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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

This term I give pride of place to the following letter, received from the Director of Youth Activities, Headquarters, Third United States Air Force:

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the U.S. Air Force I wish to express our appreciation to you and your staff for training Mr. Derek Goddard and Mr. Brian Sandford who were students of your school and counsellors for us this summer at Camp Mohawk.

The two young men demonstrated a very high degree of leadership and skill in counselling 8 to 15 year old American boys. Their excellent knowledge on teaching techniques, children's behaviour and sports were a definite asset to our program this year.

Mr. Goddard and Mr. Sandford in our estimation are better trained British young men than any others we have employed as counsellors for our campers. We are very pleased they were members of our staff this year.

Praise for their assistance to us this summer has been sent to them but I feel that you and your staff should also be praised for the excellent way they assisted us because it is your schooling that has produced these two fine leaders.

Sincerely,

William R. Hargrove,
Director, U.S.A.F. American
Youth Activities.

The above letter speaks for itself. The quality of leadership learned at Wandsworth is clearly as high as that of any school in the country.

Brian Sandford is now at Cranwell and Derek Goddard has applied to the R.A.F. for a direct commission.

The inauguration of a Second Year Drama Festival by the English Department is a noteworthy landmark. All twelve second forms took part and their plays were produced in the Lower School Hall on July 24th and 25th. I hope this Summer Term event will become as much a part of the school year as the Annual Play in the Autumn Term and the Dramatic Festival in the Spring Term.

On 25th June Frederick Brown, who was then in 5 Epsilon, was invited with eight other London pupils to County Hall to read a poem of his own composition, "The Prisoners," to the Chairman and members of the Education Committee, leading educationalists, teachers, parents, and friends.

I quote from the *Times Educational Supplement*: "The most original poem came from a fifth year boy. It traces a prisoner's passage from terror and despair to apathy, when he finds there is 'no one there to hear the screams or say that they have heard'."

Remarkable work in creative writing is being done by a considerable number of boys in forms following a variety of courses. I was able to take excellent examples to an exhibition at Eastbourne during last Easter holidays. The English Department is to be warmly complimented on this original writing. It seems to be something like a new breakthrough in English composition.

The British Council has expressed interest and the B.B.C. are including some of this work in a Home Service talk about it at 3.38 p.m. on Sunday, 6th January, 1963.

Distinction in another field has been gained by Allan Thompson who left the School in 1959. He has to his credit the unique achievement of winning the Gold Medal for the first place in the International Apprentice Craft Competition in Brickwork. The finals were held in Spain and the majority of the European countries were represented. This outstanding success is a great tribute to the quality of the Building Department.

And now to compliment a junior, Christopher Warren, who organised a party of classmates to raise funds for the Oxford Fund for famine relief. He and his project feature in the *Wandsworth Borough News* of 22nd June, 1962. With his first year associates he actually raised £50 through a jumble sale in the hall of St. John's Church, Putney.

Enterprise of a different kind: Michael Ferne was one of four joint winners of an " I-spy " competition in the summer holidays. He received a quarter share of the individual prize of £5, and his School received a quarter of the £10 to which his success entitled us. Ferne agrees that our £2 10s. should go to the Swimming Bath Fund.

The School is proud of the success of its Rugby Fives Team in winning the Marchant Cup, the blue ribband of the London Schools Fives world, for a second year in succession. Congratulations to Mr. Finbow, to last year's captain, Christopher Fogg, and good wishes to this year's captain, Trevor Davies.

Roy Sandford was chosen to represent London in the International Cities Athletics match, London v. Frankfurt v. Vienna, during the Frankfurt Sports Festival between September 5th and 12th. Sandford was also selected as member of the London County Team and J. Lindsay as reserve in the English Schools A.A. National Championships at Hull in July. Lindsay had previously run the final stage in the Wandsworth Relay Team that won the County event, 4 x 110 yds. in the record time of 43.8 sec.

The most recent list of winners of the Royal Life Saving Society's " Award of Merit ": I. McD. Donno, P. C. Fletcher, R. C. Herbert, L. G. Quilter, T. A. Johnson and R. Locker. Well done!

Further, I had a letter from the Hon. Trophy Secretary of the London S.A.A. congratulating the school team upon securing one of the top three places in a Life Saving Competition held at the end of the Summer Term. The boys concerned were J. A. Beebe, L. M. Callow, D. J. Thys and T. E. Edmonds.

In the Wandsworth Schools Championships, M. Hayward came 1st in the Under 18 66⅔ yards Butterfly, and D. Thys 1st in the Under 15 100 yards Breaststroke, breaking his own record by 1.1 sec.

Special congratulations to Alfred Hayward in his outstanding swimming success in winning the Rucker Shield for the 100 yards Schoolboy Championship of Wandsworth in the record time of 60.2 secs. Previous winners were A. R. Curme in 1950 and K. R. Broome in 1947.

In *The Times* of 1st October, 1962, there was a report of the inaugural competition for the Whitney Challenge Cup, a new Fencing trophy, open to the old boys of any school. In the semi-finals the Old Wandsworthians beat O.M.T.II but lost to O.M.T.I. *The Times* reports on the latter match as follows: " Wandsworth gave O.M.T.'s first team (the eventual winners) full measure, Berry's effort in scoring 6 hits against Leckie and Titheradge's clear sabre victory over Raydon being particularly encouraging."

Worthy of record are the results of the Rugby matches, played this term by the Old Wandsworthians against their old rivals, the Bec Old Boys: 1st XV. O.W.'s, won 16—10; A XV O.W.'s, won 8—0; Extra A XV O.W.'s, won 19—9; B XV O.W.'s, won 6—0.

I hear from Adrian Bergson that he completed in June his three years at New College, Oxford, where he went to study English after his two years of national service in the Royal Artillery. A relatively recent Head Boy, G. M. Willis, whom many of you will remember, has also now completed his degree course at Oxford.

Acknowledgement should be made to those parents who from time to time help when we are unlucky enough to have accidents on the playing fields at Beverley Meads. As well as taking the victim to hospital in their cars, they are good enough to go on to his home and notify his parents. If the master refereeing had to do this, the chances are that the game would have to be abandoned. We greatly appreciate such willing help.

I greatly regret to record the death of Mrs. Lawden, a member of the Governing Body, who served the School in that capacity for many years. Governors, Staff, and School offer deeply sympathetic condolences to Major Lawden, family and friends.

The following names should be added to those of members of Staff who left at the end of the summer term, as reported in the last issue of the *Link*: Mr. B. E. Gant, Mr. G. Jenkins and two temporary masters Mr. D. Lee and Mr. H. Porthouse.

We welcome the following new members of Staff this term:— Mr. W. F. Atkin (Head of the Building Department); Mr. P. R. Bacon, B.Sc., Hons. (Biology); Mr. B. G. Hollamby, B.Sc. Hons. (Biology); Colonel O. C. S. Dobbie (Maths); Mr. S. S. B. Ahmad, Ph.D. (Maths); Mr. E. W. Turner, B.Sc. (Physics); Mr. J. Vockings, B.A. Hons. (English); Mr. L. K. J. Baker (P.E.); Mr. H. R. Templeton, B.A., Hons. (French); and two masters who joined us during the Summer Term: Mr. Malcolm McPherson, M.A., M.P. (English); Mr. B. N. Guyan, Mus. Bac. (English and Music).

Mr. Patten is back from his exchange year in U.S.A. and Mr. Birch has leave of absence for the present year to take an Advanced Course at Carnegie College of Physical Education.

This term we say goodbye to Mr. T. Baker who has been appointed to a Head of Department post at Woodberry Down. We congratulate him and thank him for the fine work he has done here. His place will be taken after Christmas by Mr. Lowenstein.

I am sorry, too, that for special reasons Mr. Barnes is returning home to New Zealand. We have appreciated his help in the Music Department.

Many of you will have read in the National Press of Mr. Coate-Bond's gallantry while on holiday at Perranporth in going to the help of a swimmer in difficulties.

Among our recent visitors perhaps the most picturesque were Paramount Chiefs B. A. Foday-Kae, J.P., and M. K. Jigba II, C.H., from Sierra Leone, who on their tour of inspection gave a form in the Geography Room a talk about their country.

We also had a visit of three Indian headmistresses, German teachers from Wuppertal, the usual number of educationalists from U.S.A., an interesting group from Poland, professors from Tokyo University on two occasions and a dozen senior teachers and education officials from Northern Nigeria.



EDITORIAL

At the risk of being expelled from the *Link* Committee for my first Editorial, I wish to express some opinions, shared by many sixth-formers, on the non-examination lessons provided for the arts, science and economics sixth. This is not, I hope, only of interest to those directly involved, but also to all future sixth-formers, who will no doubt have similar lessons and to whom cultural interests will be increasingly important as specialisation increases.

Firstly, as may be gathered from my last remark, I am not basically against the idea of " Cultural Lessons," and I fully realise the difficulty in presenting them successfully. In fact these lessons do occasionally succeed in promoting a discussion but generally the discussion is not over the original idea brought up by the master. Thus we can assume that in many cases the subjects dealt with are of no real interest or use to the average sixth-former, or that they are presented in a way which tends to turn the lesson into another fact-cramming subject.

I for one, and I think many other boys agree with me, would like to have talks and discussions on films, the theatre, politics, popular music and jazz. In fact more spontaneous and down-to-earth subjects would be appreciated and would be more likely to promote free discussion, which is one of the most important aims of the cultural lessons. Instead of this, we have masters philosophising on such subjects as, " Is Architecture the most social of the Arts " or " Symbol and Image in Christian Liturgy and Art," while the sixth form sits in silence.

Apart from the subject matter, another point which I am sure makes boys rebellious against these lessons, is the way in which they are forced upon them. For example a sixth-former taking four A-levels will find on looking at his time-table that the "culture fiends" have crammed every possible space with cultural lessons, leaving him not one single period free. Admittedly four A-levels may be too much, but the fact is that some boys want and in fact have to take this number.

Finally, although we would like to apologise to any member of staff offended by these criticisms, we must point out that you are continually exhorting us to air our opinions freely, whatever they be. Perhaps this Editorial shows that the sixth form *does* have opinions when the subject concerned is comprehensible, relevant and of interest.

P. J. Fogg, U6Sc, Gb.

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CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 34:

"I hate books."—Miss Mangan, the Librarian.

SECOND YEAR DRAMA FESTIVAL



For two afternoons at the end of last term the twelve forms of the Second Year entertained each other with performances of plays which had been rehearsed during the previous few weeks. This was the first time that a Second Year Drama Festival had been held, and its success has ensured that it will be held again.

So many boys performed in the twelve plays that it would be unfair to make special mention of any names in this brief review. All are to be congratulated on the time and trouble they gave to their productions, both on the stage and behind the scenes. It was obvious, too, that the staff concerned had given a great deal of extra help for the boys to achieve their high standards.

The first afternoon began with *The Hambling Jewels,* performed by 2 Iota. This was a crime comedy, and apart from slight difficulty with lines at one point, was extremely well spoken, and the arrival of successive groups of gangsters at the climax was most dramatically staged. This was followed by *A Modern Oliver,* a morality play for our times, written—or rather improvised—and performed by 2 Theta. This was an outstanding production in every way: the dialogue was consistently amusing, the acting excellent, and the pace admirably fast. It was generally appreciated by the audience. 2 Epsilon presented two plays, *Late,* an amusing sketch about an overbearing boss, and *The Spill,* the story of a schoolboy's lucky escape from parental anger at a bad report. Both were well acted, particularly in the speed with which the dialogue was clearly delivered. *Havelock the Dane,* performed by 2 Sigma, was one of the few completely serious plays performed, and the clear diction of the cast was again notable, as was the ingenuity and sensitivity which had been used to produce the costumes. These were largely responsible for the convincing effect of the play.

Variations on a Theme of No and Yes, performed by 2 Upsilon, gave evidence of considerable originality and enterprise. An amusing first half showed a schoolboy's protest against modern society. In the second half we were shown, in a dream, the positive qualities which 2 Upsilon would like to find in the world. The symbolism succeeded through the lively performances and the outstandingly clear diction of the whole of the very large cast. Overlong pauses between scenes in this play were a disadvantage so late in the afternoon, but 2 Tau, with *Poetic Justice,* which followed, kept the audience happily in their seats until nearly 5 o'clock. They wrote the play themselves, and their two main scenes—a C.N.D. sit-down in Trafalgar Square and the subsequent Magistrates' Court—were attractively grouped and, above all, extremely funny. The laughter at the comic portrayals of the lunatic fringe of disarmers was effectively silenced when, in the last tableau, the Bomb had fallen.

2 Omega opened the second afternoon with two dance dramas—a dramatic form in which they had won renown earlier in the year. *The Chase* was a grim gang fight to jazz, in which controlled movement led to an effectively dramatic climax. *Tell Laura* was, in contrast, an amusing mime to the false sentiment of last year's pop hit. 2 Gamma presented *Night Encounter,* their own play about two gangsters who chose the same night to rifle a country home. Their dialogue was most professional, and the twist ending, in which an innocent professor was arrested, provided a good curtain. 2 Alpha ambitiously presented two plays, in which almost the whole form appeared: *Little Billee,* a dramatised version of Thackeray's ballad, with three extremely amusing pirates, and *Whitewashing the Fence* from "Tom Sawyer," which, though it lost pace through scene changes, provided scope for some highly amusing American accents. *Pyramus and Thisbe,* from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was the only Shakespeare entry, and the cheers which it provoked proved its success. Everyone in Form 2 participated—an amusing orchestra and the court guests providing characterised walk-on parts—and the cast of the hilarious mock-tragedy lost no opportunities. The costumes were excellent. This was followed by 2 Omicron's *The Medicine Man,* with a small cast—almost a one-man show—but a superb leading performance. The quack doctor recited his patter as to the manner born, and again the audience cheered at the end. Finally, 2 Nu performed Clemence Dane's thriller *Shivering Shocks.* Good performances here were rather spoiled by trouble over remembering lines.

All the forms agreed that this experiment in second year drama should be continued, and made useful suggestions for improvements in future years, including a request from several that parents should be invited. If next year's performances are as good, it will certainly be a pity if they cannot be presented to a wider audience.

R.W.

Open Scholarships 1962

HILLYARD, N.	Open Scholarship in English to Keble College, Oxford.
FOGG, C. M.	Open Scholarship in Physics (with Mathematics) to Exeter University.
NEWARK, D. B.	" Steel Company of Wales " Scholarship of £300 per annum in Chemical Engineering to Sheffield University.

University Admissions 1962

ADHAMI, T. R.	Battersea College of Advanced Technology.	*Electrical Engineering.*
DIRS, R. C.	University College, Cardiff.	*Modern Languages.*
HILLYARD, A.	Keble College, Oxford.	*Medicine.*
LALLY, J. A.	Manchester University.	*Economics.*
LAFTA, A. R.	University College, Swansea.	*Civil Engineering.*
LLOYD, D. C.	University College, Swansea.	*Zoology.*
MILAN, M. J.	Battersea College of Advanced Technology.	*Diploma in Technology.*
PEARSON, R. C.	Reading University.	*French.*
SAWYER, B.	Royal College of Music.	*Music.*
SIMONS, R. C. D.	University College, Cardiff.	*French.*
SPONG, H. K.	Brunel College of Advanced Technology.	*Diploma in Technology.*
WEBBER, R. B.	Queen Mary College.	*Electrical Engineering.*
YOUNG, J. S.	St. Andrews University.	*History.*

Teachers' Training College

SHAUB, F. J. — St. Marks and St. Johns, London.

Cadetship to R.A.F. College, Cranwell

SANDFORD, B. V.

THE FETE

In spite of the threatening showers and periods of heavy rain the Old Wandsworthians and the Parents' Association went ahead with their preparations for the Garden Fete on Saturday, 14th July, 1962. Their labours were eventually rewarded when a " spot " Air Ministry weather forecast claimed a " fine warm day," for all London Districts. It was by that time almost noon and the stalls and side shows were then in the process of being re-erected for the third time, " outside " in the Open Air Theatre, in very close proximity to the School Grand Hall, should the Air Ministry prove not to be infallible. But all was well! Saturday afternoon was "fine."

The Fete was opened by Councillor Mrs. Olive Haines, Ex-Mayor of Wandsworth, who was introduced to the rather impatient audience (only because they did not want to miss a bargain from the Jumble Sale) by the Headmaster, Mr. Raymond King. In her address Mrs. Haines referred to the Sports Ground at Claygate, which had been purchased with " The Old Wandsworthians Memorial Fund." The proceeds of the Fete would be added to this Fund to reduce the Mortgage on the sports ground. Mr. " Stan " Fairey, the Chairman of the Old Wandsworthians, thanked Mrs. Haines for coming to the School to open the Fete and he then invited the Parents and boys of the School to visit the Sports Ground more often. The Association, he said, had planned added amenities at Woodstock Lane, and he



THE PREFECTS' RAG . . .

assured Parents, Friends, Old Boys and Boys of the School that very good use would be made from their spending at the Fete.

The School Parents Association had organised a team of helpers to man raffle stalls, the Jumble Sale, the Bottle Stall and the Grocery Stall. They also kept a running buffet in constant service throughout the afternoon and evening. Appreciation and thanks are most certainly due to Mr. J. G. Calvert and Mrs. Finch and their most able Social Committee.

The Old Boys planned and manned a variety of new and different sideshows which included tombola, bagatelle, chinese laundry, fishing, hoopla, archery and coconut shies. A closed circuit television monitored activities which were taking place outside to Grand Hall and so kept those taking refreeshments interested and amused.

The School Fencing Club entertained a packed Hall of visitors with a very interesting demonstration of Foil, Epee and Sabre fighting. Also on show was the new electrical scoring mechanism which had been bought for the Fencing Club by the Parents' Association. There were excellent demonstrations and exhibitions from the School Model Railway Club and Model Aeroplane Club.

At the Swimming Gala held in the Open Air Bath in the School Grounds, the superiority of the Boys over the Old Boys was once more demonstrated, surprisingly so in Water-Polo, which the School won 7—0.

The Fete concluded with a Gala Dance held in the Grand Hall of the School. This function has in recent years become a " teenagers' special " and this year was by no means an exception. Six-formers and friends from many schools in the neighbourhood attended and demonstrated choreography in the modern idiom. The last " swing " was played at 11.30 p.m. and by that time every boy had experienced a most exhilarating evening.

Once again the School is indebted to all those who played their part in raising a sum, which the Fete Treasurer reports will exceed £500. In this respect special mention is due to the School Prefects who advertised the Fete so well in their " Rag " held during the end of the week preceeding the Fete.

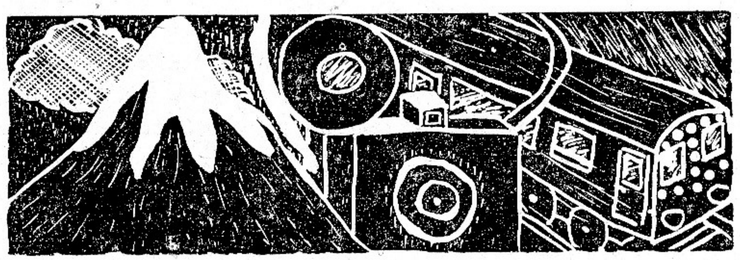
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SCHOOL JOURNEYS



ITALY

The party, which consisted of 34 boys and two masters, Messrs. J. Makin and J. F. Pearcy, left Victoria on the 31st July for 10 days in sunny Italy.

The journey started auspiciously: a junior member of the party lost his raincoat on the channel steamer just before reaching Boulogne! A quick search of likely places failed to discover the missing article and a message on the ship's loudspeakers also had a negative result. Then, just as people began to disembark, they boy concerned suddenly remembered leaving it in one of the lavatories—and there it was!

However, after a pleasant journey through Switzerland, some of which we saw over breakfast in the dining car looking very beautiful in the morning sun, and Northern Italy, we reached Genoa where we changed and continued our journey unhurriedly, stopping lengthily at every station along the Italian Riviera, until we reached Cavi di Lavagna, our first centre, in time for dinner. The bathing was delightful: a smooth sea every day, glorious sunshine and all kinds of curious sailing devices with which to become acquainted in turn. A few jellyfish popped up now and then but they were less trying than the nocturnal mosquitos.

The third day we spent in Genoa, travelling by coach, partly along the sea front and partly by mountain road, occasionally perched somewhat perilously over the sea below. The chief attraction in Genoa, curiously enough, was an American Flying Missile Cruiser, of which we had an excellent view as it was alongside the harbour wall. The next day we visited Pisa, en route to Florence. Here we had lunch, toured the city with a local guide and climbed the famous Leaning Tower. It was hot in Pisa; even more so in Florence, where we had all our meals, including breakfast, in the roof garden of our hotel.

In Florence, we visited the usual places of interest, including the Academy of Arts to see the unfinished sculptures of Michael Angelo. We also visited Fiesole and the lovely monastery adjoining, but the junior members of the party showed much more interest in capturing some of the numerous lizards than learning about the Roman occupation!

One day, we went by coach to Viareggio, stopping en route at Lucca, a city even today completely contained by its thick mediaeval walls. The bathing at Viareggio was very good, a slight swell on the sea making the bathing more stimulating than usual. The sand was so hot that it was painful to touch with the naked foot. How different in this country during our doubtful summers!

The weather continued hot and sunny until we arrived at the St. Gotthard Pass in Switzerland on the return journey, where it was wet and cold, with fresh snow on the mountain tops. After an excellent meal in the buffet at Bâle Station, we climbed into our couchettes and slept most of the way to Boulogne. Here we boarded the channel steamer, had a good breakfast in the dining saloon and arrived at Victoria in time for a late lunch.

CANNES

For the third consecutive year during the summer holidays a party of Wandsworth boys enjoyed the blue skies, uninterrupted sunshine, fabulous bathing and wonderful food of Cannes, the Queen of the French Riviera.

After waving goodbye to our parents at Victoria Station we were soon speeding through the pleasant Kent countryside and, on time, the grey waters of the English Channel and Folkestone came into sight. The crossing was short and uneventful. We reached Paris in the comparative quiet of a Sunday siesta and after dinner were taken by coach to the Gare de Lyon and installed in our compartments in the Côte d'Azure express for the night journey down the Rhone valley. Darkness seemed to set in early as we sped through the French countryside, stopping at Dijon, Lyons, Avignon, Marseilles and Toulon. When dawn broke we were already travelling along the Riviera coast and reached Cannes right on time. A coach was awaiting us and we were soon being shown our large, spacious dormitory in the Lycée—a fine modern building on a hill overlooking the town, with the paths lined with magnificent palm trees.

Those in the party who were expecting a bacon and egg breakfast were disappointed, but after a few mornings we all became accustomed to the coffee and rolls.

On the way to the beach every morning we passed through the market where all the exotic fruit and vegetables of the region were displayed—luscious grapes, peaches, huge melons and vegetables never seen in England.

Almost on the first morning bathe one of the party with his snorkel " struck gold," for he found 200 New Francs embedded in a rock. Only with difficulty was he restrained from trying his luck further in the Casino. He was immediately nicknamed " Onassis."

Although the historical origins of Cannes lie deep in the past, yet until the chance visit of Lord Brougham just over a hundred years ago it was still a small fishing port. He was on his way to Nice when an outbreak of cholera prevented his continuing his journey and he decided to stay in Cannes. He found the place delightful and resolved to build himself a house there.

The famous Promenade of the Croisette runs for miles along the front, gaily decorated with multi-coloured parasols. In the harbour the picturesque little boats of the local fishermen weave their way proudly between the rows of luxury yachts.

Parallel to the Croisette runs the Rue d'Antibes, whose shops can supply the visitor with everything his heart can desire—and his purse can stand.

Just off the coast of Cannes two islands are silhouetted against the horizon, known as Iles des Lérins which most of the party visited. The fort in the larger Ile St. Marguerite is famous in history and fiction, for it was here that the " Man in the Iron Mask " was imprisoned in 1687.

We also visited the famous perfume centre of Grasse and spent a whole day exploring the wonderful Gorge du Verdon. Other interesting excursions were organised to Vallauris, the pottery centre where Picasso formerly had a studio, and the Observation Tower in Super-Cannes from where a magnificent panoramic view can be obtained over the Riviera coast.

The holiday came to an end all too quickly. We were soon travelling in our couchettes up the Rhone valley on the homeward journey. Breakfast was taken on the train but we arrived in Paris too late to catch our connection to Dieppe. This proved to be a great piece of good luck since we were transferred to Calais and the short sea crossing which, on a stormy day, still proved to be too long for some of the party!

The circle was complete. The same parents were waiting at Victoria Station, but the boys hurrying along the platform with cases bulging with presents were bronzed and tanned as only the Riviera sun knows how. We all owe Mr. Aubrey and Mr. Avery a debt of gratitude for organising such a memorable holiday.

R. D. BULL, 4Pi, Gc.
C. RICHOLD, 3Et, Pc.

FILMING HOLIDAY IN NORTHUMBERLAND

In an age when more and more people wander around with a cine-camera in their hand, one suspects that there is a growing feeling that films are all too easy to make. You just choose your scene, set the various readings, point the camera and shoot! For those who just want a picture of the family on the beach, or the pigeons in Trafalgar Square that is sufficient. But, when you want to make a film which tells a complete story, in medieval costume against authentic backgrounds, the task is far more complex, as you may now gather.

The fencers of Wandsworth have, in the past, not only found time to excel at their chosen sport in the conventional manner, but have also found time to experiment with mock fights in costume. These they have staged on various occasions at the school. Such displays led to thoughts of a period fighting film, which was duly started in modest fashion at Corfe Castle. The idea grew, until a reconnaissance party set off for the castles of Northumberland at Easter. The idea was to set a short sequence against the remains of the castles at Warkworth and Dunstanburgh, and the intact, but much enlarged castle at Bamburgh. Having decided that the project was feasible, preparations commenced in earnest. Properties had to be made, mainly for the banquetting scene, and in this connection the fencing armoury assumed a new role—manufactory and store for crockery, shields, tapestries and all the other items. Costumes had to be made, and here we are all immensely grateful to a certain mother who spent many hours preparing the various garments for the whole cast. And, to all this, arrangements had to be made for the stay of the whole party in the area.

On the first Sunday of the holiday, the party assembled in the small fishing village of Seahouses, some thirty-five miles north of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Here the Northumberland Education Committee had arranged for us to use one of their schools as a base. Classrooms were quickly converted into dormitories, the kitchen was taken over completely and all was prepared for the first day " on location." This was to be at Warkworth, which has intact rooms minus ceilings. Thus, interior sequences could be filmed without the use of elaborate lighting. Two days' work there and we were away to our second location, Dunstanburgh. Here, at the most ruined of ruined castles, filming was so difficult since we had to maintain the impression that all of the buildings were intact. Sequences of Archery practice, sword fights on the lawns, prisoners being led away to the dungeons all had to be arranged to sustain the idea of medieval times. Despite some foul

weather, it was done. Then, for final filming, on to Bamburgh, still occupied and complete, with such "helpful" additions as television aerials, flag poles and metal window frames! To add to our difficulties, we found that this stately home is open to the public, so we had to be on our guard against the stray twentieth century man walking into the scene! But, again, all went well. The last cassette of film was taken, and we returned to base. At the present time, the task of editing and titling is in progress. When that is completed, the premier will be arranged and our work will be available for all to see.

Inevitably a venture like this depends upon the interest and help of many people who are never seen, but lurk in the background. I have already mentioned the help we received in the making of the costumes. An equally important contribution to the expedition was that of the loan of a van to transport all of the equipment to Seahouses and back. The whole party is deeply indebted for this. And finally, thanks must be recorded to the many people in and around Seahouses who spontaneously came to our assistance during the fortnight.

B.P.P.

JULIUS CAESAR

An unusual initiative during the last week of the Summer Term was the performance by Three Sigma of a version of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. An extremely sensitive text—modernised, but with no jarring colloquialisms—led the audience through the essentials of Shakespeare's play, retaining much of the original characterisation and maintaining a strong story line. Everyone took part, as crowd, senators, conspirators or soldiers, and the enthusiasm of the whole form was evident. The entire cast, including non-speaking parts, acted all the time, and apart from slight hesitation at the end of Antony's rabble-rousing speech, kept the pace of the production rapid and exciting. The battle scenes at the end were, indeed, highly realistic.

Brutus (Alan Quigg) gave a solid and dignified performance, conveying well his dilemma at the prospect of becoming an assassin. Cassius (George Evans), on the other hand, was clearly more self-seeking—a performance slightly marred by soft diction. Caesar (Anthony Huxley), whose refusal and final acceptance of the crown was included in the text of this version, conveyed well the impression of a man losing his former authority. But perhaps the best performance came from Antony (Richard Godfrey), who roused the mob in a most exciting central scene. His loud, clear speech was a model to schoolboy actors—indeed, as the Headmaster said at the end of the second performance, the clear speech of the cast was in some ways the most notable feature of the production.

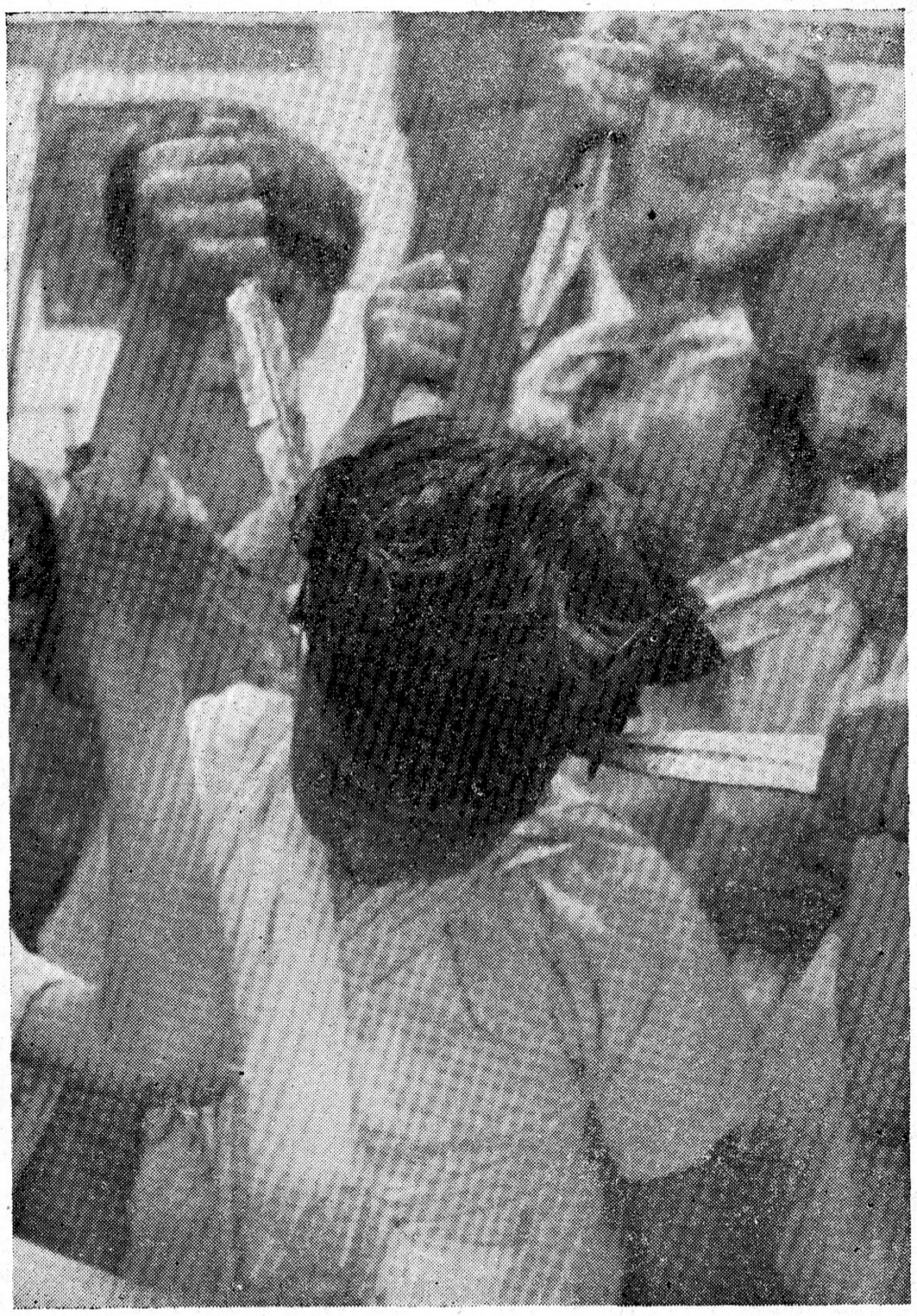


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Then fall Caesar . . .

Another outstanding feature—at one point inspiring a spontaneous burst of applause from the audience—was the scenery. Cleverly managed on folding screens, and entirely constructed and painted by the form, it filled the stage with a series of distinctive and extremely attractive sets. Costumes also (reflecting the willingness of parental co-operation in the loan of sheets!) were highly professional, and contributed to the success of the performance.

This was altogether a highly polished and satisfying production, giving evidence of very considerable talent and sheer hard work on the part of the entire form under the tireless direction of Mr. Baker. It makes us all the more sorry that we are to lose him this Christmas. We all share the regret which I am sure the form which worked so loyally and enthusiastically with him must feel at his departure.

R.W.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

It is indeed with great trepidation that I follow in the footsteps (or should I say pen strokes?) of our former Cromwell House Representative in this magazine, Nicholas Hillyard, now at Keble College, Oxford, whose eloquent pen so dramatically transformed the House Notes, that it became a pleasure, and no longer a dismal duty, to read them. While acknowledging my inability to equal his ready wit and refined literary style, as yet unsurpassed on the House Notes, I shall hope, at least, not to prove too poor a successor, or to suffer too much by comparison with such an eminent satirist.

I should like to begin my new career by extending to those boys and masters (among whom are Mr. E. W. Turner, Ca; Col. O. C. S. Dobbie, Cc; Mr. B. Hollamby (1 theta), Mr. T. Ward, Cg, and Mr. S. Ahmad), who are reading these House Notes for the first time, a most hearty welcome to Cromwell House, hoping they will have a happy and profitable stay here with us.

Congratulations are certainly due to all our new prefects, especially to Brian Hopkins, a senior prefect, and to Ranjit Seneviratne and Richard Ward, who have the double responsibility of senior prefect and Joint House Captain. Indeed, to all those who have merited positions of responsibility, to the new milk monitors, the cycle marshals, and to the Set Representatives, we all give our warmest congratulations, and hope they will continue to exercise their responsibility with prudence and good-will.

Now we turn to matters on a higher intellectual and creative plane: diligence and the Eisteddfod (it is spelt correctly,—I've checked). In the last diligence award of last term Cromwell was in its usual incredible form, gaining first place with the staggering lead of 0.21 over a valiant, though, of course, inferior Morley. This is good but could be vastly improved. Why don't YOU do something about it; you might try bribes if the other solution, WORK, sounds too odious. As for the Eisteddfod, as I am sure you know only too well, the Gods were unjust (it couldn't be, could it, that we all made a lousy effort?), Fate favoured a gloating Morley, and Cromwell limped home into a third place. Let's do something about this for next term's Eisteddfod, and raise the red ribbon to the skies.

Returning to a more mundane plane we record the election, by all the members of the House, in a fair and totally objective vote, of the following House Officers:—

Rugby Captain—Peter Dutch, (Cd)
Soccer Captain—Peter Ohler (Cb)
Basketball Captain—Geoffrey Wood (Ce)
Athletics Captain—Paul Larkin (Cb)
Fencing Captain—Duncan Wherrett (Ce)
Cross Country Captain—Roger Wilkins (Cf)
Link Representative—Ian Donno (Cb)

All that remains for me to say is to wish you all the customary, trite salutations of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I shall, just to perfect this picture of happiness, wish you all as much work as possible in the Spring Term (with, of course, an equal amount of happiness and profit).

Yours (dear Cromwellians) in anxious anticipation,

IAN DONNO.

GIBBON

Some of the more conscientious readers of the *Link* may have noticed two terms ago, inserted in these notes, the sentence, " The Fives captain is confident." Before the next edition of the magazine no House championship was played, but in the next notes was written the reassuring note, " The Fives captain is still confident." There has still been no championship, but I am assured by the new captain, R. W. Matthews, that he is continuing the tradition and is confident of success in the competition to be played next term.

The cross-country is, however, the most immediate event at the time of writing and I hope that our able captain, R. Summerfield, will have been given sufficient help to have retained the trophy won the last few years by Gibbon. R. Summerfield, J. K. Lindsay, E. R. Smallbone and B. Elmes are to be congratulated on representing the School in this event.

Also fairly soon is the Rugby championship, and although our captain, J. W. England, has not played since the second year, I feel sure that he could hold back any opposing scrum single-handed. However, since he may not share my confidence, I hope you will all give him your utmost assistance. I hope also that our basket-ball captain, C. Seaber, will be given support both with players for the team and with supporters at the matches.

The other official appointed at the last House Meeting was the soccer captain, M. Byers, who is also captain of the School XI.

Finally, I would like to say good-bye to Mr. Payne on his leaving the House, and to thank him for all the work he has done. At the same time I would also like to welcome Mr. Clark as new House Master, although of course he is not new to Gibbon and has given valuable help towards the House's athletic successes.

P. J. FOGG, U6Sc, Gb.

MORLEY

When I first realised that I would have to write the House Notes I immediately looked at my calendar to see what there would be to write about before the *Link* went to press.. I saw marked for September 26th " Inter House Cross-Country Championships " and I heaved a sigh of relief; with that, and diligence, I thought it might be possible to think of the required 400 words. My bliss was short lived. With horror I heard in assembly that the Cross-Country Championships would not take place until after we went to press.

What was I to do? In desperation I turned to those with experience in such matters, but was helped little by comments which ranged from, " Well you just woffle " to " Think yourself lucky, I've got to write the editorial as well." But by luck I met a much-looked-up-to Old Wandsworthian, who until recently had done this job. He stopped to give me a few words of advice; apparently he just copied out " last time's " adding a little more detail and a few words of stern advice, so here goes:—

We welcome all new members of the house, and hope that they will derive as much good from membership, as they make a worthwhile contribution to the house, for the two surely go hand-in-hand.

At the end of last term Morley lost the services of Mr. Coate-Bond, who after six years in his capacity of house-master has accepted other duties within the school. We hope that he will continue his lively interest in the house. We were all pleased to hear that Mr. Chambers has taken over the leadership, Mr. Lewis going to Morley E, in his place.

In July we also lost, among others, two of our most respected and well liked prefects. J. A. Lally who was head boy is now studying at Manchester University and R. C. Pearson who was our house-captain, spent a month on the Continent through a travel-scholarship, and is now at Reading University. We wish them and all other members of the house who left us last summer the best of luck and happiness in the outside world.

And so to this term, where we have also suffered a loss, but merely a temporary one we hope. A certain Cromwell set, finding itself without a tutor, and realising which house to turn to when looking for a good one, has " borrowed " Mr. Ward, previously joint set-master of Morley H. He remains with us in all other respects, of course.

Our new house captain is P. C. Fenwick, and his deputy is D. P. Grant; these are also the only two senior prefects that we have. At the first house meeting of the term we elected the following officers:—

Soccer Captain—M. C. Bellamy

Cross-Country Captain—P. Burger

Vice-Captain—D. Beard

Hockey Captain—A. K. Ashraf

Basketball Captain—J. S. Sotiriou

Fives Captain—J. R. Humphreys

Rugby Captain—R. C. Herbert

Vice-Captain—K. F. Brown

Link Representative—C. N. Cheek

In electing these officials we were not appointing them to do all the work, their job is merely to organise and lead *our* efforts, they alone cannot keep Morley in its rightful top position, for that, the active support of every boy in the house is needed. And nowhere is this more so than next term's Eisteddfod, which, if we are not careful will have crept up on us all too soon. Now is the time to decide what you personally can do, and if this turns out to be anything in the models or hobbies line, get cracking on it, for now is the time to start. Last year we won the Eisteddfod, and we can do so again if we ensure that success does not rest on the shoulders of just a few, we can win most sections by sheer weight of numbers, quite apart from the many talented members that this house includes.

I end on a happy note. I must be the first writer of the Morley house notes for a long time who can express pleasure at the house's diligence position. We only came second, and then by a narrow margin, but if we keep up the improvement, I will be unable to moan on this subject next term.

C. N. CHEEK, L6Sc, Mc.

PITT

Although there has been no social activity up to the time of publication, the first main event of the year is the inter-house cross-country championships. Pitt house cross country captain is R. F. Sandford, L6Sc, Pa, who was the obvious choice because of his unequalled record in the field of running. Under his captaincy, the team for Pitt has an equal, if not better, chance of winning the championship, while Pitt also has an excellent prospect of having the winning individual.

I should like to congratulate D. T. Snell, U6Sc, Pc, on becoming joint head boy, a post which he rightly deserves in view of his social and academic achievements. After having had a head boy from Pitt for three successive years, the school has resumed the custom, unfortunately broken last year, that the post should be held by a member of the superior house. B. M. Farrow, U6Sc, Pb, has become Pitt house captain and C. F. Hewlett, U6Sc, Pd, S. Harper, U6Sc, Pb, and J. J. Jewkes, U6Ec, Pc, have become senior prefects.

Pitt members, last year, produced an admirable effort in diligence, the result of which is that we now hold the diligence shield for the year 1961-62, and there is every expectation that we should continue our success this year.

Sporting activities are also well represented by Pitt, from which the following captains were chosen:—

Rugby—E. M. Muller, L6G, Ph.
Football—M. R. Bender, L6G, Pe.
Fives—S. Harper, U6Sc, Pb.
Basketball—J. May, L6Sc, Pb.
Cross-Country—R. F. Sandford, L6Sc, Pa.
Junior Cross-Country—K. Hylands, 4Eta, Pb.

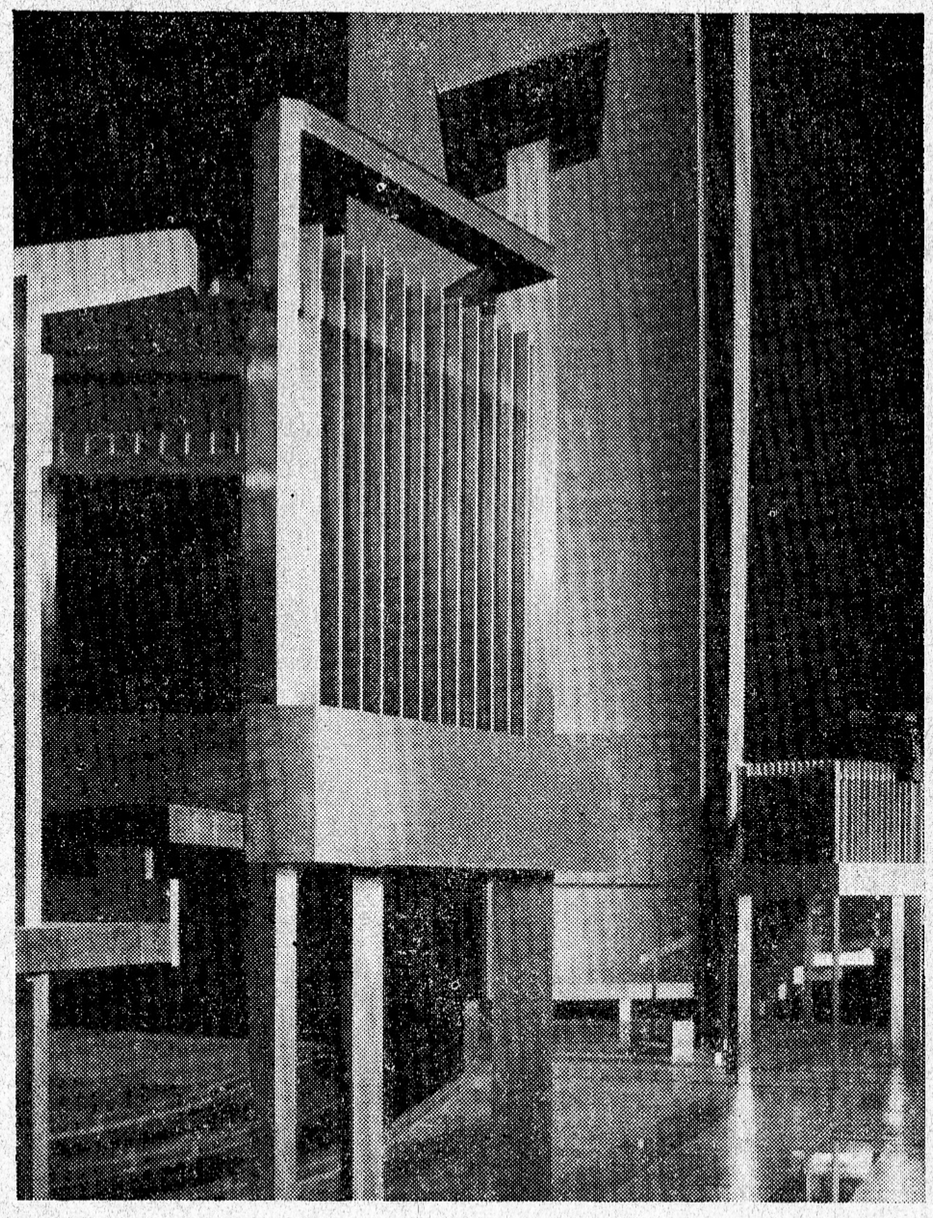
Some fourth formers once again sat three subjects in G.C.E. examinations last year, that is, a year ahead of the normal age for entry. The results are even better than last year, and I should like to congratulate members of Pitt House, who distinguished themselves with such high grades. I should also like to offer best wishes to Pitt members, who are sitting examinations at any level in January.

We hope that new boys, as well as old, will play their part in work, sport and social activities, especially the School Play and the Eisteddfod, and maintain the high standard, characteristic of Pitt House.

M. C. HUTCHISON, L6Sc, Pc.

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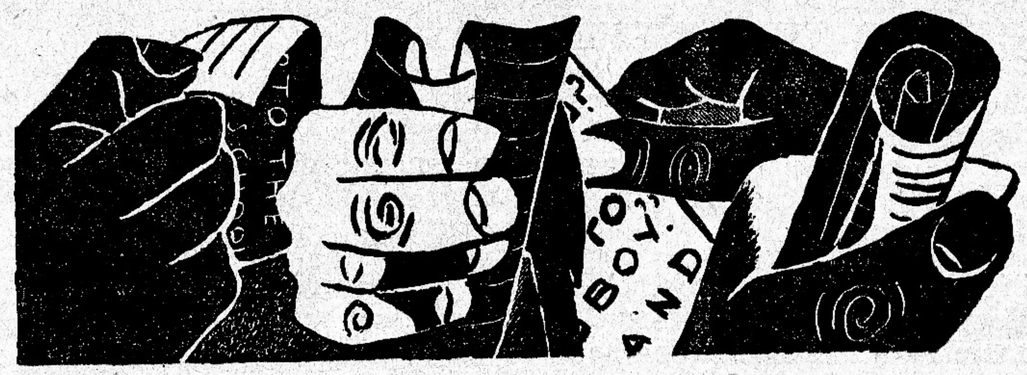
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FIREWORK NIGHT

The sky is filled with sparks and flames,
the children rush about.
Their cries are hardly heard among
the din of bangers, jumping jacks and rockets.

Dogs howl and cats cry,
Frightened of the noise.
The sky is filled with cordite smoke.
The fire is burning high.
Flashes here and crashes there.
A rocket soars into the sky.

Among all this noise nobody hears
a small child sobbing in the shade.
A banger exploded in his hand
and only he can feel the pain.

E. N. SIMPSON, L6G, Cg.

MY WINDOW

Out my window there is so much fun,
Gate, road, pavement, sky and sun.
Between the sun and winds
Are linked together many things.
I look and see the people go
And see the cars drive back and fro,
I see the totters sing out their song.
As the minutes and hours whistle along.
I hear the dog bark and make lots of noise
As he chases off little girls and boys.

S. ADDY, 2Tau.

HOMEWORK !

The thing I like when School is done,
Is lots of football, sweets and fun;
But Dad is always bound to say,
When on the lawns with pals I play,
"Homework!"

Although I don't dislike this work,
At times I am inclined to shirk;
But trust my Dad who's hard of heart,
To ask me when I'm going to start
Homework!

I hope these verses you will like,
Composed when railways were on strike.
I'm in my Den; I've closed the door;
I must stop now—I have yet more
Homework!

S. REID, 1Al.

TIME

(Eisteddfod Literary Composition — 3rd Senior)

Like a river she flows,
Like a river she winds,
Her tides wait not for those who sleep or rest
But ebb and flow throughout the years,
Bringing peace, bringing war, bringing death,
To the mortals who dwell beneath her flood,
And cloud her waters with the silt of their wantonness.
Her waters, placid, know not restraint,
There is no ford across her flood,
No bridge doth span the might girth
Of this proud river whose journey ends
At the delta of the judgement day.

D. HUNT, L6A, Pf.

THE BOMB THAT NEVER WAS

There is a building site near where I live, and when the labourer was digging for the foundations he discovered a big hole in the chalk. The army was sent for because it was thought to be an unexploded bomb. They brought a geiger counter with them to see if anything metal was down in the ground.

They turned it on and it started to click, so they knew there was something metal down in the earth. With the equipment they brought they went down more than twenty feet in the hole but could not find anything. The bomb disposal men said there was nothing to worry about and to carry on with the building.

I hope it is all right, because my uncle is having a bungalow built on the site, and the hole will be underneath his back door. Everybody is puzzled and wonders what it was that caused it.

S. AXTEN, 2Nu, Pa.

FRESH-WATER SHARK

Down by the old, green water-mill
Where the lilly-pads float and the water is still,
There lies the ruthless king of fish,
There lies a vain and hopeful wish:
If only I could catch him with my rod and float
Fishing a lonely back-water from flat-bottomed boat.

Why can't I catch him, fresh-water shark?
Fishing from my boat in a woodland park?
Slimy and green he slides through the weeds
Catching all the perch and roach he needs.

He darts and leaps with grace and poise:
Sometimes a splash, but no other noise.
He's wicked, but there's something I like
About that wily old monster, the fresh-water pike.

A. J. GUYAN, 5Eta, Mj.

ROSE

There was a young lady called Rose,
With a wart on the end of her nose,
She said, "Me, oh, my!
I do feel so shy,
No young man will ever propose."

M. YOUNG, F2, Pd.

BOY FEAR

It was Friday night. Tom knew this night as "pub night." It was the night that his mum went to the "Wharf and Barge" for a drink, and often came home drunk. This was the night scheduled for him to meet his mates in "Wharf Alley." He went there because it was dark and quiet, so that he and his so-called mates could hide and smoke. At five past eight they all met. When Tom arrived his mates were already there, and as he walked down the alley he felt an atmosphere of fear mixed with crime creep around him. A car's headlights picked out his mates' faces as he silently walked towards them, then a high pitched cough from "Softie" suddenly broke the silence. The alley was only lit by a gas mantle in the street outside.

At last George spoke in a bossy manner and said, "Where's them fags?" Tom slowly drew them from his torn short trousers and offered them around. George and Jack both took one but "Softie" did not. George ordered him to, but he still refused. So George said, "Frow him in the river?" He then lit his cigarette; the match light showed up "Softie's" frightened face in the flicker. George offered the match around for the others to light up and then threw it down at his feet. Jack repeated the suggestion and grabbed one of "Softie's" frail arms; George took the other in his left hand and gagged him with his right. For fear of the others, Tom took his part in forcing "Softie" to move. He was taken to the wharf's edge, struggling and straining to get free, but George said, "Right, frow him in!"

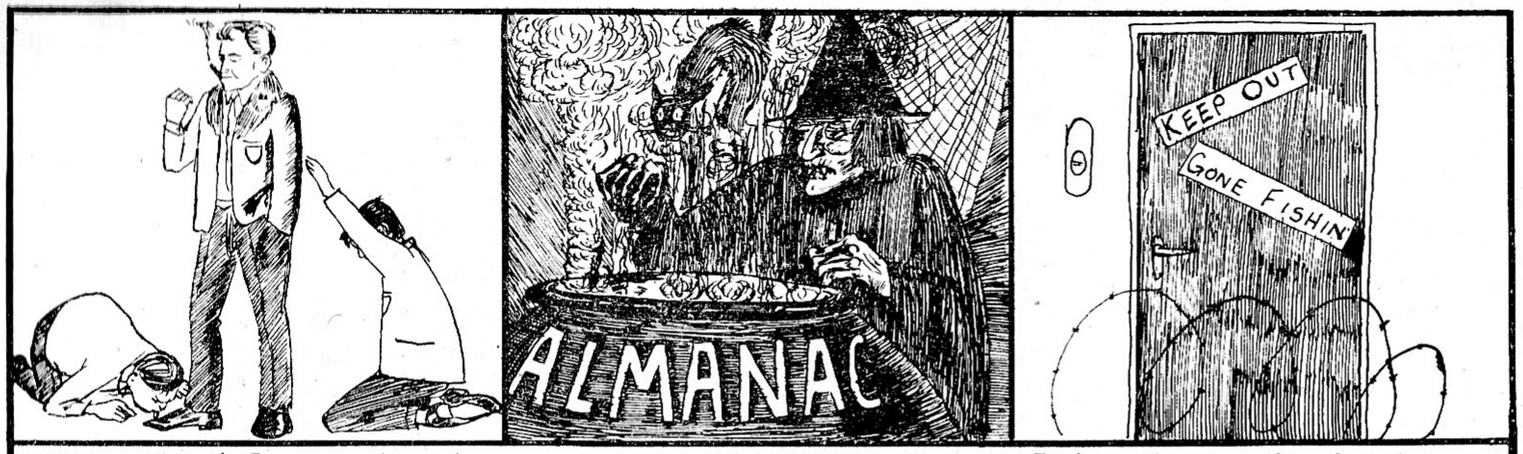
A sickening and terrifying scream filled the air as "Softie" went on his ten foot journey to the water; then all was silent. Just a few bubbles rose to the surface and that was all. All three stood transfixed in horror, realising what had been done. Then, like a flash of lightning they all ran, all but Tom, who stood there watching the body of a half unconscious boy float out to the middle of the river. He then realised he was not alone, for beside him stood the old wharf keeper.

J. R. ROLES, 3Al, Pe.

THE GLIDER

It roars like a bird
And floats like paper:
up and up and around it goes;
and dives like an eagle
looking for prey:
down and down it dives;
then up it swoops
like a frightened bird.

R. K. WARWICK, 4Omi, G.



26th Mar: Fourth Former makes take-over bid for Mayfield.

5th Apr: Shortage of prefects becomes acute.

1963 ★ NOTABLE DAYS & PREDICTIONS

JANUARY

Ave. monthly Detentions: 1

Ave. monthly Diligence: 5.6 pts.

1st	Tu.	All good resolutions well and truly broken.
2nd	We.	264 days to the end of year.
7th	Mo.	**Lucky Day.** Term begins. Deep depression develops over Wandsworth.
8th	Tu.	Coldest day of year. Radiators turned off.
12th	Sa.	**Day of Thanksgiving**—end of first week.
13th	Su.	**Gardening Note:** plant rhubarb.
21st	Mo.	**Black Day.** Mr. Ustain gives up smoking. Do not miss French homework.
22nd	Tu.	Mr. Ustain takes up smoking.
24th	Th.	Nathanson's grandfather bought family bicycle, 1902.

FEBRUARY

Ave. monthly Detentions: 3.

Ave. monthly Diligence: 3.2 pts.

1st	Fr.	Snow. Radiators still off.
2nd	Sa.	**Gardening Note:** Nourish rhubarb.
4th	Mo.	Still snowing. Snell's version of "Get Outside" tops hit parade.
5th	Tu.	Mr. Snave sets a homework.
7th	Th.	1,295 shopping days to Christmas, 1965.
11th	Mo.	Mr. Snave collects homework.
13th	We.	Local post-box overflows.
14th	Th.	**St. Valentine.** Glum faces in Prefects' Room.
16th	Sa.	Mayfield Half Term begins. Hunting commences.
18th	Mo.	Wandsworth Half Term: thank Goodness. Heavy rain.
19th	Tu.	
20th	We.	Mr. Snave issues new best books.
21st	Th.	Mr. Snave sets second homework.
26th	Tu.	**Pancake Day.** As a special treat, prunes for school dinner.

MARCH

Ave. monthly Detentions: 5.

Ave. monthly Diligence: 1.5 pts.

1st	Fr.	**St. David's Day.** Hearty singing heard from Staff Room.
2nd	Sa.	**Gardening Note:** Prune rhubarb.
4th	Mo.	Still cold. Schoolkeeper promises to turn on radiators.
5th	Tu.	First Tuesday before third Friday after second Saturday after Epiphany.
9th	Sa.	Soccer 1st XI beaten 16—0 (after extra time).
11th	Mo.	Señor Lenci opens Room 47.
14th	Th.	Karl Marx died, 1883. Newman in mourning.
20th	We.	Hashmi entered School, 1939 (War broke out).
22nd	Fr.	Mr. Snave visited by Godfrey Wynn.
25th	Mo.	Fourth former wins £100,000 on Set Lottery.
26th	Tu.	Fourth former makes take-over bid for Mayfield.
28th	Th.	Mr. Ginreaps last cleaned his cycle, 1949.

APRIL

Ave. monthly Detentions: 8.

Ave. monthly Diligence: –2.5 pts.

1st	Mo.	**All Fool's Day.** You should be happy.
2nd	Tu.	First heat-wave of year. Radiators turned full on.
4th	Th.	Dramatic twist in inter-House rivalry.
5th	Fr.	**Lucky Day.** Shortage of Prefects becomes acute.
8th	Mo.	Link published.
9th	Tu.	Link prosecuted.
10th	We.	Term ends. Fire-alarm set off.
11th	Th.	**Maundy Thursday.** Post-reports gloom over domestic scene.
12th	Fr.	**Good Friday.** Hot-cross-bun sellers make a profit.
13th	Sa.	**Gardening Note:** shout rhubarb.

Run down? — Nervous? — Unable to concentrate?

Send **now** for

TIM THE TYRANT

Chief of the Welsh Peskies

These customers sent for TTT and got more than they bargained for:

"I got my TTT last year and have had him on my back ever since."

"Since TTT controlled my life, I find I can do without sleep and finish my homework."

DON'T GO BALD!

Write to Charles Hatless

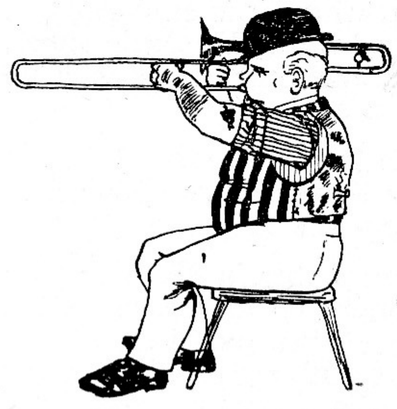
He has helped many a member of staff renowned for tearing his hair.

"My hair has already started to grow . . . " — Baby of 2.

"I used your lotion ten years ago and have never had my hair cut since . . . . . I am recommending it to my father." —G. W. Solomon.

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SMOKING, CANCER OF THE LUNG AND YOU

This is an unbiased account of how smoking can cause lung cancer and the changes occurring in the lungs of the cancer patient.

Undoubtedly you have been told that cigarette smoke contains tars, nicotines and irritant gases. As far as cancer is concerned the finger of accusation may be pointed at the tars. They contain substances known to induce cancerous growths in laboratory animals. More important and, tragically, more deadly, tars contain chemicals which cause normally harmless substances to become cancer inducing. These substances have the property of dissolving in the fluid lining the lung and, so, are kept in close contact with the lung for long periods.

When we breathe in, air travels down the wind-pipe (or trachea) which branches, forming two bronchi. These branch again and again, eventually forming minute hollow tubes of tissue (the bronchioli), to which air-sacs (" alveoli ") are attached. Lung cancer attacks the bronchial tubes, thus choking the lungs into insensibility.

The lungs consist of two layers of special cells attached, by a membrane, to underlying connective tissues. The first layer of cells are column shaped; on the outer surface they have wavy hair like processes (cilia). Interspersed with these ciliated cells are goblet cells producing mucus. The function of the cilia is to " wave " this mucus, and the dirt and filth it traps, up the bronchial tubes to the back of the throat, where it is swallowed. The second layer of cells is of basal cells, shaped rather like little cubes, and they are attached to a delicate membrane, the function of which is to prevent infection reaching the lower layers of tissue.

When cancer occurs, the top layer of cells first loses its cilia, i.e. other than by violent coughing there is no mechanism for removing the mucus from the lungs.

There is then a startling increase in the number of basal cells, and no longer do they form regular layers. They then develop large, irregularly shaped nuclei (atypical nuclei); the cells can now be termed cancerous. Although these changes only occur in a small section of the lung, the cancerous cells now reproduce at such a fantastic rate that they soon break through basement membrane into the surrounding tissues. It is then, unfortunately, only a matter of time before they reach a blood vessel and are carried to other organs in the body. Thus cancer often spreads to the liver, causing more pain and suffering than in the lung. The original cancer spreads until it surrounds the bronchial tubes and then eventually the whole lung. One of two things can then happen:

1. Mucus accumulates to such an extent in the lung that you "drown " in your own phlegm!
2. The cancer completely surrounds the bronchial tubes pressing against it and stopping air passing through—you choke!

It is obvious that the cancer must be very large before anything is suspected, and by that time it has usually spread throughout the body and its devastating progress cannot be halted.

When in the chest ward of a large London hospital, earlier this year, I saw five people with lung cancer. Four died an extremely slow and painful death. The one survivor had the whole of one lung and all the ribs on the offending side removed. All five were heavy smokers.

Before deciding to continue or start smoking, remember that smoking can also cause or aggravate the following conditions: cancers in the lung, liver, gall bladder, bladder and pancreas; coronary sclerosis; thrombosis and general weakening of the heart; and a number of infectious lung diseases.

K. W. WILLIAMS, U6Sc, Pi.

CHEMISTRY CORNER

Sodium, which was discussed in the last issue, has a twin brother, potassium, which it resembles very closely in all its properties. It has also three other brothers (or sisters), lithium, rubidium and caesium, in which the resemblance is not so well marked. Lithium was discovered in 1818 by a Swedish chemist, Arfoedson; the other two by Bunsen at Heidelberg about forty years later. The last two were discovered by spectrum analysis, caesium yielding two characteristic blue bands (hence the name, from the Latin caesius, " sky blue "), and rubidium two magnificent red bands (hence the name, from the Latin rubidus, " dark red ").

Caesium was the first metal to be discovered spectroscopically, that is, by colouring a non-luminous bunsen flame with a trace of a salt of the metal, passing the light through a prism, and noticing the position and colour of the bands in the spectrum. A rainbow is the spectrum of sunlight produced in raindrops; a ray of sunlight passing through a triangular glass prism will produce exactly the same effect.

Lithium is used to a limited extent in industry for increasing the tensile strength of certain non-ferrous alloys; Rubidium and Caesium are used in photo-electric cells and in thermionic valves in the radio industry.

The most important potassium compounds are the chlorate, nitrate and carbonate, all of which are made from the chloride which is found with magnesium chloride as carnallite. The nitrate is used in fireworks and gunpowder, in which it is mixed with charcoal and sulphur; the chlorate is used in matches, and the carbonate is an excellent fertiliser, being present in wood ash. Potassium permanganate is also widely used as a mild disinfectant, known commercially as Condy's Fluid.

J.M.

The jar was on the shelf — out of reach,
The sticky sweets within —
Tempting her.
On the box upon the chair
Slipping, sliding, falling, spinning,
Wall, ceiling, floor flash past.
The pain: searing, burning:
    Mother's comforting arm
    To sooth the pain.

Screams, sobs, the memory of that fall,
Flying, hurtling through open, empty air,
The spinning, rising floor
    Coming up to meet her:
With a crash to damage every bearing
Of that frail body,
    Mother's comforting arm
    To sooth the pain.

J. R. HUMPHREYS, L6Sc, Mb.

The sun shines brightly on the road,
But I am in a world of my own which no one may enter.
Cars pass me,
Even noisy lorries fail to recall me to their world.

Suddenly, silence.
I return with a shock to the present;
But something is wrong.
Pedestrians crossing the road behind me
Stare at me:
The monsters of the road obey them
But not me.

M. R. JACOBS, L6Sc, Cc.

ACCIDENT

The chipping of cement, the falling of brick,
Chisels penetrating deep into the hard cement,
And the ladders leaning undisturbed against the wall.
Men working hard.
Suddenly a scream.
Silence.
A thud.
A body face down lies undisturbed on the hard concrete floor.
Hearts quicken, men run, faces grow white,
Eyes search to see.
And below lies, twisted, still,
The body.

D. I. KENT, L6Sc, Ph.

It strikes, but unintended
Hits a thumb, and disbelieving
I see a swelling sensitive balloon
Recording each pulse.
A trivial injury, but the pain's unbearable
And I am numb to anything else.

N. R. LEVERE, Cc, *Left* July, 1962.

TO HELENA

And memories keep returning, still,
Of times I spent with you,
Such memories life can never kill,
Of a love so strong and true.

Those walks through Portsmouth, arm in arm,
Those kisses freely flowing;
All these signs of a love so warm,
And hearts together glowing.

And when I held you close to me,
And felt your tender heart beat,
Tears in my eyes, I couldn't see,
But then I felt our lips meet.

Oh! Happiness that once was mine,
O'er which I reminisce;
Once more our arms they will entwine,
Again a tender kiss.

Please Helena, dear, keep your heart for me,
And never let it wander,
Until once more as one we be,
For none could love you fonder.

G. W. SOLOMON, L6A, Ma.

THE SEA

The waves like ripples,
Crumple
Against withering shores.
The dying foam retreats,
into the cluster of emerald greens.
Its emotional surface broken,
By quivering breezes.
Showing its freedom,
by violent tantrums that
beat feeble shores.
Then, going back into a tranquil
mood,
Almost accepting defeat.

M. J. JOSEY, 4Io, Pf.

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TO MAKE YOU THINK

Solution to Last Term's Problem

Let Mr. Smith be x years old now.

$\therefore$ son is now $\frac{x}{3}$ years old.

In 12 years' time

Mr. Smith will be $(x + 12)$ years old

and son will be $(\frac{x}{3} + 12)$ years old

But Mr. Smith is then twice as old as his son.

$$\therefore (x + 12) = 2(\frac{x}{3} + 12)$$

$$\therefore x + 12 = \frac{2x}{3} + 24$$

$$\therefore x - \frac{2x}{3} = 24 - 12$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{3} = 12$$

$\therefore x = 26$ years.

So Mr. Smith is now 36 years old.

Check—36 : 12 = 3 : 1

48 : 24 = 2 : 1

This Term's Problem

Of the total runs made by the School XI during the season, Harry made 6% and Bill 11%. If Bill scored 120 runs more than Harry how many did Bill make during the season?

W.A.T.

JANE'S VIGIL

She sat all alone by her window,
Gazing pensively out to the sea,
Where the wild white horses of Neptune
Were foaming with rage to be free.

'Twas just such a night five years ago,
That Robert had kissed her goodnight;
"I'll be home in the morning my love,"
Said he, as she waved him out of sight.

He put out to sea in his fishing boat,
The same as he'd done for years;
And thinking of Jane, he tended the nets
As his fishing ground he nears.

Jane lit the lamp in the window,
And lonely and tired went to bed;
First kneeling down she said her prayers,
"Bring him home safely, dear God,"
she said.

Out at sea the wind did change,
Thor rent the heavens asunder;
The lightning flashed, the thunder roared,
Angry waves swept the boat under.

But the tempest raged all through the
night,
So did the cruel, cruel sea;
That's why she sits all alone by the light:
He never came home from the sea.

K. A. BRAITHWAITE, 4Ka, Cf.

PRIZE LIST, 1961-62

FORM PRIZES

(For Diligence)

Forms I

ONE	GREIG, Ian
	ELLIOTT, James
GAMMA	CULPIN, Charles
	RUSS, Michael
	COWLES, John
NU	AXTEN, Stuart
	WILLIS, Garry
OMEGA	ALLEN, Harry
	MOYNEHAN, Brian
	THORNTON, Bernard
THETA	EADES, Garry
IOTA	WILSON, George
	HORNE, David
SIGMA	PETCHEY, John
EPSILON	PUTT, Michael
	WHITE, Michael
ALPHA	SHERWOOD, Harry
	BLANCKLEY, Bruce
	BLISS, Anthony
UPSILON	SANDLING, Robert
TAU	MILEHAM, Gerald
	EVES, Jeffrey
	STEFANOWICZ, Joseph
OMICRON	GINN, Stephen
	HEFFERNAN, Christopher

Forms II

TWO	CARPENTER, James
	MANCE, Geoffrey
	EALES, Roger
GAMMA	ARCHER, David
	FRIEND, Keith
	JOHNS, Brian
NU	RUDD, Christopher
	CAMPBELL, Philip
OMEGA	PITT, Dennis
	DAUNTON, Jeffrey
THETA	JULIAN, Anthony
	CORNELL, John
IOTA	TAYLOR, Brian
	CROTTY, John
SIGMA	SMITHSON, Trevor
	RICHOLD, Christopher
	BARTLETT, Peter
EPSILON	SMITH, Gordon
	FERRIGE, Alan
ALPHA	RUNDLE, Barry
	FRENCH, Michael
UPSILON	GLOVER, John
	CHEDDIE, Kenneth
TAU	BATCHELDOR, Francis
OMICRON	ASLING, Clive

Forms III

THREE	HARPER, Michael (Special Merit)
	BEENEY, Tony
	BONE, John
	RENNY, Leslie
	HANDS, Colin
	CHAPMAN, Frederick
PI	FELSTEAD, Michael
	BULL, Ross
	LEE, Victor
	FENTON, David
ALPHA	FAULKNER, Alan
	DRY-PARKER, Howard
	REGAN, Michael
NU	WOODROW, John
	KNEVITT, John
	SELLS, Roger
THETA	LANE, Malcolm
	JUDD, Douglas
	BORRETT, Brian
EPSILON	MARRETT, Glyn
OMEGA	DUNFORD, David
RHO	GOOCH, Michael
ETA	BUCKELL, Keith
TAU	WEST, Robert
IOTA	CALVERT, Peter
KAPPA	FRANKLIN, Roy
OMICRON	KNIBB, Barry
SIGMA	CHASE, Tony
SAU	JONES, Colin

Forms IV

FOUR	LEWINDON, Kenneth
	COOPER, Malcolm
	FOLEY, Christopher
	EDEN, Laurence
	BARKER, Keith
PI	SOMERS, Keith
	BETTS, Charles
ALPHA	GOLDSMITH, Philip
	HOLLAND, David
NU	BARBARSKI, Krzysztof
	STRUGNELL, Keith
THETA	MAY, Barry
EPSILON	LENNY, Christopher
	BAXTER, Alan
OMEGA	HOOPER, David
	RAINER, Peter
	SHIPP, Raymond
RHO	ROWLAND, Tudor
TAU	HAMMANT, Terence
	DANCE, Colin
IOTA	HUDSON, Victor
KAPPA	ROWELL, Edward
OMICRON	PARKHURST, John

Forms V

FIVE	WHERRETT, Duncan
	BATES, James
	WATSON, Leonard
OMEGA	CARTER, Brian
	WORTHY, Roy
	FOUNTAIN, Michael

ALPHA	BENDER, Michael	RHO	HARRIS, Robert
NU	AYRES, Michael		PERRY, Rodney
	COLEY, Anthony	TAU	KING, Michael
EPSILON	PICKETT, Leslie	IOTA	BARKER, Roger
			MORRISON, Peter
		KAPPA	SAVIDGE, Ronald

SPECIAL PRIZES
General Certificate of Education

ORDINARY LEVEL

During the School Year 1961-62 296 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	BLAND, Michael	*Mathematics.*
	CHEEK, Christopher	*Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Religious Knowledge.*
	COOK, Leslie	*French, German, Religious Knowledge.*
	FRYER, Roger	*Art, Geography, French, Mathematics.*
	HOLDEN, Richard	*Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Technical Drawing, Chemistry, Religious Knowledge.*
	HUGHES, Roderick	*Physics, Chemistry, Latin.*
	HUMPHREYS, John	*Physics, Biology, Religious Knowledge, Chemistry.*
	HUTCHISON, Martyn	*Additional Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.*
	JACOBS, Martin	*Chemistry, French, Physics, Music.*
	JOHNSON, Trevor	*English Language.*
	JOHNSTONE, Ian	*Biology, English Language, Chemistry.*
	KALEY, Edward	*French, English Language, Geography, History.*
	LEVERE, Noel	*Geography, Physics.*
	NORTH, Michael	*Religious Knowledge, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.*
	POOLEY, Stuart	*Biology, Physics, English Literature, Geography, Chemistry.*
	VICKERY, Peter	*Physics, Religious Knowledge.*
PI	COATS, George	*English Language, Geography, Art.*
	HEWITT, Roger	*Religious Knowledge.*
	SOLOMON, Gabriel	*English Language, French.*
	LARKIN, Paul	*Mathematics.*
	POPPELSDORFF, Robin	*Italian, History, French.*
ALPHA	CRAPPER, Ronald	*Geography.*
NU	PERRY, Rodney	*Workshop Practice.*
	JINKS, David	*Workshop Practice, Chemistry.*
	FLETCHER, Peter	*Geometric Drawing, Mathematics, Metalwork.*
	SMITH, Christopher	*English, Mathematics, Physics.*
	MARCHANT, Victor	*Economic History.*
	WILKINS, Roger	*Mathematics, Technical Drawing, Metalwork, Physics.*
	CLARKE, Trevor	*Mathematics, English, Technical Drawing.*
EPSILON	PEPLER, Martin	*Economic History.*
	NASIM, Kalim	*Economic History.*
OMEGA	PEARCE, Paul	*Brickwork.*
	MEADES, Francis	*Surveying, Physics, Technical Drawing.*
	POOLE, Michael	*Technical Drawing.*
	ELMES, Brian	*Art, Surveying.*
	McLEAN, Russell	*English Language.*
	BEARD, David	*Economic History.*
RHO	BRAGG, William	*Carpentry.*
	FORRESTER, John	*Painting and Decorating.*
	TOWNSEND, Frank	*Plumbing.*
	WARAN, Kumar	*Plumbing.*
ETA	COMLEY, Robin	*French, English Language.*
	EVANS, John	*English Language.*
	KENT, David	*Human Biology, Economic History.*
TAU	SUTEHALL, David	*Technical Drawing, Metalwork.*
	LEVERICK, Paul	*Technical Drawing, Metalwork.*

Forms IV

FOUR	BERNARD, Peter	*French*
	BROWN, Anthony	*Mathematics.*
	CHRISTOU, Andrew	*Mathematics.*
	COLLINS, Michael	*English, French, Mathematics.*
	KONIECZKO, Michael	*French*
	MANTELL, Michael	*English.*
	MEIER, Paul	*English, French.*
	PRANGELL, John	*English, French.*
	RICHARDSON, Alan	*French*
	SOBCZAK, Jeremy	*Mathematics.*
	SPRIGINGS, David	*English, French.*
	STONEHAM, Michael	*French, Mathematics.*
	VAN HEGAN, John	*English, French, Mathematics.*
PI	AMOS, Patrick	*Mathematics.*

SPECIAL PRIZE — ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS

RAGGETT, Ian

LONDON ASSESSMENT OF ENGINEERING STUDIES

WILKINS, Roger (Five Distinctions)

1962 INTERNATIONAL APPRENTICE CRAFT COMPETITION (BRICKWORK) HELD IN SPAIN

1st Prize and Gold Medal awarded to THOMPSON, Alan.

ADVANCED LEVEL

(Subjects marked * were passed with Special Merit and are awarded prizes)

ADHAMI, T. R.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, *Physics.*
ALDER, R. F.	*History, British Constitution.*
BURFORD, W. H.	*Engineering Drawing.*
DIRS, R. C.	*English, French, German.*
ELLIOTT, E. V.	*Botany, Zoology.*
EVANS, I. P.	*Geography.*
FAREBROTHER, T. R.	*Religious Knowledge.*
FLINT, D. P.	*Applied Mathematics.*
FOGG, C. M.	*Pure Mathematics, *Applied Mathematics, *Physics.*
GREENE, A. R.	*English*
GUNNER, C. J.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.*
GUY, D. J.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.*
HEWLETT, G. F.	*Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology (Special Merit Prize)*
HILLYARD, N.	*English, Religious Knowledge.*
HOPKINS, B. M.	*Pure Mathematics, Pure and Applied Mathematics.*
KANE, M. C. K.	*Zoology.*
KNIGHTLEY, R. R.	*Engineering Drawing.*
LALLY, J. A.	*Economics, Economic History, British Constitution.*
LLOYD, D. C.	*Botany, *Zoology, Geography.*
MAY, B. M.	*Art.*
MILAN, M. J.	*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.*
NANDANWAR, S.	*Zoology.*
NATHANSON, D. P.	**French, German.*
NEWARK, D. S.	**Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.*
NEWMAN, I. A.	*Economics.*
PEARSON, R. C.	*English, *French, Latin.*
SANDFORD, B. V.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.*
SHAUB, F. J.	*Art.*
SIMONS, R. C. D.	*English, *French, Art.*
SNELL, D. T.	*Physics, *Chemistry, *Zoology, Pure Mathematics.*

SPONG, H. K.	*Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.*
TAYLOR, P. M.	*Chemistry, *Zoology.*
WARD, R. D.	*Botany, *Zoology.*
WEBBER, R. B.	*Pure Mathematics, *Applied Mathematics, Physics.*
WOOD, R. M. F.	*Art.*
CRAMP, G. A.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.*
ELSON, J. E.	*Engineering Drawing.*
FOX, R. M.	*French.*
JONES, G. S.	*Art.*
KNIGHT, A. R.	*French.*
LAFTA, A. R.	*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.*
LINGWOOD, N. E.	*Art.*
MITCHELL, M. P.	*Geography.*
PEDRICK, B. E.	*Engineering Drawing.*
SENEVIRATNE, A. B. R.	*Economic History.*
SOTIRIOU, J. S.	*Engineering Drawing.*
THOMSON, E. C.	*Engineering Drawing.*
WHERRETT, M. J.	**Engineering Drawing.*

The Mayoral Certificate of Good Citizenship 1961-62

BARKER, Roger HAWKINS, Michael PHILLIPS, Alan

Chairman's Prize for Head Boy	LALLY, John
Wandsworthians Lodge Prize for Service ...	PEARSON, Robert.
Old Wandsworthians' Academic Prize	HILLYARD, Nicholas SNELL, David
Semmens Prize for Drama	DIRS, Robert HILLYARD, Nicholas
Parents' Association Service Prize for Games ...	Senior: SANDFORD, Brian GODDARD, Derek Junior: EDEN, Laurence COAST, Clive
Special Prize for Music	SAWYER, Brian
Special Prize to Choir	FARROW, Bernard
Gordon Wort Prize for Athletics	Senior: BEARD, Paul Junior: OWEN, Peter
Derek Ayshford Prize for Service to School Play	Senior: FOGG, Christopher Junior: HARDY, Peter
Special Prize for L.C.C. Modern Language Travel Scholarship	DIRS, Robert PEARSON, Robert KNIGHT, Alan
Special Prize for Canadian Tour	NATHANSON, Daniel P.
Handwriting Prize	HILLS, Paul

TROPHIES

"Parents' Council" Shield (Cricket)	MORLEY HOUSE.
"Millar" Shield (Rugby)	MORLEY HOUSE.
"Waite" Shield (Swimming)	MORLEY HOUSE.
"Coronation" Shield (Cross Country)	GIBBON HOUSE.
"Marcus Samuel" Shield (Athletics)	GIBBON HOUSE.
"Culverwell" Shield (Chess)	PITT HOUSE.
"Couch" Shield (Work)	PITT HOUSE.
"Headmaster's Trophy" (Eisteddfod)	MORLEY HOUSE.
Fencing (House Championship Sword)	CROMWELL HOUSE.
"Ponsonby" Handwriting Trophy	GIBBON HOUSE.
"Morrison" Cup (Association Football) ...	CROMWELL HOUSE.
The "Berry" Trophy (Fencing Style)	MORE, BARRY
The "Bishop" Trophy (Fencing Junior) ...	STUGNELL, KEITH
"Curme" Cup (Inter House Gymnastics) ...	GIBBON HOUSE.
The Marchant Fives Cup	WANDSWORTH SCHOOL.
"Simpson" Championship Cup (Fencing) ...	WHERRETT, D.
"Culverwell" Challenge Cup (Chess)	AZIZ, K.
Sports Championship Trophy	MORLEY HOUSE.

The Fall

The tree stood alone, desolate, undisturbed
In the centre of the old woman's garden:
Now it was the only living remnant of her
lonely life.
Its branches stuck out in misery and dejection,

Stuck out dark, sharp and foreboding.
Its leafy coat had withered months ago,
And now it waited patiently to die,
Like an old woman silently decaying
In the misery of loneliness.

At dawn they found the old woman
Stiff, silent and restful,
Peacefully sleeping in death
In her damp, ugly bed;
And in the garden the fallen tree
Lying in its stagnant bed
Of dead withered leaves.

D. J. ROBERTS, Ph, *Left* July, 1962.

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There was a tall dark image of a man
approaching;
He was coughing as the wicked white smoke
Crept down his throat.
His footsteps got louder as he got nearer and
nearer.
He was cold, so cold, his arms wrapped
round his moaning body.
We met; I looked up towards him,
His face was quivering,
The whole of his body was trembling with
the bitter coldness in the air.
He did not stop. He just kept on walking
As if he were in a maze.
The tall dark image slowly disappeared into
the fog,
And the footsteps got quieter and quieter
As the image got further and further away.

J. JENKINS, 5Io, Cd.

SOLITARY ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ FIGURE

The one black figure
Broke the long, smooth line —
The line of sand.
The dust rose round his feet,
Small, yellow puffs, stirred by the dragging
feet
Pulled listlessly on, across the rolling dunes.
The sun burned, seared,
blackened his naked skin —
blackened his naked mind;
A long, hot trail of emptiness,
Slow, dragging footsteps across the rolling
dunes of yellow sand,
Burning yellow streaks across a lonely mind.

J. R. HUMPHREYS, L6Sc, Mb.

Night Duty

The crunch of grit between
Boots and pavement
Echoed through the sleeping city.
Dark and cold, the sleeping city.
Round the corner
Appeared the policeman
Pounding the familiar
route.
In his mind he pictured a fire,
Warm and drowsy he sat
reading.
The fire went out.
He woke and saw
the fog swirling round
the phosphoresence of the street lamp.
His steps were muffled as he
was swallowed up in
the damp, clinging
fog.

R. T. COMLEY, L6A, Gg.

☆ ☆ ☆

Shining and Solitary

The regal figure walks serenely,
Regular clicks keep time on the apathetic
pavement,
She is alone but quite contented.
Her hands drag her pockets forward,
fashionably.
An ill-kept garden passed
With a cheap collapsing useless fence,
The smart new police flats appear
Shining and lonely adjacent to the row of
trees
Which stand steadfastly with flags flying.
The procession goes on with head held high
To meet tomorrow.

R. R. HUGHES, L6Sc, Gc.

A TRIP TO MOSCOW

This summer, I travelled to Moscow, crossing the channel by air and continuing the journey by motor coach. I chose this method of transport in order to see something of the people on the other side of the Iron Curtain: to see them at close quarters, how they dressed, how they lived, how they would react to someone from the Western world. And to see Moscow, the Mecca of all true Russians—for is not Lenin's embalmed body there, in the mausoleum in Red Square, guarded by troops of the Red Army and illuminated by powerful lights to enable the thousands of pilgrims who flock there from every corner of that immense country to see and pay silent homage to it?

I took my place in that queue, waiting to go in with at least a thousand Soviet men, women and children, some in drab everyday attire, some in national costume; some of the men had shaven heads, some just bristly; some were undoubtedly of Eskimo stock, others just as obviously came from Mongolia or the Far Eastern Provinces. All were conscious of the occasion and patiently shuffled slowly along awaiting their turn to see and pay their respects to the founder of modern Russia.

I found the Kremlin quite fascinating and very different from what I imagined it to be. I had always pictured it as a grim place, infested with dungeons and torture chambers, and haunted by the spirits of the victims of the wicked, despotic rulers of the past. Instead, especially that sunny morning. I found it colourful. Spacious and attractive, with beautiful palaces and cathedrals (nine of them!) and museums containing all the wonderful thrones and regalia, jewelled gifts, vestments, armour and bric-a-brac, collected by the various Tsars of Russia through the centuries past. I was interested to see so many articles made by British craftsmen, all of excellent workmanship, especially a magnificent Royal Carriage, some two hundred years old.

Near the Kremlin is the famous Lenin Library with its 22 million books. I was shewn round by an English-speaking librarian, who spoke with pride of Russian achievements in education. I was amazed not only by the size of the library but what it had to offer to anyone wishing to obtain information, and up-to-date information, on any subject under the sun. I asked for a book by John Galsworthy, and got it—in microfilm, a first edition copy, which I read from an illuminated desk screen.

The huge University building on the Lenin Hill almost dominates the city—in more ways than one, for education plays a leading part in Soviet life. It has over 30,000 students, 6,000 of whom live in the building—and all education is free. No student is turned away because, to use British university parlance, there is no room for him. In Russia, the authorities make room for any boy or girl with the necessary entrance qualifications.

I visited a Secondary Polytechnical School, a special school for boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 18, all of whom spend part of their technical training in school hours actually in factories, being paid at the normal rate for everything they produce which is not sub-standard. Quite an incentive to become diligent and skilful! It must be pointed out that all factories are state-owned, so such an arrangement is comparatively easy. Education in Russia is compulsory between the ages of 7 and 15 years, after which a child may transfer to a school with a special bias such as medicine, economics, engineering, etc., or one of the type mentioned above. There are also Evening Schools and Professional Training Schools for those at work during the day.

I was very impressed by the large open-air swimming pool, circular in shape, and suitably compartmented to allow swimmers of all ages to practise strokes, life-saving or diving—or for non-swimmers to learn. Further, the clear, filtered water is kept at 75°F. to add to the enjoyment of the exercise and eliminate the danger of cramp. Needless to say, the young people of Moscow put it to good use.

Whilst on the subject of young people, I ought to mention that I saw no teddy-boys in Moscow. Young Muscovites have so much to interest them organised through their Pioneer Camps and Palaces of Culture and Recreation that they have neither the time nor the desire to mooch about the streets or generally misbehave.

I was agreeably surprised to note the absence of litter in the streets, shops and public places. I was surprised (but not agreeably) to be ticked off by a railway attendant for entering a Metro Station smoking a cigarette. Possibly it was because it was a Russian cigarette! However, joking apart, smoking is frowned on in the U.S.S.R., as indeed is the drinking of alcohol, and it is not allowed in shops, places of entertainment—or even the Metro (underground railway).

Tipping—or should I say the receiving of tips—is not allowed, either. I had occasion to hire a taxi and, in accordance with custom, added to the price shewn on the meter. But the driver gave me the change and stubbornly refused to accept anything in excess of the meter charge. Imagine this in London! The same obtains in the restaurants—which brings me to the subject of food, which I found invariably of good quality but somewhat lacking in variety. Yes, I did have some caviar and liked it immensely but got tired of the eternal soda-water which graced (or disgraced) the table at every meal. For some reason or other, the Russians are very fond of soda-water and have it on tap in automatic machines everywhere. Their ice-cream is very good, being both creamy and cold; very cold, in fact. I liked the tea, too, served in a glass with sugar and slices of lemon, but without milk.

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The Hawk

A tiny speck in the sky,
Blue, endless sky.
Small birds cower in the hedgerows
Terrified.
The hawk flies on
In oblivion, towards the distant horizon.
The sky is empty,
Wide and blue before its flashing tallons and
swift wing-beats.
He flies alone,
Outcast by nature,
With only the power to kill.
Even the corn stands still and straight in the
fields
Afraid,
While the hawk flies on
Alone.

R. D. FRYER, L6Sc, Ca.

The Dog

His coat shining black
Eyes sunk deep in his head,
He casually yawned:
His teeth
Large and shining,
Very sharp for smashing meat.
A long body, short but strange
Legs.
As I put my hand near him
His casual look turns
To anger:
His eyes turn to blood-red,
His jaw hanging—
He was ready for the kill.

M. G. COWARD, 5Tau, Ca.

ANIMALS

The Armadilloes

Each scale shining in its shimmering defiance,
The very movement of muscular
multiplication
Sent constant cadencies of light caressing the
prehistoric backs of the armadilloes,
Ambling amongst the foliage.
The rustling of rummaging snouts, relishing
small grubs,
Re-echoed through the wood.

J. YEOMANS, Ci, *Left* July, 1962.

A Cat

The cat sits on the fence
Its head down in between its shoulders
As if it has no neck.
Only its eyes
Stand out as a break in the uniformity of fur.
It stares down upon the world
In cold aloofness
Watching but caring nothing.

S. B. POOLEY, L6Sc, Ga.

Ants

I hate gardening.
But bribery can sometimes make me work
And ants are ever a nuisance in my garden.
I had some of that Japanese stuff
And I remember
Smearing it over a stone
Which had been pushed
Deep
Into an unearthed ant's nest.
That was all I had to do
But I lingered on
To see the poison do its work.
The cruelty in animals
Is not only reserved for
Lions and tigers and such like.
They were small and red
And when the spade had brought them to
light
It was like London
During the war
When sirens screamed.
For they rushed about in all directions,
Searching for safety from an unseen death.
I stood and watched, perhaps
Half an hour
Until they were all gone
Carrying with them
The deadly poison.
And I felt sorry, ashamed, until
The next day,
Two feet away,
I found them all again
Alive and busy.

R. G. POPPELSDORFF, L6A, Gb.

A Trip to Moscow (Continued):

I wanted to visit a worker's flat, but the Intourist guide was unable to squeeze it into the programme. I saw thousands of flats from the outside, in rectangular blocks of all sizes and heights, some very attractively designed, with adequate local shopping centres. On enquiring about the rent, I was informed that it did not exceed 5% of the worker's wages! Income tax is also low; in fact, they are hoping to be able to dispense with it altogether in the not-too-distant future.

Life in the U.S.S.R. it not, however, a thornless bed of roses; in some respects it is very prickly. Clothes are poor compared with our standards and always ready-made: the state owns all the stores and sells at its own fixed price without competition: travel is restricted and although the workers are earning good money there is a shortage of consumer goods and so nothing much to spend it on. They do, however, spend much of their money on books, which are relatively cheap and which they read avidly, no matter whether technical, scientific or romantic; though there is little of the trashy, vicious, paper-backed stuff which defiles too many of the bookshops and kiosks of London.

The U.S.S.R. is undoubtedly an up-and-coming country, if one can call such a vast tract of land and so many nationalities one country. It is really a continent on its own. But whatever it is, it has to be lived with and its outlook and aspirations have to be understood. I found my visit not only interesting but fascinating, and I am looking forward to going there again some day to see and learn more about this unusual country and its somewhat enigmatic inhabitants.

J.M.

HOMEWORK

Oh, never shines the sun so bright
As when I'm doing homework;
Nor pass so many jets in flight
As when I'm doing homework.
While I sit and divide by nine
I know in the river the water's fine,
And I could try my fishing line —
Instead of doing homework.

A. J. PILCHER, 2Th.

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ANGLING CLUB

11th July: Inaugural Meeting

Thirty-seven boys attended a meeting in the Plumbing Shop and decided to go ahead with the idea of forming a School Angling Club under the presidency of Mr. F. S. Holmes. Officers (including P. F. Stacey, 4Rho, Pf, as Treasurer) and a Committee were elected, and a subscription of 2/6 per term has been decided on. It is to be paid in the first week of each term so that the true membership strength for that term will be known. Funds raised in this way are to be used to purchase any equipment needed, and, as they become large enough, to apply for affiliation to the Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs. We would then be able to use the fisheries of the Association. If the club remains strong we hope to publish a Rule book.

We are trying to arrange a Club outing every three weeks during school terms, with additional ones in the holidays. If anyone reading this article can help obtain access to private club waters, we shall be truly grateful.

1st August: Competition at Chertsey

Twenty-two members and Mr. Holmes had a good day at Chertsey. The weigh-in was at 6.30 p.m.

Heaviest catch: R. Faulkner 4 lbs. 2nd: G. K. Charles 3 lbs. 12 oz.

Best Fish: R. Russell, Roach, 8 oz. G. K. Charles, Perch, 7 oz.

22nd August: Walton-on-Thames

Twelve members and Mr. Holmes enjoyed a fine sunny day. One member landed sixty-seven fish, a mixed catch, but all were small.

22nd September: All Night Excursion to Walton

Twenty-two members and Mr. Holmes left Wimbledon at 6.36 on the Saturday evening for Walton-on-Thames. It was a fine night and was really enjoyed by all. Although the river appeared full of fish, very few were landed. The best was a roach of 12 oz. which was landed by G. K. Charles. Some members took tents and sleeping bags. We arrived back at Wimbledon at about 10.30 on Sunday morning.

An outing to Penton Hook, Staines, has been arranged for Sunday, 21st October.

D. J. SUTTONWOOD, 3Io, Mf,
Secretary.

CHESS CLUB



This year the School Chess Team has been entered in the Sunday National School Chess Competition which is open to all schools in England. It was hoped that this, together with our London Schools' Chess League fixtures, would give boys an extra incentive to play, but I am afraid this has not worked as expected. The chess team is still relying on the same members that have carried us through past years.

P. Godden of the upper sixth has been appointed this year's captain, with A. K. Ashraf (U6) vice-captain. The rest of the team is made up from ex-juniors who have carried on playing chess since the first form. I must thank M. Collins, F5, and J. C. Grant, 5Al, for their wonderful support. In the juniors M. Walker, K. J. Smith and G. Mance have played consistently, and also H. Saad of 1 Omega, who is the only newcomer to the junior side. Saad has played very well, winning his first game for the school in less than four minutes.

The school results so far this season are as follows:

Seniors v. Wallington (League)—lost $4\frac{1}{2}$—$1\frac{1}{2}$.
Juniors v. Wallington (League)—lost 4—2.
B Team v. St. Olaves (*Sunday Times* Competition)—won by walk-over.

The chess club meets regularly every Friday evening in Room 33.

J. HART, F5, Gh,
Hon. Secretary.

BIOLOGY CLUB

The hope I expressed in the last report has been realised; we have been fortunate enough to, at last, obtain a doe as companion for our rabbit, and hope to start breeding as soon as possible.

During this term we have had a programme that has been as varied as possible so as to suit all tastes. We have had two films, both about evolution.

Most of our time, however, has been spent upon building a hutch for the rabbits.

To end, I therefore would like to thank all the members for their help and co-operation.

B. BLANK, 5Al, Cd,
Hon. Secretary.

THE CINE CLUB

This term saw the first meeting of the Wandsworth School Ciné Club, at which ideas were exchanged on film technique and equipment, and the future plans of the club were also discussed. Later on we are hoping to have a visit to a studio; at the moment two films are in the process of being made.

New members interested in cinematography are always welcome, and if they wish to join they should contact Mr. Lee in Room 26. I would like to take this opportunity for thanking Mr. Lee for starting the Ciné Club and helping it to run smoothly. Any equipment or donation to the club would be gratefully received.

A. L. ARTER,, 5Th Pj,
Secretary.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Since last going to press, we have had five meetings, two of which were at the end of last term.

At the first of these the House debated the motion that it deplored the tax on sweets. The debate was rearranged to include most aspects of the budget, and although the motion was carried by ten votes to four, the members at one time seemed remarkably unperturbed by the thought of that 15%. It was a lively debate and a pity more people did not attend.

For his last debate with the society, Mr. McGill took the chair at a meeting believing in "Adventure first and safety last." The motion was carried by 15 votes to 5.

With Mr. Coxall kindly taking over the organization of the society from Mr. McGill, it now has a slightly altered form. From now onwards the meetings will always be chaired by boys. Elections were therefore held for the post of chairman, and also secretary, immediately after Mr. Coxall's opening speech at the first meeting of the new

term, the results of these being that C. Cheek and B. Randall were elected secretary and chairman respectively, although they may exchange posts later in the term. To end that meeting we had a sharp practice (i.e. impromptu speeches chosen from a hat) in which a heartening number of new members volunteered to speak. The subjects ranged from " the last bus " and " cabbage " to " London " and " why we wear clothes." At the end Mr. Coxall presented the winners with a small prize each.

At the next meeting, with C. B. Presland in the chair, C. Cheek and J. L. Williams were unsuccessful in making the house " disapprove of pets." It was a rather mumbled and confusing debate although a couple of good speeches from the floor served to brighten the meeting.

Our last debate before half-term was on the motion " This house believes the Government should prohibit smoking in public places." D. G Watson, INu, in his proposing speech, showed that we have some real talent among this year's new membeers Mr. Coxall stepped in to take the place of one of the opposers who was late returning from games.

The debate was a very even, if slightly trivial, one with some fairly good speeches from the floor. The result of the voting was a dead heat of eleven votes all, but the motion was carried by the chairman's casting vote. Only the second time in 5 years that this power has been exercised.

At the time of publication the committee is still considering its new set of standing orders, or formal rules, which we hope to introduce very soon.

In conclusion I would like to thank our many junior members for their regular support, but it would be a change to see a few more senior boys occasionally. Remember we are always more than pleased to hear from anyone with a motion that they would like discussed.

C. N. Cheek, L6Sc, Mc,
Secretary.

INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY

So far this term only one event has taken place, a film show of a famous Russian film *The Childhood of Maxim Gorki.* Despite the fact that a few people never found out which of the characters was Maxim Gorki, the visit was very well attended and enjoyed. In connection with this, I would like to thank Mr. Armstrong for all he did in arranging the visit and Messrs. Spearing and Tovell for acting as projectionists.

The next event of this term will be a ramble and for the following term is planned a lecture by Donald Swan, and a half-day conference on Books and Writers.

Finally I should like to thank sixth-formers for their encouraging support given so far, and any suggestions or criticisms would be welcomed by R. G. Poppelsdorff or myself.

P. J. Fogg, U6Sc, Gb.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY



Meetings at School

The Society continues to meet after school on Tuesdays for a practical session, and during the lunch-hour on Wednesdays for films. So far this term we have shown only two films: " The Hunstanton Nuclear Engineering Project " and " The Hydro-Electric Power Project in Turkey." The Society is open to boys from all the engineering forms, and new members are always welcome.

D. Gale, L6Sc, Gg,
Secretary.

Visit to Masson Scott

This engineering firm in Wimbledon make paper-making machinery. There is one main workshop, divided into two sections. The largest machines built here are those for cutting paper to any length or width; they are made separately in different parts of the shop, then fitted together and tested.

The firm takes a number of apprentices each year, who at first enter a special department, where they do small jobs which are repeatedly inspected and checked. But later in their five-year apprenticeships they go into the main shops to work on lathe and milling machines, and, if they want experience in the drawing office, they must first have done a year in the workshops.

The workshops include a variety of drilling and milling machines, lathes, planes, winders and cutters. Lathes are usually already set up, but jobs for drilling are clamped down and the drills themselves moved

up, down and sideways. This is a well-organized firm, with full-time electrical and welding departments. On arrival, each employee is given a card with exact instructions for that day's work. Our visit gave us an interesting insight into workshop organization.

K. STRUGNELL, 5Nu, Gd.

Visit to L.T. Engineering Works

The London Transport works at Chiswick is not, contrary to popular belief, a bus garage: the only buses there, in fact, are those being used by the Training School on the famous skid-patch. It was also made clear to us on arrival that they do not make buses there: they simply repair and renovate chassis and engines from buses that have already been stripped down in garages around London.

At Chiswick the mechanical parts are stripped down further, and have first to be cleaned. We saw drums and axles being cleaned by immersion in baths of Meta Silica of Soda (Metos, as they call it), though aluminium parts, which cannot stand caustic soda, have to be cleaned with Metos of that metal. In the same department they were testing direct injection fuel pumps by passing oil through the tiny hole (invisible to the naked eye) at a similar pressure to that normally used.

All mechanical parts are tested for fractures by two methods. The older involves placing the poles of a powerful magnet on the part, and pouring " magnetic ink " over it: this forms a black line of iron particles on any fracture. The newer method uses a liquid called *lumor*, which goes phosphorescent under ultra-violet light except where there is a fracture.

Slightly worn parts are plated, slowly, with chromium or zinc; and in the machine shop smaller replacements parts are made. We saw there the Capstan lathes and a three-foot diameter grinding machine. After overhaul, engines are reassembled and kept running in test-racks at 1,000 r.p.m., before being sent back to the ordinary bus garages.

There is also an apprentice training school at Chiswick: during their training the apprentices make themselves a set of some thirty-five tools and have practice on all kinds of machinery. Our last call on this visit was to see the learner drivers practising on the skid-patch next door, which ended an interesting tour of Chiswick Works.

J. MCCARDLE, 5Th, Mi.
D. MOORHOUSE, 5Th, Me.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

The model aircraft club has made a good start to the new school year. Already there are thirty-five members of whom half are first year boys. Great interest is shown in the models built by the third and fourth formers who have taken over the running of the club from last year's leavers.

The flying display at the summer fête was every bit as successful as it was hoped it would be. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the noise, but thank every one concerned for being tolerant in the aid of a worthy cause.

The club is becoming well known in aeromodelling circles and we hope to be as progressive in the future with our displays as we have been over the past year.

We welcome to our club meetings on Tuesday evenings in Metalwork Shop Number Three anyone with an interest in model or full-sized aircraft.

S. S. WATKIN, 3Nu, Mh.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY



Meetings during the coming year will follow the same pattern as in the past. In general they will be held fortnightly, on Thursdays after school.

As few meetings have been held at the time of writing, a short extract is being printed instead, in the hope that readers may be encouraged to read the whole book. The writer is Peter Fleming, and the book—*One's Company*—tells of one of his journeys in China.

" Suddenly I heard shouts, followed by the dull sound of an explosion from the hill-side above me. Looking up, I found that I was now alone in the cutting. The smoke of a blasting charge floated out against the blue sky, and a large, a really enormous rock was bounding savagely down the hill.

" I had no doubts as to where it was going to land. It was going to land on me. This opinion was shared by the men who had released it, a wildly gesticulating fresco of manikins two hundred yards above me. I made a prodigious leap from my rock to the next. The galloping boulder, which now looked to me about the size of the Isle of Wight, scored one of its increasingly rare contacts with the hill-side, kicked up a cloud of dust, and slightly changed its direction. It was still coming straight for me.

" The prospect of a game, however short, of catch-as-catch-can between me and a large segment of South China clearly appealed to the spectators but left me cold. I decided that, if one had to be squashed, it was better to make, figuratively speaking, no bones about it. I descended, with all possible dignity, into a cranny between two boulders and shut my eyes.

" With a sound to which the Fall of the House of Ussher was as the dropping of a pin, the mass of rock landed among the boulders ten feet away and lay, miraculously, dead. It hardly splintered at all, and none of the splinters came my way. We continued our journey."

Other books by the same author include *Brazilian Adventure* and *News from Tartary;* both make amusing and exciting reading.

T.M.

ENGLISH CLUB



We hope tc continue to offer to members of the main school a programme of Club Meetings (mainly in lunch-hours) and Theatre Visits (in the evenings) that will be entertaining as well as interesting. Club Meetings will be mainly concerned with poetry and drama, recorded or " live." Theatre visits are usually to West End productions (the cheapest seats!), and are organized informally: we do not travel as a group or expect school uniform. Most meetings and visits are suitable for those in the fourth forms and above, and you automatically become a member by attending any meeting.

28th September: Peer Gynt

This play, by Henrik Ibsen, has seldom been produced in its entirety, and lasts for almost four hours. But in this Old Vic production, only the fifth full-scale production to have been shown in London, the superb acting of Leo McKern in the leading role made it by no means a test of endurance.

The story takes one through the life of a man, who as a youth, dreams of being everything desirable, and, indeed, as the years pass, achieves most of his wishes. Mr. McKern was not quite able to convey the appearance of youth in Peer Gynt as a young man, but he more than made up for this defect, which was in no way due to limited acting ability, by giving a brilliantly convincing portrayal of the older

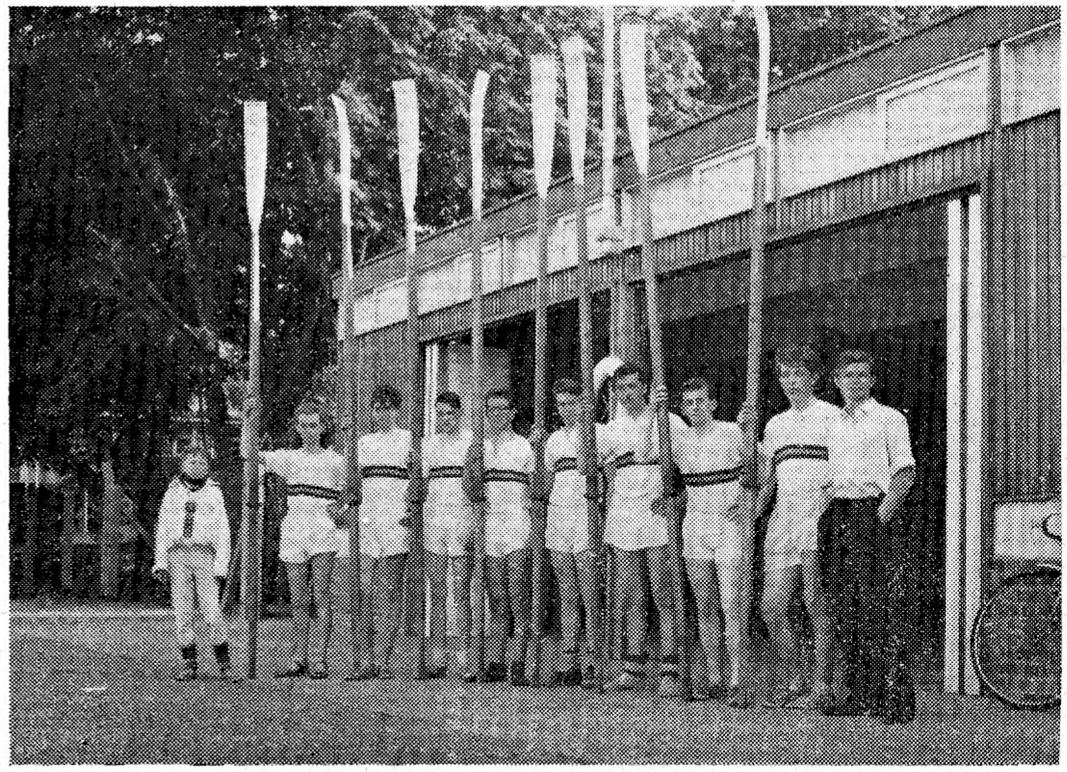


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Peer in the second and third acts. Ably supported by Adrinne Corri, Catherine Lacey, and Wilfrid Lawson as the Button Moulder, Mr. McKern carries the part confidently through to the last act, where the theme of the play is fully revealed: man's search for identification. All the while it was not for wealth or fame that Peer Gynt had been searching, but for his true identity.

The sets, and the smoothness which accompanied every change of scene were a credit to the designer, Richard Negri, as were the wonderfully imaginative costumes of the Trolls. All in all, this was a really worthwhile and enjoyable production.

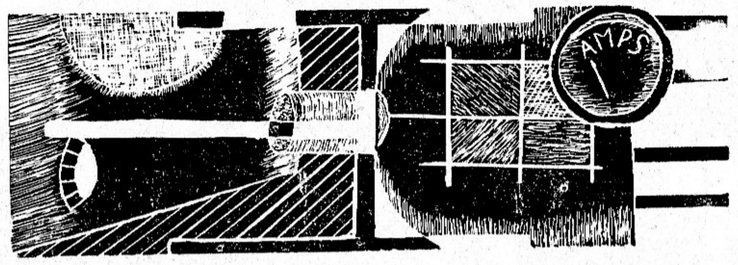
October 16th: School for Scandal

We saw this at the Haymarket Theatre the evening after the alterations in the cast. John Gielgud, who directs the production himself, took the role of Joseph Surface; both Daniel Massey and Margaret Rutherford, among others, having retired. I felt that the first act was rather slow moving and jerky, and it was not until the second half that my interest was awakened in the plot. Ralph Richardson gave a humorous representation of Sir Peter Teazle, and

John Gielgud gave an expert, though rather uninspired, portrayal of Joseph Surface. This, I felt, was indeed an expert and professional rendering of Sheridan's play, but it perhaps lacked the brilliance and imagination which made " Peer Gynt " such first-class entertainment.

R. G. POPPELSDORFF, L6A, Gb,
Secretary.

RADIO AND ELECTRONICS CLUB



We are very pleased to welcome Mr. James as organiser of the Radio and Electronics Club this term.

The first meeting was simply an introduction for Mr. James to the club. A new subscription system was brought in, and T. Clarke, L6Sc, was elected as Chairman, M. Simpson, L6G, was re-elected as Treasurer and R. Wilkins, L6Sc, was made Secretary.

At our next meeting members decided what they would make and found what was needed, or gave the Secretary a list of components for him to get later on that week.

On the Thursday, the Secretary, Mr. James and another member visited Lisle Street, Leicester Square. This short back street is the Mecca of radio enthusiasts, where all manner of radio gear is bought and sold at reduced prices. Here were purchased the few components required.

The following week, the components were distributed, and the activity was made up of the repairing of a commercial set, and the construction of various sets. About 5 o'clock Mr. Gant paid us a visit and told us where some money, previously intended for a short wave receiver, had gone.

Meetings are held every Monday in the Advanced Physics lab. and new members are always welcome. The subscription is 1/6d. per half term.

R. WILKINS, L6Sc, Cf,
Secretary.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

The Society's visit to Mayfield on 11th October was well supported by 34 boys and five members of staff. After the usual cup of tea, a Mayfield girl spoke in German about a recent visit to Hannoversch-Münden.

Our own contribution to the entertainment was a scene from Molière's " Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme " which was acted with great spirit by Ian Donno and Leonard Quilter. We were fortunate in being able to borrow some most convincing costumes from the Mayfield dramatic wardrobe. We have to thank our French Assistant, Monsieur Thoiron, for his hard work in preparing the actors.

Our German Assistant, Herr Blaschke, also scored a success with a German game in which everyone was able to join. The Mayfield girls produced a very amusing scene in German with most spine-chilling noises off.

A. M. LINCE.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

I would like to bring to the attention of the whole school the fact that the school darkroom, by way of The Photographic Society, is open to use by any boy. Any enquiries in connection with this should be directed to Mr. Hollis, Room 18, or to A. Davey, L6Sc, Room 17.

This year a new competition in the photographic section of the Eisteddfod has been introduced. This will be a competition in which photographs of school functions will be judged and satisfactory winning entries published in the *Link*. I have mentioned this now because it is essential that an early start be made to have a reasonable number of prints from which to select your entries.

A. DAVEY, L6Sc, Gc.

SPORTS SOCIETY

At the first meeting this term, three short films were shown about the sporting highlights of 1962. This included a colour film of the Cup Final which showed all goals in slow motion. I must thank Mr. Tovell for showing these films as, without his help at last minute notice, the meeting would have been cancelled.

Since Mr. Birch left the school for a year, activities have been curtailed due to the difficulty of finding people to project our films. This has already prevented two meetings.

I hope to resume full activities as soon as possible, but in the meantime notices of any meetings will be posted on the Sports Society posters.

J. HART, F5, Gh,
Secretary.

STAMP CLUB

Mr. K. Lewis has " retired " from his leadership of the School Stamp Club, because of pressure of work, etc., and Mr. A. Neale-

Dowswell has taken it over. We have a good programme and have started this season with an Exhibition from the Stamp Collecting Promotion Council which showed many sides of our interesting hobby and which included a Penny Black and a 4d. triangular Cape of Good Hope.

We do a lot of "swopping" and buying of stamps and we are now preparing our own exhibition of interesting stamps and sets belonging to members. The showing of film strips on Stamp Collecting, talks by members, competitions and auctions will be following soon.

There is room for a few more members—in Room 33 after school on Wednesdays.

MALCOLM STEPHENS, I Omega,
Secretary.

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1961-62 Season was probably the most successful one in the history of the Club. Not only did the 1st XV have one of their best records ever, but the all round standard of play in the junior sides improved enormously, and four teams were fielded regularly throughout the year. The record was as follows:—

	P	W	D	L	Points For	Points Against
1st XV ...	30	23	3	4	314	102
A XV ...	30	16	1	13	381	297
Ex A XV ...	27	16	2	9	389	257
B XV ...	25	14	1	10	279	169

In addition to the above results, the School provided a Colts XV on 3 occasions and they won all three games, scoring 64 points for and 6 against!

This season the upward trend has continued, and with a record number of schoolboys joining the Club, it is obvious that this season will be better still. This year for the first time the Club is running a fifth side, the "Extra B," and a full programme of fixtures has been arranged. The success so far this season is apparent from the records:—

	P	W	D	L	Points For	Points Against
1st XV ...	6	5	—	1	71	17
A XV ...	6	4	1	1	68	27
Ex A XV ...	6	5	—	1	115	21
B XV ...	6	5	—	1	101	21
Ex B XV ...	3	—	1	2	5	21

The O.W.R.F.C. is now established as one of the leading London Old Boy sides, a fact that was emphasised after our recent meeting with Bec Old Boys; 1st XV won 16—0, A XV won 8—0, Ex. A XV won 19—9, B XV won 6—0.

Our success, however, depends on the support we get from the School and it was heartening to have so many new members join this year. Next year may be a better season still!!

P. L. EASTWOOD,
Team Secretary.

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SPORTS REPORTS

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BADMINTON—*Captain*: R. J. Colman, 5Eta, Pi.
BASKETBALL—*Captain*: M. C. Bellamy, U6Sc., Mb.
BOAT CLUB—*Captain*: To be appointed.
CRICKET—*1st XI Captain*: to be appointed.
CROSS-COUNTRY—*Captain*: R. F. Sandford, L6, Pa.
FENCING—*Captain*: D. M. Eden, L6, Mb.
GYMNASTICS CLUB—*Captain*: M. Henebury, 5Ep, Gi.
HOCKEY—*Captain*: F. A. McGuire, L6, Mh.
RUGBY FIVES—*Captain*: T. Davies, L6, Cc.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—*1st XV Captain*: P. J. Dutch, U6Ec, Cd.
SAILING AND CANOE CLUB—*Captain*: To be appointed.
SOCCER—*1st XI Captain*: M. J. Byers, L6, Gh.
SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING—*Captain*: To be appointed.
TABLE-TENNIS—*Captain*: S. Hashmi, U6G, Ce.
TENNIS—*Captain*: To be appointed.

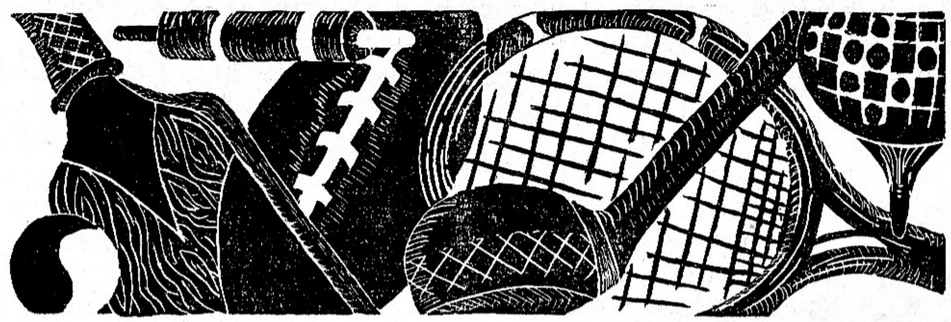
ATHLETICS

With the main events of last season already printed there are only three events to report. On the 18th July the School won a triangular match with 269½ pts. from Purley, 224½, and Sloane, 194.

On September 6th, R. F. Sandford and J. K. Lindsay left for Frankfurt with the London Schools Athletics team for a match against Frankfurt and Vienna. The match took place before a 30,000 crowd at Eintracht Football Stadium on the Saturday. Sandford won the 800 metres in 2.0.0 (2mins 8secs. in yards) with a magnificent sprint off the final bend. Lindsay was placed 4th in the 100 metres in 11.5 secs. (10.6secs. in yards) and ran the anchor leg in the winning London relay team.

On the Monday and Tuesday organised trips were made (and foreign affairs were well to the fore!). This trip is a fine example of what a successful athlete may aim at.

J. K. LINDSAY, L6G, Ge.



CROSS-COUNTRY

As I write this early in the season it is already possible to see that our once great prowess in the Senior age groups has been passed on to the Juniors. This is due mainly to the fact that most of our Seniors have left. It is hoped that the Juniors will do sufficient hard training to retain their high standard and regain, eventually, the high standard in the Senior age group.

The Hornsey St. Mary Road Relay

In this first race of the season, a very young, inexperienced team finished 11th. The team was: Owen, B. Bagg, Dower and Burgar, who finished their legs 21st, 18th, 14th and 11th respectively. This is fine performance for a team which is young enough to compete practically intact next season. Our " B " team finished 17th.

Belgrave Road Relay

The School fielded a team of boys in this under 18 4 x 2 miles event, all of whom were under 17. The team did very well to finish 16th against 32 of the best teams in South England. The team was: D. Beard, E. Smallbone, R. Summerfield, R. Sandford.

Inter-House Cross-Country

The race took place on Friday, 26th October. The weather was anything but pleasant. There was a strong wind and the course was quite wet. Heavy rain during Thursday night and Friday morning caused Beverley Brook to rise and the water splash had to be abandoned to prevent the risk of accidents.

P. Burgar (M) ran away with the junior race; he finished in 17 mins. 48 secs., a very good time for the conditions. He was almost a minute in front of L. Green (C), 18 mins. 42 secs. After this the runners came in quite rapidly with K. Hylands (P), 18 mins. 49 secs. (3rd), B. Bagg (G), 18 mins. 54 secs. (4th), J. Ball (C), 19 mins. 03 secs. (5th).

R. Sandford (P) won the senior race in 19 mins. 9 secs., some 47 secs. in front of E. Smallbone, 19 mins. 56 secs. Tie 3rd: B. Elmes and R Summerfield, 20 mins. 31 secs. These three boys were all of Gibbon House, 5th was D. Beard (M), 21 mins. 17 secs.

HOUSE RESULTS

	JUNIOR		SENIOR	
	Pts.	Pn.	Pts.	Pn.
Cromwell ...	136	2	189	4
Gibbon ...	111	1	61	1
Morley ...	146	4	164	3
Pitt ...	144	3	135	2

COMBINED RESULT

1. Gibbon ..... 172 pts.
2. Pitt ..... 279 pts.
3. Morley ..... 310 pts.
4. Cromwell ..... 325 pts.

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

R. F. SANDFORD, L6Sc, Pa.

CRICKET, 1962



The 1st XI was, as had been expected, one of the best sides the School had fielded for many years. Most of the players had been members of the famous unbeaten Colts XI of 1960. The team had therefore developed with a winning tradition, but found that 1st XI cricket, although a Saturday afternoon game, could often be more satisfying, if whole day fixtures were made.

The 1962 1st XI was very ably captained by Brian Sandford, who is now training for R.A.F. duties at Cranwell, and but for one lapse at the beginning of the season against Wallington G.S., the team would have emulated its earlier Colts performance. The climax of the season's successes was reached at Old Coulsden, when the School "skittled" Purley G.S. for 32, having made only 44 themselves. Stuart England took 6 for 6. Purley had not been beaten by Wandsworth for seven years.

Much of the credit for cricket successes is due to the excellent work of coaching, which is given so freely by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Wesson. Cricket technique and style, like so many skills, can be acquired easily when its apprentices learn to play well when they are young.

Thanks are also due to the Parents' Association, who every year subsidise fees for winter coaching at the Gover Cricket School, East Hill. This coaching is organised by Mr. Burgess and it is an opportunity which all team members should use.

H.S.S.

1st XI Results

Saturday, 23rd June v. Sloane, at Beverley Meads.
Match drawn: Sloane 150 for 7—School 142 for 7 (S. Deane 80).
Wednesday, 27th June v. Spencer C.C., at Fieldview.
Match drawn: Spencer 155 for 4—School 142 for 8.
Saturday, 30th June v. Purley G.S., at Old Coulsden.
Wandsworth won by 12 runs. School 44—Purley G.S. 32.
Wednesday, 4th July v. College of St. Mark and St. John.
School won by 5 wkts. St. Mark and St. John 82—School 84 for 6.
Saturday, 7th July v. Tulse Hill, at Beverley Meads.
Match drawn: Tulse Hill 140—School 93 for 7 (Viner 28 not out).
Sunday, 15th July v. Old Wandsworthians, at Claygate.
Match drawn: O.W.'s 128 for 8—School 74 for 6 (H. S. Snell 38), rain stopped play.

JUNIOR TEAMS

Both the Under 13 and Under 14 teams had most successful seasons. In their captain, Allan Newman, the Juniors had a splendid example on the field of play. His personal qualities of sportsmanship and loyalty ensured team-spirit of the very highest standard.

Newman and J. Goodchild provided a hostile new-ball attack which was followed by the controlled subtleties of K. Owen, an off-spinner of considerable promise and J. Howard, a deceptive medium-pacer. The fielding was of the highest standard with Newman at mid-off and Owen in the covers often giving dazzling performances.

Only one game was lost and that against a team much older than ourselves by only 10 runs off the last ball of the match. If anything this was the best game of the season and emphasized that it is not the result of a game but the spirit in which it is played which counts for most in cricket.

Colin Hands, the Vice-Captain, usually gave the side a brisk start, making two scores over 50, a most unusual feat for a junior, but even he was overtaken in aggregate by the much-improved A. Wylie in the last game of the season, when he made 65 not out in less than an hour against Spencer Park.

Although their contribution on paper may seem less, A. Brereton, P. Snare, R. Brereton, P. Scott, S. Weltman and T. Palmer were all

splendid members of one of the happiest teams that I have had the pleasure to manage.

The First Form Team, helped and encouraged by the Juniors won all three matches—no team could find an answer to the fiery left-arm pace of their captain, J. Goodchild.

R.B.

Junior Results

v. Wallington. Wandsworth won by 2 wkts.
Wallington 75—Wandsworth 76 for 8.
(Wylie 28, Newman 25; Newman 3 for 18, Owen 3 for 7).

v. Pelham. Wandsworth won by 6 wkts.
Pelham 48—Wandsworth 53 for 4.
(Hands 24; Owen 6 for 19, Howard 4 for 17).

v. Archbishop Tenisons. Wandsworth won by 8 wkts.
Tenisons 52—Wandsworth 68 for 2.
(Hands 53 not out; Hands 3 for 1, Owen 2 for 0.

v. Purley. Wandsworth lost by 10 runs.
Purley 83 for 4 dec.—Wandsworth 73.
(Weltman 15 not out, Owen 13).

v. Tulse Hill. Wandsworth won by 40 runs.
Wandsworth 124 for 4 dec.—Tulse Hill 84.
(Hands 54 not out, Wylie 36; Howard 3 for 5, Owen 3 for 31).

v. Sloane. Match drawn.
Sloane 84 for 5 dec.—Wandsworth 46 for 8.
(Wylie 25 not out; Newman 3 for 29).

v. Spencer Park. Match drawn.
Wandsworth 105 for 1 dec.—Spencer Park 62 for 3.
(Wylie 65 not out).

Top Averages

Batting: Wylie 179 runs—average 35.60; Hands 155 runs—average 25.83.

Bowling: Howard 8 wickets—average 5.37; Owen 15 wickets—average 6.46; Newman 15 wickets—average 8.33.

FENCING

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

The long summer holiday is usually the time when our fencers lose their form, because there are no opportunities to practice, but this year a few were able to combine " business " with pleasure for a couple of weeks. A picket company of foilists, épéeists and sabreurs spent a fortnight near Newcastle where A. L. Simmonds, the infamous movie mogul, was filming a 12th century story based on an episode in the history of the Percy family. This all-fighting, all bloodthirsty production has not yet been released, but a quick preview indicates that it will probably get an "x" certificate. To date, the cast seem to prefer to remain anonymous, but credit must be given to Mrs. Berry, who made the authentic-looking period custumes, and to Mr. B. Eden, who generously provided the material for them. Between film-making sessions, time was found to give a demonstration at a Lifeboat Station near Newcastle, and no doubt for some off duty fun.

The term's activities to date have been less noteworthy. As the record shows, we are not yet up to our old form, but perhaps in the next issue of the *Link* we will be able to report that our promising juniors are reviving the school's former pre-eminence.

Individual and House Results

The Individual Championships of the School were held at the end of last term, with the following results:—

Foil: 1st D. Wherrett, 2nd B. Waddelow, 3rd D. Eden.
Epée: 1st D. Eden, 2nd D. Nathanson, 3rd D. Wherrett.
Sabre: 1st D. Eden, 2nd L. Eden, 3rd B. Waddelow.

From the results of the Individual and with the aid of a points system, the results of the House Championships were calculated: 1st Morley with 52 points; 2nd Cromwell with 22 points; 3rd Pitt with 18 points; 4th Gibbon with 7 points.

Match Results

Wednesday, 19th September, v Beverley, won by 24 bouts to 3.
Saturday, 29th September, v. Westminster, lost by 29 bouts to 16.
Saturday, 6th October, v. Brentwood, lost by 38 bouts to 25.

Next time, we hope to be able to report results from the London Schoolboys' Championships, the Bexley Heath Competition and from matches against R.A.F. Cranwell, R.M.A. Sandhurst, Dulwich College and St. Paul's.

D. WHERRETT, L6Ec, Ce.

HOCKEY

The hockey season is just with us as these notes are written. Following our moderately successful full season last year, we have adopted a similar plan: practice till Christmas, then a term of matches in the New Year. A nucleus from last year's team is still with us, but there are a number of gaps to be filled. These may well be taken by members of the present fifth year who are developing well, though there are a number of sixth formers whose standard is improving. We just have to hope that we can establish a good combination, for our success depends entirely upon team work, not one or two individuals.

The popularity of the sport in the school is growing. We now have enough players to have two school games for the fifth and sixth forms. The third and fourth forms still have one game each. To all of these, I would simply say that the essence of good play is practice. The facilities are here: make good use of them.

A word of thanks to the Parents' Association is appropriate here. Last season we invariably turned out in white shirts, in which the whiteness factor was not always constant! We now have a set of maroon and gold shirts for the players, and an amber jersey for the goalkeeper, for which we wish to record our thanks.

B.P.P.

BADMINTON

The club this year has been left in a weak position, as most of last year's team have left school. But fortunately we have some quite promising new members. So far this year we have had no matches, but have arranged two fixtures for next term; one with Mayfield, and one with the Old Wandsworthians.

I must congratulate D. Ward on being made treasurer, and thank Mr. Mansfield for helping and taking a keen interest in the club.

R. COLMAN, 5Eta, Pi,
Captain.

RUGBY FIVES

Fives has become a more popular sport of recent years, especially among the younger members of the school, thus offering a brighter future for its successful continuance.

The sport is becoming recognised and organised, and school championships and contests are being arranged. Practice evenings are allotted as follows: Tuesday—Seniors, Thursday—3rd year, Friday—2nd year; any members of the school wishing to learn to play should turn up on the respective evening at 4 p.m., or first see Mr. Smerdon (2nd year) or Mr. Finbow or myself (3rd year and above).

The new school team, consisting of T. Davies (capt.), C. Brightley, P. J. Fogg and R. W. Matthews has had a rather mixed debut in the London Schools' Championship, the Marchant Cup. After a convincing victory of 7—1 over Henry Thornton School (away), they proceeded to lose narrowly to St. Marylebone School 3—5 on their courts. It is hoped that the team will soon get used to the conditions of the courts when playing away.

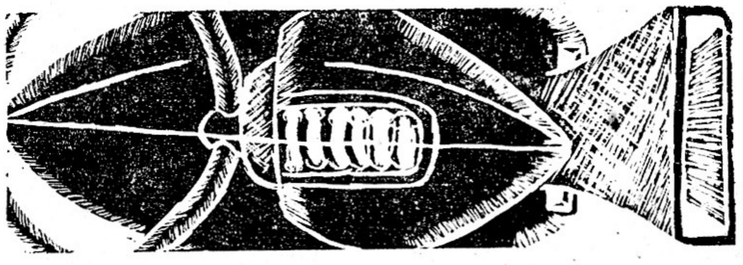
Thanks to Mr. Finbow and Mr. Smerdon for their time and effort spent on the sport.

R. W. MATTHEWS, U6Sc, Gb.
Secretary.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 36.

"I suppose you've all picked up a bird?"—Mr. Gouldstone.

RUGBY FOOTBALL



1st Fifteen

Although this year's results have so far been rather disappointing, they bear no real reflection on the 1st XV.

Results:

ST. MARYLEBONE.—In a rather slow, clumsy game Wandsworth lost by the odd penalty goal. Lost 0—3.

MITCHAM.—Against a much heavier side, the school won by a penalty goal to nil. Won 3—0.

WILLIAM ELLIS.—For this match numerous team changes were forced upon us. As a result Ellis won easily and in doing so showed up a number of our weaknesses, especially in backing up and tackling. Lost 0—37.

BEC.—For many years Bec School has fielded one of the best 1st XV sides in London. This year seemed to be no exception, but despite this, the School XV provided Bec with an extremely hard and skilful game, eventually losing by eleven points to nil. This is by far the best result the school has had against Bec for several years.

ST. OLAVE'S.—The most recent game against St. Olave's produced a most exciting, fast game. The forwards gained superior control throughout the game but poor finishing by the three quarters and bad kicking failed to win the match for the school, a match which the school did in fact deserve to win.

A great improvement in the team has occurred since the very beginning of the season. The forwards are, at last, playing as one instead of as eight individuals. The threequarters are settling down and taking the opportunities made by the forwards.

R. F. Perry, L6G, Cg, has ably led the forwards and together with R. Holder, L6Sc, Ge, has secured regular possession of the ball from the line outs. In the set scrums D. Marshall, 5Pi, Gh, has hooked exceptionally well and again has given the threequarters plenty of the ball.

E. Muller, L6G, Ph, together with P. Dutch, U6Ec, Cd, have also recently been put forward for the Surrey Trials (under 19 group).

Lastly the team would like to thank Mr. P. Timothy who has given up much of his time in training and coaching the team.

The Team.

A. Boyd, D. Marshall, P. C. Fletcher, R. Perry, G. Wood, R. Holder, P. Dutch (capt.), R. Herbert (vice-capt.), E. Muller, P. Larkin, N. Lingwood, G. Williamson, A. B. R. Seneviratne, A. Shaw, M. Coward and K. Brown.

P. G. DUTCH.
Captain.
R. C. HERBERT.
Vice-Captain.

Colts Fifteen

During the past few weeks the XV has played six matches. We have been very successful so far, and the present team seems to be improving with every match they play.

The first match of the season was against St. Marylebone. This was a hard match, but the team won by 8 pts—0 pts. Mitcham were also a tough team, as were William Ellis, and the team won the first match and drew the second.

Our next game was a mid-week match against Sheen, which the team won by 32 pts—3 pts. The next day, we played our old rivals, the Bec. This was a hard match, but the team won by 17 pts—8 pts. in the long run.

The last match played was against St. Olave's. This match was decided on hard play, and our team deserved to win by 17 pts.—0 pts.

Results.

v. St. Marylebone	8—0	won.
v. Mitcham	25—0	won.
v. William Ellis	11—11	drawn
v. Sheen	32—3	won
v. Bec	17—8	won
v. St. Olave's	17—0	won

The following boys have represented the Colts XV this year: M. Regan, M. Ferne, R. Bull, W. Goodfellow, A. Newman, J. Bone, M. Cole, A. Foley, D. Rose, A. Russell, M. Hutton, M. Harper, R. Barker, J. Smith, A. Burton, B. Fielder, G. Mills, E. Neild, W. Cotter and C. Conti.

The Surrey Trials have just been held, with a large number of boys from the Colts XV being entered. The next important event for the Colts, is the trip to Cornwall in the half-term holiday. The three matches we are to play are against Falmouth, Penzance and Truro, the first two schools being Grammar Schools.

R. D. BULL, 4Pi, Gc.
Captain.

Under 14 Fifteen

It is fair to comment that our first match of the season was lost through lack of team-work and practice. It is good, though, that we profited by our mistakes and the team is now working well together and is beginning to play good, fast, open Rugby. There has been great



Photo: Mr. R. Storer

RIGGING THE BOATS AT HAM DOCK

improvements in our line outs and we are taking the ball with good clean jumping.

Unfortunately we have been dogged by injuries; we first lost P. D. Snare who at the time of writing is still unfit and is very much missed both for his strong tackling and excellent place kicking. I. G. Storer also missed a game through a shoulder injury sustained in a practice and Dibble has been out for several matches. This last week, J. P. Robson had the misfortune to break an ankle during the game against St. Olave's. For all this, however, the under 14's have done well and with a little more co-ordination of play can prove to be a very powerful team. To date our record is: Played 5, Won 3, Lost 2, Points for 58, against 35.

The following have represented the school— Forwards: I. G. Storer (*capt.*), J. R. Crotty, B. P. Dibble, R. K. Perry, B. Preston, J. F. Prosser, D. Rainer, R. V. Webb, G. Edwards, R. C. Haywood, S. T. Kenrick. Backs: B. W. Bannell, A. K. Brereton, M. P. Faune, A. G. B. Gorry, R. P. Harrison, J. I. Howard, A. J. Julian, J. P. Robson, P. D. Snare, P. James.

Colours have been awarded to: I. Storer, P. D. Snare, R. P. Harrison, J. F. Prosser (awarded to U.14 Team only).

I. G. STORER, 3Eta, Pa.
Captain.

Under 13 Fifteen

This year's team is very similar to the one which, though not outstandingly successful, was showing signs of developing well at the end of last season. This trend has continued and this season has started in a most successful manner, with wins in all 4 matches so far, against St. Marylebone, William Ellis, Bushy County School and St. Olave's.

Against St. Marylebone, the threequarters displayed their ability to pass and run hard and were largely responsible for a good first game of the season with victory by 17—0.

Against William Ellis the forwards came into things very much more, linking up well with the backs and producing some very good loose play by slipping the ball quickly, smoothly and accurately and helping to a victory by 23—0.

The match against Bushy County School was rather too easy as this was their boys' first match. This gave us a good opportunity to blood a few of our reserves. We won this game by 35—0.

The match against St. Olave's was the hardest of the season so far, mainly because of good covering by their backs and loose forwards. However, we still moved well at times and won by 18—3. This was the first time anybody had scored against us this season.

The record so far this season is: Played 4, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 0, Points for 93, against 3.

And the people who have played so far this season are: J. T. O'Brien, G. E. Eades, M. R. Young, R. A. Gowen, R. D. Langley, J. Moughtin, I. K. Cameron, T. Paine (capt.), J. L. Western, D. P. Heimers, D. J. Fligiel, R. Johns, A. G. Bugh, J. A. Millman, D. P. Horne, D. Wood, G. G. A. Willis, R. J. Penfold, P. C. Cadman, B. J. Forster, L. W. Eastell, D. S. A. Shaw, L. R. Blagdon.

T. Paine, 2Ome.

SOCCER SURVEY

1st Eleven

At the time of writing, the school has only played four matches. Our first match was against Wimbledon County and although we lost 2—1, the result was a great deal better than the heavy defeat we suffered last season. This was followed by a 1—1 draw with Henry Thornton, a 5—1 defeat at the hands of Sloane, and finally in our last match an improvement was confirmed with an 8—0 victory over Christopher Wren.

Again captained by M. J. Byers, L6G, Gh, the 1st eleven have got off to an encouraging start to the season. This can, I am sure, be largely attributed to Mr. Arthur Stevens, the ex-Fulham star, who coaches the 1st and 2nd elevens every Wednesday afternoon. The theme of all his coaching is always, " Play your football the easy way."

2nd Eleven

The 2nd eleven have not been so successful in their games so far this season. They got off to a good start, drawing 3—3 in a closely fought game with Wimbledon County. However, in their next two matches they recorded defeats of 6—1 and 10—1 against Henry Thornton and Sloane, and finally, they beat Ghristopher Wren 3—1, to obtain their first win of the season.

Despite some heavy defeats, I believe, that as the season progresses, and their co-ordination increases, they will produce more encouraging results.

M. S. Mantell, F5, Mc.

U15, U14 and U13 Elevens

At the time of going to press the Under 15 XI have won their way into the 2nd round of the London Grammar Schools' Football Association Shield competition with a fine victory over St. Clement Dane's Grammar School.

Four boys from this school have been chosen on several occasions to represent the Wandsworth Secondary Schools' F.A. teams—L. Barrett (Mf) 4 Omega and R. Russell (Cf) 4 Omega of the Under 15 XI, and V. Bragg (3Al, Pa) and A. Pooley (Ge, 3Tau) of the Under 13 XI. The team selectors have always been much impressed by their play.

At the beginning of the season we were fortunate enough to secure the services as coach of Mr. Arthur Stevens, the former Fulham player, now a coach with his old club. Under his supervision, all our school teams are settling down to play intelligent, attractive football. He is doing a fine job and we hope that he will be able to stay with us for many years.

It is too early to forecast the progress of the three teams at this early stage in the season, and we hope to be able to present a more comprehensive survey in the next issue of the *Link*.

A.J.S.

TABLE TENNIS

In the past Table Tennis has not had a very large following, and it has been some time since a really serious school team has been put forward. It is now hoped that under the captaincy of S. Hashmi, U6Sc, Ce, this will be completely changed.

Already this term we have written to several schools and in the near future a match with Henry Thornton School is practically certain. As of yet, though, no school matches have been played.

Just before Christmas it is hoped to arrange a match against the staff and, at about the same time, a school championship. This will be open, unless there is a flood of entries, to boys in the third forms and above who are members of the club. So at the moment no tangible results can be presented, but in the next *Link*, I hope to be able to give the results of the matches previously mentioned and also of any other matches which may be played.

B. Hopkins, U6Sc, Ch.