time and opportunity to develop, we can see the approach of new teams well worthy of the School's reputation.

It may be worth mentioning, for the benefit of many newcomers, that we are exceptionally fortunate to have a full-time professional coach who is also a world champion, Professor Simmonds, who,

together with Mr. Glasswell, well-known in international amateur fencing circles, can give us first class fencing tuition. So obviously any boy who is sufficiently keen and prepared to devote some time to regular practice, has every chance to make his mark as a foilist, epéeist or sabreur. For the School's sake let us hope that many will be forthcoming.

Results

The end of last term, as is the tradition at Wandsworth, saw the School's Individual Championships and the Inter-House Championship. The Individual Championship this time was won by R. Burt, last year's captain, with B. Wigzell and D. Eden second and third respectively.

Morley House broke Cromwell House's run of victories by winning the Fencing House Trophy; Gibbon came second, Cromwell third, and Pitt was fourth.

Matches, this term, have been against the following schools and with the following results:—

16th September, v. Drayton Manor, won by 15 bouts to 1.
7th October, v. Brentwood School, lost by 35 bouts to 10.
14th October, v. R.A.F. Halton, won by 17 bouts to 10.

The heavy defeat which we suffered against Brentwood was mainly due to the lack of match experience among our junior fencers. Further matches arranged for this term include Westminster, St. Paul's School, R.A.F. Cranwell and R.M.A. Sandhurst, the results of which will be published in next term's *Link*.

D. Wherrett, F5, Ce, *Hon. Secretary*.

FIVES

Captain: C. Fogg. *Hon. Secretary:* D. Flint.

The School is now the proud possessor of the Marchant Cup, the award given to the best London Grammar School at Rugby Fives.

Three of last year's team remain. They are: C. Fogg, D. Flint and R. Alder. The remaining member of this year's team is T. Davies, who played in a few of last year's school matches. The team are quietly confident the cup will be retained in spite of the absence of last year's captain, N. Ratcliffe, who is now at Swansea University.

No matches have, at the date of writing, been played, but in addition to the Marchant Cup matches many fixtures with the Public Schools are being arranged. Matches at fourth form level are also being arranged, the first against " Sinjuns."

The winner of the individual competition was D. Flint, who defeated C. Fogg in the final.

The School team would like to thank Mr. Finbow for the work he has done for the game.

C. Fogg, U6Sc, Gb.

GOLF

The School golf team, consisting of A. P. Wilson, U6Sc, and M. C. Kane, U6Sc, represented the School in the London Schools' Championships again this year, and despite a considerably larger entry, they repeated their modest accomplishment of last year in again being placed third. A. P. Wilson has now left school, and we all wish him the best of luck in his chosen career and in his golf career. After representing his county in the Surrey Colts team several times, he was chosen to represent England in the English Boys' team and has already played successfully against France and Scotland. This is no small achievement and is indeed worthy of praise. Good luck, Alec! His team-mate in the School team has had the rather more modest success of being chosen to represent his club, New Malden G.C., in their junior team.

I hope the School will continue with golf as an organised game. Unfortunately, golf is only available to sixth-formers, and I feel that for a really successful team, golf must be encouraged among the younger ranks, as sixth-formers have to leave school after just acquiring a reasonable proficiency at the game. Nevertheless, Wandsworth still leads the majority of London Schools by even having golf on the games curriculum! Keep in the lead, Wandsworth!

M. C. Kane, U6Sc, Gc.

HOCKEY

Because of the loss of great numbers of previous members, it has been necessary to reinforce the hockey team. The playing facilities have now been extended to 3rd and 4th years, ensuring a strong eleven in the future. Although the School only fielded a team on two occasions last season it has a full fixture list for the coming half term, with matches against Rayne's Park, Elliott, Mayfield, Rydens School, Spencer Park's XI, Archbishop Tenison's, and the Staff.

Finally, on behalf of the hockey players, I would like to thank Mr. Price for his valuable assistance during last and this season.

RESULTS:—

v. Raynes Park—lost 1–4. v. Staff—drew 2–2.

K. Aziz, U6Sc, Ca, *Captain*.

LIFE SAVING GROUP

The following boys have gained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society: B. M. Ayres, L6, Gb; G. P. Beaven, L6, Mb; I. M. Donno, L6, Cb; D. C. Edwards, 5Ep, Ch; M. D. A. Erben, L6, Gd; P. C. Fletcher, 5Nu, Pf; D. B. Gale, 5Nu, Cg; R. C. Herbert, 5Nu, Mg; B. J. Loxley, L6, Pd; C. J. P. Lewis, 5Nu, Cj; L. G. Quilter, L6, Cd; J. D. Sandiford, L6, Mf; T. L. Williams, 5Rh, Gf. One boy, A. D. Sieradzki, 5Ta, Gg, has earned the further honour of a Bar to the Bronze Medallion. S.S.

RUGBY

1st FIFTEEN

1st XV Rugby this season has been a little disappointing. We have lost matches, that we ought to have won, by carelessness in defence, especially bad tackling and poor passing. Too many opponents have been allowed to make breaks and score tries because many of our players, mainly those outside the scrum, try to tackle around the neck and shoulders instead of the legs. Passes have all too often gone astray when we are attacking, and scoring opportunities have been lost because of weaknesses in the basic skills of the game. All our three-quarters are last season's colts players and are new to 1st XV Rugby, and as such they are likely to oppose boys who are much older, stronger and more experienced.

S. England, L6G, Gb, in a new position as captain and fullback, stands as a rock of defence. He has quickly mastered the art of full-back, his kicking in defence is sound and his tackling hard and fearless.

As prop-forward, D. P. Flint, U6Sc, Gb, leads the forwards capably; he is a valuable player of great strength and courage. The most impressive forward in line-out work and loose scrummaging is A. Hasson, 5Al, Me. His fine jumping and accurate passing back of the ball to the scrum-half is only matched by his strength and determination in taking the ball on. P. Dutch, L6Ec, Cd, and R. Alder, U6Ec, Md, are fast and hostile towards the opposing half-backs and are a constant menace to their three-quarters. However, we are lacking in weight and push in the scrum. Without this the three-quarters cannot be guaranteed a regular supply of the ball, which they need to improve as an attacking force.

Potentially, we have talent in our team; it requires time and practice before the 1st XV can hope to improve its standard of play.

Results

v. Marylebone.	Drew 3–3.
v. Mitcham.	Won 11–5.
v. William Ellis.	Lost 3–12.
v. Bec.	Lost 0–19.
v. St. Olave's.	Lost 0–14.
v. Kynaston.	Won 34–0.

COLTS FIFTEEN

The Colts XV did not start this season with the same success enjoyed in previous years. Our team has been a bit disorganised owing to injuries and absentees, but nevertheless here are some of the players who have represented the Colts XV so far this season:—

R. Whanslaw (Full Back). His play has vastly improved since last season. His strength is in his kicking and has converted tries from great distances. A tremendous asset to the side. Surrey trialist.

A. Bookless (Wing-threequarter). One of the fastest runners in the side. Uses his speed to great advantage.

A. Shaw (Right Centre). His knowledge and ability have made him one of the outstanding players in the team. Shaw can run, kick and tackle extremely well. An all round player. He was very unlucky to miss the Surrey trials which he surely deserved.

R. Perrin (Left Centre). Ron is another of our speed aces and is a very good tackler. Surrey trialist.

B. Lowes (Left-Wing). A newcomer to the side. A very fast runner.

A. Christou (Fly Half and Captain). As captain, Andy has led the side admirably. A good player in all respects. Surrey trialist.

J. Tizzard (Scrum Half). A good player, but tends to get over excited during a match. Surrey trialist.

A. Nash (Prop Forward). A good strong player. Jumps well in the line out. Surrey trialist.

D. Marshall (Hooker). Despite his weight, Marshall is not a slacker. He works very hard in the scrum. Surrey trialist.

A. Boyd (Prop Forward). Supports Marshall very well and is effective in the line out.

T. Rowlands (Second Row). A hard scrummager and good tackler. Uses his strength to advantage.

M. Mundy (Second Row). A tough player who always gives of his best, particularly when the team are trailing.

M. Coward (Wing Forward). A born rugger player. Where the ball is, Coward will always be. He is one of the main reasons why the team has been so successful. Surrey trialist.

A. Smithson (Lock). Andy is our line-out expert. He jumps far above other players. Is a good scrummager and strong tackler. Surrey trialist.

G. Williamson (Wing Forward). A big lad who can push in the scrum and tackle well; an extremely useful member to have.

Other players have also turned out for the Colts this season, whom we must thank; they are: I. Smith, R. Sturman, P. A. Morris and R. G. Poppelsdorff.

Our matches so far have produced two wins against Mitcham and St. Olave's and two defeats against William Ellis and Bec. The result with the Bec School was not really justified. Our team worked really hard in the second half and only lost by two points.

Results

23rd Sept.,	v. Mitcham (away).	Won 11–3.
30th Sept.,	v. William Ellis (away).	Lost 3–8.
7th Oct.,	v. Bec (home).	Lost 9–11.
14th Oct.,	v. St. Olave's (home).	Won 17–8.

J. HART, F4, Gh.

UNDER 14 FIFTEEN

Although only four matches have been played so far this season, already the team has knitted together into a matchwinning combination, and so far 131 points have been scored, while only 17 have been conceded.

The most satisfying result has definitely been our 51 points to 8 crushing of our old rivals, Bec. This was a game we all wanted to win, as last year the Bec were one of the three schools that managed to beat us. In this game the whole side played well, especially C. Conti, who hooked in the absence of M. Harper (who was on the touchline cheering, with a broken wrist), J. Smith, who made many successful breaks and also some very effective round the neck tackles, M. Ferne, whose hard, determined running brought him 5 tries while his safe kicking gave him 6 conversions a total of 27 points, R. Bull and D. Rose, the half-backs, whose splendid understanding brought about many tries or near misses.

The pack has been able to crush everybody so far, mainly because of its tremendous weight, which must contribute 50% of its success. Also it is never out-jumped and very rarely out-hooked. B. Fielder, scorer of over 100 points last season, has not yet shone but, as the pitches get wetter, I am sure his turn will come. W. Cotter and E. Neild have developed into good wing-forwards who do more than their fair share of spoiling.

The backs have added many points through their hard and more important straight running. W. Goodfellow, possessor of a fine body swerve, has been unlucky but has made many fine breaks. A. Newman takes and gives passes well, but tends to pass too soon. J. Bone and M. Cole have played alternately on the left wing but both are hard fast runners. E. Watts, converted to centre from prop, was a success. M. Regan has improved a lot at full back and his handling is a lot safer than last season.

Four different boys have been tried at prop, all have done very well. The two strongest are probably R. Barker and M. Hutton, but A. Russell and E. Watts have played well in the tight.

Now the team are preparing themselves for the hard game against Chiswick who beat us by 20 points to 9 last year. We are all confident and hoping of a victory.

G. E. MILLS, F3, Ca, *Captain.*

UNDER 13 FIFTEEN

The start of the Rugby season has seen the development of the Under 13 Rugby team. The basis of the team has been the same as that which represented the School at under 12 level last year and the play has shown evidence of much promise and hope for the future.

At the time of writing, the record is: Played 3, won 2, lost 1; Points for, 67, Against, 20.

William Ellis.	Won 15–6.
Bec.	Won 44–0.
St. Olave's.	Lost 8–14.

The side has played much good rugby and are learning to play together as a team. In their captain, I. G. Storer, they have a boy bigger and faster than most of our opponents. His play at No. 8 has led to many of the tries that we have scored. The remainder of the field have worked hard but need a great deal of practice to coordinate their efforts. Of the backs, P. D. Snare has caught the eye and his place kicking is a valuable asset to the team. Tackling has been a strong feature of our three quarters; in particular, credit must be given to J. P. Robson, P. D. Snare and I. L. Harrison, each of whom has set a fine example of how to tackle hard and low.

The following have represented the School:—

Forwards: D. J. Suttonwood, J. F. Prosser, A. J. Wylie, R. K. Perry, D. R. Weston, B. T. Preston, I. G. Storer (captain), J. R. Crotty, S. J. Salmon, R. A. Corney.

Backs: B. W. Bannell, A. G. B. Gorrey, F. Richardson, S. M. Cartmell, J. P. Robson, P. D. Snare, I. L. Harrison, R. J. Brereton, A. J. Julian.

Colours have been awarded to I. G. Storer and P. D. Snare.

I. G. STORER, 2Io, *Captain.*

SAILING AND CANOE CLUB

Although there has been no sailing this term, I am just writing to say a bit about the preparations for next year. As far as I know, the boats which are being built will be ready for next season. When they are brought into use they will certainly be welcome, as at the present time there certainly are not enough boats to go round.

I have recently heard that the road at Ham is being improved and that sheds for the boats and canoes are being built; they are also building proper changing rooms for day visitors, so that from now on there should be plenty of room.

Although next Summer holidays seem to be a long way off, I think that now is the time to start thinking about what one is going to do. Having had an organised sailing holiday at the Isle of Wight this year I am certain that there are others who would enjoy it. If the School could organise one it would probably be through the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which has sailing centres in various parts of Britain. I mention this now so that, if anything can be arranged, you will not hesitate about putting your name down. This also goes just as much to those who may not yet do sailing as to those who do, so if there is anybody else interested, all you have to do is to be able to swim two-hundred yards and to join the sailing and canoeing club next term.

M. J. WHERRETT, L6Sc, Ce, *Captain.*

SOCCER SURVEY

So far this season, soccer in this school has, with one notable exception, reached as high a standard as it did at any time last season. Regrettably, the only team that has not as yet done too well is the 1st XI. Although they have suffered three heavy defeats at the hands of Wimbledon County, Henry Thornton and Sloane Schools, I feel that they are improving, as they beat Christopher Wren School by 2–0, and that they did well to concede only seven goals against such a good team as Sloane, against whom our previous victors conceded one more goal than we did.

The Second XI last year started the season by losing fairly heavily but they improved towards the end of the year. This season they have carried on this improvement and have gained their first victory of the season by beating Christopher Wren School by 4–1. Under the captaincy of T. R. Farebrother, U6, Gg, they should do well this season.

The Under 15 XI did well last season to win many of their matches. Their captain was M. J. Byers, 5Nu, Gh, who is now the captain of the 1st XI. This term, they started the season with a narrow defeat but improved upon this in the following game when they had their first victory of the season over Henry Thornton's U. 15 XI.

As in the previous season, our under 14 XI has taken the honours in their first two matches. As last year's U.13 team, they won the majority of their games, and should do so again this year.

Our last year's U.12 team showed great promise which has been richly rewarded this season by three fine victories in their first three games, not the least of which was their win against the stronger and larger Sloane team. This very efficient team should carry on their success through the following months against even better teams than Sloane.

We must thank our last year's captain D. J. Morrison, who has now left to take up teaching, for presenting us with the *Morrison Cup* to be given annually to the winning house of the house soccer competition.

Last year, led by Morrison himself, Cromwell won the trophy fairly easily with victories of 3–0 over Gibbon, 5–2 over Morley and 3–1 over Pitt. They were followed by Gibbon who, in a close race, became runners up by a 1–0 victory over Pitt. The other results were:—Pitt beat Morley 3–0 and Gibbon beat Morley 2–0. This year the competition looks like being a much closer race.

We must give a vote of thanks to Mr. Jetten who looked after soccer so well last season and who has now left our School for another South London School. This year we have to welcome Mr. Smetham who has taken over the duties of Mr. Jetten, and Mr. Tomlinson who gave a lot of help last year and who has now taken over the 1st and 2nd XI's.

D. J. Guy, U6Sc, Pc.

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS' ASSOCIATION

It is pleasant, as yet another copy of the *Link* comes round, to report continued progress and a flourishing condition in so many spheres of O.W. activity.

Cricket

The Cricket Club—now firmly established as a Saturday club and venturing into Sunday fixtures also—has ended the 1961 season with even more cordial relationships cemented with opposing sides. The Match results:—

Played 26, Won 8. Drawn 6. Lost 12.

whilst, perhaps, looking on paper no more than adequate, fail to convey the measure of success we have experienced in consolidating our small beginnings.

Fete

Although the final tally is not available at the time of going to press, it seems clear that the ultimate net proceeds of this summer's School Fête will be between £400 and £450. This, once again, is a splendid result and all Old Wandsworthians would wish their friends in the School and the Parents' Association to know how much their untiring efforts and valuable help are appreciated in raising such a sum for the Memorial Ground.

Rugby Netball

During yet another summer season, our Rugby Netball Club has enjoyed considerable success in the local league, and crowned their efforts by proving to be the losing finalists in the Goodwin Trophy competition.

Badminton

Such has been the huge interest and support for this sport within the Association in recent times that the erstwhile Badminton Section has grown to be accorded the status of Badminton Club in its own right. This now functions under its own constitution and offers its members more highly organised facilities. A pleasing token, this of the vitality which seems to be on the upsurge within the Association.

Rugby Club

Although a little early (at time of going to press) for assessing the trend in results, the Club has had several good wins and anticipates a thoroughly enjoyable season.

Six former members of the School team will be playing for us this winter and such an influx is most warmly welcomed. In addition to this, several boys still at school have expressed a wish to turn out for the O.W's, and they will also be received with equal pleasure. One, Roy Taylor, will be fulfilling an aim at least 4 years old, for at that distance in the past he wanted eventually to play for the Old Boys. May he find the realisation of that ambition as truly enjoyable as he hoped.

D.C.F.