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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

1962-63 is the " Year of Intermission " and it is well that parents and boys too should understand what this means and how it affects the School.

It is the year in which virtually no teachers will be coming out of the Training Colleges into the schools. This is because the length of the normal training course has been lengthened from 2 years to 3 years. Students now completing their second year of training, instead of taking their place as teachers in the schools, will be staying on for a third year at college.

This would not much affect a school like ours directly as we are not very dependent on the training colleges and can look to the universities and their training departments as well as a number of other sources for our teachers. But indirectly secondary schools of all kinds are under considerable pressure owing to a general shortage of teachers, accentuated by the effects of the year of intermission.

For some years now the Ministry have imposed a quota of teachers upon London and other areas where the supply of teachers is relatively good, in order to improve the supply in the less eligible areas. This quota for London falls far short of the provision that London has been accustomed to make and schools have had to accept less favorable staffing ratios. We were able until the present year to meet the reductions without hardship; but for the present year, 1961-62, we had to reduce our full time staff from 103 to 97—a loss of six. For 1962-63 we have to reduce to 90, unless the present restriction is eased. A reduction of 13 in full time staff in two years is giving us tremendous difficulties in planning for next year, although as a partial set-off we are able to recruit part-time teachers.

If this comes to the notice of anyone who is able to offer part-time teaching help from September onwards, I invite them to get into touch with me, or the heads of other schools, or the Divisional Education Officer.

In circumstances like this it is all the greater pleasure to welcome back to the Staff Mr. Llywelyn Williams, M.P., who was with us in 1960. And we owe it to him that Mr. Malcolm McPherson, M.P., has also joined the Staff—both as part time teachers, though each is with us for the greater part of the week. I have known Mr. McPherson for some years as former joint Chairman with James Johnson, M.P., who was also on the Staff two years ago, of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth, a group I regularly meet in the House of Commons.

It was gratifying to read in *The Times* and elsewhere that D. B. Epstein, whose mathematical research Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, was mentioned in these notes a short time ago, has now been appointed University Lecturer in Mathematics and Fellow of the newest Cambridge College, Churchill.

Two Open Scholarships have been gained this term; the first was an award in Physics (with Mathematics) at Exeter University to Christopher Fogg; the second, the rare distinction of an Open Scholarship in English to Keble College, Oxford, awarded to Nicholas Hillyard. Our most cordial congratulations to both! Hillyard will join his brother, Andrew, who has already been accepted at Keble for next October and who left us last July to gain some practical experience in the pathological laboratory at the Royal Free Hospital before going up to Oxford for his medical course.

The founder of the scheme for Canadian Tour Scholarships, by which so many boys of Wandsworth School have benefitted, died at the beginning of May. W. H. Rhodes was a Bradford merchant who endowed the Scholarship scheme in the 1930's. Under the Trust up to 20 London boys and up to 10 each from Birmingham, Bradford, and Glasgow have gone on a magnificent tour of Canada each summer, except for the War years.

Wandsworth has been exceptionally lucky in the number of boys it has been able to send. Most recently John Lally was selected last year; this year Daniel Nathanson.

With great regret I record the death of Walter Clarke, M.B.E., Governor of the School, and before his retirement, Chairman of Benhams Engineering Company. His knowledge of Engineering and Architecture made him an asset to the Governing Body. I noted in the last *Link* gifts from him to the Library. Shortly before his death he made a further gift of " Forty Plates on Building Construction," which a number of you will find of great value.

I am now able to announce that Sir Lawrence Menzies, the Old Wandsworthian who received a Knighthood in the New Year Honours of 1962, will present the Prizes at Speech Day on Thursday, 8th November.

It does not seem long, though it is just over four years, since I was writing a valedictory note on Mr. Robert Fenn, Deputy Headmaster of the School, and expressing the gratification of all Wandsworthians at the appointment of Mr. Clode to be his successor. Mr. Clode has amply fulfilled the high expectations that the Governors and I, as well as his colleagues on the Staff, had of him. A school like this makes enormous demands upon the headmaster's right hand man and Mr. Clode has always readily assumed a full burden of responsibility.

It is to him that we have owed the smooth working of the School organisation in its innumerable ramifications. Not for nothing was he head of the Mathematics Department before he became Deputy Head. And now for good reasons but to everyone's regret he is giving up the office. The whole school, and especially its headmaster is profoundly grateful to him for all he has done for Wandsworth since his appointment to the Staff in 1939, and for his great services during the past four or five momentous years.

Mr. Clode will take up his new duties as Head of the Mathematics Department at King Edward VI School, Southampton, in September next.

We also say goodbye this term to Mr. Levy who has been appointed Lecturer in English at Kingston College of Technology; to Mr. Walmsley who has been appointed Head of the Mathematics Department at Mayfield School; to Mr. Jones who has followed Mr. Marratt as Head of the Religious Education Department at Battersea Grammar School; to Mr. Glasswell who goes to St. Paul's School to teach Chemistry, Fencing and, no doubt, Biology; to Mr. Williams who takes rather an adventurous job at the West London College of Commerce; to Mr. McGill who is taking a post at East Anglian School, Great Yarmouth; to Mr. Deubert who is returning to primary education; to Mr. Wagstaffe whose plans are not yet precise, but not unconnected with last year's French Assistante, Mlle. Vasseux; and of course to Mr. Airola who is returning to America.

May I commit to Mr. Airola Wandsworth School's warmest greetings and good wishes to Dover High School, New Jersey, U.S.A.

We shall be without Mr. Birch for next year since he goes to Carnegie College for their much sought after Advanced Course. Mr. L. Baker, from St. Mary College, already known to many of us will fill the gap in the Physical Education Department.

Of others who may leave I will make mention in next term's *Link*.

As foreseen in my notes in the last issue, Mr. D. G. P. Lee and Mr. S. C. Munson have now joined the staff.

An interesting newcomer to the Staff for September next is Colonel Orde Dobbie, the son of the famous General Sir William Dobbie, defender of Malta, G.C. He will probably take over Mr. Walmsley's Set and will teach Mathematics.

Mr. W. F. Atkin, who held a part time post two or three years ago at what was then the Technical Branch in Garratt Lane, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Dormon as Head of the Building Department. Mr. Hollamby who was here this year as a student master from Reading University will also join the Staff in September.

Mr. Payne was invited in May to attend a conference of experts organised by Unesco at Goslar in West Germany. This follows on the East-West conferences at which Mr. Payne represented the U.K. in Paris in 1956 and Tokyo in 1958.

On Thursday, 17th May, we were privileged to entertain the Jordanian Commission on Education to lunch and a talk and tour of the School. The Commission has visited many countries to study their educational systems. Its leader Dr. Musa Nasir, who has held several Cabinet posts in Jordan including that of Foreign Minister, said his visit to Wandsworth School was the most interesting and most exciting of all his experiences on the educational tour.

We had earlier had a visit from Dr. H. Rinott, the Director General of Education for the State of Israel. He wrote after his return to Jerusalem: " My visit to your school is one of the most vivid memories of all my experiences during my trip to England."

On one thing at least, these opposites, Israel and Jordan, are agreed.

After their most enjoyable and impressive Choral and Organ Recital at the Danish Church in Regents Park, Mr. Burgess and a select Choir gave a performance on June 28th at St. Mary Abbot, Kensington.

It is opportune here to record that the following boys have been awarded Music Colours:—David Eden, Michael Mitchell, David Munden, and Donald Rushforth.

Brian Sawyer, who has been accepted for the Royal College of Music, David Eden, and Geoffrey Osborne provided musical entertainment for the Parents' Association following their A.G.M. on 25th May.

As a change from the custom of many years, the Eisteddfod Concert of winning items was given to an afternoon audience of our own forms instead of being incorporated in the Easter Concert of the School Choir and Orchestra.

At the Eisteddfod Dramatic Festival, a well performed mime to music, " Slaughter on 10th Avenue," took the place of the Pitt House entry that fell through.

On two occasions towards the end of the Rugby Season, members of the School formed the bulk or the whole of the Old Wandsworthians Colts Teams that defeated Streatham Colts by 28—3, and a Westminster Bank XV by 17—0.

Congratulations to Erno Muller on being selected to play for the National Federation of Boys' Clubs: England v. Wales under 19 Group, at Bath.

In Cross Country, Roy Sandford ran a well judged race to become Surrey County Champion (under 16). The Juniors won the South London Grammar School championship with a lead of 97 points over the runners-up.

This term I recollect announcing victories in Fencing over Eton, Westminster, and St. Paul's.

More recently Lawrence Eden of Form 4 and Brian Waddelow of 4 Theta fenced with brilliance and determination at the National Schoolboy Fencing Championships, held at Weston-super-Mare, and, of course, open to all schools in England. This year our seniors did not get through the eliminating trials, but among the juniors Eden emerged undefeated and won the junior national championship, and Waddelow came fourth.

The junior championship cup has been held for the past year by another of our fencers, D. Wherrett.

In Rowing the School Eight went up three places in the Head of the River Race.

In the All London Schools Badminton Championships, R. Colman won the junior singles easily and also with his partner won the junior doubles. In the senior singles S. Dean reached the quarter-finals, losing to the eventual winner of the competition, and in the doubles Dean and C. Aziz got to the semi-finals and then lost to the eventual winners.

I am pleased to record that D. Brennan who went on to the Brixton School of Building three years ago is this year sitting for his National Diploma in Design, and has been accepted by the Royal College of Art for the three year course for the ARCA.

The Sailing Dinghy built with the financial help granted from the Parents' Association Funds and the Boat Trailer provided from the same source were on view to parents in the Grand Hall at the A.G.M. of the Association on 25th May. Parents must have felt that their generosity was well rewarded by the splendid work it had made possible.

Hearty congratulations to Dennis Brian Newark of the Upper Sixth who has been awarded a Steel Company of Wales Scholarship of £300 per year plus other emoluments to commence an Honours Degree in September in Chemical Engineering at Birmingham University.

Congratulations to B. V. Sandford upon the award of a cadetship in the General Duties (Pilots) Branch of the R.A.F., provided he gets the required passes in G.C.E.; in his case a foregone conclusion. This offer he will have to balance against provisional acceptances from two universities.

On Saturday, June 2nd, his brother Roy Sandford won the Surrey County Youths Mile Championship. In a very fast lap of 62.8 secs. he disposed of all the opposition except for one competitor and, to quote the *Evening News,* " finished like a junior Peter Snell," in 4 mins. 26.6 secs., clipping no less than five seconds from the previous record.

MR. BEN CLODE

The School and Staff heard with considerable dismay the news that Mr. Clode was relinquishing his Deputy Headship at the end of the present term to take up a new appointment in King Edward VI Grammar School, Southampton.

During the past five years the staff has learned to respect and admire Mr. Clode's integrity, efficiency and personal modesty. The School has learned to hold in high esteem his scrupulous fairness



Photo : G. D. Hills.

and his uncanny appraisal of the merits and demerits of a plausible-sounding excuse.

Mr. Clode's life has been closely linked and interwoven with that of Wandsworth School. He freely acknowledges that his schooldays here were happy and carefree; first, in the ramshackle buildings in Wandsworth High Street, and later in the brand new school in Sutherland Grove which was then regarded as one of the show-places in the London education service. He took full advantage of all the sporting facilities available, became Captain of the 1st XI and a dashing wing-forward of a most successful 1st XV which remained undefeated throughout the whole season. He gained an Inter-Collegiate Scholarship to King's College, University of London, and graduated with a brilliant 1st Class Honours Degree in Mathematics which, in the present dearth of mathematicians, makes him one of the most sought-after schoolmasters in the country.

He began his teaching career in Beckenham Grammar School but soon felt the call of his old school which he joined in 1939 just in time for the evacuation to Woking. He later spent five years in the R.A.F. as an officer in the Meteorology Section, travelling much at the King's expense and seeing service in Algeria and Italy.

He rejoined the School at the end of the war and on the departure of Mr. Radford became successively Senior Mathematics Master, Senior Master and, on Mr. Fenn's retirement, Deputy Headmaster. During this period he was short-listed for an L.C.C. and a Ministry Inspectorate and can only have missed both appointments by a narrow margin. The Inspectorates' loss was Wandsworth's gain.

Since he became Deputy Headmaster Mr. Clode has produced a succession of masterly time-tables which have become more and more complicated as the school developed and the number of options increased. Many visitors from distant lands have gazed on these masterpieces with admiration and incredulity. It should not be thought that these time-tables came easily to Mr. Clode; they were the result of many hours of toil and sweat and the sacrifice of any thought of a summer holiday.

Mr. Clode has been a loyal and enthusiastic member of the School Choir for many years. In spite of his many commitments he never missed or was late for a rehearsal. Under Mr. Burgess's skilful and sympathetic direction Mr. Clode was being prepared for an increasing amount of solo work.

He has retained his great interest in Rugby and rarely misses an International match at Twickenham, although in more recent years it has been observed that he prefers the comfort of the stand to the hurly-burly of the terrace.

One memory that will appeal to some of the older generation of staff and boys is that of the former daily ritual in the common-room at 8.30 a.m. with Mr. Ascher, Mr. Prior and Mr. Clode seated before the *Times* Crossword. The defences of the most erudite or obscure clues used to crumble before the combined attack of this talented triumvirate. By 9 a.m. the crossword was invariably completed.

We all send our very kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Clode and wish them well in their new life in Southampton. H.A.

New scraperboard panels have been added to our stock as follows:

for School Journeys, by D. Jasse, 3Io, Me;
for the Geographical Society, by K. Charles, 3Ome, Cj;
for Rugby, by T. Rowland, 4Rho, Mi; and
for School Play (to be used later), by R. Clements, 4Rho, Ch.

EDITORIAL



Just before Half Term a boy was sent home for wearing a pair of garish and, no doubt, highly fashionable shoes. As a result, Wandsworth School, and the boy, received a surprisingly large amount of publicity, considering the apparent triviality of the incident, in the *Daily Mirror*. As far as I can remember, his justification for coming to school in them was to say, " I like wearing nice things." No doubt he thought the shoes the height of suavity. The thing to bear in mind, however, is that Wandsworth is a school, not a dance hall.

Six years ago, Wandsworth was a Grammar School and at the time, the change over to Comprehensive was viewed with concern by some of the pupils. It was thought that Wandsworth would never be the same again. This view was correct, though not in quite the way it was originally meant.

In the past years a tradition has been built up which any Wandsworthian, new or old, can regard with some pride. This school is widely recognised as an experiment which has succeeded. Every week, there is some achievement for the Headmaster to announce which could well be entered in the School's Diary, were such a document to exist. As a comprehensive school, Wandsworth has achieved wider recognition than would have been possible in its old form.

The fact that the form of the School is different is no justification for a lowering of standards. As far as scholastic standards are concerned, the reverse has happened, more people are passing G.C.E. examinations than would have been considered possible. In dress, standards are also high, but the minority of dandies who try to look the epitome of complaisant urbanity (and who succeed in looking like rather pitiful spectacles of peasantry) are conspicuous enough to make people forget that the majority of Wandsworthians are well dressed and well behaved. If you have any respect for this School, the best you can do is to behave with some self respect. If you have none, " Get out."

D. T. SNELL, U6Sc., Pc.

EASTER CONCERT

A thousand people, audience and performers, thronged into the Hall on Tuesday, 17th April, to hear a programme of choral and orchestral music which demonstrated once again why the School is renowned far beyond the London area for its music.

The responsibility of maintaining this high musical tradition is a recurring challenge to new boys, and the first formers on whom the mantle has fallen this year have proved that they are well up to the task. One hopes that next year's attractive programme will be tackled with similar enthusiasm: it is only when each year makes its contribution that the high standard can be kept up.

The orchestra of forty-five players opened this programme with the fourth Pomp and Circumstance March (Elgar), a rousing start, continued by the full choir of 150 voices with settings of " Scots wha hae " and "Bobbie Shaftoe." After this warming up, the Semi-Chorus (an amazingly versatile group of forty carefully selected voices) delighted us with a madrigal by Morley and an anthem by Charles Wood. The Semi-Chorus can change styles from Fauré to Britten and from Brahms to Purcell with incredible sensitivity, and one felt that their performance of the 1683 Ode for St. Cecilia's Day was one of the high-spots of the evening.

The Orchestra also played two suites from Handel's Water Music and Purcell's " Trumpet Tune and Air." Regular members of the audience commented on the recent improvement in the Orchestra—gone are the times when we enthused over the choir and sighed because the Orchestra could not provide accompaniment worthy of it. Thus, in the Peasant Cantata (Bach) the choir's incisive, cheerful singing was matched by fine string playing and some very pleasant sounds from flute and oboe.

In an enjoyable rendering of Balfour Gardiner's setting of Masefield's " News from Whydah,"' the choir swept aside the harmonic and rhythmic complexities with great facility, and the programme was brought to a close with Parry's " Blest Pair of Sirens." Interspersed were items for two pianos by David and Lawrence Eden and Brian Sawyer and Peter Rainer.

We look forward now to the Christmas Concerts, on December 13th and 14th, in which Part 1 of Handel's " Messiah " will be included. The soloists will be the distinguished counter-tenor John Whitworth, and Geoffrey Shaw from St. Paul's Cathedral.

R.B.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 32:

" It's just unfortunate that so much rubbish got together in the same place at the same time."—Mr. Garwood, of the U6th Science.

EISTEDDFOD, 1962

Result: Pitt—198.4, Morley—193.8, Gibbon—175.5, Cromwell—131.3

DRAMA COMPETITION

At this year's Inter-House Drama Competition on Thursday, 12th April at 7.30 p.m., the judges had only three pieces to judge, owing to the fact that Pitt House was unable to produce a play. However, the other three Houses put a great deal of hard work into their efforts, and it was this which impressed both the judges and the audience. Another fact which pleased all those present was the great contrast between all the plays. All the producers chose plays that are not frequently performed on the stage. So many school dramatic competitions tend to be a series of dull excerpts from Shaw or Shakespeare, and it was very gratifying to see that at Wandsworth this tradition has been broken, and a tradition of lively adventurous productions is growing.

The first play was Morley's production by D. Grant of part of " Maria Marten," the famous Victorian melodrama. It was a very interesting production, but, in spite of some very good performances and a good set it did not move fast enough. The chief judge, Mr. Roy Waters, who admirably stepped in at the last moment when Mr. Haydn Jones of the B.B.C. Drama Repertory Company found he was after all unable to come, pointed to the fact that the production was played as neither farce nor tragedy. This was the major fault, together with the fact that the villain was miscast, J. Neaser being much too pleasant a personality!

It had some very good points: a good set, constructed under the able direction of I. Wood, and some very good costumes. The use of " claquers " to guide the audience to " boo " and " cheer " at the right moments was another good and unusual effect. Of the performances A. L. Hasson and J. C. Grant in the roles of the country yokel, Jim Bobbin, and Flatcatcher, the robber, gave good music-hall performances in a very amusing scene. Maria, the heroine, played by P. E. Pearce, was also very well acted.

The second play, produced by Cromwell House, was the Prelude and Act II of the " Insect Play " by Capek. This was a more difficult play to produce and it was very brave of S. H. Mehlmann, the producer, to attempt it with the inexperienced cast he had. Nevertheless it suffered from inaudibility, and this in a play with such an important message in its lines. Thus the Vagrant, played by P. C. P. Lewis, failed to bring out the important meaning behind the lines due to a preoccupation with trying to keep drunk. Of the other actors, the Beetles came off best, but lack of variation and power caused what good acting there was to be lost. On the visual side the heads of the insects were very well made, and the set was very stylistically designed and made.

The final play was Ben Jonson's " The Alchemist " (Act II) produced by Gibbon House under the direction of R. C. Dirs and D. A. Bateman. This was by far the best acted and produced of the three. It also had a very interesting set. However as a production it was difficult to follow and could have been cut more. The acting was of a very high standard with very worthy performances by B. Ayres as Subtle, K. Stratford as Surly, A. Davey as Face, and M. Hudson as Sir Epicure Mammon. In smaller parts, G. Jennings as Dol Common was very good and C. Seaber as Drugger gave a very fine and well judged performance. R. Poppelsdorff and B. Powell are also to be congratulated on a fine set which was well designed and constructed.

In his summary of the judgement reached by himself, Mrs. H. Raymond King and Mr. C. Fisher (an old Wandsworthian), Mr. Waters congratulated all the Houses on the effort put into the evening. He was also able to give some valuable constructive criticism to the players and producers before he gave the result of the judgement.

Out of the 100 points to be given, Gibbon came first with 47 points, Morley came second with 30 points, and Cromwell third with 23 points.

Finally, during the judges' consultation, the rest of the audience were entertained by Form 2 Omega, who, under the direction of Mr. Mansfield, performed a ballet-mime story to the music " Slaughter on Tenth Avenue." This was a most enjoyable and exciting interlude which formed a very fine climax to the evening. The timing and vitality of these boys was most exciting and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all those in the audience.

J. A. LALLY, U6Ec, Ma.

EXHIBITION EVENING

The varied display of school work, out-of-school hobbies, and the activities of clubs and societies at the Open Evening on the Friday, was significantly revealing. Pupils undertaking a variety of courses were seen at work. They were also explaining what they were doing, to interested visitors. And clearly these lads were very interested in their subjects.

One such boy, B. Randall of Form 3, gave me a lucid account of the demonstrations in the Physics exhibition, entitled " Colour." In the Biology section, several senior boys were dissecting dog-fish before a fascinated audience of parents and younger boys. Plumbing was being demonstrated in the workshops by Jackman of 5 Rho, with several of his friends. And John Clifton was also willing to spend an evening showing visitors a skill learned on his Engineering Course. The Engineering Department also had on show a model of a steam locomotive that the senior boys are making.

Nor were the exhibitions confined to work done in school hours. The recent Eisteddfod Photographic Competition had attracted many entries from all over the school. A notable exhibitor was M. Taylor, who is obviously a talented photographer. The Radio and Electronics Club and the Railway Club also had working models on view. The Art department exhibited paintings, pottery, pieces of sculpture and lino-cuts amongst which B. Reynolds of 5 Rho exhibited a fine portrait. Many of the designs for room-layouts in the Building section showed that many boys are developing a talent for interior decoration—a subject that will be most useful for them when they leave school.

The English Department emphasised in their attractive display the part creative writing has in English work. This writing usually takes the form of free, unrhymed verse. The subjects are often suggested by the boys, though examples by writers of merit are sometimes used to stimulate the boys' imagination. To see so many examples of this kind of poetry from the older pupils was very encouraging, as these boys are often considered to be antagonistic towards poetry. Yet 5 Epsilon had compiled an anthology of their own free verse, as had many other forms.

To those who visited this open evening (and it is regrettable that fewer parents than usual did so), it was abundantly clear that many varied talents are being soundly developed at Wandsworth School. It may truly be called " Comprehensive." B.D.C.

CAREERS CONVENTION, 1962

In July, members of the 4th forms and above will be leaving School and joining the ranks of Old Wandsworthians. When a boy leaves School it is important that his first job is the right one; for the first few years can make or break his career. In this field, as in many others, Wandsworth schooling is leading the way, by giving

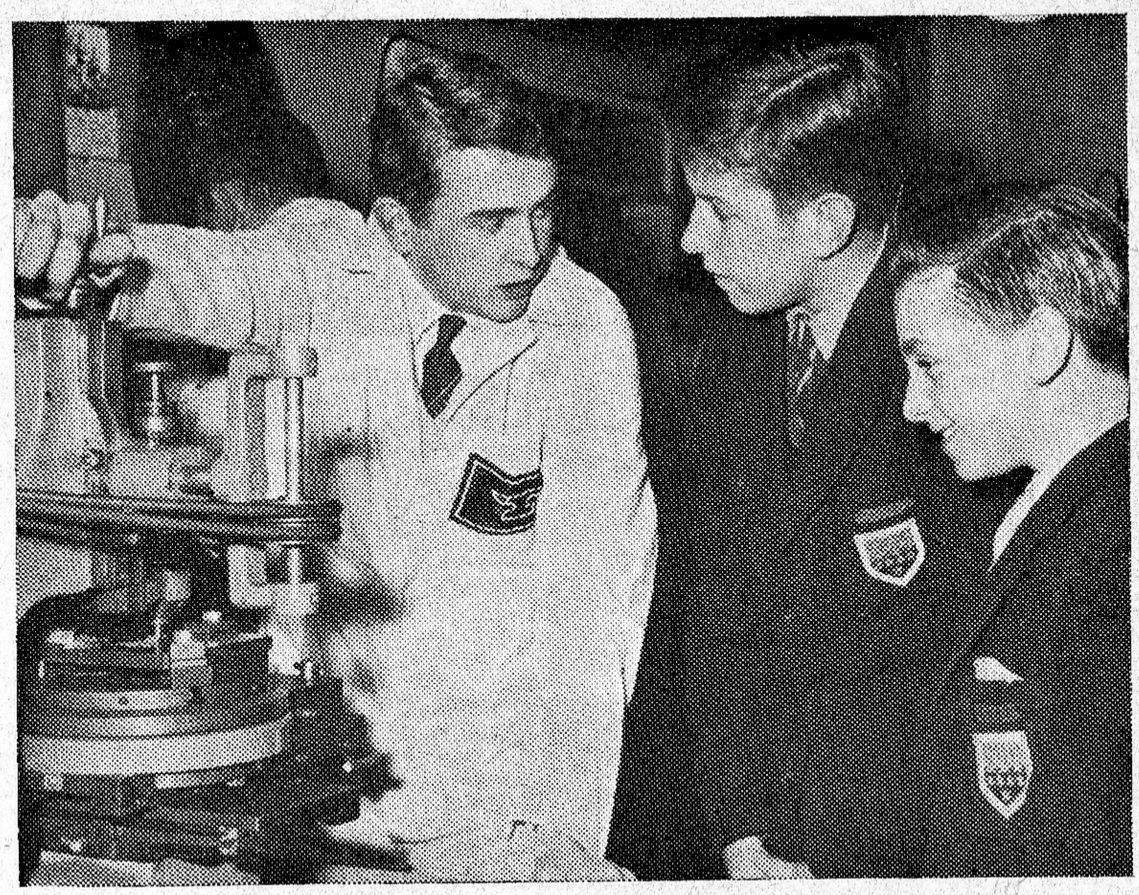


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R. D. Harbage and A. E. Lawrence question J. F. Hebard (O.W. 1956-61) at the Starkie Gardner Stand.

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practical advice in the form of a Careers Convention, which was held this year on March 3rd.

The Exhibition filled the Great Hall, foyer and stage. The Armed Forces were well represented by officers and men in their impressive dress uniform; and although the representatives for the Civil Service, Banking, Accountancy and Insurance, were not quite so sartorial, they aroused a great deal of interest, as did such companies as B.P., R.T.B., A. V. Roe, Morgan Crucible, and Starkie Gardner, just to mention a few.

As in previous years, the Metropolitan Police were well represented. With them they brought two radio control motorcycles, a Velocette and a Triumph Thunderbird, and a police dog which was generally admired and very much respected.

Mr. Groocock, who is a member of the staff of the Engineering Department at Wandsworth Technical College, and Mr. Cooper,

Education Officer, from the Institute of Production Engineers, were able to remind boys that employees require qualifications, and advised them on the best way to attain them, by taking advantage of Sandwich courses, Day Release schemes and Evening Classes.

Nearly every profession and every major branch of the building and engineering industries was represented, and all the advisors present that evening were ready, willing and able to give most valuable advice for the asking.

The Convention, which had been visited by at least 2,500 people, many from other schools, was concluded with two films on Civil Engineering.

Although the Exhibition involved a great deal of organising by the Staff of our Engineering and Building Department and above all by Mr. Aubrey, it was well worth the effort, and I am sure that the Careers Convention will always have a place on the Wandsworth School calendar.

M. J. EAGLE, U6Sc, Cd.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS



TRIP TO HEIDELBERG

"Look, Sir! There's an elephant in the garden!" This unusual remark was accorded one of the staff by a youthful member of the party on his first glimpse out of the window on arrival at the Jugendherberge in Heidelberg. And it was literally true—although the garden was that of the Zoo next door! The Jugendherberge was indeed pleasantly situated, being some three miles from the centre of Heidelberg, with the River Neckar on the western flank, the university fruit farm to the east and the splendid, new, open-air swimming pool to the north. The last-named should have been opened for the season on the 1st May (May Day) but the weather was so cold that it was postponed. The weather was not at its best during our fortnight's stay, being cold and windy but, although there was little sunshine, there was practically no rain and excursions were never interfered with. Every day there was either an industrial visit or an outing and the days passed all too rapidly.

The works visited were the Badische Anilin and Soda Fabrik (chemicals) at Ludwigshafen, Mercedes Benz (motor cars) at Stuttgart, Motoren Werke (diesel engines) at Mannheim, Schnellpressenfabrik (printing presses) at Wiesloch, near Heidelberg, and Albert Bosch (electric motors, etc.) at Stuttgart. Wherever we went we were shewn great kindness and much hospitality; English-speaking guides shewed us round; all our questions were fully answered and we found our visits both instructive and pleasurable. We saw men and machines at work, the conditions of work, the safety precautions which had to be taken and something of the opportunities for recreation after working hours. We also saw enginering apprentices at work and samples of the work done at different stages of their three and a half years apprenticeship (five years duration in this country!).

Another interesting visit was to the Technical High School at Karlsruhe, where Hertz discovered the electromatic waves now used in radio transmission. Here, among many other interesting things, we saw the Flussbaulabortorium, where problems concerning rivers were being scientifically solved by building large scale models and producing the actual conditions obtaining on the site. Lunch with the students in the refectory was also very enjoyable.

In Heidelberg we visited the Castle (not forgetting the Tun House), the University and its colourful and unusual students' prison (incidentally, no longer in use as such), the Königstuhl and observatory, from which we had a splendid view of Heidelberg and part of the Rhine Valley 2,000 feet below. We sailed up the Neckar to Neckarsteinach (with its four castles) and spent another day touring by coach the pleasant, hilly Siegfried country which lies to the north of Heidelberg. We climbed to the spot where Hagen is reputed to have slain Siegfried, a rather gruesome one in thick forest, somewhat out of keeping with the beautiful country surrounding. We also visited Ladenburg, an old township going back to Roman times, and Worms, with its gloomy cathedral and interesting mediaeval fortifications, famous chiefly for its connection with Martin Luther's defiance of Roman Catholicism.

Messrs. Makin and Tomlinson were in charge of the party, which included Mr. and Mrs. Airola and family, who were on their first visit to Germany. We trust they will take back with them to the U.S.A. many happy memories of their trip and trust that they enjoyed our company as much as we did theirs.

This was the first attempt in the history of the School to combine a holiday abroad with visits to industrial concerns and we should like to thank the Federation of German Industries for their willing co-operation. We set out from Heidelberg on our first visit (to Schnellpressenfabrik) wondering just what our reception would be, but we were always made welcome and well looked after. We hope that it will be possible to repeat the experience next year, if not to Germany to some other Common Market country.

CORNWALL, 1962

On Wednesday, 25th April, thirty boys from the School assembled at East Putney Station suitably dressed for the country and with

bulging rucksacks on their backs. Olive green " combat jackets " were much in evidence as the group moved off under Messrs. Finbow, Norris and Tovell to Paddington Station.

The seven and a half hour journey to Penzance proved tedious to some but there was plenty of interest to see from our windows and an excellent route map in our folders, prepared by Mr. Finbow, kept most of us well occupied, and we alighted having seen the Royal Navy at anchor at Devonport and having crossed Brunel's famous bridge across the R. Tamar with the new road bridge just upstream of it.

The Penzance Youth Hostel was at Castle Horneck, once the home of a local worthy who was a J.P. by day and a smuggler by night.

Glorious sunshine persisted all day Thursday when we walked to Land's End via Sancreed, where we visited an ancient and beautifully appointed little church full of flowers for the Easter Services. A cliff and beach walk took us on to St. Just and after nearly 20 miles of hard walking we were glad to use the local 'bus back to the Hostel.

On Friday we looked around Penzance, seeing something of the havoc wreaked by the terrible storms of the past months before going on to the busy harbour, where we boarded a boat for St. Michael's Mount. The sea was choppy and the ride quite a lively one. The tour of the island was enlivened by the tales of an excellent guide, though some of us thought his stories about giants were pure Cornish blarney! The view from the summit of the Mount, topped by a delightful little chapel of Norman origin, was superb but although we listened hard we failed to hear the bells of the drowned churches of the fabled Land of Lyonesse that lay around us.

Back by boat to Newlyn, the causeway to Marazion being still submerged, and we saw something of this picturesque artists' colony before spending the afternoon in Penzance.

The weather was still fine on Saturday for our visits to Truro with its lovely cathedral (all our names are in the visitors book), Falmouth with its safe anchorages and surprisingly large docks, and The Lizard. On the way to Lizard Lighthouse we stopped to look at the Satellite Tracking Station on Goonhilly Downs. This will be used to relay radio signals around the earth using satellites in orbit as reflectors. As Mr. Tovell had mentioned in the notes in our journey folder it was from The Lizard that 60 years earlier Marconi had sent radio signals across the Atlantic to Newfoundland.

The visit to the lighthouse was most interesting, with the powerful lamp, floating in mercury, and the giant foghorns. After a walk along the cliffs, collecting some of the famous mottled Lizard stone, we picked up our coach and returned to a new Hostel at Phillack, near Hayle. Table tennis, darts, a mysterious tunnel, three miles of glorious sands, and, for some, the Warden's daughter, were the attractions here. On Sunday morning, after a short walk along the sandy cliff top, we attended morning service in Phillack Church. This is a very ancient Christian foundation and has a rare CHI-RHO stone set over the porch. This sign looks like PX combined and stands for CHRIST as the two letters are Greek for the first two letters of His name. The Rector made a special point of mentioning us during the service.

In the afternoon we visited St. Ives, though we didn't meet " a man with seven wives," and walked along the coast towards Zennor. It was tough going and after a stop to explore a deserted tin mine we found it necessary to cut up to the road to catch a 'bus back to the Hostel. Two boys, Cuffley (3 Theta) and Allen (3 Tau) had, however, forged ahead and actually got to Zennor where they were picked up by Mr. Norris.

Monday morning found us solving clues which gave us our destination for a cross-country expedition. Crane Castle on the North Coast via Gwithian Post Office, for stamping, and the Red River Valley. It sounded like a Western! It was not an easy trip and when we arrived at the spot there wasn't even a castle; it had disappeared centuries before. The cliff scenery was magnificent and we saw a seal playing amongst the wave-splashed rocks.

A visit to a tin mine was planned for Tuesday and we saw all the extensive surface workings. Visitors are not allowed underground as mining in granite is a very difficult and dangerous business. We were shown how the ore is crushed and treated to obtain finally a black powder, tin oxide, from which the metal tin could be smelted. Tin is worth almost a thousand pounds a ton so it's worth all the trouble taken.

That evening we went to Lostwithiel Hostel. This had been built as a sort of Nunnery and was also used as a Girls Reform School. It had its own lovely little chapel, and we ate our meals in what had been the laundry. Altogether a most unusual youth hostel. The warden here was a real " Cornish Giant " and turned out to be related to a warden we had met in the Peak District two years ago. On our first evening a gentleman from the Y.H.A. showed us some first class colour slides of Cornwall and talked most interestingly about them.

On Wednesday we visited a China Clay works at Bugle, near St. Austell. This was a fantastic sight, looking rather like a moonscape with vast craters and giant pyramids of waste grit.

In the afternoon we went to the little port of Fowey and took to the boats. Elsey and Hayward (5 Ep) and Cope (5 Ka) soon lost control of their boat when the rudder broke. Blandford, Harris, Diggins and Allen of 3 Tau were in trouble when their engine stopped, and one master was seen jumping from boat to boat and heard muttering that he never got a chance to play captain at all.

The next visit took us from china clay to granite, mined at the De Hank quarry near Bodmin, where the granite is blasted out of the ground, split up into manageable blocks, and then cut with diamond toothed saws and polished. It looked beautiful.

The weather now changed and after a six mile walk in the rain we arrived at Otterham Hostel, an old Rectory. The buildings were not up to the standard we had become used to, but the food was very good.

On Friday we saw cheese being made at a Cow and Gate factory on an old airfield and then visited the ruins of King Arthur's Castle at Tintagel. The afternoon was spent at Bude.

On Saturday morning we trudged in pouring rain to catch the London train. We had been very lucky with the weather though. For eight out of the ten days it had been very sunny and we all had either suntans or peeling skin. We had practised our map-reading, seen a lot of Cornwall's countryside, coast and industries, experienced Youth Hostel Life—we were all made members—drunk gallons of "pop," collected scores of engine numbers, and some girls' names and addresses to write to. Our three masters had been very patient with us and always full of interesting facts and information. And the journey ended just in time for us to rush home and see the Cup Final on T.V.!

V. G. DEACON, 5Nu, Pg.
S. G. CARPENTER, 4Eta, Pb.
L. R. WILKINS, 4Eta, Ce.

LETTER FROM THE ANTARCTIC

This is an extract from a letter to Mr. Chambers from Fred Topliffe, who attended the Technical Branch of the School at Garratt Lane, 1951-54. He is remembered for his wide range of interests, not least of them potholing which even then led him into strange, exciting and even dangerous places. After passing "O" Level in nine subjects, four with distinction, he went on to the Northern Polytechnic, and then held a variety of jobs.

Last June I was accepted as a meteorologist with the then "Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey," and began a course of training. I didn't really know anything about it apart from basic stuff covered in physics and aeronautics, but the course, a standard Meteorological Office one with some special lectures on Antarctic procedures, was very good.

There are some eight British bases at present being maintained in the Antarctic. Most of them make some meteorological observations; two of them are Radio Sonde stations. Signy Island does routine met. observations every three hours. There are three meteorologists on this station, and we take it in turns to work from the 6.0 a.m. observation one day to the 3.0 a.m. one the following day: in other words, one day on duty and two off.

Besides met., there is an extensive biological programme at Signy. There are two biologists here working on the animals that live in the fresh-water lakes which appear in summer, and on those that live in the mosses which cover some of the lower parts of the island. In the past there has been a considerable programme for the study of birds here: the two people who have been doing most of the work on birds are now leaving on the R.R.S. *John Biscoe,* and I am going to take over the job. I am afraid I shall not be able to continue it on the present scale, but I should be able to do some useful and interesting work. During the past year over 5,000 birds have been ringed, and there have been a number of recoveries of Cape Pigeons that were ringed in New Zealand. Routine observations have also been made of a number of breeding species.

The base hut is a wooden structure mounted on concrete piles. It is lagged to some extent, but not nearly well enough. The roof is covered with felt which has to be painted with black tar-varnish, which is obviously the most efficient way to lose heat. Also the doors and windows are far from drift-proof, and the whole building is not really suited to use in the Antarctic. The heating of the hut, water and cooking is done by three Esse anthracite stoves. There are additional paraffin and electric heaters. Electricity is supplied by three $7\frac{1}{2}$ kw. generators powered by Enfield two cylinder marine diesel engines. They are not really adequate and most bases are being equipped with more powerful Lister generators.

We have 15 dogs on the base, enough for two teams, and I hope to do some sledging this winter. The sea temperature is now down to thirty degrees Fahrenheit and with luck it should freeze in the next month or so. This will enable us to reach neighbouring islands by dog-sledge.

Our food is supplied tinned or dehydrated, but we are able to live off the land to some extent. Penguins and their eggs, shags and seals are all quite good, and the dogs are fed sealmeat.

Besides our scientific duties, we have to look after the base, and we take it in turns to cook. The two messiest jobs are ringing birds of the petrel family, which vomit their last meal over you, and cutting up seals for dog-food.

A VERY COMMENDABLE ACHIEVEMENT

I would like to pay tribute to a very fine achievement in the face of hardship and adversity by Dennis Patrick Brennan, who started in 3 Omega building form in 1956. He followed the course by going through all the workshops in his 3rd and 4th years, finally deciding to take the Painting and Decorating course as his trade subject in his 5th year. On leaving school in July, 1959, he was recommended and accepted for a place at the Brixton Technical College for Further Education to take a three year full time course in Interior Design for the National Diploma in Design Examinations.

On the Christmas Eve of that year he had the great misfortune to lose his father under very tragic circumstances. This great misfortune had to be faced, and Dennis realized that to continue his studies would require a supreme effort and sacrifice on his part. He did this by taking on all kinds of jobs in his spare time, at week-ends and in holidays, to help matters at home and keep himself while studying.

During his final year at the Brixton Technical College he not only sat for his National Diploma in Design Examinations but made application last October for entrance to the Royal College of Art. He went for interview and sat for the entrance examination and was accepted in February of this year and is to commence at the College in September to study for three years for his A.R.C.A. This success against hardship and adversity calls for the highest praise from us all.

E.W.G.

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

As some of you may already know, the Old Wandsworthians have a Rugby Club to be proud of. Their pride stems not only from the fact that the playing record of the 1961-62 season was the best since the war, but also from the continually improving facilities that now exist at the ground at Woodstock Lane. There was, of course, a club before there was an official ground, but now the Old Wandsworthians have a permanent home they can offer a great deal more to the school leaver.

The spirit of the Club is now high, and I think we can say sincerely that it is a welcoming spirit. We have been very pleased to see quite a number of boys down at the ground during the last season. I think they will admit to having had an enjoyable time, and we certainly enjoyed their company. Indeed, we basked in their success; for as some of you may know, the Colts fifteen on the three occasions on which they appeared last season won comfortably against stiff opposition. We hope to see them all again next season, either as schoolboys or as Old Boys, for in order to remain successful a steady transfusion from the School must continue. Old age creeps on apace and several members of the First Fifteen are now beginning to puff rather more than they used to in their journeys round the field. In the recent past, however, they have been " puffing " to effect. The 1961/62 season was a great success. The First Fifteen won 23 games, drew 3, and lost only 4; the " A" Fifteen won 16 games; the Extra " A " Fifteen won 16 games and the "B " Fifteen won 14 games. All four sides played well but each would welcome fresh talent from the School, and it is the club's ambition to run a regular additional fifth side.

So much for the promise of an enjoyable game of rugger (with a hot bath to follow). What else has the club to offer? Its social activities flourish. Every Saturday evening the club entertains the opposition with traditional hospitality. Special events crowd the calendar:—the summer barbecue in fancy dress, the Christmas Dance, the New Year's Eve Dance, the End of Season Dance, the Club Supper —in fact as many events as the committee has the ingenuity to devise.

Some of you may feel the expense would be too great—but with a paying subscription of only £2 a season and a friendly Treasurer in Peter Bull, this need not be a problem. You may wonder about the journey to Woodstack Lane at Claygate. This is no difficulty as there are many cars available to take you down.

As you probably know, some members of the School Staff play for the club, and I am sure Mr. P. Timothy or Mr. H. Mair would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, you may like to write to Peter Eastwood, at 29, Earlsfield Road, S.W.18, who is Team Secretary for the club. Remember, the club has been established for your benefit.

We look forward to seeing you down there!

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

I was trying to puzzle out an original opening for the House Notes, when Colin Aziz handed me one: " Congratulations to C. Aziz on the winning of the School individual chess championship." Then (as if this illustrious Cromwellian had set out to write the whole House Note) he handed me an anti climax as a foil to this first item. It ran as follows: " We were very unfortunate to lose the cricket championship this year. We had bad luck with the coin, losing the toss twice." Some unimportant details of play followed. (First game: against Pitt, which we won by 8 wickets, Brian Hopkins and Alan Thompson taking 5 wickets apiece: Subhan Dean, 36; Colin Aziz, 18 n.o. Second game: against Gibbon, a narrow defeat by the clock: C. Aziz, 32; S. Dean, 14. Third game: against Morley, a draw. S. Dean, 81 n.o. Captain: C. Aziz).

Seizing avidly on this principle of light and dark I cast about for a second climax. I think I have uncovered one. Edition 26 of the Cromwell News Letter begins a report on the Inter House Athletics on page one, fills page two with it and ends half way down page three. Unfortunately it omitted to say who won. After some careful totalling I discovered that we had won 11 1sts, 13 2nds, 14 3rds and 8 4ths.

The result of last term's Eisteddfod was painfully clear. Cromwell scored 131 to Morley's 193, securing a poor 3rd place.

At this stage, I am pleased to say, I have run out of anticlimax: all the other items of news are successes for Cromwell. Last term we won the Morrison Cup at Soccer (Beating Morley 2—1 in the final: Brian Hopkins captained the team), and in Rugby we beat Gibbon, 14—0.

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cb.

GIBBON

I feel that House Notes, if they are to be widely read, must depart from the usual procedure as much as possible. This is rather difficult to do, but if I can succeed in conveying the successes without sounding too pompous, I shall be pleased.

The main event to report is the Eisteddfod, in which Gibbon plodded to its previous position of second but which was highlighted for Gibbon by the success of the house play. For their production of Ben Johnson's "The Alchemist" R. Dirs and D. Bateman as well as the whole cast and stage team must be congratulated. Also to be congratulated are the Athletics team, under the expert leadership of T. Elliot, which one again retained the Athletics trophy. Gibbon was also victor in the Gymnastics event, helped greatly by the captain and individual winner, K. Blake. There is also at the moment a good chance of success for our Cricket team captained by S. England. The Fives captain is still confident.

Finally I must thank, on behalf of Gibbon, our two longest standing members, David Lloyd and Douglas Flint. Both are leaving at the end of the term and have done a great deal for the School, and especially for Gibbon House.

P. Fogg, L6Sc, Gb.

MORLEY

As these will be my last House Notes, I shall try this time to be a little more cheerful than usual. Firstly, the Eisteddfod: another excellent result. We came first in four of the six sections, and second in the other two. A significant feature is that some events, notably Literary Composition, were won more by numbers than by brilliant individual efforts. In these sections, every entry strikes a blow for victory.

Continuing in this cheerful vein, we come to sport, where we have had another successful year, apart from the Inter-House Sports, of which more later. We had a successful season's Rugby, beating Pitt 26—3, and Cromwell 3—0.

Moving on to Cricket, Terry Smith (Mc) led us to victory against Pitt, by nine wickets, and Gibbon by nine runs. We then drew with Cromwell.

The most cheering news of all, of course, is that I shall be leaving. By the time you read this, in fact, I shall be an Old Boy, instead of an Old * * * *.

I shall not mention "Diligence," but the Inter-House Athletics must be given a few lines. Although we were only saved from being last by the results of the Mile, the overall result was a tremendous improvement on last year's fiasco. A few more entries (we were unrepresented in the finals in eight events), and we could do really well. As it was we gained nine first places and ten seconds, out of fifty-five events.

Finally, to show what talent we have in our midst, we congratulate Laurence Eden (Mb), of Form 4, who won the National Junior Fencing Championship on May 26th.

R. C. Pearson, U6A, Mb.

PITT

Once more the school year is over, and now is as good a time as any to take stock of the last three terms.

At the time of writing, it would seem that nothing stands between us and the Diligence Shield. Every award has left Pitt the clear winner, and has placed Pitt B the top set. Both of these results have been deserved because everyone, or, nearly everyone has pulled his weight.

It is a pity that comparable efforts were not made in other directions. Our Eisteddfod performance, this year, must qualify for the title, "worst ever." In sport, our exploits have been more creditable, but have not, alas, been crowned with the success they deserved. We came second in the Cross Country and in the School Sports. In Rugby and Soccer we could only come last and this will probably be our fate in Cricket. Modest as these achievements are, most members of Pitt are a credit to the House. Standards in dress and behaviour have been high for the most part. The others, it is hoped, will be with us for as short a time as possible.

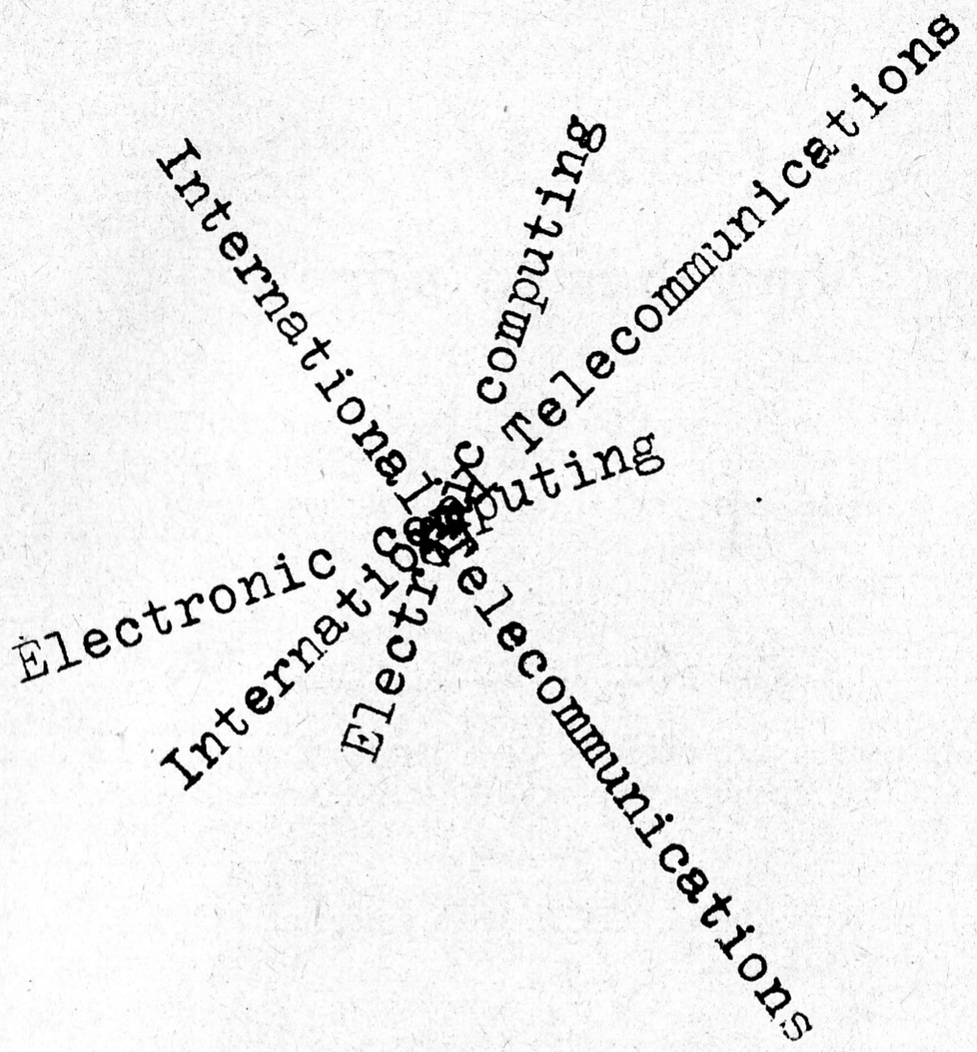
Perhaps the most unwelcome consequence of the end of the year is that quite a few valuable Prefects will be leaving. Colin Smith, our House Captain, will probably be in the number, and I want to take this opportunity of giving him our sincere best wishes for his future. Although he is only the third House Captain to be appointed since the new system of duties was instituted, it will be a long time before anyone of better worth is installed in the job.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you who are leaving or who are awaiting G.C.E. results, "Good luck, and a very pleasant holiday!"

D. T. Snell, U6Sc, Pc.

CONTEMPORARY QUOTATIONS, No. 33:

"I haven't got the mind of a plant!"—Mr. Gouldstone.



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MISCELLANY



WIND — THE ZEUS

(Eisteddfod Literary Composition — 1st Senior)

Where did I start?
I can't remember.
Bang! went the neighbour's safe door:
I couldn't see it,
In my brain flashed a picture,
A cream wooden frame, which framed a rusty piece of gauze.
I turned in my bed.
Undescribable sounds rushed through my ear,
As it brushed the pillow.
I focussed my eyes,
Looking deeply into my dark room;
Objects caught pieces of the moon's light,
A long roaring wind ripped its way through the back gardens,
And died, like a lung, empty of air.
A distant train rattled its way into further distance,
The weather was lousy as I walked up the hill,
It was drizzling:
As I passed the wooden lamp-post it started,
It just fell,
I felt like I was walking in gallons of it:
It dripped off my hair
And fell on my glasses,
Forming big, unfocussed, transparent shapes;
The brain-non-fiction-story stopped,
The wind burst into life,
It roared with a bellowing laugh,
Weaving its way rapidly through the trees, bean-sticks, sheds and houses:
It was the Zeus of Nature,
Toppling chimney-stacks, safe-doors, bottles and old tin cans,
Hurtling dustbin lids through its unceasing power.
Again I turned,
Searching the dark room for my, and now its relics:
In the vague light I saw the familiar hydrant sign,
My room was alive!
Somewhere a brown paper bag crackled,
Clothes moved fractions of an inch,
But made up in sound,
Light flickered on bottles,
Another train rattled into the distance,
The gusty wind rocked the only window in its frame.
My nose itches;
I'll leave it,
Let it itch;
I brought my hand out of the warm bed;
"That's better."
I twisted a bit,
The water-bottle gave my body
A satisfying heat;
The wind roared yet again.
"Go to sleep, Pete,"
I said.
Go to sleep, Pe—,
Go to slee—
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PETER WINGATE, 5Nu, Gg.

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WHAT A COW

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
But to her great fury,
She bumped into Yuri,
And had to come down by balloon.

D. EASY, 3Eps, Cd.

ALDERMASTON, 1962 . . . . . .

The Aldermaston Demonstrations began in 1958 with a few hundred participants. Many people mocked them and said that the whole idea—organized by a group of cranks—was a seven days' wonder and would die a natural death. How wrong they were, as anyone would admit who saw this year's march.

This year it was the biggest and most successful to date. The procession—as estimated by the police—was seven miles long, and was approximately five persons deep. About 15,000 people, mostly young, started from Aldermaston. At Reading there were 25,000; at Slough, 30,000. The fields where we used to stop for meal breaks in past years were too small to accommodate us, and we had often to sit at the road-sides for our breaks.

This year's march consisted not only of British young people, but of students and young people of all nations and many different religious and political points of view. All along the route could be heard C.N.D. chants, such as:

Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust:
If the bomb doesn't get you
The fall-out must!

We are often accused of not really believing in what we preach, but just going on these demonstrations to have fun, and a cheap holiday. It is true that young people do enjoy themselves on these demonstrations, but we are showing the people of the world that we enjoy life and that we want to live and have a future, not only for ourselves, but for our children and our children's children. It also gives us joy to know that people throughout the world are fighting with us for survival.

After the final count at Hammersmith, we were told that the number marching on the last day had reached the 60,000 mark, and thousands more were at Hyde Park to welcome us. Finally came the speeches, including two moving ones from young refugees from Nagasaki, and others by leading politicians. Once more we called on the British Government to renounce the testing, manufacture and use of nuclear weapons. We know from Government statements that there is no adequate defence against nuclear weapons and that retaliation will only mean the ruthless annihilation of millions of other innocent people. It is also known that every argument put forward by the British Government for retaining nuclear weapons will be equally valid for other countries as they in turn come to possess them.

And so we go on marching. It takes more than five years to change a government's policy, but we have built up an increasing block of public opinion against these weapons. The suffragettes took years of patient endeavour to achieve victory, and just marching increases public support and propagates our ideas—it is an economical form of advertisement!

C. Lok, U6Sc, Pd.
R. A. Martin, 5Al, Mg.

. . . . . AND THE FUTURE

I believe that we do have a future, and that the world will not end in some H. G. Wellsian way during World War III. The present rift in world relations is not so wide or so profound as some people would have us believe. It has sprung, not from any fundamental difference, but from the fact that, at root, the Americans and the Russians are both revolutionary nations.

The state of tension will one day disappear. The problem is to avoid murdering one another in the meantime. To "ban the bomb" removes one means of mass murder—the snag is that people are just as dead if they are killed one at a time as if they are wiped out in great batches. The defence of leaving yourself defenceless only works (a) if the other chap does the same, or (b) if he decides not to make the most of a golden opportunity. And I discount the chance of accidental war since we have already had the conditions when one might have started, and it did not.

Nuclear weapons are not the causes of the problems which face the world today, they are symptomatic of them. No doctor would consider removing the symptoms before treating the illness, but this is exactly what the nuclear disarmers want to do. You don't clear a mess by sweeping it under the carpet. Treat the basic causes of world tension, and let the military need for nuclear bombs die a natural death.

D. T. Snell, U6Sc, Pc.

If we are still alive in the year 2,000, I expect travel to be by monorail, underground, aircraft, even railways—but the motor-car will be a thing of the past, as will smoking. The world's population will be so large and land so scare that sea-bed farming will be commonplace. We will have reached one or two of the planets and be attempting larger feats in space. The school-leaving age will be about twenty-one, as a minimum, and life will be so boring, with so much spare time, that there may have to be minor wars, to amuse us!

P. Godden, U6Sc, Pc.

I have tried very hard to see this world as a highly automated society where everyone lives in the height of affluence, where everyone is fit, fair-haired, bronzed and handsome, where work and reproduction are no longer the sole preoccupations of most minds. But who, in all sincerity, can foresee such a sterile, "utopian," leisureful society? Perhaps only this present, somewhat idealistic government! In a

country like Britain, the ordinary working man has no spare money, and his future is about as secure as an ant's under a giant's foot.

After all the radio-active ravages have ceased, the former parasitic members of society, who are now marked to carry on humanity, not by merit, but by filthy, stinking wealth, will emerge like timid moles from their six-foot thick, concrete fall-out shelters. In their hands, not picks and shovels to set about rebuilding the shattered, barren world, but machine-guns, pistols, weapons of war. Why? We shall be back where we started, in the jungle, where every thing necessary to life was gained by force and murder and death.

A. R. KNIGHT, U6A, Gd.

I think we shall see great advances made in science and (I hope) in the peaceful use of nuclear power. I also hope to see great medical advances, and an end to diseases like cancer. Advances in the arts world will be rather harder to come by. It seems that the leading artists have reached such an advanced stage of technique and interpretation that it will be very hard to better them.

B. L. SAWYER, U6A, Ch.

I give us eight to ten years—if we haven't been blown to atomic dust by then, I believe the human race will still be here at the end of the century. Britain should disarm unilaterally so far as nuclear weapons are concerned, then we may reach a state where America and Russia are the only powers with nuclear weapons, then later with conventional weapons, and finally these could be handed over to an International Police Force.

Economically and politically I see the development of larger associations. Thus I think it essential that Britain join the Common Market, though, I think this will reduce our political freedom by means of an economic stranglehold. But politically, economically and militarily the system must converge towards the United Nations, and a decrease in nationalism. The Africans, for instance, will lose their nationalism in the development of pan-Africanism.

In all, I agree with Ben Gurion, who said that in twenty-five years America would be a welfare state and the U.S.S.R. a democracy.

P. M. TAYLOR, U6Sc, Gh.

SCENE: *On an atomic mushroom. Backdrop of pin-stripe trousers, rubber goods and deodorant sprays vaguely suspended in space. A large sign—PUBLIC LAVATORIES—stands at centre of mushroom.*

Citizen I: *(confidentially)* I suppose there's no one else around?
Citizen II: *(sobs, his head between his knees).*
Citizen I: Look, I hate to trouble you—but would you mind turning the other way? You see, I didn't have time before we came up.
Citizen II: *(passionately)* Oh Christ *(moving stage left).* What does it matter any more.
Citizen I: Well, I don't know about you, but I've been regular all my life. Jack Kennedy and Nikky Kruschev might pay us a courtesy visit any moment. *(Goes and sits behind PUBLIC LAVATORY sign).*
Citizen II *(soliloquizing)*: Oh God! I remember—it was only half an hour ago, I was on my way to Aldermaston—what happy, happy, faces,—we were a jolly bunch—the countryside was so green—and I remember—I distinctly remember, I had finished my last Kit-Kat—they were all piled up in an Oxo tin—five biscuits, a banana and three Kit-Kats—and then—and then *(breaking down)* —it was all gone!
Citizen I *(poking out head from behind sign)*: I say, you haven't got a newspaper on you?
Citizen II *(with emotion)*: Take this, *(gives him a sheaf of papers. Then, sentimentally)*: That was the circular telling us where to sit down when we got there.
Citizen I: Obliged, I'm sure.
Citizen II: We were just passing Brentford gasworks— and—whoosh— we were gone.
Citizen I *(emerging from behind sign)*: Feel on top of the world.
Citizen II *(still soliloquizing)*: Oh God—one minute in the sun—ducks on the river—and the next—it was all—all gone!
Citizen I *(cautiously)*: I say, you don't want to use the . . . ? *(points towards the sign).*
Citizen II: Oh Christ—don't you realize?—it's the end of the world. Doesn't that mean anything to you?
Citizen I: Well, of course, old chap. I mean—nothing quite like this has ever happened before.
Citizen II *(hysterically)*: That's it! That's it! All those years—you sat back, lived off the fat of the land. What did you do? What did you care?
Citizen I: I say, old man!
Citizen II: Oh, God, don't talk to me like that, you bastard!
Citizen I: Look, old chap, we've got to pull together on this mushroom.
Citizen II: Don't talk to me about . . . !

(Enter sledge drawn by five astronauts, Kruschev and Kennedy, arm in arm in front seat, beaming.)

Kennedy *(weakly)*: Hallo there!
Kruschev *(exuberantly)*: Strasdeechay. (Hello there!).
Citizen II: Get off my cloud, get off, I'm keeping this cloud clear. and another thing . . . *(Second citizen steps backward behind public lavatories and disappears through trap door in stage—sound of flushing from behind curtain).*
Kruschev and Kennedy *(confused cries)*: Sonofabitch! Democracy, Chechoff! Bourgeois pimp! *(First citizen is pulled into sledge, which moves off stage, left.)*

CURTAIN

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cb.
I. NEWMAN, U6Ec, Cb.

ONE AFTERNOON

It was a most beautiful
afternoon.
The rich smell of the long green grass
was overpowering,
And we lay in the long green
grass,
And felt the soft caress of the blades.
It was so quiet
we could almost hear the billowing of the clouds,
As we lay in the long green grass
hand in hand.
Then we kissed
quickly.
And for a moment we were able to leave
this world of hate and
sorrow.
Then we kissed again
and this time you kissed hard and greedily
in the beauty and
quiet
of the afternoon and the long green grass.
And a feeling of nausea
came over me —
because you had spoiled it all by being
greedy.

M. PEPLER, 5Ep, Pg.

14th FEBRUARY, 1962

A clear, cloudless, winded, sun-bitter day:
The noise of trains over suburban life,
The wind-swept common,
Children's noises from the parks,
Dog's running, tail-wagging, sniffing.
Flashing, dazzling lights from huge
Super-markets:
Concrete and glass;
The smell of fresh cement;
The whirr of washing-machines and
Spin-driers:
Clear, cloudless, winded, sun-bitter day.

M. YEOMANSON, 3Rho, Pe.

F. H. Brown's poem "The Prisoner," published in last term's "Link," has been awarded a certificate of merit in the London Schools Drama Association's "Broadsheet" Poetry Competition.

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THE BEAR

His sullen, shaggy-rimmed eyes followed my
every move;
Slowly gyrating, they seemed to mimic the
movements of his massive head.
Similarly his body rolled unceasingly
From within,
As though each part possessed its own motion,
And could think
And move for itself alone.
He had come forward in a lumbering, heavy
spurt,
Like a beer barrel rolling down a plank.
The tremendous volume of his blood-red
mouth
Yawned
So casually,
But with so much menace.
And still the eye held mine
So that I had to stay.
And then it turned
Away
So slowly
Back
With that same motion
Back
To the bun-strewn
And honey-smelling back of its cage.

F. H. BROWN, 5Ep, Ch.

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ASSAULT

Gas;
faces turned,
eyes scanned the sky,
hands feverishly ripped open canisters
and masks were soon covering faces.
A man choked
as the white cloud
swirling around him like fog caught him
unawares.
Then his body flopped over.
Shells floated across
as if suspended by hidden strings
and then tired
they sank earthwards.
A command
like a cold shower
to revive the mumbling shadows.
I fixed my bayonet
scrambled over the open trench
and struggled through
the thick pasty mud.
It was quiet
as we walked,
except for the sucking
groaning squelching sound
which came from the wet earth
as it tried
to creep into our stockings.
The wind cut me
with the skill of an executioner
as it came roaring down the ridge
towards which we were marching
over the wall.
Then a whistle:
"Good luck, mates."
Mind that hole! Through the wire,
over the top.
And kill.
"God. This is fun!"

E. MULLER, 5Eps, Ph.

THE KITTEN

The hissing gaslight cast long grey-black shadows across the cobbled street and the great, bleak, warehouse walls. Deep dirty river water swirled round the huge slimy rotting timbers supporting the jetty. It was a cold, silent night. But, listen! Footsteps, coming nearer. The heavy tread of a man is distinguishable, as his stout boots clonk against stone. Rounding the corner of a warehouse comes a huge overcoated body, with its head and half its face covered by a huge old cap. Stepping onto the moonlit jetty, he lays down a small brown sack that he was carrying over one shoulder and unties the piece of string around its neck. Reaching inside, he withdrew a big strong hand with a furry bundle clasped in it. It is a small kitten. Sensing the man's intention, the kitten begins to claw at this face and hands. Through the stillness noises of curses are heard, accompanied by spitting, yelping and scratching from the kitten. With a final vicious swing the man hurls the animal into the turbulent water around the jetty. A ripple on the black surface, and then nothing to mark the dreadful grave. Turning round he picks up the empty sack and returns into the darkness. Whistling to keep his measured tread company, obviously content and pleased with his night's work.

G. WILLIAMSON, 4Pi, Md.

TELEVISION SURVEY

A Television Survey was conducted about the viewing habits of 4Pi during the week 20th-26th May, 1962. The following results were obtained:

(1) Only one boy of a form of thirty-four boys has no T.V.

(2) The average number of hours that each boy watched during the week was eleven hours. Of these, the I.T.V. average was 6 hours 45 minutes and the B.B.C. average 4 hours 15 minutes.

(3) Only 3 boys said that they did not choose their programmes, but switched on and looked at anything.

(4) The four favourite types of programmes are: 1st Comic, 2nd Films, 3rd Documentaries, 4th Sports, 5th Westerns, Thrillers, etc.

(5) The favourite programmes were: 1st Saturday Film, 2nd Coronation Street, 3rd Sportsview and Naked City, 4th 77 Sunset Strip.

(6) The favourite personalities were, in order of preference: 1st Harry Worth, 2nd Roger Smith, 3rd Humphrey Bogart.

P. W. AMOS, 4Pi, Cc.
J. SELWAY, 4Pi, Gb.
H. J. SALMINEN, 4Pi, Cg.

HAWKING

Hawks had to have careful training for a chase. They were kept in a building near stables called a "Mews." A trained hawk wore a small hood of soft leather which, when one was ready for a chase, would be taken off

They had a tiny bell attached to their leg or to a strong leather on its back, so that the hawk could be traced on landing.

The hawk was carried on a nobleman's wrist on which was a thickly padded gauntlet.

When one went hunting, the hawk was never fed before, so that it would chase the prey. When in training, a hawk had a brightly coloured tassel waved in front of it with a piece of meat under it which always meant food! so, when out hunting, it would attack a bird.

R. NICHOLLS, 2Th.

THE DEAD BIRD

Here lies a little bird;
Once, all day long,
In Mary's house was heard
His lovely song.

Travel light where he lies
Beneath this stone,
With dead wings and closed eyes
And a sweet voice gone.

M. FERNE, 3Eta, Pc.

THE RAT

As the ugly rat crawled out of his hole, in the bank of a smelly, muddy pool, the grasshopper hid in the long grass and the toad disappeared in the reeds.

The killer-rat, with his fangs so sharp and so full of poison, came out of his home to hunt the juicy grasshopper and the nice plump toad. His ugly looking figure disappeared into the reeds, and then came out again looking quite pleased with himself.

Then he went into the long grass and emerged with the grasshopper struggling to try and get away from the creature which had hold of him and was going to eat him. But his effort was in vain and he went to his doom.

Then, as he swam along the water's top to his hole in the bank, he had no idea that his worst enemy was watching every move he made from below, and in a second his weird figure disappeared under the water—into the huge mouth of a killer pike!

D. G. SNELL, 2Al.

TRAVELLING

(Eisteddfod Literary Composition—1st Inter.)

It's good to ride
on my bike,
wind blowing,
sun shining,
out on the road,
going fast,
wheels turning,
pedals turning,
road going by.
Out of breath,
slow down,
over a bridge,
under a tree,
through a town,
sweating pints:
stop at a shop,
get a drink,
start up again
Getting dark,
head back home,
through a town,
under a tree,
over a bridge.

M. J. Gooch, 3Rho, Mh.

THE EAGLE

His bony, crippled talons twisted
into the soft porous rock;
Sunbaked, he towers over his quiet domain
Surrounded by ragged, red ringed clouds.
The crashing mighty sea surges
up the beach beneath;
His beady eyes scan the ground:
His silent, golden wings take him
to his tawny prey.

G. Mellish, 2Th.

A TOWN NIGHT

There is a last rush of people
Going home to their security.
Then the night gets darker,
The lights go on,
The sodium lamps move from
Red to dull orange.
The stragglers fade away:
At last there is solitude.
The hard street lights glare out
Broken only by the red glow
Of a lamp that has not gone on.
A train moves in the Underground below
And the ground vibrates.
The light in an upstairs room goes on,
Only to go off again a few seconds later:
The city struggles to sleep.
The night moves on
Past midnight
Without even knowing
What the word means.

T. Clarke, 5Nu, Mh.

Dirty Bill
From Notting Hill
Never washed,
Never will.

W. L. Allen, 3Tau, Cf.

THE KING OF WINTER

(Eisteddfod Literary Composition — 2nd Equal, Junior)

King of the iron glades
Who chases through the trees
And whips them with his twisting whip;
And leaves fall to the ground like gold
And the plumes fall to the ground like
glittering stars.
And the slippery Red Fox scampers
To his hole in the river bank:
When night grows near the trees
Shiver in the earth.

J. Eves, 1Tau.

A FEELING OF SADNESS

I lay there, the breeze running all around;
I watched, looking at the moon,
And I felt sad and hurt as I looked at the
round, chubby face.
The hours passed and still the moon searched
its way
Through the maze of faceless stars across
the heavens.
The clouds' breaks came over like thin,
wrinkled blankets,
Smothering the disc.
No longer was the grass green; just black,
sprawly blades,
Ready to cut humanity into threads
For all the pain it has caused.

J. M. Flynn, Left, Dec. 1961.

THE YOUNG MAN FROM DUNDEE

There was a young man from Dundee,
Who was ship-wrecked miles out to the sea.
He said in his fright,
"It would happen tonight!
I shall miss the big film on T.V."

D. Gray, F1.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS

A Short Story

It was gone seven when he woke from a troubled sleep, and only after several minutes did he realise that there was less than half an hour before the floodlit steamer, carrying its small band, would sail out on its way to the Fort de Chapus, which lay midway between Marennes and the Ile D'Oleron. So he hurriedly changed into his dress-suit, and then ran down the wide, carpeted stairs into the street, clutching the dark violin case in his right hand, whilst he hailed a passing taxi which quickly took him down between the ancient Renaissance houses towards the still busy dock.

The tall, brightly-lit steamer lay alongside, rocking gently, the gaily painted board of the mock paddle standing out vividly beneath the decks, and thronged with never-sleeping holiday makers, who talked, and waved, and waited impatiently for the departure. And the long strings of lights that swung to and fro in the evening breeze added a touch of colour to the scene, making him forget for a moment his task, so that he smiled at the happiness of it all. For Kubich was not then climbing aboard the steamer to play in the band, nor did the dark case under his arm contain a violin; his appointed task that night was to locate a special person from amonst the crowd, now before him, and to make quite sure that he did not leave the ship alive.

It was an unsavoury appointment, and Kubich felt it so within him, as he had not killed a man for a very long time now, not in fact since the uprising of the fifties, when he and his daughter had at first been unswervingly loyal to the rebel cause; but many unforeseen things had happened during those first troubled months, and when the end seemed inevitable, he had been forced to enter into the service of the enemy, the government. His daughter had said very little when he told her; she was always a great favourite amongst the rebels, with her boundless energy, good looks, and long, fine red hair, and he was not at all sure how she would take it as, for some time, it had been very obvious that she was in love with Josef, and he had always figured prominently amongst those who counted during the revolt. At the finish Josef just disappeared like so many others, and all she had said was, " If it's what you think is right, Papa, then I'll stay with you;" and they had gone to France.

Now, five years later, there was fresh trouble from those who had fled to his adopted country, and his people in the east had practically discovered the identity of one of the major ring-leaders, although they had not got as far as finding the name.

Even though a few simple jobs had come his way in those long years, this was the first killing, and he was nervous, and worried that his eye might not be so good; or that the special long-range rifle hidden in the dark case might be too new for him. When he had left the house, his daughter had already gone to the centre of the town, where she took some sort of music lessons three or four times a week, and he saw that she was happy, so he had not told her of what he had to do.

They were nearing the Fort now, the gaily-lit boat nosing its way between the long line of poles that marked the oyster beds, towards the imposing building, which rose now, as if out of the sea. They drew alongside and the boat soon emptied as the crowd poured down the gangway and climbed, slowly, to the battlements high above the sea, where they gathered and talked loudly, or danced to the band's music, hair flying in the strong sea breeze that relentlessly besieged the age-old walls. There was a somewhat added attraction this trip, for, being Easter, there were far more people, and a theatrical company had been hired to stage an adapted play of the Last Supper in the open air; and it was near them, on a raised area above the crowd and behind the players, that Kubich positioned himself; for this so-called amateur theatrical company was known definitely to comprise solely ex-rebels, a clever cover for almost twenty dedicated men and women, who were sworn to continue the fight, even in exile; and the most important of them, the one without whom they would be lost, and who was not to leave the Fort alive, was about to perform in the play.

The battlements were rectangular in shape, with tall turrets in each of the four corners, and at each end, between two of the turrets, there was a raised platform, half of which was covered and housed the top part of the stairs, the rest being open, but at the same time surrounded by a low wall. He had placed himself here, in the darkest corner, and not more than three or four paces from the stairs, should he need to make a quick exit. And now, as the shadows grew gradually longer, burning torches were fastened to iron hooks in the wall, and beneath the effective mixture of light from the torches and from the setting sun, the play began. Each actor's features seemed rather too hard and expressionless for the play, because of the masks which they wore, to hide the fact that some of them were women, and Kubich thought this as he picked out one.

The crowd had all gathered about the roped-off square and everyone's attention was upon the play, so Kubich shifted his position and quietly took out the heavy pieces of metal from their innocent-looking container, slotting them together to form a precision made Winchester, and he turned to his former position with it cradled in his arms. The sun had sunk beyond the horizon now and only a weak, fan-shaped glow remained on the surface of the sea to show where it had last been, whilst the flickering torches continued to cast moving shadows around the walls, and Kubich waited until they grew long enough for him to move unnoticed. The tall actor playing Jesus had just begun to talk of the betrayal, and Kubich fitted the long Sniperscope onto the flat metal, before snapping the silencer into place with a soft click which sounded like a drumbeat to his highly-strung senses; he judged the time about right and lifted the heavy rifle to his shoulder, resting the barrel lightly upon the rough wall. He saw Jesus slowly stand and

turn, and he bent his head so as to get his eye to the eye-piece, his finger automatically curling around the cold trigger, and he squeezed gently, professionally; no one heard the dull plop over the wind as the bullet sped to its mark, but they all saw a figure suddenly jerk upright and stagger forward; and, as the stiff, expressionless mask of Judas Iscariot careered crazily along the damp paving, Kubich saw the figure fall in a heap, and the long, fine red hair come to rest, limply, in a pool of blood.

R. G. POPPELSDORFF, 5Pi, Gb.

TO MAKE YOU THINK

Solution to Last Term's Problem

Let the numbers be (x + 7) and x:

Tens	Units		
(x + 7)	x	=	11x + 70
x	(x + 7)	=	11x + 7

. · . the difference between the numbers is 63.

Check with 92 and 29,
81 and 18,
70 and 7.

This Term's Problem

Mr. Smith is three times as old as his son. In twelve years time he will be twice as old. How old is Mr. Smith now?

Postscript to " All Change "

Several boys have asked me about the temperature—40° Fahrenheit or Centigrade, and how it is obtained. I was rather disappointed that they hadn't thought about it, but anyway here is the method:

Let the temperature that is the same on both scales be T°.

$$^\circ F = (^\circ C \times 9/5) + 32$$
$$T = (T \times 9/5) + 32$$
$$\therefore 5T = 9T + 160$$
$$\therefore 4T = -160$$
$$\therefore T = -40^\circ$$

So -40° F. = -40° C. W.A.T.

There was a young man called O'Neil
Who went for a ride on a seal,
He might have survived,
If the seal hadn't dived,
And a whale hadn't wanted a meal.

R. ALDERTON, F1.

STORY OF A NOBODY

A Ballad

About half past ten
He'd come shuffling in
With red-rimmed eyes
And a bottle of gin.

Under the Embankment
On the cold hard floor
He'd drink the gin
Then he'd start to snore.

He never laughed
He never cried
He never spoke
So he never lied.

He lived on the pity
Of passin' rich folk
Who never thought twice,
Jest thought: " Poor bloke."

Nobody cared about
Or bothered him
Though his face was hollow
Pale and thin.

All huddled up
He'd sleep till dawn
Till the light an' the noise
Of the risin' morn.

Then he'd climb to his feet
An' comb his hair,
Spit on the sidewalk
An' say a prayer.

Cough a little blood,
Get to his feet
An' shuffle out
Into the cold hard street.

One day he wen' out,
An' saw a warm, kind street,
Knew the Lord had changed things
From his Judgement Seat.

There was a screeching o' brakes
An' a choking cry,
Then jest a mess in the road
Like a strawberry pie.

As you sit for yer tea
Of bread and jam,
Think of that
Poor helpless man.

Jest lying there
All red an' dead,
With a left back wheel
Crushin' down on his head.

F. BROWN, 5Ep, Ch.
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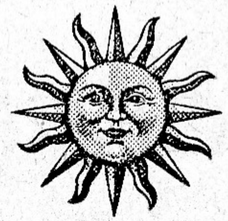
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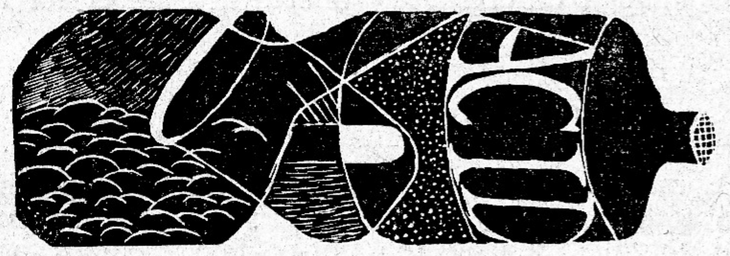
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CHEMISTRY CORNER



Sodium salts are very common in everyday life, especially sodium chloride (common salt) which is not only an essential part of normal diet but the substance from which other useful sodium salts are made. The Solvay process produces baking and washing soda from it: the electrolysis of its concentrated solution yields caustic soda (for soap making), hydrogen and chlorine; the electrolysis of the molten salt yields that unusual metal sodium, which is like silvery putty and can be cut with a paper knife.

Sodium was discovered in 1807 by Sir Humphrey Davy, who obtained it by passing an electric current through two wires touching a piece of solid caustic soda. The sodium appeared as silvery globules round the cathode (negative electrode), some of which ignited explosively; others merely became quickly tarnished.

A certain gentleman in France, named Napoleon, was very annoyed when he heard of this discovery and commanded the French scientists to build an even more powerful electric battery than the one constructed by Davy and set about isolating other metals in a similar manner. When it was ready, he decided to test it by putting the two terminals in his mouth! Needless to say, he left them speechless!!

Sodium is used in photo-electric cells as it has the property of emitting electrons (and so producing an electric current) when exposed to light. Oddly enough, it forms a liquid alloy with its twin, solid brother potassium which can be used in thermometers in place of mercury; and the yellow street lights, which are so useful in fog, owe their colour to a small amount of sodium vapour inside the bulb or tube.

All sodium salts when introduced into a non-luminous bunsen flame produce a brilliant golden-yellow colouration. Why not try a little salt on an old knife blade in the flame from one of your gas rings at home? A new knife will do just as well but your mother may not regard the experiment quite so favourably!

J.M.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



BIOLOGY CLUB

Unfortunately, because we have only had three meetings this term this report has to be necessarily short. We did have one film called "On Safari" by Armand and Micheala Denis; this was of course one of the Denis's films made for their television series of that name, but was in colour and showed us what a difference Colour Television will make!

As promised, Mr. Gouldstone got a rabbit for the club; we hope to get another and start breeding rabbits.

By the time you read this, of course, we will have had many more films and perhaps have started breeding those rabbits; but of course you will know if you come to the club, so come along; it's very interesting as well as good fun.

B. BLANK, 4Al, Cd., *Hon. Secretary.*

CHESS CLUB



All School team matches have now been completed and the senior team finished 32nd in the London Schools' Chess League, in which the Juniors finished 31st in their section. We hope to do much better next year when we shall have a much stronger team.

The main school chess championship was won by K. L. Aziz, U6, and the runner-up was R. Webber, U6. In the lower school championship, K. J. Smith, F2, defeated M. Walker, F2, after two drawn matches. This year's entry in both competitions was very low and rather disappointing.

The Cless Club continues to meet regularly on Friday evenings in the library classroom, but attendances are mainly from the lower school. We would like to see as many main school boys as possible.

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

ENGINEERING SOCIETY



Films on Space

The Society received an invitation from the British Interplanetary Society to see a number of films on Space Technology.

The films were shown at the new American Embassy in Grosvenor Square on the evening of March 5th and were cordially introduced by Mr. Carter, the Secretary of the British Interplanetary Society. They were of great interest and showed the extensive experiments and preparations undergone before a projectile could be effectively launched. They also outlined the main factors which have to be taken into account before human space-flight is possible. Many technical details were disclosed, though unfortunately limited in number for reasons of security.

Compressed Air and Hydraulics Exhibition

To the layman this exhibition brings out the part that fluid power is playing in industry today. The firms manufacturng fluid power products had models showing the out-of-date methods of running machines with pulleys and belts, side by side with models with new and safe synthetic hoses carrying compressed air. The compressed air passing through these hoses is supplied by a central compressor, various examples of which were to be seen.

This exhibition, sponsored and organised by the publishers of " Compressed Air and Hydraulics," the first magazine concerned solely with reporting new machines and methods of use of fluid power in industry, appeared to be a success, especially with overseas buyers and representatives. This interest shown by foreign firms is an indication to the manufacturers that British goods are valued in this new and expanding industry.

The firm of " Atlas Copco " were exhibiting a small but powerful portable compressor on their stand. Also on this stand was a demonstration of a new fluid powered circular saw for metal that was capable of cutting through a $\frac{3}{4}$" metal rod in a matter of seconds. This type of equipment, one feels, must hold many advantages in the light engineering industry.

For use in such small equipment, however, the compressed air must be perfectly clean or the fine turbo blades would become clogged with oil and grime. The solution to this difficulty was shown by a firm producing filters. These filters are fitted to the compressor and the compressed air forced through a chamber containing carefully machined steel balls, which collect the dirt, oil and moisture from the air.

The use of synthetics and man-made fibres was shown by a firm producing hoses. These new fibres were shown to be lighter, stronger and more easily joined. This does not mean that man-made fibres are likely to monopolise hoses in this industry overnight. It does mean, however, that there is likely to be a big future for them in this industry, though a considerable amount of research is yet to be done on the subject. Nylon and similar products are inexpensive and virtually rot proof.

A few of the infinite number of uses to which compressed air can be put was shown at this exhibition. It was quite plain to see that this exhibition is opening the eyes of manufacturers to the advantages of compressed air in industry. It shows them the way to run clean efficient and, even more important for their employees, safe factories.

R. R. KNIGHTLEY, U6Sc, Mh.

ENGLISH CLUB



4th April: Wandsworth Verse

Of our three lunch time meetings two proved the most popular for several terms. The first of these was a tape of boys' verse, much of which has appeared in the *Link,* read to a background of music. In the verse there was variety and a fair degree of originality, somewhat marred by the often inappropriate backgrounds and uneven quality of the recording. Nevertheless this was a fresh and stimulating addition to the range of English Club activities and was enthusiastically received by an audience of nearly 50.

9th April: Caucasian Chalk Circle

Strangely enough Brecht was disconcerted and not the audience. The "Caucasian Chalk Circle" is essentially an improvisation where the power of Brecht's social condemnation and constructive philosophy lends direct expression unhampered by conventions of realism in scenery or dialogue. The Shakespeare Company's production at the Aldwych provided a setting of such oriental opulence that the notion of its being performed by a peasant collective became ludicrous. Nevertheless the audience were well pleased with this satire on peasant life in the Caucasus and laughed loudly enough to miss most of Brecht's bitter criticism of our own Western European society. For me this production exemplified the chronic sickness of our bourgeois theatre, where living and effective social criticism are effectually stifled.

22nd-23rd May: The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner

Fifty-three people crowded into room 9 to hear this recording of a dramatization of Alan Silitoe's short story. The tape was full of sharp satirical touches, but the climax of the race was so drawn out that tension was rather lost: there were empty spaces on the rest of the recording too.

30th May: The Anniversary

Our last meeting was a reading of this one-act play by Chechov. Lally took the lead—a part very similar to his Pobedonosikov in the "Bath House." The drama is brilliant, the translation dull with a tendency to be unidiomatic: the cast, understandably, did justice to neither.

N. HILLYARD, U6A, Cb.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

The motion, "This house would oppose the introduction of communist rule in Britain," was carried by eleven votes to ten. We were only saved by the Chairman, Mr. McGill's casting vote. This debate was very interesting, and proved to be the best debate of the year. We thank Mr. Saunders for coming along and opposing the motion.

"This house prefers science to the arts," was the next motion to be debated. Cooper made a good speech but the others were rather short, and, when it came to art, not to the point. The motion was carried by twelve votes to two.

While trying to win a point to the opposer's side, in the debate "This house believes stamp collecting to be a waste of time and money," one of the boys nearly lost a ten-shilling note belonging to Mr. Neale-Dowswell. Mr. Neale-Dowswell graciously agreed to oppose the motion, which was duly defeated by eight votes to six.

At our last meeting before going to press B. Randall, in the Chair, set a precedent by allowing C. Cheek (F5), to propose the Society's first ever amendment; this was carried, but so was a counter amendment proposed by M. Jacobs. This counter amendment was bitterly opposed by some of the principal speakers. The motion, originally "This house prefers women drivers to men," was changed to "This house prefers women drivers to men *drivers,*" and ended up as, "This house prefers women to men." Owing to the short sightedness of the first-formers, this motion was then defeated by eight votes to six!

We would like to thank the many members of Form 1 Gamma who patronize this Society. It is mainly due to them that the Society has been so successful, and that this is the best year yet.

B. RANDALL, F3, Cd, *President.*
C. PRESLAND, F2, Gg, *Secretary.*

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

The Society entertained girls and staff from Mayfield on 24th May. A most entertaining reading of part of "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon" was produced by Mr. Timothy with the fifth formers who have already passed "O" level. Two fourth form girls gave interesting

talks in French about their visit to Grenoble, and Alan Knight read a passage in Russian which we found we could follow quite well. (It consisted largely of a list of the subjects taught at Moscow University.) The audience much enjoyed an unrehearsed scene in the "Café Fargier," in which our German assistant, Mr. Winkler, speaking only German and understanding no French, tried to get a meal from the proprietor, who spoke only French and understood no German. The meeting closed with some records of French cabaret singers.

A. M. LINCE.

MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Last term I began by saying that aeromodellers were enthusiastically building models. Now the results of all those hours are being put into the air. Most of the main competitions take place between May and August, and members of the club are certainly active at this time.

The model aircraft section of the Eisteddfod was a great success. Every inch of space was used for display and some fine models were seen. Mr. Dorrell, our President, brought some really lavish 6 c.c. stunt models. The third and fourth years put on a notable display and some good talent was shown. Attempts by first year boys were also on display. Although they were not very good it must be remembered that the first attempt quite often turns out to be not just disappointing but disastrous.

Earlier in the term M. King (5Tau) arranged, at the request of many club members, a combat meeting.

He then decided to ask for sixpence entry-fee to cover the cost of streamers. There were, however, to be prizes. But not one of the interested boys took part and the meeting was cancelled. The poor excuse offered by most was that the entry fee was too high. I hope that in the future this sort of thing will not happen again.

At the time of writing, S. Watkin, 2Nu,, Mh, and A. Brown, 2 Omega, Ch, have organised a Rat-Racing competition (a form of team racing). I hope this will prove to be a success.

Now that you have received your *Links,* the Fête is past. I hope that the members of the School have enjoyed the display put on by the Model Aircraft Club. Although some of those manoeuvres look easy, in fact, they have taken costly flying hours to develop.

Unfortunately we must say farewell to our senior members, A. Morris, L6, M. King, 5Tau, and P. Leverick, 5Tau, who have put so much work into the Club. I myself will also be leaving. I hope that the junior members will make up for the loss. Well, I hope that all club members will have a good summer holiday and many hours of flying time ahead.

P. D. BOORMAN, 5Ep, Ph.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY



At the time of writing only one meeting has been held this term. A small audience was enthralled by one of the most dramatic colour films we have seen—"Steel." Other meetings planned for this short term include some interesting contrasts. Two colour films on "Eire" and "Northern Ireland" will fill a blank in many members' travel maps. In the second half of the term we shall see films of two contrasted areas of Africa: "Life in the Sahara" and "Pygmies of Africa." Our final meeting will be addressed by J. A. Lally who will use colour slides to assist his description of his travels in Canada last year.

T.M.

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Model Railway Club was reintroduced at the end of last term, with a small membership from the Upper School.

We held an exhibition for the Eisteddfod, using members' equipment, and also equipment loaned by Triang Railways and Minic Motorways, for which we were most grateful.

This term, Minic Motorways donated equipment for the club layout, and Triang Railways provided the track at a reduced cost. We are indebted to these firms for their assistance, and also to the Parents' Association for donating the money to pay for the track. The layout will be exhibited at the Fête this term.

Club meetings will be held in Room Q in the lower school, where the layout is stored. There will be separate meetings for Upper and Lower Schools, after school, when scenery and buildings will be added to the layout, instruction in model railway construction and operation will be given, and any questions answered.

It may be possible to arrange a club meeting for parents if there is sufficient interest.

The subscription will be 5/- for the first term, and 2/6 per term thereafter.

A meeting of prospective members will be called at the beginning of next term.

H. M. WALTERS.

SPORTS SOCIETY

In our meetings so far we have tried to vary the sport as much as possible. As well as dealing with popular British sports we also include sports from other countries like Baseball and Ice Hockey and considerable interest is being shown at these meetings.

On May 30th, 122 boys attended a meeting in which Mr. Airola, our American visitor for one year, gave a fascinating explanation of " American Football " and a film, sent to us by Mr. Patten in America, was shown. Mr. Airola explained how different school sport in America is from here. All their first eleven fixtures are played before a large crowd which have to pay for admission. At half-time there is a band to entertain the crowd and a group of young ladies who act as cheer-leaders. I would like to thank Mr. Airola for a very informative talk which attracted a very large crowd for a school society.

Up to now there have been no other meetings to report, but we hope to have a full programme next term.

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

STAMP CLUB

This term we are all very sorry to lose Mr. Walmsley to Mayfield. I would like on behalf of all the club members to thank Mr. Walmsley for all the work which he has put in and for providing the facilities for the club which we all enjoy. We would all like to wish him the very best of fortunes in his new post.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Lewis back to the club. He will be taking over from Mr. Walmsley. Mr. Lewis has recently rejoined the staff after having left several years ago. Some members may know that when he was here before Mr. Lewis used to run the club. He is well acquainted with our needs and problems.

The club is open to all boys, and new members will be very welcome. We meet once each week and there are splendid opportunities for swopping and buying, or just talking about stamps. Anyone who has a problem can consult the various catalogues and stamp-finders which the club possesses,, and, perhaps most interesting of all, several film strips are shown each term on the many, varied aspects of stamp production and collecting.

D. LLOYD, U6Sc, Gd.

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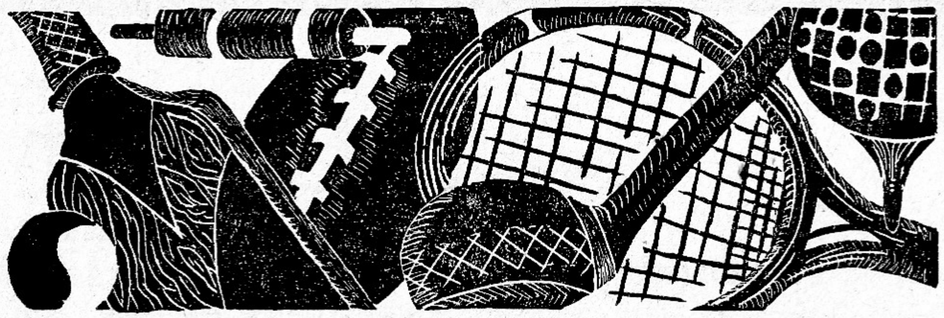


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SPORTS REPORTS



ATHLETICS

With such a short term many schools athletics meetings have been cramped up. The first major meeting was the Holt Cup (16th May) which Wandsworth held for the last two years. Unfortunately the School only finished fifth this year.

On the 21st May the finals of the South London Grammar Schools were held at the White City Stadium; although finishing well down Wandsworth runners ran well, R. F. Sandford winning the senior mile from D. R. Holt of Sinjuns and R. F. Summerfield finishing second in his first ever mile in the U16 group.

On Thursday, 24th May, the Inter-House Sports were held at Hurlingham Park track, only three school records were broken but the standard of competition and team spirit was high. In the O16 100 yds. E. Muller won a thrilling race from J. K. Lindsay, both clocking 10.6 secs. In the steeplechase, P. Beard finished first (in 5 min. 9.8 secs) for Morley at his first attempt at steeplechasing.

In the U13 High Jump B. F. Taylor of Gibbon set up a new record of 4 ft. 5 ins. Other records were broken in the U14 shot putt by I. G. Storer of Pitt (39 ft. 2½ ins.), and in the U16 Javelin by V. G. Deacon, also of Pitt, with a throw of 11 ft. 10 ins. The overall result was a win for Gibbon with 174 points, over Pitt with 155 points. Gibbon clinched the result by winning four out of the six relay races.

The Wandsworth District Finals were held on the 31st May and the following were the School's winners and runners up: Intermediate Boys Long Jump—1st, F. McGuire, 18 ft 10 ins.; Senior Shot—P. Dutch, 2nd, 38 ft. 9 ins.; Senior Triple Jump—D. Newark, 1st, 38 ft. 4½ ins.; Junior Boys Shot—B. V. Fielder, 1st; Senior Boys 100 yds.—G. J. Thomas, 2nd, 11.5 secs.; Senior 880 yds.—E. V. Elliott, 1st, 2 mins., 7.3 secs.; C. C. Hunt, 2nd; U17 Hurdles—E. Muller, 1st, 15.4 secs.; U15 Mile—P. Burgar, 2nd; U16 Mile—R. F. Summerfield, 1st, 5 mins. 3.9 secs.; U17 Mile—R. Sandford, 1st, 4 mins., 55.8 secs.; Senior 220 yds.—B. Sandford, 2nd, 24.7 secs.; U17 220 yds.—J. K. Lindsay, 1st, 23.3 secs.; Junior Relay—2nd, B. Lowes, A. Boyle, R. J. Sullivan, I. G. Storer; Intermediate Relay—1st, F. A. McGuire, P. J. Owen, E. Muller, J. K. Lindsay, 47.2 secs.; U15 220 yds.—B. Lowes, 2nd.

All these boys were eligible to be selected for the Wandsworth District team to compete in the London Schools on June 23rd and 30th.

J. K. LINDSAY, 5Al, Ge.

In Pictures Opposite :

P. Beard and E. V. Elliott in the Open Steeplechase; A. Foley, W. G. Myers, J. B. Payne and L. W. Williamson in U.15 Hurdles; J. K. Lindsay in Senior Long Jump and *(above)* I. G. Storer in U.14 Shot.

BOAT CLUB

Since the last report the School eight has been victorious over 38 crews! This is a spectacular way of describing what has indeed been a fairly successful term's rowing.

For the second year the eight entered in the Schools Head of the River race, starting 88th, a drop of 5 places on last year's final position, this being due to new entries in the faster-shell boat division. The final result was a gain of 3 places. The race was a memorable spectacle: 120 crews competing, each one filing past the starter's launch, and on the word, chasing after the crew in front. The bank was as crowded as the water, only with bicycles, upon which rode eager-faced coaches waving megaphones in one hand and steering with the other. To add to the noise, numerous schoolboys lined the bank equipped with rattles, whistles and " break-time bells " (borrowed from headmasters of lower schools—with thanks).

1st XV AT HOME TO HAMPTON — INTER-HOUSE SPORTS AT HURLINGHAM

Photos : Mr. R. Storer

The School rowing Zephyrs were seen for a second time on the tideway in the first London Schools League fixture, in which we are in the 3rd Clinker division. The league course is from Beverley Brook to Harrod's Depository or vice-versa, according to the tidal state. This first race was against Ealing Grammar 3rd Crew over whom the School gained 3½ lengths lead at the finish. A second victory was gained over Highbury 1st eight, upon whom revenge was due. After some jockeying for position at the start the crew gained two lengths lead at the mile post, which they then increased, finally winning by 4½ lengths of clear water. Rowing in the best boat in the boat house (so our boatman tells us) the crew fought a lead of 1½ lengths against St. Paul's 4th crew. The next race to come is the most important, since upon it hangs the fate of the crew's league position next year. It is against Westminster City School 1st eight and should prove a real test to the eight.

The loss of Mr. Hanson to his new school post has been felt greatly throughout the club, and I should like to thank him on behalf of all the boat club members for his very generous gift of a cup for the house light fours competition. Thanks are also given to all those masters who have given up their time to come and cycle or stand on the windswept banks of Putney, their only compensation being a hot " cuppa " and a pipe in the boathouse.

On Tuesday, 29th May, the School entered six crews in the Barn Elms Regatta, though to our disappointment we were not as fortunate as had been hoped. The 1st eight met two 1st division crews and lost from Tulse Hill 1st crew by a canvas. The junior eight rowed well, winning their heat against Highbury and St. George's, but found the opposition too great for them in the finals where they met two very strong rowing schools. The junior tub four also rowed very well, winning the heat after being two lengths down at the start, and then drawing in the final, which they finally lost in the re-row. Despite these disappointing results, one must consider the age and experience of the junior boys who took part and the time many schools that were met with have been competing at this sport.

The following have been regular members of the 1st eight: Bow, R. WARD, U6Sc, Ca; 2, P. BOORMAN, 5Ep, Ph; 3, E. THOMPSON, L6, Pe; 4, M. MILAN, U6Sc, Mj; 5, T. HAYNES, L6, Ch; 6, C. LYDFORD, L6G, Pj; 7, D. GODDARD, U6Sc, Gi; Stroke, S. MEHLMANN, L6G, Cc; and Cox, R. EGGLETON, 3Tau, Pi, whose experience with Putney Town Rowing Club has proved invaluable throughout the season. The two reserves R. M. F. WOOD and G. F. FENTON are also to be thanked for their willingness to step in wherever a gap has arisen.

The junior eight consisted of: Bow, G. Sylvester-Evans, 4Pi, Pa; 2, T. Norton, 4Io, Gi; 3, R. Holloway, 4Io, Gd; 4, R. Lee, 4Ep, Ca; 5, C. North, 4Ome, Ph; 6, T. Neaser, 4Al, Mc; 7, D. May, 4Omi, Ch; Stroke, P. Silvester, 4Io, Mi; and Cox, B. Tomlins, 2Th, a new and promising member. The following should also be congratulated upon their performance in the junior tub fours: Bow, M. Lane, 3Th, Mb; 2, R. Elmer, F3, Gc; 3, A. Faulkner, 3Al, Ch; 4, R. Faulkner, 3Nu, Ch; Cox, R. Eggleton, 3Tau, Pi.

A look to the future:—

(a) Let us see a good House Fours Competition.
(b) We intend challenging Tulse Hill 1st eight.
(c) St. Mark's rowing song repertoire must be bettered. All contributions to Rowing Captain.

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

1st XI CRICKET



1st XI cricket has been disappointing compared to the standard of play reached last season. We have played three matches so far, winning only once, while losing the other two.

At this early stage in the season it is, I think, unfair to mention individual achievements, good or bad, but I am sure that the rest of the team will join me in a worthy mention of S. England, L6Ec, Gb. England has to date scored more runs, and taken more wickets than anyone in the team, as well as fielding quite expertly. Young cricketers in the school could not do better than to follow the fine example he sets.

Let us hope that the win that was our last recorded result will set the trend for events to follow.

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

FENCING

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

As forecasted in our last report, things are looking up again for Wandsworth fencing, and wins against such formidable opponents as Westminster, St. Paul's and Eton promise similar successes in the future. Our visit to Eton was the first that we have ever made to this renowned college; and we hope to be able to return their hospitality—and beat them again—in due course.

The improved standard of our fencing is, perhaps, partly due to the intensive week's training a number of juniors and seniors enjoyed recently at Bisham Abbey, near Marlow. This is a training centre maintained by the Central Council of Physical Recreation, where enthusiasts in sports and games are able to take part in courses, under

specialist coaches, in their particular pastime. Any fencer who has not yet spent some time at Bisham Abbey should not miss the next opportunity to do so, for a good time is had by all.

The attention of all fencers must also be directed to a new project called the Commonwealth Sports Fellowship which is being organised by some well-known sportsmen and patrons. The object is to produce a closer connection between the members of the Commonwealth, in the field of sport; and it will, in time, give many people much more experience in all sports. Professor Simmonds will be in charge of the fencing section and any fencer who wishes to become a member should apply to him for an application form—the annual subscription being 10/-.

All members of Wandsworth, and particularly the fencers amongst us, will be sorry to hear that Mr. Levy and Mr. Glasswell will not be with us next term. The School is particularly indebted to Mr. Levy, for it was he who was largely responsible for introducing fencing to our sports curriculum; moreover, it is due to him that there is now a London Schoolboys' Competition.

Mr. Glasswell, too, will be greatly missed, for, as an épéeist of international calibre, his expert advice has been of great help to many of us. However, as he is joining St. Paul's, we hope to meet him from time to time and demonstrate that Wandsworth fencers continue to give a good account of themselves.

Finally, there is news of success in the National Schoolboys' Championships, held at Weston-super-Mare on May 26th. For the second year in succession a Wandsworth fencer has won the junior section. Congratulations to Laurence Eden for a most convincing and gratifying victory. Brian Waddelow must also be congratulated for having fenced very well throughout the competition and obtaining fourth place.

Results :

12th May, v. Westminster:
First teams won by 14 bouts to 13.
Second foil team won by 5 bouts to 4.
Third foil team won by 5 bouts to 4.

17th May, v. Eton College:
First teams won by 18 bouts to 9.
Second foil team won by 9 bouts to 0.

23rd May, v. St. Paul's:
First teams lost by 15 bouts to 12.
Second foil team won by 8 bouts to 1.
Third foil team lost by 5 bouts to 4.

30th May, v. R.M.A. Sandhurst:
First teams lost by 11 bouts to 7.

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

BADMINTON



A large number of beginners seem to think that badminton is a very easy game to pick up and that it entails no great expenditure of energy. This is far from true. It is a fact that it is fairly easy to go on to a court and hit a shuttle back and forth across the net, although, as the flight of a shuttle is different from that of a ball, some people find it difficult to hit "the bird" at all to begin with. A bad game of badminton is one of the least inspiring sports, but when it is played well it is one of the very finest, calling for a high standard of physical fitness, quickness of eye, foot and anticipation. In badminton, as in all sports—indeed, as in life itself—success cannot be achieved without work; it may be hard work too, but it will be good fun as well—of that you may be sure. Match badminton certainly demands 100% physical fitness, but to the average player the game will provide an excellent means of keeping fit, as well as many pleasant hours well spent.

During the Easter Holidays the School entered five boys in the London Schools Badminton Championship, four boys in the senior section and R. Colman in the junior. This was the first time that a competition of this nature has been held and the School got off to a good start.

In the singles the draw was against us as all our boys were in the lower half except D. DUNGEY, who easily won his first round but was then beaten in the second. D. LLOYD played well, showing us his favourite smash down-wards, but after a hard game in the third round he was eliminated. C. AZIZ played very confidently, and won his first two rounds very convincingly, only to meet S. DEAN, the School captain, in the third round. Thus the bad draw eliminated one of our best hopes. S. Dean, as expected, played scintillating badminton, to reach the third round, then came the battle of wits, experience and speed against C. Aziz, a gruelling game lasting forty-five minutes and going to three sets.

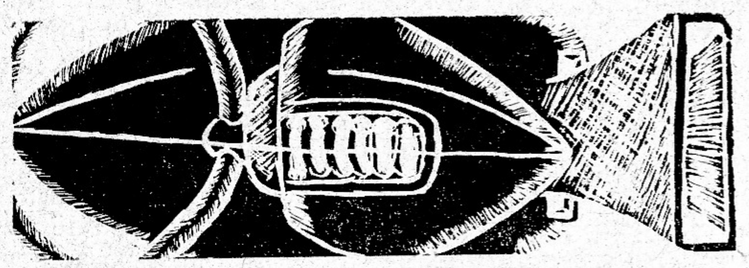
Then S. Dean was once again unlucky, being drawn against the eventual winner of the competition. As this game was played almost directly after his previous game, he had lost much of his speed, but still demonstrated his excellent touch play, which was not quite enough, however, against such a fast mover as his opponent. There is no need to elaborate R. COLMAN'S standard of play. He has been a Surrey Junior Finalist on the last two occasions, and won his events, both singles and doubles, with great ease.

In the senior doubles S. DEAN AND C. AZIZ played above themselves to reach the semi-finals, where they were beaten by the eventual winners. We entered the mixed doubles, partnered by girls from Mayfield. C. AZIZ AND MISS J. PARRY were the only pair to distinguish themselves, reaching the semi-finals, where they were beaten by the winners.

S. DEAN, U6Sc, Ca.

I would like to thank Miss Martin of the catering staff for supplying the refreshments; and to congratulate the School captain (S. Dean) for his faithful service to the Club and School team, and wish him the very best of luck in the outside world.—R.E.M.

RUGBY



1st XV Portraits

S. ENGLAND *(Captain)*. A good, solid, dependable full back. Halfway through the season he changed to a fast running centre three-quarter with plenty of punch. Excellent place kicker.

R. ALDER. Fast attacking wing forward. Capable in defence. Very useful as a wing three-quarter when called upon.

P. DUTCH. Wing forward. The terror of the fly-half. Can be found anywhere on the field, but always in the right place.

D. FLINT. Second row forward. Solid "heads down, let's go" type of forward. Plenty of work here.

A. KNIGHT. Second row forward. A quiet tower of strength. Says very little but adds a great deal to the pack.

A. HASSON. Prop forward. A "junior" giant. Young and yet quite fearless. Capable of jumping high in the line out when others are flagging.

C. FLETCHER. Prop forward. Another young giant. Enjoys loose scrummaging to the obvious advantage of the pack.

P. LARKIN. Number eight forward. Combines weight with speed. Both qualities bringing the unexpected try when most needed.

I. NEWMAN. Hardworking in the tight and loose. A capable hooker.

M. KELLY. A late comer to the 1st XV. Speed in striking very useful in the tight.

N. HILLYARD. Second row. A tall line-out forward, keen in the loose scrum. A loss to the side in the second half of the season when he moved out of the district.

B. SANDFORD. Scrum half. Hard working and seems to enjoy taking plenty of punishment. Feeds the three-quarters all the time and yet knows when to break through on his own. A most competent secretary.

I. EVANS. Fly-half. Converted from wing three-quarter. Nippy, able to break away very quickly. Good link with three-quarters.

M. BLAND. Fly-half. Good orthodox player. Fast running. Feeds the ball out to the three-quarters whenever possible.

E. MULLER. Three-quarter. Prima Donna of the side. Extremely fast, with a good Rugby intelligence. Capable of seizing an opportunity to turn, burst and break which usually ends in a score. Can drop kick also!

T. SMITH. Centre three-quarter. Late comer to the 1st XV. owing to illness. Hard running and penetrating. Combines well with the three-quarters.

K. BROWN. Wing three-quarter. Strong and hard running. Very useful when given a loose ball.

M. FLOWER. Wing three-quarter. Good orthodox player. Fast, with a good pair of hands.

K. BLAKE. Full back. Promoted from 2nd XV. Very capable. Has a good pair of hands and is very fast off the mark. Combines well with the three-quarters.

B. V. SANDFORD, U6Sc, Pa.

Colts XV

As another season closes we must look back and see where and why mistakes were made. This last season has been moderately successful compared with other years. On the whole the Colts lost more matches than they should have done, but perhaps this was due to lack of attendance and the many injuries that were caused.

The season began fairly well, but the worst period was after Christmas, when several boys could not play, due to smallpox injections. We lost several matches, but soon regained our form. The biggest shock of the season came when we were defeated by Tulse Hill. The Colts played with thirteen men due to two absentees, then early in the second half, R. G. Poppelsdorff sustained a broken collar bone in a tackle. Reduced to twelve men, the Colts could not hold off our opponents.

Our successes this season are due to teamwork. Our pack fights hard in every match and A. Boyd has really shone this season as a great worker, but he had the support of really strong lads like T. Rowland, A. K. Nash and P. Smithson. D. Marshall has also played well and we must congratulate him for playing for the 1st XV against the Old Wandsworthians. In the half back line G. R. Shaw and M. G.

Coward have played as well as ever and they both have the advantage of tremendous speed. The three-quarter line, which has been changed around a lot this season, depends mainly on the speed of A. R. Bookless and R. Perrin. The whole team shone in the match against Purley which we won by a try in the final minutes. Purley have probably the strongest Colts XV in London and yet have never beaten us.

Some of the credit is due to Mr. Timothy who has supervised our training for the past four years. If you heard him shouting on the touchline during a match, you might even think he was Welsh!

J. HART, 4Gh.

Under 14 XV

Without a doubt last season's Under 14's was one of the most successful sides ever fielded by the School. The record reads:

Played 20, Won 18, Drawn 1, Lost 1, Points For, 432, Against, 65.

The main reason for success was the fact that we played as a team and not as a bunch of individuals. The pack was the main source of power and with the fine hooking of M. Harper, we rarely failed to obtain the ball from the tight.

The backs ran straight and well and scored many tries, R. Bull, A. Foley and M. Ferne being outstanding.

Next season we hope to do as well again, but will undoubtedly find the games harder and keener.

The following boys played last season:

M. Regan, M. Ferne, A. Foley, A. Newman, W. Goodfellow, E. Watts, J. Bone, M. Cole, R. Bull, D. Rose, G. Hedges, E. Neild, W. Cotter, C. Conti, B. Fielder, J. Smith, M. Hutton, M. Harper, R. Barker, A. Russell and A. Burton.

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

SAILING AND CANOEING CLUB

Despite the fact that the Sailing Club was late in starting this term it looks as though this disappointment will be made up with the regattas which I believe we will be entering. There will be no results available at the time of going to press but all the results will appear in next term's *Link*. The first regatta in which we are taking part is at Cheshunt, in which our Heron, Trefoil and a Cadet, in addition to canoes, will compete.

The club boats are now ready, including the new Heron and the four Gremlins. The four new canoes have not yet been completed as there has been a shortage of time on which to work on them. Many thanks should be extended to those who have helped repair and build the boats, especially to those who are not connected with the club in any way, as they have put in a lot of time on a project from which they will gain no personal reward.

With the coming regatta it will now be necessary for the keen members to begin to concentrate on learning some racing tactics, if possible in one particular boat so that they are available to race that boat at any time. Not only racing tactics should be learnt but a few of the basic rules of the many and complicated rules of racing.

As there is no more news to pass on at present I will end by wishing the boats' crews who will represent the School in the racing team the very best of luck and many wins in the future.

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

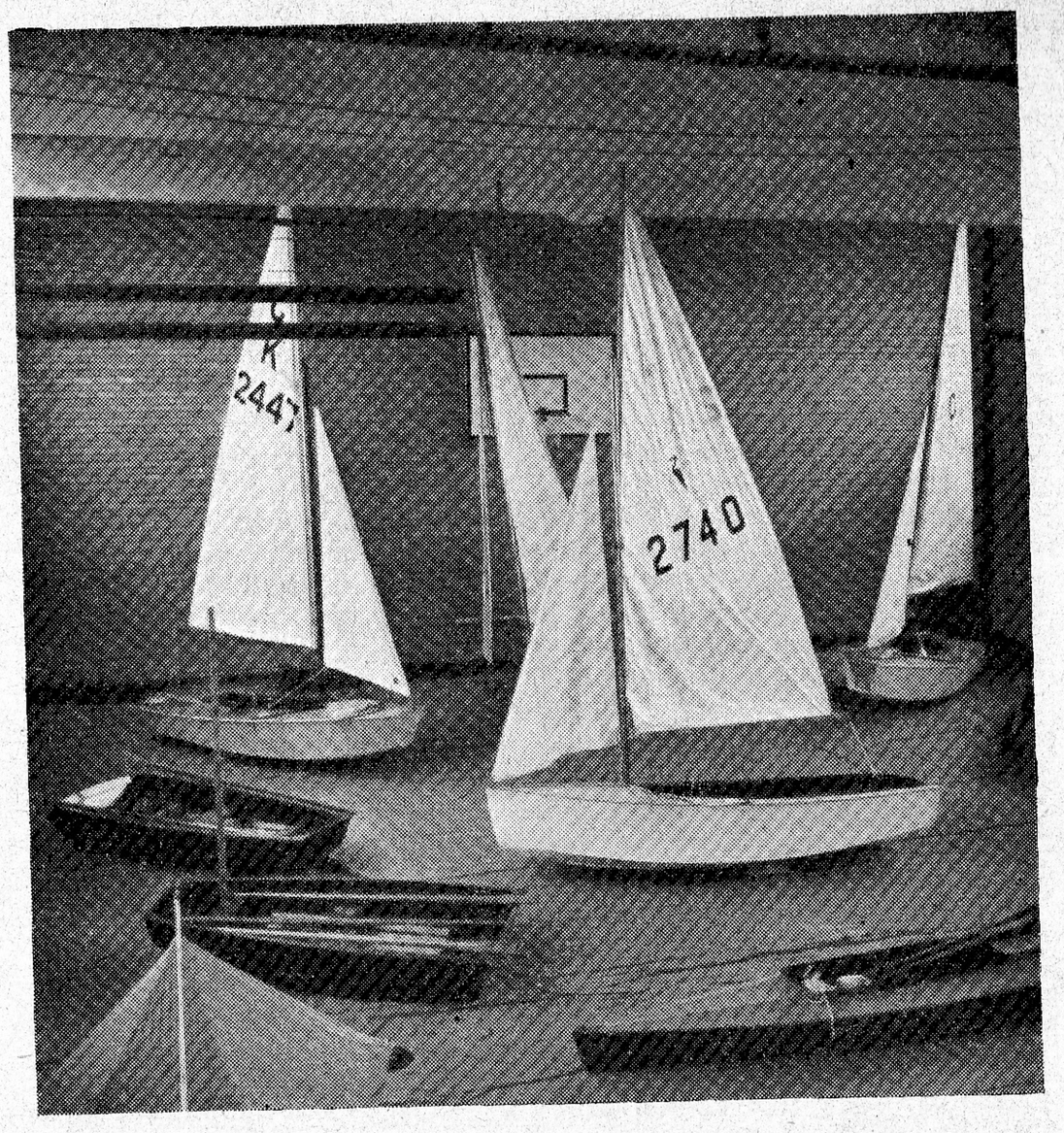


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THE SCHOOL FLEET

On show at the Open Air Exhibition at the Eisteddfod.

SOCCER SURVEY

This season the School has shown great promise in its younger teams although, as yet, the older teams have not been playing together for long enough to produce really good results. Even so they have done well enough to hold, and even beat, such strong oppostion as the Quintin and Christopher Wren schools. The three junior teams won most of their matches and showed that very soon the School could expect to be amongst the best footballing sides in London.

First XI

The first eleven this season did quite a lot better than their predecessors, who numbered amongst them such formidable players as J. Waterhouse and D. J. Morrison, whose trophy, the Morrison Cup, was again won by Cromwell House in a knockout competition. Towards the end of the season the first team faded due to the loss of their best defenders to the outside world. But, in the last game in which they had a full team, the School beat Henry Compton school convincingly by five goals to one. Right back Farrell (Pitt D), playing in his last game, scored two of the goals and nearly gained a hat-trick. Just to prove to any doubters that the School can play football, they beat a combined Rugby and Athletics eleven by six goals to one. Top scorers of the season were D. J. Guy, with fourteen goals, and E. Kaley and C. Marshall, both with five goals. Other players that should be mentioned are numerous but one must comment on the defending ability of the captain, M. J. Byers, Gh, B. Hopkins, U6th, Ch, and M. Bender (Pitt). Other faithful players include T. Farebrother, U6, Gg.

Second XI

The second eleven has had mixed successes this season. They started the season with Farebrother as their captain but he was soon promoted to the first eleven, whilst D. J. Jones was made captain in his place. With the strong wingers T. M. McNelly and W. S. Chandler, both fifth formers, they soon started to win some of their games. The two wingers ended the season top scorers with centre forward J. Crane. Many of their players did well enough to join the first eleven, and amongst those who did, two of the greatest successes were J. D. Sandiford, and R. Margrave, Gibbon F.

Amongst the most promising players in the second eleven were their inside forward schemer V. Harris, and his halfback colleague J. Pool. Although both are only fifth formers they played strong football but kept out of the limelight.

The 1st and 2nd elevens have both been the direct responsibility of Mr. E. Tomlinson, and he is to be congratulated on their improved standard of play.

D. J. Guy, U6Sc, Pc.

Under 15 XI

This eleven, under the leadership of C. Coast, had a fairly successful season, eventually just managing to win more games than were lost. It was a season of excitements and disappointments; we beat other teams with good records; but unfortunately lost to teams where we expected to win.

There were few major team changes. R. J. Lock, in goal, A. B. Thompson, S. A. Sharp, P. Ohler and K. Somers in defence all played well and appeared in most games. The forward line of M. J. Dower, M. S. Mantell, C. Coast, A. J. Fleming and A. J. Hart, so unlucky in scoring in some matches, showed good understanding of each other's play.

The team as a whole played very well together, and this success may be attributed largely to the help and encouragement of Mr. I. W. Dukes, who since September last has been entirely responsible for this eleven.

Under 14 XI

Under the leadership of R. J. Russell, this eleven has had another good year. The team is undoubtedly strongest in defence: there were regular appearances from K. Kingsley-Thomas, N. D. Bell, R. J. Maloney, and L. K. Munden, who together with centre-half Russell provided a rock-like obstacle to visiting forwards. Our own forward line suffered some changes, but L. Barrett, who has lost none of the promise which he revealed in his first season, has held a regular place in the outside right position. Other notable forwards were M. B. Petitt at inside right, and B. M. White, a hard-working centre-forward.

The team owes much to the continued advice and support of Mr. F. Holmes, who has remained largely responsible for this eleven.

Under 13 XI

Of our five School teams, it is this eleven which has enjoyed the greatest success of all. Last season's record reads as follows: Played 17, Won 15, Lost 2.

The team's strength lies principally in its attacking forward line led by A. J. K. Pooley, a tireless, foraging centre-forward and proliferous goal-scorer, ably supported by a strong left-wing pair of K. R. Winnett and J. B. Grover.

One of the team's outstanding players has been V. Bragg, the captain, an artist of exceptional skill and talent, with that essential ability, through control and distribution of the ball, to turn defence into attack. Behind the defence, R. Brereton has been formidable in goal. To the despair of many a visiting forward, his positioning and anticipation have been of a high order, and he has given goalkeeping displays of a professional standard.

This eleven has been under the direction of Mr. A. J. Smetham, who is looking forward to continued successes next season.

A Word of Thanks

I would like to express my appreciation of all those members of staff who have assisted me throughout the year by freely giving up Saturday mornings in the interests of the boys' football: firstly, the referees—Messrs. F. Holmes, I. Dukes, E. Tomlinson and W. Barnes; they never failed to turn out, sometimes despite the most atrocious conditions: secondly, Messrs. R. J. Garwood and K. G. Humphreys, who on more than one occasion accompanied our boys on away fixtures. It is their help and co-operation which have made possible the successes outlined above.

A.J.S.

RUGBY FIVES

For the second year in succession the School team has won the Marchant Cup, which is a competition for London Schools. The team was: C. Fogg (Capt), D Flint, R. Alder and T. Davies. All four were awarded colours.

The results were as follows:

Played 14, Won 14, Lost 0, Drawn 0, Points 56.

In addition to these matches the School team played several "friendlies," and fared very well losing only one match, to the Clove Club.

Results:

Christ's College	(H)	Won	11—1
Christ's College	(A)	Won	9—1
O. Wandsworthians	(H)	Won	8—0
O. Thorntonians	(H)	Won	6—2
Clove Club	(H)	Lost	3—5
			37—9

Next year's probable team, consisting of T. Davies, R. Matthews, P. Fogg and C. Brightley, recently played a fixture against Henry Thornton School and, despite the unfamiliar courts, won convincingly, 114 pts—54 pts.

A competition between 2nd year forms arranged jointly by Mr. Finbow and Mr. Smerdon was keenly contested, and in a close final 2 Nu defeated 2 Theta 11—8, 11—9. The teams were: 2 Nu—D. Rainier and R. Jackson. 2 Theta—G. Richardson and M. B. M. Dunnett. The winners were presented with a new shield.

There is still a great shortage of fives players among the present 3rd and 4th forms and boys from these forms especially, and others, are invited to contact either myself or Mr. Finbow and practice days will be arranged. It is most important that boys in these forms begin playing now in order to maintain the School's Fives tradition in years to come.

Once again the team would like to thank Mr. Finbow and Mr. Smerdon for their continued interest and support.

T. DAVIES, L6Sc, Cc.

TABLE-TENNIS

The club has been functioning as usual, except for a slight lapse this term due to the G.C.E. examinations. Even then there has been a steady turn up from the lower forms all through the term.

For the first time this year individual and doubles championships are being held and are due to be played off by the end of the term. This is my last year at school and as captain and I would like to thank everyone who participated in making the club a success. Special thanks to Miss Martin for providing us such lovely teas; and last but not least to the club members and the School teams for being loyal to the School and myself.

C. AZIZ, U6Sc, Ca, *Captain.*

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Those of you who were able to attend the Tutorial "At Home" and the Parents' Association A.G.M. on the 25th May will have seen the remarkable sailing craft that the boys of the Sailing Club had constructed from the kit of parts that the parents had subscribed to. It is one thing to read perpetually about sums of money provided to this or that School Activity by the Parents' Association, but quite another to actually see the fruits of our endeavours in this way. The degree of skill exercised both in the craftsmanship and the supervision appeared really first-class, and these are well-finished craft that, I am quite certain, would bring credit to a professional boat-builder. This is indeed tangible evidence of the very good use to which our financial gestures are put. It is especially gratifying to see for ourselves yet another example of the high standard of workmanship that the School always tries to foster; particularly in these days when general standards of finish in the country seem to have come in for such adverse criticism.

On the same occasion we had the pleasure of listening to a really accomplished musical recital by several of the boys, which nicely rounded off the rather serious evening.

H. G. KIRALFY, *Hon. Secretary.*

OLD BOYS' NOTES

Rugby Club

Such has been the marked success of the Rugby Club during the 1961-62 season now ended, that a full account of this by their own pen appears separately in this issue. The record of the 1st XV is particularly noteworthy and all readers of the *Link* will undoubtedly take pride in its achievements.

Rugby Netball Club

The close of the Rugby season marks the beginning of the Rugby Netball activities which provide the opportunity for devotees of the winter game to keep in trim until the leaves begin to turn russet once again. Old Boys' teams are competing again this summer in the local league which holds its games on Clapham Common on weekday evenings. It is still a little early for results to filter through at the time of going to press, but win or lose, the O.W.'s intend to enjoy their sport with customary enthusiasm.

Cricket Club

Although still not perfect, the cricket square at Claygate shows continued improvement and is now better than at any previous time. The outfield too is beginning to look as it should do, and with the field in such shape the Club is anticipating better play and more enjoyable matches this summer. At the time of writing these Notes, two wins and one loss with less than full-strength resources bode well for the future. The Club is ever anxious to recruit cricket talent, and any Old Boy wishing to join them in their splendid surroundings will be warmly welcomed: ENQUIRIES, please, to P. L. EASTWOOD, 29, Earlsfield Road, S.W.18.

Summer Fête, July 14th

The Annual Fête in aid of the Memorial Ground will be held on this date at the School and once again we hope for a bumper turn-out both as regards helpers to erect and man the various stalls, and attenders to spend as freely as possible on the day. The strongest possible support is still required for this event because a development programme has now become inseparable from our Claygate commitments already existing, for fuller details of which please see below.

O.W.R.F.C. Motor Rally

By the time this *Link* appears yet another Motor Rally will have been held (July 8th), the winners decided upon, the losers commiserated with, and several more dangerous vehicles removed from the highways of Britain. Chris Munton is hoping to repeat his undoubted successes in this field in the past, and the deal of organising which he cheerfully performs will surely be reflected in the enjoyment of the competitors in this eagerly-awaited event.

A word about the position at Claygate

Certain misconceptions exist concerning the position of the Memorial Ground at Claygate and the finances connected therewith, and in order to make these generally known the following appraisal is given:—

(a) The sportsground is subject to a mortgage with the Rugby Football Union, on which the amount of £2,500 still outstands.

(b) Annual reductions of this mortgage to the extent of £250 exclusive of interest have to be found.

(c) Local rates on the property come to approximately £200 per annum.

(d) A contractual obligation to the Electricity Board, of £150 per annum, has to be met in connection with the mains supply of current.

(e) The above items amounting to £600 per annum would have to be paid, even if no use were made of the ground; and in addition to these fixed overheads there are constant outgoings in respect of cultivating tools, machines, fertilisers and seed, amongst many others.

(f) The existing pavilion is, of course, only a temporary structure as also are the storage shed and garage, and the period for which the necessary planning permissions were granted for their erection is now expiring. This means that the local authority will expect our buildings to be replaced by permanent structures in the near future, and an O.W. Planning Committee is already at grips with the task of drawing up development programmes, planning the new clubhouse to be built in stages, and evolving working-plans for brick-built storage shed and garage.

(g) The Fund-Raising Section operates an all-the-year-round scheme for the gathering in of the wherewithal to keep things going, and this embraces such efforts as Derby and Christmas Draws, Football and Cricket Sweeps, as well as proceeds from various social functions arranged from time to time.

(h) It will be seen, therefore, that the need for funds is not abating with the passage of time, but will be a constant and indeed ever-growing factor in the continued existence of the ground.

It will also be seen that through their fund-raising activities as well as their technical planning and labouring work the Old Boys are aware of their task and anxious to shoulder the burdens. With self-sufficiency their ultimate aim, they are yet dependent on the financial assistance which other limbs of the "Wandsworthian" body can afford them, and are ever conscious of and grateful for this.

D.C.F.