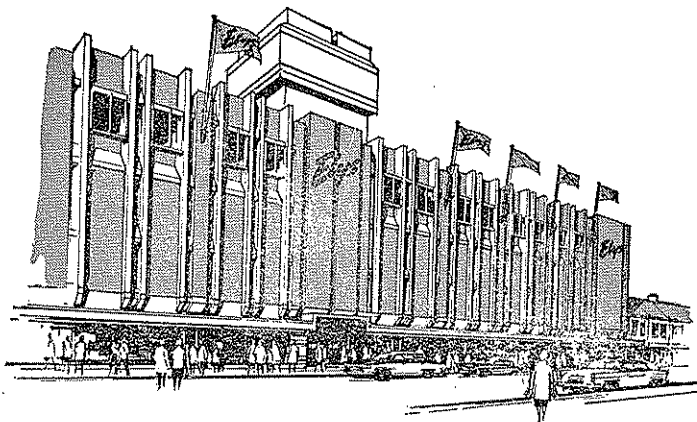


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EDITORIAL

The last issue of the *Spur* was the first to have appeared devoid of the traditional Raynes Park blue. Whatever light this might cast on the modern significance of this form of tradition, one thing it does show is that however disputable the merits, everything will change.

Nowadays, progress and change are much swifter: where it took thousands of years to develop the wheel, in just sixty we are already able to fly within our own planet's atmosphere, and are now venturing beyond this. Similar to this acceleration in the modern world is the more rapid variation found today in popular fashions, so much so that there are changes even from year to year. The *Spur's* last cover, presuming that it was designed in the current idiom of 1954, lasted ten years, but, although the present one is similarly appropriate to 1964, there is no doubt that through the acceleration of the change in fashions even over the last ten years—or through the waning influence of tradition—there will be a change before 1974.

One of the most appropriate ways of examining the course of progress is to see what has changed in the school during the past seven years since I first became a pupil here. The construction of the new building during my first year saw practically complete reshaping, but how much has changed inside? Of the atmosphere, nothing has changed. That tradition is not as powerful as it was is shown in the modification of the Garden

Party and in the abandoning of the bright metal cap badge of which I was so proud on my first day. Both these have yielded to modern circumstance but this was not the deliberate rejection of tradition, and neither is the Spur's modernisation. It is with modernisation alone in mind that the cover has been reformed, and that we have attempted to discard such useless anachronisms as Roman numerals. Even so, tradition has been overthrown by this change.

There is always opposition to change. I myself regret the loss of that distinguished metal cap badge, just as others will miss the school's colour on the cover of the magazine. Admittedly, sometimes some good is lost in a change, along with the outdated and the outworn, but tradition should not be defended as it so often is by protesting: "Is nothing sacred?"

Even if anything is sacred, does change, progress, modernisation necessarily desecrate it?

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

We part regretfully this summer with Mrs. M. J. Monroe, who for the past seven years has spent most of the week with us and very briskly and enjoyably carried even the unwilling forward in their French—and occasionally other subjects too. She has always been ready to give the little extra trouble that makes the difference, in and out of school time, and has spurred into similar effort some previously sluggish pupils. She will henceforward be teaching girls, full time, at Rosebery—not far away; we shall be disappointed if we do not see her as a visitor.

Mr. G. D. Hollom also leaves us, after three years, for a higher English post at Strode's School; we shall miss not only his scholarship, but also his help with the orchestra and in getting established the school paper-back bookshop. We wish him cordially well in his new school.

Miss A. D. Edwards, though her stay has been only two terms, has also made her mark and won esteem from her classes; we were fortunate to find her help in History, particularly for the Economics Sixth, at a crucial time, and are sorry that there is no permanent vacancy which we could ask her to take.

The cut in our "establishment," previously referred to, means that no full-time staff can be recruited in place of the above. The difficulty is worst in English and in History, but we have also to give up the idea of allowing another group to begin German, and the Greek for those joining the Sixth is inadequate. However, partly to bridge the gaps left by those leaving, we are fortunate in finding Mrs. M. J. Williams, who has taught for two years in Surrey since taking her degree in History and Education Diploma at Nottingham University; she will be working with us for four days a week by the time these notes appear and we hope she enjoys our company and will long remain with us.

To the list of Governors given in the last 'Spur' we can now add the

name of Professor D. B. Fry, whom we welcome as the nominee of London University to the Governing Body.

Among the Old Boys who have distinguished themselves at universities this summer, congratulations are due particularly to R. G. Miles who gained a First at Hull, to P. C. Dishart on a First at Sussex, to A. J. Rose and S. J. Mawer who not only gained Firsts at Cambridge in Part 1 and in Prelims, but also have been elected respectively a Scholar of King's and an Exhibitioner of Gonville and Caius College, and to S. J. Butler on the award of an Exhibition at Nottingham University for his work in Part 1 of the Honours course in Physics.

Not the least of our debts recently has been to the caretaker, Mr. de Bruin, and his wife; from January to July we have been without cleaners, and between them they have had to cope with the whole of our buildings. It is a remarkable feat that they have kept us so presentable, all the more so since the operations on the flyover outside have often been dirty as well as noisy. We have at last some part-time cleaners and hope the caretaking will be less burdensome. Boys are too ready to assume that someone else will tidy up after them, and ought to be grateful to the de Bruins.

T.H.P.

OBERON

Fifteen or more years ago I first saw Oberon, as an area of half neglected allotments. Even so, with the depressing foreground of piles of land-drains which the food-growers had dug up, it was attractive, not least for the possession of a pavilion some ten times more expensive than any County School could have acquired for itself. But it has had bad luck, at various stages. It was levelled and sown in a very dry summer; half the grass seed grew, the rest succumbed to plantains. We had to persuade the authorities, first that we needed the square towards the small pavilion, which had been left to the allotmenters, then that a bank, which formerly made a sharp break some forty yards in front of the pavilion, ought to be levelled. Both were done in unlucky seasons, and grass was rough and sparse upon them. So for years what seemed, from our enviable verandah, an equally enviable ground, was a poor piece of turf when one stood on it and looked down on the surface. By everyone's agreement it is now vastly improved, not only on the actual pitches but in the healthy green mat of the outfield. That it is so is thanks to the skill, enthusiasm, and readiness to work whenever needed of the resident groundsman, Mr. John Warner. Those who have played cricket there over the seasons appreciate a game which for safety as well as enjoyment is transformed from that possible there in early days. The bottom ditch is redug and the draining improved; there is no longer undergrowth by the footpath side in which to lose cricket balls. We are all grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Warner for what they have done to bring a poorish ground up to its present standard. We ought also to be grateful to Surrey, and now to Merton, for maintaining us in our exceptionally pleasant place.

T.H.P.

COCK HOUSE PLACINGS 1964-65

	Cobbs	Gibbs	Halliwells	Miltons	Newsoms
Rugby	2	6	0	2	10
Hockey	4½	4½	1	10	0
Cricket	1	6	0	3	10
Cross-Country	3	10	0	1	6
Athletics	1	6	3	0	10
Swimming	6	10	3	0	1
Tennis	7	2½	0	2½	2½
Basketball	7	4	½	0	2
Gymnastics	7	2	4	½	0
Chess	0	7	4	½	2
Debating	0	7	2	4	½
Dramatics	5½	½	5½	0	2
Music	2	7	4	½	0
Total	46	72½	27	23½	45½
	2nd	1st	4th	5th	3rd

Cock House Cup: Gibbs.

Eric Parker Cup: R. P. L. Ribolla.

HOUSE NOTES

COBBS

House Captain: D. E. Heaton.

House Prefects: C. Q. Colombo, I. C. F. Culpin, L. Hammond, K. G. Jones, J. G. McCubbin, R. J. Nelson, K. Phillips, P. Roderick.

This school year has ended with us in the unusual position of second in the Cock House Competition. In general the house members have pulled their weight, but quite often it was left to the Seniors to save the day in the different competitions.

The closeness of the athletics qualifying amongst the houses meant that the cup would be secured by the house with the outstanding individuals on Sports Day. We, however, were not so richly endowed with stars as the other houses and thus our fourth place resulted. Nelson, who captained the Athletics team, should be congratulated and with a few more Nelsons in the team I am sure the result would have been very different.

We were able to come only fourth in the Cricket Competition this term, owing to the lack of cricketing ability lower down in the house. The Seniors, however, won three of their four matches, defeating a strong Newsoms side, but losing to Gibbs. Roderick set the team a fine example,

and Colombo and Tickner often saved the day with excellent batting performances.

The Music Competition, in its reduced state, was from the house position quite an achievement. Third position for a house not too musically minded, can be called, I think, the success of the term.

A firm effort in the Swimming Gala, at the beginning of the term, turned the low position resulting from the average qualifying points into a high second place. English and Culpin must be thanked for the hard work they put into this competition.

Although Tennis is not completed, we are assured of first place, but whether or not we share it with Gibbs has yet to be decided.

It can be seen from this year's results that talent within the school is more evenly distributed. In this light, a more strenuous effort will be needed in the future to regain the position of previous years. Best of Luck!

D. Heaton.

To Heaton and Roderick, and all those Seniors now leaving, who have given such excellent service, our grateful thanks are due.

G.J.A.

GIBBS

Joint House Chairmen : C. A. Fulbrook, B. J. Rance.

Committee : D. Castling, G. A. Kiddell, I. A. Lane, D. R. Lindsey, B. G. Pearce, B. L. Preece, M. J. Ridler, B. J. L. Saxby, L. C. Williams, B. A. Woodall.

Our combined efforts in qualifying secured us the Swimming Cup. It became evident on the night how vital qualifying is, for we won the actual Gala by a mere five points. Thus it was because of our pre-Gala efforts that we won the competition by a clear margin for which our members can feel justly proud.

If the majority had followed the example of the few by expending a little more of their precious energy on the athletics field before the actual Sports Day we would not have had to be content with second place. It can be seen from this that the importance of qualifying cannot be over emphasised. Perhaps the house will in future respond to the Captain's polite requests with the appropriate actions!

The enthusiasm shown by Boxall, the Junior Cricket Captain in arranging regular net practices for his team proved extremely rewarding. Although expected to gain at the best, fourth position, they were defeated only by Newsoms. However, our Colts proved to be even more successful and won all their matches, whereas the Seniors managed only to break even.

This year our musical talents were sufficient to crush all opposition

in every section of the competition. We owe our congratulations to the Captain, L. C. Williams, and all his performers for their sterling efforts.

As tennis is very much an individual sport, one cannot grumble at any position, but we congratulate our players upon obtaining a good position.

Our surprising but deserving wins in Chess, Debating and Cross-country together with Music and Swimming backed up by good positions in the majority of the remaining competitions have resulted in our regaining the Cock House Cup.

Although we would normally not admit it, much of Gibbs' success this year should, as usual, be credited to its Masters, who have devoted a great deal of time and energy to the running of the house.

B. J. Rance, C. A. Fulbrook.

HALLIWELLS

House Captain : N. D. Catton.

House Prefects : D. Andrews, R. W. Higgs, L. F. Humphrey, M. J. Huxley, G. R. Lake, P. Mottershead, R. M. Page, M. J. Stone.

Since I am writing these notes in the absence of our House Captain, Catton, a good opportunity presents itself to congratulate him and thank him for the fine job he did in leading the house, always a difficult task in the second year sixth with examinations a pressing worry.

The summer term has for Halliwells been a mixed one. Our best position was in the Music Competition, where after frenzied eleventh hour activities, we achieved second place. Credit must be given to those people in the house who gallantly responded to calls of help for choir members, and on the day, the choir was probably the best we have mustered in recent competitions.

We filled bottom place in both cricket and tennis. Our house seems singularly lacking in outstanding individuals, and in these particular events no amount of determined play could quite match the skill apparent in other house teams. Despite this, in the senior cricket, our two regular school players, Emerick and Vincent, could always be relied on, and Huxley could likewise be counted on to provide light relief, essential in diverting the team from despondency.

In such sports as athletics and swimming, where a genuine effort by the whole house can mean the difference between success and failure, we fared better, occupying third place in each. This has in both cases been due largely to the substantial weight of qualifying points behind the actual competitors.

Among the prefects who put a great deal of work into running the house, special mention must be made of R. M. Page, who succeeded in providing cricket and tennis teams when required, no mean feat. The fate

of those teams is in no way a reflection on his ability as a captain, or on his personal skill in the games.

I mentioned earlier our relative lack of outstanding individuals. This is no excuse for the fourth position we finally occupied in the Cock House Competition. Every member of the house must be aware of this fact, and realise that in sports where points may be gained by qualifying, his own personal contribution is of the utmost importance. It is no good shifting the burden to someone else, begging a lack of ability as an excuse. It is perseverance and greater effort by every person in the house that will elevate us from the depths that we have been inhabiting recently.

P. Mottershead.

MILTONS

House Captain : I. M. Alexander.

House Prefects : M. A. Coppen, P. F. Dodds, C. G. Jennings, P. K. King, P. H. Marsh, A. S. Pollak, C. R. Shoebridge, P. Standish.

Once again, I am afraid to say Miltons have fared very badly, and have finished the year occupying a miserable bottom position in the Cock House competition. Whether this is due to the leaders or to an ingrained apathy in the House I cannot say, though I think it is more of the latter.

We started the term having won the Hockey Cup and looked strong in Cricket. However, having beaten Gibbs and Halliwells, the Seniors went on to lose to Cobbs and Newsoms. This meant that we came third in the Cricket Cup.

Swimming was the usual, perennial failure. Although we did better than expected in qualifying, we still have not the swimmers to do well in the actual Gala. Athletics suffered the same fate, and in Music we only managed to climb one place higher.

So, it is obvious, that Miltons have sunk to what must be recognised as an "all-time low." I only hope that next year there is more House spirit and that the House Captain, who ever he is, gains more response. Good luck to him and the House. Let the House see whether it can next year make a real come-back in the Cock House Competition.

I. M. Alexander.

NEWSOMS

House Captain : R. P. L. Ribolla.

House Prefects : D. C. Bryant, N. R. Corke, P. J. Gorton, N. A. Hall, A. P. Howard, R. Hutchings, P. E. Shrubbs.

We received a bitter blow to our Cock House campaign, when, at the end of last term, Crowe decided to leave the school. He will always be

remembered for his efforts in music, tennis and hockey, and we wish him every success in the future.

We opened the new term rather disappointingly by coming fourth overall in the Swimming Competition, despite our being second in the actual Gala. As I have said before, cups and competitions are not won on the day, but by accumulating qualifying points before the day. This is the keystone of success. In short, we failed because we had virtually no qualifying points to our credit prior to the Gala. I hope you have learned your lesson.

The Tennis Competition has still to be completed, but with two wins under our belt we seem assured of at least third place. A higher position will now depend upon the shortcomings of Gibbs or Cobbs rather than upon our own ability. Our thanks must go to Salter, who filled the breach as Tennis Captain extremely well in Crowe's absence.

Undoubtedly our most moving success this term has been the securing of the Athletics Cup. How much more confidence it gave us on the day to go into the finals at Motspur Park with the knowledge that we had more qualifying points than any other house! This really was a team event, and so I would not like to pick upon individual successes, but Shrubbs and Graham deserve special mention. They worked immensely hard, and without their efforts we would certainly not have won.

As we had held the Music Cup for three years, it was, perhaps, asking too much of Hollander to fill the gap left by Crowe at such short notice. Our failure in the competition was not through lack of effort, and I really do have every confidence in the house choir to do well next year when time will be on their side.

Once again, Newsoms won the Cricket Cup with an unbeaten record in the Juniors under Parnham, while the Colts were second in their section, beaten only by Gibbs. Corke and his Senior team are to be congratulated on their three wins, thereby ensuring our retention of the Cup.

This is my last report, and so I leave with a heavy heart. We have had our successes and failures, but this year, the house has rekindled its old spirit and vitality, and when you are in this sort of mood, no other house can stop you; and so I wish you the very best of luck in the future and hope that next year Newsoms will be Cock House and not just miss the runners-up position.

R. P. L. Ribolla.

Without the inspiration of the fine qualities of leadership which R. P. L. Ribolla has shown he possesses, the creditable revival of Newsoms House this last school year would not have been possible. Constant in reviving flagging spirits, no one has done more for the house this year than he, and we may well be proud that he has proved a most acceptable and popular Head of School. His presence will be missed.

P. E. Shrubbs.

SCHOOL OCCASIONS

HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION

Judge: Miss M. M. Burke.

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| 1 Cobbs | "The Brig" by K. H. Brown. |
| Halliwell | "The Laboratory" by D. Campion. |
| 3 Newsoms | "Day of Atonement" by M. Wood. |
| 4 Gibbs | "Hewers of Coal" by Joe Corrie. |
| 5 Miltons | "The Dice" by Forbes Bramble. |

THE CONCERT

The sudden appearances, on and under my desk, of strange instruments ranging from French horns and tambourines to violins and bongo drums, although being merely the penalty of having a desk next to the Director of Music, did ensure my interest in the School Concert which was finally given on Tuesday, July 20th, at 7.45 p.m. If enjoyment is the standard by which one judges, then this concert was a success for the enjoyment of the performers with their smiling faces was exceeded only by that of the audience, a rare state of affairs at a school concert.

The choir, with its varied programme, contributed greatly to this general enjoyment. Everyone must be delighted to see the formation of this new concert choir, which shows every promise of living up to the standard set by its predecessor. There are, within the choir, several outstanding voices and the general impression of the choir in its many moods is already a good one. We wish Mr. Aldersea and the new choir every success.

The orchestra faced the most difficult task of the whole evening—"The Great Gate of Kiev" does, I suppose, have something in common with "Casey Jones"! The hard work and discipline of each member of the orchestra—in spite of numerous problems of rehearsal—was in evidence, much of this being due to their conductor, Mr. Brian Ayton, and to the assistance of Messrs. Kirby and Piper. The absence of Mawer was much regretted. Mr. Kirby, with his Septet, carried out a nearly impossible task, rendering efficiently and expertly George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Adrian Crowe, very active in the Septet, also gave a polished performance, which was a pleasure to listen to, of two solo pieces for guitar. He assures me that his guitar is the only "genuine flamenco guitar made in Wimbledon." Neville Ware remained undaunted by having to play in public on a violin with a new string and J. Tulett, with his clarinet dealt most ably with that "native of Rio" ("Carioca") and also with "Ol' Man River." L. C. Williams and Gibbs House Choir performed with accuracy and feeling, a madrigal by Dowland.

Much remains to be complimented or criticised but the programme speaks for itself. The school clearly, however, possesses considerable musical ability which, I hope, will be fostered and encouraged to the maximum.

A.D.E.

PROGRAMME

PART ONE

- 1 ORCHESTRA. March 'Folk Songs from Somerset'—Vaughan Williams
- 2 Guitar Solo. Rondo in C—Sor
ADRIAN CROWE
(on an instrument made by himself)
- 3 Violin Solo. Tempo di Minuetto—Pugnani arr. Kreisler
NEVILLE WARE
- 4 Madrigal. 'Come again, sweet days'—Dowland
LAWRENCE WILLIAMS
and
GIBBS HOUSE CHOIR

PART TWO

THE NEWLY FORMED CONCERT CHOIR

in a selection of items in a variety of styles and moods

interspersed with contributions from J. Tulett and clarinet, A. Crowe and guitar, Hawley (R. J.), Preece (B. L.), Williams (L. C.), Coppen (M. A.), Walker (N.) and others.

PART THREE

- 1 ORCHESTRA—"The Sleeping Princess" (Tchaikowsky)
 - 2 SEPTET—"Rhapsody in Blue" arranged by P. Kirby from Gershwin
(played by the Woodwind Class under Mr. Kirby)
 - 3 ORCHESTRA—"The Great Gate of Kiev" (Moussorgsky)
- NATIONAL ANTHEM

EXCURSIONS

OVERLAND TO GREECE

8TH APRIL TO 2ND MAY, 1965

At 6 a.m. in a state of suppressed emotion the Eleven first met and intertwined their knees in the narrowness of the hired mini-bus. They were destined during the next twenty-five days to suffer the pleasure of one another's company. The members of this exclusive club were (in alphabetical order) Messrs. Colman, Colombo, Coppen, Gilman, Hendry, Howard, Hutchings and Ridler, attended by Dr. Morgan, Mr. Horler and Mr. Johnston. None of the characters involved is fictitious.

So they all set off. Everyone was happy; jokes (however poor) were greeted with a burst of applause, even the two Antagonists were moderately friendly to each other. Over the Channel, things changed. After the jokes about driving on the wrong side passed away, it occurred to Dr. Morgan that he had received no reply from the Youth Hostel in Liège. That, as we

found out, was not surprising, seeing that there was no Youth Hostel in Liège. Accommodation was hastily arranged at a Maison des Jeunes conveniently sited in the back streets. The following day saw the Eleven driving in the general direction of Augsburg. Morale was lower; the bus was uncomfortable, the journey longer, and the conversation duller. The two Antagonists made little contribution to the general intellectual chatter. A specimen of their dialogue (three times daily, after meals) follows, for the reader's edification:

First Antagonist: 'Ere, Klumboe, washish?

Second Antagonist: Can you not speak properly?

First Antagonist: Torkshenshe! (When comprehended, it was too late to deliver any cutting repartee.)

Each meal was greeted with a deep snort from the first Antagonist, who, apparently, ate using his nose, a performance applauded heartily by the largest member of the party.

The third night was spent in Graz. The Yugoslav frontier guards were the next to meet the Eleven, who were warned not to crack jokes, not to smile or to smoke, but generally to look as unintelligent as possible, thus confirming the picture of decadent Westerners. This was accomplished with ease. A curious Yugoslav custom was also noted. Over their main highways stand bridges, harmless in themselves, but no roads are attached to the ends. The result is a monument shaped like a letter T. After a night in the comparative luxury of the Hotel Beograd, Belgrade ("Look, men, it's got hot water!"), and a day's journey over the remainder of Yugoslavia, the Eleven entered sunny Greece in the evening and pouring rain. Accommodation was hastily arranged at a little town called Vathylakkos (translation: Deep-pothole) which was aptly named, the mainstreet being a flood of muddy water. It was in rain again that they set off to Athens, the final objective, and, stopping only at Thermopylae to eat oranges, they reached the capital in a blaze of short-lived sunshine.

The magnificent brown stone of the Acropolis, so well preserved and turned to profit by the Athenians, stood out like a jewel on top of a golden crown. It was Athens. While the leader was finding out at which hotel we were staying, the exhibitionists of the party displayed themselves to the natives, who were airing themselves in chairs outside the cafés. At length after a prolonged crawl at a donkey's pace through Athenian traffic, Sophocles Street and the Hotel Maxim were located, and to the jingle of the coins in beggars' caps the Eleven disembarked, having travelled 2076 miles from the main gates at Raynes Park Grammar School. That very evening Athens night life was revealed from the top of the hill of Lykabettos to those gallant enough to climb the steps in the dark. The next seven days were spent in Athens and the neighbourhood, with the first antagonist displaying to the uncultured Athenians the true depth of English Aristocracy by wearing a pink tie, an indescribably elegant light green nylon shirt, jeans and dark green jumper (when necessary). Erudite lectures by Dr. Morgan and/or Mr. Johnston were delivered upon such

ancient landmarks as the Acropolis, the Keramikos (the Ancient Athenian graveyard), the Areopagus and the Agora and the Hotel Maxim, each lecturer adding or taking away from the other's wisdom. The Monastery at Daphni, Mount Hymettos, Aegina, the National Museum, Marathon, Cape Sounion, the Piraeus and last, but by no means least, Salamis, all were visited. Salamis is, of course, the site of the famous ancient naval battle; there also happens to be a top-secret modern naval base there, and the Eight who went happened to be carrying cameras. The result will be described in a separate article.

On the thirteenth day out, they said farewell to Athens, and travelled through the beautiful countryside towards Olympia. Here a trifling incident took place between the leader and the First Antagonist concerning the length of the latter's hair. The barber in Olympia gained an English customer. The party looked over the ruins of the first Olympic stadium at 8 a.m. in an effort to beat the formidable Chat Tours with their charabancs loaded with sightseers. It was raining. Ligourion, a delightful village with one street only, next bore the arrival of the foreigners. They, using that place as a base, climbed up a delightful incline called Palamede (999, 1045 or 1051 steps to the top, according to your authority) by the sea at Nafplion, and visited also Mycenae and Epidaurus, the site of the famous theatre. Mycenae was an ill-omened place; black clouds were passing over low in the sky; a howling wind blew over the mountainous terrain; the crows circled overhead, as if to show up the terrible murders which took place 3,500 years before. On Good Friday the Eleven left Ligourion, and, travelling via Corinth, reached a small village in Central Greece called Kyriaki, where the mayor and councillors greeted them enthusiastically—the first English people to have come to their village for a very long time! He led them to their place of rest, a peasant's lodging with all the simple comforts of Greek country life: a spring at the bottom of the hill, and candles for light. Having weathered a night there, the Eleven visited that place which the Ancients thought the centre of the earth, Delphi. There the Ten were guided round and shown everything relevant to the study of classics, and made to drink the water which inspired the poets, while Mr. Horler sought oblivion in solitude. A lot of time was spent later in trying to find the crossroads where Oedipus laid into his father Laius: these were, of course, non-existent. The last day in Greece was spent in Thessaloniki, which might, in normal conditions, have been a congenial place—but it was raining. So, having chosen the season after the earthquakes for a holiday, no-one returned with anything which might reasonably be called a sun-tan, but "it was an experience."

The journey back was hardly remarkable, except that friction was very much increased between the Antagonists, the Nine taking sides as they thought fit. Only once did the bus fall into a ditch, only once was it pushed out; both journeys were accident-free; in Athens alone there was a scrape with a Greek taxi. All the members of the party would wish to thank Dr. Morgan for making the trip possible and Mr. Johnston and Mr. Horler for 5,064 miles of accident-free driving.

M. A. Coppen.

ARRESTED FOR SPYING

It seemed the obvious thing to do! Here we were, seven of us from 6 Arts under the guidance of Mr. Johnston, on the island of Salamis, and there behind us was this rocky, but not too steep, hill, which obviously commanded a good view of the island and the straits between it and the mainland, the location of the famous sea battle in 480 B.C. Consequently after a delightful quayside meal, accompanied by the island dust-cart's rendering of "Colonel Bogey" on its horn, we set off up the hill. After five minutes' hard climbing we were at the top, but to our surprise the other side of the hill was cut off from us by barbed-wire and at the bottom was a naval base full of destroyers, supply ships and submarines. There was a notice forbidding in a variety of languages the taking of photographs, and at the top of an adjoining hill there was situated an imposing lookout post.

After a full ten minutes at the top of the hill in which we listened to Mr. Johnston's reading of the Blue Guide, studied the view (including the ships) with my telescope, and took photographs (I was the only one to take a picture of the naval base, being incited by the notice), we set off down the hill to the quayside to catch the boat to nearby Athens. As I had finished the film in my camera, I stayed at the top to unload it, and, just as I was starting down the hill, two sailors came out of the lookout post and started shouting at us. Not knowing quite what they wanted, I thought it would be best to carry on down the hill after the others as quickly as I could. Rather worried, I kept stumbling on the rocks, and the sailors were still shouting after us. In fact one of them was on his way down the hill in pursuit. Just before the bottom of the hill, I realised that the sailor certainly meant to reach us, and there was no possibility of evading him. The quayside was just in front and it would have been useless to board the boat. Then, when a shot rang out from the second sailor who was still up at the guard post, I thought it prudent to halt in my tracks. The other sailor came up and took our passports (so we would not run away again). Then he escorted us along the sea-front past the gaping stares of the local inhabitants to the entrance of the naval base.

We were now in the hands of a sun-glassed naval officer who was quite proficient in English. We stood or sat quietly around for about half an hour while he contacted the base commander by 'phone. There was a Forces Network programme on the radio and our nerves were cooled by gentle Hawaiian music. Mr. Johnston made it clear that we had climbed the hill for the view and educational purposes and not for spying. The officer told us of his war-time stay in London and let slip to us suspected spies the fact that the water in the harbour was not deep enough for amphibious craft. At last we were told we would be released when we had surrendered our films for developing and, if they contained no shots of the base, they would be sent to us. So those of us with cameras unwound the films and handed them over. However, I had my completed film with the picture of the base in my pocket and kept it there.

After we had returned, much relieved, to Athens, Mr. Johnston visited the British Embassy and on our return to England the confiscated films were sent to us untouched. As for my photograph of the base, I am still awaiting an offer for it from the Turkish naval attaché in London!

R. J. Hendry.

NOT ALL BRITAIN'S STONES ROLL

Mist-wreathed, sarsen-stoned, chill-cold cathedral. Procession. White-robed, fresh-faced, summer-solsticing minister. To the number of magic three times magic seven. Druids of the fourth, fifth and senior sixth orders. Surround the figure prostrate of Welsh tyrant, ritually sprinkle pulped primrose over. East-red, mist-piercing, glow-illuminating, sardonic circle-grins. Grins cruelly increasing; flame sun-streak glinting atop Heel Stone. Heel Stone shade falling on altar, blood-bronze axe falling on altar-bound victim . . . Reverie . . .

Reality. Rudely awakened by an Ancient British thistle perforating my terylene and worsted rearguard, I heard our leader and guide, fervent trench-digger and learned lecturer, explaining to us how Stonehenge was almost certainly not built by the Druids and not necessarily even used by them. Furthermore, we learnt, the sun does not in fact rise directly above the Heel Stone, and the stone its shadow is supposed to cover is also unlikely to have been a sacrificial altar.

This knowledge did not, however, deter various less senior members of our party from staging a sacrifice of one of our light-blue-tied colleagues for the benefit of their cameras. One can well believe the remark that Stonehenge is best appreciated by moonlight, without the trampling hordes of tourists and sacriligious coach-loads of students.

Just previously the Raynes Park would-be classicists had also descended upon the enigmatic monolithic circles of Avebury, followed by a complete, knowledgeable and instructive teach-in on the situation by our archaeological expert. To make amends for the sadly ignorant vandalism of earlier generations of locals who broke up many of the stones, plans are being gradually carried out to buy up all the properties within the circles when leases expire or owners die, and thus systematically clear the site by demolition. In time, one may hope, Avebury will thereby return to a likeness of its original self—a simple, unadorned area of green encircled by a magnificent sweep of grey stone, rampart and ditch, while, standing proudly in the centre will be that one remaining link with the bygone life of the later Britons, that monument to rest and refreshment, the Red Lion.

A brief visit to a similar establishment at Hartley Wintney on the return from an agreeable hour's stroll around Salisbury provided a suitable end to a most enjoyable and fascinating day's excursion.

P. K. King.

EASTER TRIP TO LAKE DISTRICT

The Lake District Expedition proved to be both eventful and wet in the extreme. The party travelled up in a very attractive Volkswagen and a Dormobile. Although M.J.S. lost his way on the M6, we arrived at Coniston after eight hours.

We found our way about the Guest House (an excellent institution where the food was superlative) along with a party from Fixton (Yorkshire) and Wallington.

Some virile members rose before 6 a.m. on the Sunday and walked five miles, the rest of the party joining them later for a trip to the Coniston slate quarry, where a shrieking Gebbett announced that he had almost trodden on an adder! After dinner, we visited Tarn Hows, where P.O.D. on retrieving his bobble-cap, was severely reprimanded by a local native for trespassing. Please note that the sun shone.

On Monday we rode to the Irish Sea to view the weather. (As P.O.D. put it: "If it is raining over the Irish Sea, it will pour inland"). The sky was beautifully blue, but on our return, a snow blizzard and thick cloud masked our ascent of the Old Man.

Owing to bad weather, our intentions of climbing Helvellyn had to be postponed, and we visited Keswick. In the afternoon, Curry became even wetter by falling in the Lodors Falls! Our driest visit of the day was to Seathwaite (wettest place in the British Isles) where the rain held off for ten minutes. P.O.D. shattered us all in the evening, by pronouncing a Latin grace in a strong Irish accent!

In the usual snow blizzard, Scafell Pike had to be abandoned, and we had to be content with Cringle Crag. The party, now a composite tatterdemalion, rounded off the day by taking photographs of a perfect U-shaped valley.

By Friday, the precipitation had proved too much for M.J.S., and he took some of the boys for a low-altitude ride to Ullswater and Bassenthwaite, which ended with a bump on the head when the Dormobile took off on a hump-back bridge! Meanwhile the more sturdy followed P.O.D. to Helvellyn's summit, so reaching over 3,000 feet. Striding Edge, a fearsome sight, was traversed without loss of life.

During our stay, we were greatly indebted to Mrs. O'Driscoll, who excelled in her first-aid and darning!

We left the Guest House sadly, for our stay there had been most entertaining. Our adventures, however, were not quite over. On the return journey we had a brief look round Coventry Cathedral, which despite its marvellous architecture, suffered from the usual commercialisation. Then, in the middle of the M1 (and indeed of the Cup Final) M.J.S. came to a halt with a burst tyre. A lump the size of a grapefruit in the tyre made

progress to the next service station limited to about two miles an hour. The wheel was changed and Mrs. O'Driscoll came to the rescue of our leaking radiator with some waterproof Elastoplast! To crown our troubles M.J.S. then spluttered to another halt and two boys trekked an additional mile to the sixty-four we completed in the Lake District to purchase a gallon of petrol!

With these stoppages and by running into joyous Liverpool supporters pouring out of Wembley, it took eleven hours to reach our terminus.

Our thanks must go to all three members of the staff, who gave all the boys an excellent holiday.

S. H. Gebbett

4K ON SAFARI

It was on Friday, 9th July when the best behaved form in the school congregated at Ashted Station for that well known entertainment, the Field Journey, the object being to study the dip slope of the North Downs.

The bejeaned group of intellectuals got off to a good start when one of the "Jolley" members of the party exclaimed that the train had taken away his writing board. The party was further delayed by an Irish declaration that they should wait for four V.I.P.'s who arrived at 10.00 owing to the "efficiency" of London Transport.

The party at last set off, but as 11.30 neared, the slave-driver only just avoided a mutiny by consenting to the taking of elevenses. It was at this time when four of the more brisk walkers went ahead, never to be seen again.

There was a further sigh of relief on reaching Headley Village store, but this turned to grief when the bewildered proprietor exclaimed that she could serve only one person at a time and not twenty-six. Lunch was taken amidst the flies and dust of Headley Heath to the blur of the Test Match and Radio London.

The party once again set off, finally reaching Betchworth Clump where there was an Irish confession of liking neither Irish Whisky nor Horse Racing. Boxhill station was now our destination, and a ride on the roundabout outside Boxhill Wimpy Bar was followed by a rumble down the more wooded side of Boxhill, much to the detriment of several people's trouser seats.

On our arriving at Boxhill Station, the country official in the ticket office was amazed at the size of the under-fourteen year olds and by the outstanding number of tickets issued.

The Form's most sincere thanks go to Mr. O'Driscoll for making our enjoyable and interesting expedition possible.

C. G. Grove.



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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

LAMENT

P. K. King, 6A3.

For eons my people had lived in peace,
comparative peace—but then peace always is—
until one day,
from beyond the monsoon,
the strangers came.

Crossing my waters,
they stole my women, killed my men.
The people and crops I had so long nourished
were enslaved to a foreign caprice,
But my people rebelled, threw off the tyrants—
drawing on themselves eyes from further abroad.

Now the country is split into three, four and five,
yet, between the ambushes, bombing and murder,
my people somehow strive and survive—
"living and partly living."

Now, although my waters are timeless
and my people have each but one time,
yet in this brief hour of my life
even their few seconds are denied.

I am Mekong ;
My waters are blood.

RING OF FIRE

P. W. Roberts, 3D.

A young boy screams ;
his mother falls—
an ounce of lead
 within her heart.
He watches with moistened
eyes as his humble
home is torn apart
by steel eggs dropped
from metal birds.

Then, searing pain—his arm's
on fire.

Napalm has done its
work,

for he's a filthy Red.
Communist? He doesn't
know the word.
Politics? He doesn't
care.

But he thinks with
saddened heart
"Am I end to end like this—
a scapegoat for my country's
madness?"

Though it's true, we'll
never learn.
Probably now it's too late
in any case
for that ring of fire
will rise to a mushroom,
destroying Utopian hopes
of peace and wealth.

Dust will settle,
bringing shroud-like peace for
no one to enjoy.

THE LOVE OF MAN

R. P. Myers, 4K.

It was one of those days in August when the sky is a complete and perfect blue expanse, except at the horizon where it becomes slightly brownish—the type of day that seems as if it will continue for ever, giving a hot, lazy existence for the rest of eternity, a day when no one needs an excuse just to sit and dream of the wonderful experiences that one would like to have sometime, but at the moment it is too hot to do anything but dream.

Unfortunately, though, our modern civilisation has demanded that we should not stop to think or dream, but only to work and work till we die. Therefore, even on that August afternoon, when the sun was at its zenith, men were abroad on the streets, some trying to ignore the weather and walking rapidly, others half-succumbing to the sun and progressing in a more leisurely style.

A little further along the road there was a junction with a main road. As I neared this junction, I saw an old man slowly crossing the road. A car driver, who could not possibly be held up for an instant, angered by the old man's pathetic progress, resorted to making a sharp blast on his hooter. The man did not as much as turn his head, but continued on at his slow amble across the road. He reached the side of the road; the car lurched off at speed only to be held up by traffic lights further down the road.

I was now walking only a few yards behind the man. His strange walk was the first thing about him to attract my attention; he made several little, quick, running shuffles, as if he kept leaning forwards and losing his balance; then he would lean on a wooden stick which he held in front of him with both hands. After resting for a few seconds, he would make another series of shuffles. His clothes were of a very dirty appearance: an old tweed jacket and patched grey flannel trousers.

He stopped again, but this time paused for rather longer than he had been doing, and I passed him. He was breathing rapidly and heavily. I hurried past; I do not really know why; maybe I was afraid that I should somehow become involved with this old man, or maybe I was embarrassed by his peculiar appearance and his pitiful physical condition—in the same way as many people will hurry past an accident or a tramp. I could hear him behind me, the shuffle and then the sound as he put his stick down to lean on. I walked on slowly once I had passed him, as the intense heat of the sun forbade any continued speed on my part. The noise still followed me. I carried on for a couple of minutes; then suddenly I heard his stick fall to the ground, followed by a gasp, and then the sound of the old man falling on the pavement. I felt a mixed feeling, first of pity, then of fear—fear of this old man who was trying to involve me in his life. I walked straight on, never turning my head for an instant. Nothing in the world would have induced me to turn my head at that moment. Why should I stop and help him? Anyway, none of the people passing in their fast cars was stopping to help him. I walked on. No-one could tell I had heard him fall; no-one else was near. Fainted because of the heat, I supposed. Why did he have to faint near me?

Without looking where I knew he would be lying, I crossed the road, walked on a little further and then, with a false look of unawareness, I looked round. First of all I could not see him as a large elm tree was between us, then I could see him: just a small huddled pile of clothes, a small bundle lying against a brick wall, the stick a few feet away.

Still on I went. Now at a safe distance and my initial fears overcome, I glanced round several times. The last time I looked, a police car had stopped, and two policemen were carrying him into the car. Someone had stopped—the people paid to keep the streets clear. He would be alright now; the police would know what to do better than I would have done and after all he had only fainted, hadn't he?

HOMO SAPIENS

P. K. King, 6 Arts 3.

Carefree in Las Vegas, they heave on the fruit machines ;
In Chile the peon scratches at the parched soil.
Danae's delirium of gold pours out ;
Is one small acre of maize worth all this toil ?

Gagarin steps bravely into his capsule ;
In Kashmir Hindu and Moslem spill each other's blood.
Millions of roubles, and still no man on the moon ;
In East Pakistan there is famine and flood.

The madman has pressed ; the rocket has flamed ;
In China, a new-born child gives its first cry.
The death's-head mushroom's over the city ;
In China, how many young babies will die ?

SCHOOL

A. Leyden, 1Z.

School is a necessary evil,
Sometimes a bitter pill ;
Its value is indubitable,
No matter what you will.

Its benefits are manifold,
Of that there is no doubt ;
You soon begin to realise this,
When time is running out.

It is, however, difficult
To remember every fact :
When pop records and cricket bats
Are waiting to attract.

The moral of this little rhyme
Is clear for all to see :
Instead of sport and the top twenty,
You must study wisely.

RAIN

J. Nakar, 3D.

It comes in drops,
It comes in sheets,
It comes in showers
And blinding mists,
With bright flash and noisy thunder,
As the heavens burst asunder.

It forms small pools
And driving seas,
Stray streams
And rushing rivers ;
The motive power for mighty deeds,
The force on which the whole world feeds.

It helps the crops,
Which feed the folk ;
Provides the power
To keep the streets bright.
The force there is in a short shower
Holds the whole world in its power.

THE CITY WORKERS

J. Nakar, 3D.

The lights are bright and blinking ;
The buildings tall and white ;
Traffic rushing through the city,
Carries on by day and night,
Impatient men, impatient women
Hurrying on with all their might ;
Late for this, late for that,
Miss their train, miss their bus,
Get the sack for being late ;
Only half an hour for lunch
Nothing but a cup and munch.
Mustn't shirk ; all this work
Must be done, no time for sun.
Half past four, fling open the door.
They must rush ; there's a crush.
On the bus ; off the first ;
On the train, out in the rain,
Down the subway, home again.

SOCIETY REPORTS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

To the average member of the school, the Christian Union is just one of the many societies which exist at Raynes Park. Members of this society are generally considered to be "super-religious," and so mention of its meetings is received with cool apathy. It is an amazing fact that while most people consider themselves to be Christians, however nominally, the membership of the Christian Union, including juniors, is under forty. It is even more amazing that astronomers are prepared to wait up all night just to have a peep at Uranus, yet Christians often do not take the trouble to order the correct lunch in order to attend the Christian Union meetings. Time and again it has been made clear that it is the duty of every Christian to take an interest in the Christian fellowship, which in school takes the form of a Christian Union. Jesus Christ Himself said, "He who is not for Me, is against Me." Stern words indeed for a school full of apathetic, so-called Christians.

For those who did attend the meetings this term, the Christian Union had a very varied programme. Early in the term the film, "God of the Atom," was shown to a record gathering of sixty-eight. Its message was that Christianity is as relevant today as it ever was. Again on this theme, Rev. D. Neill came to speak to us on the subject of the "New Morality." This meeting was very interesting and led to some discussion. This term's Missionary Meeting was led by Rev. C. Cooper, who told us something of his future work. He is shortly leaving for South America. The other Friday meetings of the term were devoted to the consideration of selected passages from the book of Proverbs. These Bible studies proved to be very helpful.

The Junior Christian Union is still very active and meets every Monday at 12.30 p.m. in the History Room. All members of the first, second and third forms will be made very welcome at these meetings. For the seniors, the Christian Union meets at 1.10 p.m. in the History Room. If you find that you are "against Christ," because you do not join in the fellowship of His people, that the Christian Union does not mean as much to you as it should, you are urged to come along. If you find Christianity difficult to accept, the Christian Union could certainly help you to see that Christianity is not vague superstition but is a living faith based on facts which cannot reasonably be denied.

P. J. Gorton.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The 55th meeting of the Classical Society took place at Dr. G. Morgan's house. The speaker, Mr. Lawson, who took Dr. Morgan's place at school while he was on the Greek Cruise, gave the Society a most

interesting talk on 'Latin Love Poetry'—appropriate to the season of the year!

It originated in Greece, evolving from the epigrams and was written in pentameter : hexameter elegiacs. The Latin poets imitated the Alexandrian verse. The greatest of these imitators was Catullus who wrote three long elegies and shorter descriptive poems which he called "Nugae"—light-hearted trifles. Catullus had his imitators, Tibullus, Propertius, and the best of them, Ovid, whose wonderful antithetic lines every good 5th and 6th former should have matured to love.

The evening ended with the partaking of red wine, olives and gherkins.

M. J. Ridler.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The ambitious hopes of holding lunchtime meetings for work with the Sun during the summer term were doomed, never to be realised.

The first half of term saw little co-operation from the Meteorological Office, and during the second, we were not in a position to make use of what favourable conditions there were, because during the half-term holiday, the reflecting telescope was mysteriously damaged. Grass on the protruding fittings showed it to have been overturned, and deep scratches in the paintwork on the underside of the tube were evidence that it had been lifted from its cradle and dropped on the mounting. The mounting itself, however, sustained more serious damage, for the three-foot iron bar which supports the elevation gear had been snapped off, and has to be welded. Our only luck is that the 8½in. mirror remained in its mounting, and did not shatter in the tube.

It remains to be hoped that repairs can be carried out before next winter, so that the society can once again enjoy the excellent service the reflector has provided over the past year.

D. Andrews.

PRINTERS' GUILD

The main event this term has been the somewhat sudden acquisition of a new press, kindly donated to us by a father well known in Model Railway Club circles, who replaced the existing one by an all-electric model. We are obviously greatly indebted to him.

Although we have not yet had the opportunity to become completely familiar with its working, it seems vastly superior to our original 1900 model, in its facilities for fine adjustment of paper positioning, an advantage which should produce more efficient work in future years than the present rather "hit-and-miss" method. Another advantage, noticeable even to non-printers, is that the new press is almost silent whereas its predecessor used

to announce its operation to everyone in the vicinity by a series of clanks and groans.

Attendance this term has been very pleasing, and although our main task has been the printing of the Inter-house Sports programmes, the younger members have been doing invaluable work sorting and checking type cases, a tiresome task which they have performed admirably.

M. R. Earl.

THE SPUR MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

A considerable improvement in the running of the layout was effected at the beginning of the term, when for the first time, the railway was erected permanently. The actual clearing of the room necessitated two full evenings' work, and consequently the cancellation of two successive Wednesday evening meetings. Then, owing to the imminence of the Garden Party, all remaining meetings had to take the form of work-nights (although these were open to junior members) for the repairs to scenery which were required after the longevity of the portable layout.

On these evenings, work was also commenced on soldering the joints—although still only temporarily, less so than used to be the case when they had to be unsoldered after the Garden Party. Now they are to remain soldered until continuous "welded" tracklaying over the joints is commenced.

At this year's Garden Party, membership availability suffered considerably owing to outside circumstances, ranging from the School Choir to holidays, but these were successfully overcome by outside assistance. Because of the narrow space available, not only was it necessary to move a great deal of redundant furniture, but also a one-way traffic system for spectators had to be employed—though this was often ignored!

Because of this congestion, at Open Night this year, instead of seeing a model railway exhibition, visitors will see the *Spur Model Railway Club*—at work?

We hope that the improvements in running have impressed the newest member of the management, Mr. Buckingham, who has arrived just in time for the extensive relaying of track and the development of the layout's rather childish simplicity.

Even now, however, the prospect is considerably brighter, for we have an ever increasing chance of attracting new members—and persuading them to use their own rolling stock!

D. Andrews.

No. 565 SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

At the beginning of the holidays, members of the Squadron again visited R.A.E. Farnborough for flying, and, although it was not as successful as is usual, all cadets flew for 50 minutes in a Hastings.

The Easter holidays saw the Squadron attending Annual Camp, this year held at R.A.F. Hullavington, Wiltshire, home of No. 2 Advanced Navigation School. There was an abundance of flying with each cadet having at least four hours in the air and most had eight. Flights were in Varsity and Valetta crew-brainers west to the Scillies and north to Wales and Scotland. Other activities included visits to various R.A.F. sections, two map-reading exercises in the local area and over the Marlborough Downs, and a visit by some of the cadets to R.A.F. Transport Command's main base at Lyneham. Basketball matches were played against No. 561 Squadron, A.T.C., and against the local R.A.F. team. A large number of marksmanship badges were gained, at both R.A.F. and A.T.C. standards.

At the end of the holidays, Sgt. Haw attended a Gliding Course at R.A.F. Swanton Morley and succeeded in gaining his Proficiency certificate. Later in the term, Sgt. Hyman finished his weekend course at R.A.F. Kenley, thus also gaining his wings.

Two outside visits were made this term, the first a coach trip to Biggin Hill for the Air Fair, where unfortunately bad weather severely curtailed the flying display. The second was a car trip to R.A.F. Bentwaters, home of the U.S.A.F.'s 81st Tactical Fighter Wing for the U.S. Armed Forces' Open Day Air Display.

The Squadron had its Annual Inspection on 28th May conducted by Wing Commander H.C.F. Squire, Officer Commanding Surrey Wing. This event was highly successful and coincided with the Squadron's Annual Model Aircraft competition, for the judging of which we were very glad to welcome once again Mr. J. W. R. Taylor.

The next day the Squadron ran an Air Rifle Range at the school Garden Party.

Sunday 30th May was the date of the Wing Annual Parade held at R.A.F. Kenley, at which the inspecting officer was the Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Regiment. Afterwards the Squadron participated in a Bren-Gun competition and eight Cadets flew in a Wessex "chopper."

The Wing Athletics were held at Walton on Sunday, 20th June. The Squadron did reasonably well, with F. S. Anderson winning the Guy Gibson Trophy for the Outstanding Performance with his record shot-put.

Once again the Squadron sent a team to Pirbright for the Wing .303 shoot, and, although we were not highly placed, we did not disgrace ourselves.

The last event of the term was an overnight camp and map-reading exercise held in the Dorking area. The Squadron's newly acquired camping equipment was used for the first time, and the exercise was a great success. It is hoped to hold another one in the near future.

Saturday 24th July will see a party of twelve cadets attending an

extra camp at R.A.F. Oakington, in Cambridgeshire, and it is hoped that they will have a profitable time.

J. A. Haw, M. A. Hyman.

19th WIMBLEDON SCOUT TROOP

The Scouts are at last fortunate in being able to welcome some new Scouters to help-run the Troop, and Senior Scouts: John Fifield is re-forming the senior troop and we hope that by next term it will be flourishing again under his leadership. We have now two Assistant Scoutmasters with the troop, Ken Russell and Phil Williams, both Old Boys of the School. Congratulations are due to Mr. Shaw, who was recently presented with his warrant as Group Scoutmaster.

Last Easter the troop spent some days walking in the Lake District and at Whitsun the first Camp of the year was held on a farm at Alfriston in Sussex. The site was situated near to a river which provided good swimming and boating facilities. Two first-class and three second-class hikes were completed across the Downs. A night wide-game ended with one patrol arriving back at camp at 2 a.m.!

The scouts were on duty on the day of the Garden Party. Several side-shows were run and, together with the 'Hot-Dog' stall organised by the Senior scouts, twenty pounds were raised. Bob-a-job week earlier in the term raised a record amount, most of which was passed on to Scout Headquarters.

No new recruits have joined us during the term. However, our numbers have remained steady and the four patrols, Eagles, Kestrels, Hawks and Starlings have five boys in each. However, at the end of term Graham Hopper and David Miles will be going up into the Senior scouts. Michael Ridler, patrol leader of the Kestrel patrol, was recently invested as a Senior Scout, and Martin Frost was appointed as the new patrol leader. New recruits are urgently needed and we hope that next term we will be able to welcome many of the new boys into the troop. The number of proficiency Badges gained continues to increase at a very encouraging rate. Three patrol leaders, Graham Hopper, David Miles and Ewan Currie, gained the Scout Card during the term. This is the highest award in the Boy Scout troop, and is the first occasion we have received three at one time.

The climax of our Scout year is approaching, that is the Annual Summer camp. This year it is in Herefordshire at Pontrilas, near the foot of the Black Mountains. An energetic fortnight is planned, including a hike to the Brecon Beacons.

Any boys who would like to join the troop will be made very welcome and should contact the Group Scoutmaster, Mr. M. Shaw.

B. G. Burgess.

SPORT

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge : N. T. Poulter, Esq.

Captain : C. G. Jennings.

Secretary : P. Roderick.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
11	3	5	3

RESULTS

- v. Heath Clark, won ; 42-6, 41 (Corke 4-15).
- v. Chiswick, lost ; 107, 108-8 (Hammond 37, Marsh 25).
- v. Hampton, lost ; 51, 52-4.
- v. Bec, drew ; 64-8, 140-8 dec.
- v. Hayes, drew ; 133-5 dec., 72-9.
- v. Shene, lost ; 27, 28-0.
- v. Old Boys, lost ; 35, 244-4 dec.
- v. Surbiton, drew ; 63, —.
- v. Rydens, won ; 87-8 dec., 34 (Salter 40 n.o. & 4-15, Corke 4-19).
- v. Salesians, lost ; 63-8 dec., 64-8.
- v. Gentlemen of the Staff, won ; 58-8, 57 (Corke 4-13, Jennings 3-7).

Although the results this season have not been too good, it would not be fair to say that they reflect the true ability of the team. It has been a young team, with a few exceptions, and all have gained valuable experience for future seasons while in no way disgracing themselves. One would not say that our three wins, were by any means our best performances, and especially towards the end of the season we played some interesting cricket and maintained the tension until the last over.

We started the season with a win against Heath Clark, which should, however, have been far more convincing than it was.

Against Chiswick we narrowly lost to a very strong batting side, although Hammond supported by Marsh batted creditably. Hampton also proved too strong for us and we lost by six wickets, although Corke provided some resistance, scoring 20.

Bec left us little chance of winning after batting for just over two hours and giving us a hundred minutes to score 140. A draw was the only result open to us. Hayes provided us with another draw. After we had scored 133 for 5 dec., Castling scoring 55 not out, and Salter 23 not out, Hayes managed to avoid defeat. Shene was one of the matches that everyone prefers to forget : everyone had an off-day at the same time and it needed only a few minutes for Shene to win by ten wickets. The same goes for the Old Boys, who fielded one of their strongest sides for years and overwhelmed us.

The match against Surbiton was rained off after our innings in which we scored a meagre 63, of which Hammond made 32.

Rydens was our second win of the season, but again it should have been far more convincing. Thanks to a fine innings by Salter we were able to declare with eight wickets down which proved too many for Rydens.

Salesians provided a very interesting match for everyone. We scored very slowly and declared again with eight out. In a very tight finish they just managed to beat us by two wickets on the last ball of the match.

The final match of the season was against the Staff. After delays through rain we managed to win by two wickets with seven minutes to spare.

The team included: Jennings, Castling, Hammond, Corke, Salter, Marsh, Stimpson, Roderick, Pottinger, Tickner, Lindsay, Emerick, Smith D. L., Vincent, Malam, Naylor and Thompson.

C. G. Jennings.

Jennings, as captain, has had a hard task this year in running an eleven, most of them straight from the Colts, who against the stronger opposition seemed and must have felt outclassed after the first quarter of an hour of the game. In batting they lacked the stamina to dig in and recover from the initial setback of losing two or three quick wickets. Most of the bowling was energetic and hopeful but somewhat deficient in science. The fielding, however, was always keen, and this is a better indication of the quality latent in an inexperienced team. This is potentially a very good side. The batting and bowling will mature in the nature of things and this should make easier and more satisfying the rôle of the captain who when he is in the field must be thinking hard and ceaselessly about the best use of his bowlers and the placing of the fielders.

Recognition is due to Roderick as secretary, who has worked so much and so intelligently behind the scenes to make the organization of cricket in the school run more smoothly. Finally thanks to John Warner for his loving care of Oberon. It is a new and very comforting experience to receive compliments on the state of the ground from other schools and to know that they look forward to visiting us.

N.T.P.

AVERAGES

BATTING	No. of innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
Castling	6	2	84	55*	21.00
Salter	8	2	83	40*	13.83
Hammond	11	—	129	37	11.72
Lindsay	4	1	31	13	10.33
BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Salter	42.7	9	99	13	7.61
Corke	96	25	262	26	10.08
Marsh	13	3	31	3	10.3
Jennings	36	10	111	10	11.1

SECOND ELEVEN

Captain : D. Burgoyne.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
8	2	1	5

RESULTS

- v. Heath Clark, Won ; 60-3, 59.
- v. Chiswick, lost ; 60, 90 (Dodds 5-15).
- v. Hampton, drawn ; 139, 93-8 (Burgoyne 6-37).
- v. Bec, lost ; 57, 97 (Page 6-45).
- v. Hayes, lost ; 75 (Lindsey 28), 78-4.
- v. Shene, won ; 32-4, 31 (Dodds 5-7).
- v. Old Boys, lost ; 101 (Emerick 43), 170-7.
- v. Staff, lost ; 58, 100-7.

After a promising start, the team fell away badly, winning only one of its remaining seven matches, although we did earn the best of an exciting drawn match with Hampton. We have been seriously handicapped by the needs of the 1st XI, which on three occasions left us fielding only ten men. Even so our two victories were obtained with a depleted side.

The bowling has been shared by Dodds, Page, Burgoyne, and Hoffman. Of these, Dodds has bowled consistently well and was unlucky not to take many more wickets, as he often had the batsmen in considerable difficulties. Page has proved to be a fine spin bowler with good control over length and, usually, direction. Although Hoffman was not used as much as he would have liked, nevertheless he maintained his speed, if not his direction.

The batting unfortunately has not been so consistent, mainly owing to the first team's obtaining the services of Smith after a good innings of 53 against Hampton, ably supported by Page with 27. Vincent and Emerick normally provided a steady, if not always highly productive, opening partnership. Malam, who followed them, has been consistent, although he lacks the confidence to make a really large score. Of the rest they have had their successes but could never resist the temptation to hit a good length ball out of the ground, with often fatal results.

A note should be made upon the fielding. This has been of a very high standard all through the season; there being only two or three real chances put down. Vincent and Bryant were especially capable of holding on to a catch and Emerick was a sound, if not spectacular wicket-keeper.

My thanks are due to Dodds and Lindsey who captained the side in my absence and to Phillips for scoring.

The team was usually selected from : Burgoyne, Dodds, Page, Lindsey, Mottershead, Nelson, Bryant, Vincent, Emerick, Smith D. L., Malam, Tickner and Hoffman. Others "asked" to play : Maskell, Standish,

Heaton, Taylor, Parsons, Freeman, Ventham, Smith, Kaill, Ridler, and Pollak.

D. Burgoyne.

COLTS ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge : J. W. Wyatt, Esq.

Captain : D. D. Naylor.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
8	5	1	2

RESULTS

- v. Heath Clark, lost ; 51, 53-5 (Thompson 26).
- v. Hampton, won ; 67-6, 65 (Vaughan 20, Thompson 6-12).
- v. Staff, drawn ; 58-8, 101-8 dec.
- v. Bec, drawn ; 105-6 dec., 104-9 (Thompson 50 n.o., Ventham 22).
- v. Shene, won ; 65-5 dec., 20 (Thompson 8-8).
- v. Rydens, won ; 105-7 dec., 54 (Vaughan 25, Thompson 25, Naylor 23, Ventham 7-9).
- v. School Under 14, won ; 62-9, 61 (Thompson 5-3).
- v. Salesians, won ; 59-8, 57 (Naylor 34 n.o.).

The results reflect the substantial improvement by this year's team. It has maintained a tradition of fine fielding far and away superior to that of any team it has met. This is fundamental to success, particularly where natural talent, as has been the case this year, is not plentiful: only fourteen players could be considered seriously eligible out of the three fourth forms numbering the best part of 100 boys.

It has been particularly encouraging that half a dozen players have substantially contributed to the success of this team ; it has not been the fate of one or perhaps two to carry the team. Thompson has matured well as a batsman, scoring our only half century of the season ; his bowling has too often been erratic, but here we have an intelligent cricketer whose value to the school is going to be very considerable. To mention Ventham is to feel bitter regret that he has left us, a cricketer whose batting at last developed sensible aggression and whose leg breaks were very well controlled for one of his age—we envy his new school and wish him well. Not only of importance for us this year, but for the school next year has been the emergence of Vaughan as an opener—Yorkshire in training and temperament. Need one say more ? Mentioning names is always hard but all would agree that the above deserve special credit. Their success would be less had not all the others supported them and shown a sensible and in most cases improved technique. Parker we thank for willing and efficient scoring.

The following have played : Naylor, Thompson, Hall, Vaughan, Jones, Lusby, Ventham, Ainger, Down, Seeley, Hopper, Parsons, Brown, Parker.

D. D. Naylor.

UNDER 14 ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge : M. J. Shaw, Esq.

Captain : G. N. Abbott.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
11	5	3	3

RESULTS

- v. Battersea, drawn ; 117-7 dec., 55-9 (Murrell 50, Kaill 46).
- v. Chiswick, lost ; 51, 85 (Kaill 2-25).
- v. Hampton, won ; 82, 58 (Ansari 4-2, Murrell 3-5).
- v. Bec, won ; 112, 67 (Murrell 28, Taylor 26, Brewer 21).
- v. Hayes, won ; 101, 5 (Ansari 37, Kaill 5-0, Murrell 5-4).
- v. Alleyns, lost ; 37, 38-7.
- v. Shene, won ; 76, 25 (Taylor 24, Abbott 5-11).
- v. Thames Valley, drawn ; 102-9 dec., 55-7 (Collins 28, Abbott 21 n.o.).
- v. Rydens, won ; 110-3 dec., 26 (Williams 34 ret., Taylor 33, Kaill 5-2).
- v. Under 15 XI, lost ; 61, 62-9 (Kaill 5-24).
- v. Salesians, drawn ; 104-9 dec., 68-8 (Kaill 30 n.o., Abbott 4-16).

The Under 14 team has enjoyed a most successful cricket season under the captaincy of Abbott. Undoubtedly the main factor for the success has been the reliability of the team's batting, as over 100 runs have been scored in six out of the eleven matches. Five matches were won convincingly—the dismissal of Hayes being a school record. The three drawn games ended very much in our favour as moral victories, and of the three games lost, one was against Alleyn's and one against the Under 15 XI whom we optimistically challenged ; neither of these matches, however, was entirely one-sided, as the results show.

Finch, Murrell, Taylor and Kaill provided the mainstay of our batting, ably assisted by other members in the various games. After a shaky start to the season, Taylor kept wicket competently and at times even surpassed himself. The fielding has been fairly good, but if all chances offered were taken we should have won many more matches ; the fielding and catching of Rissen, Finch and Williams were more particularly noteworthy.

The bowling has been quite accurate although we do lack a good spin bowler ; on the whole, speed and seam have seen us through. The spearhead of the attack has been Kaill who took wickets in all except our last match ; he was ably assisted by Murrell, Cannons and Abbott.

Potten has become a regular member of our side for the first time after starting the season as scorer ; this latter job was then taken over by Moore, whom we thank for his support. Other members of the team, as yet unmentioned, who have contributed to our success are Collins, Brewer, Reeve and Ansari.

I have been pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the entire team and look forward to another successful season next year.

SUMMARY OF AVERAGES

BATTING			BOWLING		
Name	Total Runs	Average	Name	Wickets	Average
Murrell	163	14.8	Murrell	25	3.8
Taylor	134	13.4	Kaill	33	4.4
Kaill	111	12.3	Abbott	17	6.0
Williams	74	12.3	Cannons	10	7.8
Finch	91	8.3			

M.J.S.

UNDER 13 ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge : G. J. Atkin, Esq.

Captain : Parnham.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
7	3	2	2

RESULTS

- v. Heath Clark, won ; 88-3, 86-7 (Carpenter 34 n.o., Parnham 27 n.o., Reed 22, Carpenter 6-10).
- v. Chiswick, won ; 36-1, 32 (Ansari 5-11, Carpenter 5-10).
- v. Alleyn's, lost ; 50, 112-7 (Ansari 29).
- v. Shene, drawn ; 48, 29-8 (Read 18, Ansari 5-13).
- v. Surbiton, drawn ; 96-7, 59-2 (Ansari 27, Parnham 25).
- v. Hampton, lost ; 30, 30-1 (Parnham 12).
- v. City Freeman's, won ; 46, 31 (Bakker 13, Ansari 5-6).

The rain-disturbed season has deprived this team of much beneficial practice. As a result, wickets have been thrown away by faulty calling and running ; fielding has been ragged on occasions, and batting uncertain. But in spite of this an excellent spirit has been maintained and it is plain that there is much individual ability which will flourish under more favourable circumstances.

Ansari is an all-rounder of more than usual ability. As batsmen, Parnham, Blakeburn, Reed, Hanson, Carpenter, Bellamy, Robinson, and Boxall have at least shown promise of things to come. Carpenter at times has bowled really well, and Parnham, Read, Hanson, Healey, Robinson and Boxall could all become useful bowlers when experience has corrected their faults. Bakker and Pepperell are useful cricketers, well worth their place in the side, and Paget-Clarke has given valuable and unselfish service as twelfth man and scorer. Parnham was a popular and enthusiastic captain, and we are much indebted to Messrs. Pepperell, Hanson, and Bakker (Senior) for their kind services in providing transport throughout the season.

G.J.A.

UNDER 12 ELEVEN

Captain : Barford.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
	4	2	2	0

RESULTS

- v. Hayes, won ; 27-2, 23 (Barford 3-8).
- v. Shene, lost ; 15, 53 (Williamson 5-16).
- v. Hampton, lost.
- v. Thames Valley, won ; 68-7 dec., 31 (Mayer 42, Meller 3-12, Williamson 3-7, Barford 3-0).

The weather was particularly unkind on Tuesday afternoons and the consequent lack of practice became very evident in the performances against other schools. Nevertheless the team started with an encouraging win against Hayes G.S. and, although the next two matches, particularly the one against Hampton G.S. involved severe defeats, there was no loss of heart, and the final game against Thames Valley G.S. was the most satisfactory of the whole season. In this there was some spirited batting, noticeably by Mayer, showing a welcome intention of hitting the ball as hard as possible, and some attacking bowling by Meller, Williamson and Barford, backed up by very keen fielding and safe catching, all of which showed that there was plenty of talent ready for development in future years.

The team was selected from : Barford, Bartlett, Feist, Lloyd, Mayer, Robinson, Williamson, Payne, Shepherd, Finch, Leyden, Holden, Young, Meller, Hammett and Smith.

N.T.P.

STAFF ELEVEN

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
	5	1	3	1

RESULTS (Staff XI first)

- v. Colts, drawn ; 101-8 dec., 58-8 (J.S.W. 24, N.T.P. 20, N.T.P. 6-20).
- v. Chiswick G.S. Staff, lost ; 83, 84-6 (N.T.P. 27 n.o., A.R.P. 17).
- v. Parents, lost ; 91, 141 (G.M. 44, N.T.P. 5-29).
- v. 2nd XI, won ; 100-7 dec., 58 (M.J.S. 24, J.S.W. 23, N.T.P. 5-16).
- v. 1st XI, lost ; 57, 58-8 (J.A.B. 4-31).

Enthusiasm from a hardcore half-dozen or so of our gentlemen has ensured the continuance of separate Staff fixtures. Once again we have had some interesting matches with three close finishes. N.T.P. has had a particularly good season with both bat and ball.

We had an enjoyable afternoon game against the Parents for whom Mr. Marsh struck a hearty 63 and we trust this fixture may long continue.

The match against the 1st XI was very much a replica of last season's game. We failed once again to score enough runs to ensure victory, and then despite fine bowling by J.A.B. and N.T.P., we lost by 2 wickets.

M.J.S.



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TENNIS

Master-in-Charge : T. Horler, Esq.

Captain and Hon. Sec : K. Phillips.

This season has been one of mixed fortunes. Nevertheless the results should not be regarded as too depressing, for members of the team have been gaining 'valuable match experience which will help them next year. Unfortunately it has not always been possible to maintain a regular team, and this may well have had an adverse effect upon their play.

This year we entered the L.T.A. "Open" Competition, and this proved to be rather a strain for some players whose match experience was limited. After being beaten by Surbiton, victories against Hinchley Wood and Dorking seemed to indicate rising fortunes, but these were halted by an encounter with the well-disciplined and experienced Glyn team. The independently arranged matches with Strode's, Tiffins and Bec showed indications of more relaxed play, but over the season as a whole it was lack of experience which led to these rather disappointing results.

We can, however, look forward hopefully to next season, for several players have shown great potential this year: P. Standish has shown himself to be a player of style and power—a little more control over his strokes and he could become a formidable opponent; D. Bryant's burning determination not to lose has made him a difficult player to beat; P. Leyland's lack of style has not hindered his strokes from being strong and penetrating; S. Parr has been a strong defensive, if rather unambitious, player. Ill-health, cricket and examinations robbed us of B. Early and P. Salter for most of the season; their regular presence would have been a source of strength to the team. I am certain that all the players I have mentioned will find the match experience which they have gained this year invaluable and that they will achieve success for the school next season.

With an eye to the more distant future, we entered a team for the L.T.A. Under Fourteen Competition. S. Finch proved himself to be a player of fine ability and, with J. Murrell as captain, the team's enthusiasm never waned. With more skill and experience the players could become stronger and achieve greater success next year.

J. Burt as captain of the second six team fulfilled his post capably and reliably.

Half-colours have been awarded to P. Standish, D. Bryant and P. Leyland.

Others who played: S. Parr, D. Lindsey, P. Mottershead, P. Salter, B. Early, A. Crowe, A. Pollak, R. Nelson, J. Burt, R. Higgs and R. Whitaker.

Under 14 team: J. Murrell, S. Finch, S. Potten, M. Taylor, A. Williams, A. Cocks, A. Jackson, G. Fry, K. Rissen.

K. Phillips.

RESULTS

	1st VI	2nd VI	U.14 VI
Surbiton	2-7	—	4-5
Hinchley Wood	9-0	—	—
Rutlish (H)	—	3-6	—
Rutlish (A)	—	6-3	—
Dorking	6-3	—	—
Glyn	1-8	1-8	—
Glanvill Cup	1-5	—	—
Strode's	1-3	—	—
Tiffins	4-4	—	—
Reigate	Bye	—	—
St. George's Coll.	—	—	0-9
Beverley	—	—	7-2
Bec	2-2	—	—

ATHLETICS

Master-in-Charge : A. R. Pannell, Esq.

Captain : R. J. Nelson.

Hon. Secretary : B. J. Rance.

After our attaining such a peak of success last season, it would not have been surprising if standards this year had dropped. However, 'stars' are found and lost each year, and despite the trophy cases being relieved of some of their wares, we have more than compensated for their loss by our unbeaten run in non-trophy competition.

Of the five trophies won last season only one, the Wimbledon District Junior Shield, has been retained. In the non-trophy section we have had comfortable victories over six schools with those over Chiswick and Surbiton being particularly pleasing, avenging previous defeats. The senior team has proved to be one of some strength, if of little depth, while the crop of records broken in most junior sections testifies to the potentialities of senior teams-to-be.

Apart from the season's results, one other factor must be noted as a 'watershed' in our athletics history—our 'new' track at Oberon. For the first time in many years we have played host to other schools in full athletics matches. Field event facilities are good, and should be very good next year, while the track, if not full size, compares favourably with those of our opponents. The whole atmosphere of the track, in fact, leaves very little to be desired.

The team's thanks go to Rance for his efficient secretarial efforts, to Mr. Warner for his excellent preparation of the track, and most particularly to Mr. Pannell whose invaluable contributions are reflected in our fine results.

Full Colours were awarded to: Catton, Onslow, Anderson.

Half-Colours to: Jones, Marshall.

R. J. Nelson.

RESULTS

- (H) 374 v. Kings College 317 v. Kingston Grammar 285.
(A) 184 v. Chiswick 141 v. Shene 71.
(H) 380 v. Wimbledon College 330½ v. Surbiton 316½.
Surrey Grammar School 2-Stream Trophy—3rd.
Under 15 (H) 271 v. Chiswick 244 v. Shene 186.

RECORDS

Open 440yd.: Nelson, 52.4s.; Open 880yd.: Onslow, 2m. 0.5s.; Colt Mile: Thompson, 4m. 50.3s.; Colt Hurdles: Whittamore, 15.9s.; Colt Javelin: Standish, 151ft. 9in.; Colt Shot: Moffatt, 42ft. 8in.; Colt Relay: 48.1s.; Junior 880yd.: Kaill, 2m. 18.8s.; Major 880yd.: Reed, 2m. 31.2s.; Major Mile: Holmes, 5m. 23.3s.; Major High Jump: Rand, 4ft. 5in.; Major Shot: Blackburn, 33ft. 4in.; Major Discus: Russell, 92ft. 1in.; Minor 100yd.: Feist 12.5s.; Minor Shot—Feist, 32ft. 8in.; Minor Long Jump: Robinson, 14ft. 8¾in.

HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

* denotes record

OPEN

100yd. (Record: Casselton, 1951, 10.2s.)

1st, Lane (G), 11.4s.; 2nd, Shrubbs (N), 3rd, Lake (H).

220yd. (Record: Spanos, 1964, 23.4s.)

1st, Nelson (C), 23.8s.; 2nd, Onslow (G); 3rd, Rance (G).

440yd. (Record: Nelson, 1965, 52.4s.)

1st, Nelson (C), 54.6s.; 2nd, Carlin (M); 3rd Shrubbs (N).

880yd. (Record: Onslow, 1965, 2min. 0.5s.)

1st, Onslow (G), 2min. 16.1s.; 2nd, Trundle (M); 3rd, Bryant (N).

1 Mile (Record: Jackson, 1964, 4min. 35.5s.)

1st, Marshall (N), 4min. 51.1s.; 2nd, Woodley (H); 3rd, McCubbin (C).

120yd. Hurdles (Record: Catton, 1964, 17.5s.)

1st, Catton (H), 19.2s.; 2nd, Jones (C); 3rd, Belcham (N).

High Jump (Record: Mawer, 1963, 5ft. 9in.)

1st, Belcham (N), 5ft. 0in.; 2nd, Onslow (G); 3rd, Jones (C).

Long Jump (Record: Francis, 1956, 21ft. 2½in.)

1st, Lane (G), 18ft. 10¾in.; 2nd, Rance (G); 3rd, Catton (H).

Triple Jump (Record: Eastwood, 1962, 43ft. 4¾in.)

1st, Rance (G), 39ft. 11½in.; 2nd, Lane (G); 3rd, Anderson (C).

Javelin (Record: Emmerson, 1957, 162ft. 8in.)

1st, Anderson (C), 115ft. 7in.; 2nd, Gray (G); 3rd, Mottershead (H).

Discus (Record: Stacey, 1955, 142ft. 1in.)

1st, Woodhall (G), 103ft. 2in.; 2nd, Young (M); 3rd, Anscombe (N).

Shot (Record : Law, 1953, 44ft. 0½in.)

1st, Anderson (C), 41ft. 7in. ; 2nd, Woodhall (G) ; 3rd, Lindsey (G).

Relay (Record : Halliwells, 1955, 45.9s.)

1st, Gibbs, 48.0s. ; 2nd, Cobbs ; 3rd, Halliwells.

Pole Vault—Non-Scoring (Record : Gray, 1962, 8ft. 0in.)

1st, Cocks (C), 6ft. 6in. ; 2nd, Parnham (N).

COLT

100yd. (Record : Colombo, 1964, 11.0s.)

1st, Colombo (C), 11.2s. ; 2nd, Lusby (G) ; 3rd, Naylor (N).

220yd. (Record : Colombo, 1964, 23.4s.)

1st, Colombo (C), 24.6s. ; 2nd, Lusby (G) ; 3rd, Graham (N).

440yd. (Record : McCubbin, 1964, 55.2s.)

1st, Malam (M), 57.0s. ; 2nd, Fitter (N) ; 3rd, Graham (N).

880yd. (Record : Miller, 1964, 2min. 10.9s.)

1st, Wilson (C), 2min. 19.5s. ; 2nd, Seeley (G) ; 3rd, Richardson (G).

1 Mile (Record : Thompson, 1965, 4min. 50.3s.)

1st, Thompson (N), 4min. 55.0s. ; 2nd, Perry (H) ; 3rd, Hall (M).

110yd. Hurdles (Record : Whittamore, 1965, 15.9s.)

1st, Whittamore (M), 16.0s. ; 2nd, Jones (G) ; 3rd, Graham (N).

High Jump (Record : Marsh, 1964, 5ft. 4in.)

1st, Hopper (N), 5ft. 3in. ; 2nd, Clutterbuck (M) ; 3rd, Chester (H).

Long Jump (Record : Salter, 1965, 17ft. 11in.)

*1st, Salter (N), 17ft. 11in. ; 2nd, Hopper (N) ; 3rd, Jones (G).

Triple Jump (Record : Butcher, 1965, 39ft. 4in.)

*1st, Butcher (M), 39ft. 4in. ; 2nd, Salter (N) ; 3rd, Lee (G).

Javelin (Record : Standish, 1965, 151ft. 9in.)

1st, Standish (H), 129ft. 0in. ; 2nd, Pottinger (C) ; 3rd, Moffatt (G).

Discus (Record : Davies, 1964, 142ft. 9in.)

1st, Davies (N), 124ft. 7½in. ; 2nd, Whitten (H) ; 3rd, Down (N).

Shot (Record : Moffatt, 1965, 42ft. 8in.)

1st, Moffatt (G), 39ft. 7½in. ; 2nd, Thompson (G) ; 3rd, Down (N).

Relay (Record : Cobbs, 1964, 48.6s.)

1st, Newsoms, 49.5s. ; 2nd, Gibbs ; 3rd, Cobbs.

JUNIOR

100yd. (Record : Lusby, 1964, 10.8s.)

1st, Brewer (G), 12.2s. ; 2nd, Richards (G) ; 3rd, Beardsmore (N).

220yd. (Record : Lusby, 1964, 25.1s.)

1st, Kaill (M), 26.6s. ; 2nd, Brewer (G) ; 3rd, Cannons (N).

440yd. (Record : S. R. Hall, 1964, 57.6s.)

1st, Burgess (H), 61.1s. ; 2nd, Coppen (M) ; 3rd, Murphy (H).

880yd. (Record : Kaill, 1965, 2min. 18.8s.)
 1st, Kaill (M), 2min. 20.5s. ; 2nd, Mitchell (C) ; 3rd, Thompson (C).
 1 Mile (Record : S. V. Hall, 1964, 5min. 15.0s.)
 1st, Milton (N), 5min. 31.7s. ; 2nd, Ness (C) ; 3rd, Smith (M).
 80yd. Hurdles (Record : Jones, 1964, 12.6s.)
 1st, Rissen (C), 12.9s. ; 2nd, Mullens (G) ; 3rd, Beardsmore (N).
 High Jump (Record : Hopper, 1964, 4ft. 11in.)
 1st, Rissen (C), 4ft. 7in. ; 2nd, Coppen (M) ; 3rd, Fry (M).
 Long Jump (Record : Vaughan, 1964, 16ft. 4in.)
 1st, Cocks (C), 15ft. 10½in. ; 2nd, Roberts (N) ; 3rd, Pearmine (M).
 Triple Jump (Record : Butcher, 1964, 34ft. 4½in.)
 1st, Roberts (N), 32ft. 7in. ; 2nd, Reeve (M) ; 3rd, Arnold (H).
 Javelin (Record : Cocks, 1965, 111ft. 0in.)
 *1st, Cocks (C), 111ft. 0in. ; 2nd, Burgess (H) ; 3rd, Harper (M).
 Discus (P. M. Thompson, 1964, 119ft. 4in.)
 1st, Cannons (N), 95ft. 1in. ; 2nd, Thompson (C) ; 3rd, Jones (H).
 Shot (Record : P. M. Thompson, 1964, 38ft. 11in.)
 1st, Frost (H), 32ft. 1in. ; 2nd, Williams (M) ; 3rd, Jones (H).
 Relay (Record : Gibbs, 1964, 52.3s.)
 1st, Newsoms, 54.0s. ; 2nd, Miltons ; 3rd, Halliwells.

MAJOR

100yd. (Record : Coppen, 1964, 12.0s.)
 1st, Russell (N), 12.7s. ; 2nd, Healey (H) ; 3rd, Boxall (G).
 220yd. (Record : Coppen, 1964, 27.7s.)
 1st, Reed (N), 28.7s. ; 2nd, Healey (H) ; 3rd, Blackburn (H).
 440yd. (Record : Holmes, 1965, 63.7s.)
 *1st, Holmes (M), 63.7s. ; 2nd, Parnham (N) ; 3rd, Newport (M).
 75yd. Hurdles (Record : Charlton, 1965, 12.3s.)
 *1st, Charlton (G), 12.3s. ; 2nd, Marshall (G) ; 3rd, Rand (H).
 High Jump (Record : Rand, 1965, 4ft. 5in.)
 1st, Charlton (G), 4ft. 2in. ; 2nd, Parnham (N) ; 3rd, Rand (H).
 Long Jump (Record : Holmes, 1965, 15ft. 0in.)
 *1st, Holmes (M), 15ft. 0in. ; 2nd, O'Malley (H) ; 3rd, Reed (N).
 Javelin (Record : Hanson, 1965, 89ft. 7in.)
 *1st, Hanson (M), 89ft. 7in. ; 2nd, Carpenter (M) ; 3rd, Williamson (C).
 Discus (Record : M. Russell, 1965, 92ft. 1in.)
 1st, Russell (N), 83ft. 7in. ; 2nd, Williamson (C) ; 3rd, Marshall (G).
 Shot (Record : Blackburn, 1965, 33ft. 4in.)
 1st, Newport (M), 32ft. 2½in. ; 2nd, Blackburn (H) ; 3rd, Young (G).
 Relay (Record : Miltons, 1964, 56.5s.)
 1st, Newsoms, 56.7s. ; 2nd, Halliwells ; 3rd, Gibbs.

MINOR

100yd. (Record : Feist, 1965, 12.5s.)

1st, Feist (G), 12.6s. ; 2nd, Roberts (N) ; 3rd, Marsh (H).

220yd. (Record : Feist, 1965, 28.0s.)

*1st, Feist (G), 28.0s. ; 2nd, Robinson (H) ; 3rd, Evans (N).

440yd. (Record : Parnham, 1964, 66.6s.)

1st, Maunder (M), 69.7s. ; 2nd, Evans (N) ; 3rd, Shepherd (N).

75yd. Hurdles (Record : Pepperell, 1964, 14.0s.)

1st, Mayer (N), 14.7s. ; 2nd, Antonowicz (G) ; 3rd, Williamson (C).

High Jump (Record : Parnham, 1964, 4ft. 0in.)

1st, Bartlett (C), 3ft. 9in. ; 2nd, Antonowicz (G) ; 3rd, Finch (G).

Long Jump (Record : Robinson, 1965, 14ft. 8½in.)

1st, Mayer (N), 12ft. 6½in. ; 2nd, Roberts (N) ; 3rd, Marsh (H).

Shot (Record : Feist, 1965, 32ft. 8in.)

1st, Bartlett (C), 26ft. 3in. ; 2nd, Robinson (H) ; 3rd, Young (M).

Relay (Record : Halliwells, 1964, 59.4s.)

1st, Gibbs, 59.7s. ; 2nd, Newsoms, 3rd, Halliwells.

FINAL POSITIONS

1st	...	Newsoms	1493 pts.
2nd	...	Gibbs	1425 pts.
3rd	...	Halliwells	1241 pts.
4th	...	Cobbs	1228 pts.
5th	...	Miltons	1220 pts.

SWIMMING

Master-in-Charge : L. R. King, Esq.

Swimming as a serious competitive sport at the school continues to be hampered by lack of facilities. The long distance to the nearest available Baths has always been a disincentive even to the keenest swimmers and one cannot ask pupils with homework to complete, to spend up to two hours of their time after school, travelling to Wimbledon and back for a regular training session. In addition to this, the closure for reconstruction of the second bath at Wimbledon has made it increasingly difficult to obtain any swimming allocation during the normal games afternoons. The attempt to provide swimming qualifying sessions after school hours met with no response during the winter and spring terms, when the baths were empty, and overwhelming response during two occasions in the summer term when the baths were packed almost solidly with the public. As a result of this state of affairs there has been no swimming possible for Junior Games during the remainder of the summer term.

The situation should, of course, improve when the new baths at Wimbledon and Morden are completed, possibly next year. In the mean-

while everyone should try to complete his qualifying during the Autumn and Spring terms.

Despite these difficulties, more qualifying points than ever before were gained and 276 boys successfully participated.

Under a new system of scoring for the Gala events in which 1st to 4th places now count, the Gala points have been boosted so that their total is now almost equal to the total of qualifying points, as can be seen from the table of results.

The Gala itself passed off pleasantly and enjoyably and its main feature was an exciting "neck and neck" struggle between Cobbs and Gibbs for the first place in the evening's events, being decided by the last race, the senior relay.

It remains to add that Colt and Junior teams took part in the Wimbledon and District Swimming Sports as a result of which A. R. Nicoll, C. F. Staines, M. S. Russell and G. A. Hopper were chosen to swim for the District at the County Gala. Russell came second in the one-length Free Style with a school record time of 18.2 seconds. L.R.K.

RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING SPORTS, 1965

Held at Malden Road Baths, Cheam, on Monday, 24th May at 7 p.m.

Free Style

Minor 1L.—Record: Moffat (G), 1962, 19.9s.

Nicoll (C) 22.25s., Feist (G), Marsh (H), Sharp (M).

Junior 1L.—Record: Moffat (G), 1963, 18.9s.

Russell (N) 18.9s., Carpenter (M), Pearce (C), Walton (G).

Colt 2L.—Record: Mallett (G), 1962, 42.7s.

Hopper (N) 45.3s., Stevens (G), Rissen (C), Pashby (H).

Senior 2L.—Record: Mallett (G), 1963, 41.9s.

Moffat (G) 44.95s., English (C), Higham (H), Newman (M).

Breast Stroke

Minor 1L.—Record: Castling (G), 1959, 27.3s.

Mayer (N) 31.5s., Marsh (H), Sharp (M), Antonowicz (G).

Junior 1L.—Record: Castling (G), 1960, 25.1s.

Russell (N) 27.9s., Rand (H), Scraze (G), Bolt (C).

Colt 2L.—Record: Saunders (N), 1952, 51.7s.

Stevens (G) 59.7s., Hollins (N), Ventharn (C), Wingate (M).

Senior 2L.—Record: Robinson (H), 1963, 54.8s.

Jones (C) 56.9s., Castling (G), Ross (N), Newman (M).

Back Stroke

Minor 1L.—Record: Staines (N), 1964, 25.1s.

Ward (H) 32.1s., Antonowicz (G), Cooper (C), Sharp (M) =
Chappell (N).

Junior 1L.—Record: Stevens (N), 1954, 24.6s.
 Staines (N) 25.0s., Bolt (C), Hilton (H), Oatway (G).
 Colt 2L.—Record: Lane (G), 1962, 53.2s.
 Cherry (C) 58.4s., Mullens (G), Butcher (M), Jones (H).
 Senior 2L.—Record: Bennée (G), 1963, 50.1s.
 Lane (G) 50.9s., Page (C), Catton (H), Trundley (M).

Plunge

Open—Record: Betts (G), 1957, 67ft. 2½in.
 Pearce (G) 53ft. 9in., Patrick (M), Jones K. (C), Higham (H).

Diving

Open—Bolt (C), Gray (G), Carpenter (M), Standish (H).

Butterfly

Junior 1L.—New Event.
 Staines (N) 31.4s., Moss (H), Nicoll (C), Walton (G).
 Colt 1L.—Record: Castling (G), 1962, 22.7s.
 Cherry (C) 28.5s., Hopper (N), Varma (G), Jones (H).
 Senior 1L.—Record: Hill (N), 1963, 22.7s.
 Flude (C) 25.2s., Moffat (G), Gilbert (H), Trundley (M).

Relays

Junior 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1960, 75.4s.
 Newsoms 79.0s., Halliwells, Gibbs, Cobbs.
 Colt 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1962, 68.0s.
 Newsoms 71.0s., Cobbs, Gibbs, Miltons.
 Senior 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1961, 63.3s.
 Gibbs 67.9s., Cobbs, Miltons, Newsoms.
 Junior 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1960, 93.6s.
 Newsoms 98.0s., Halliwells, Cobbs, Miltons.
 Colt 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1962, 81.2s.
 Newsoms 89.1s., Gibbs, Cobbs, Halliwells.
 Senior 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1961, 78.0s.
 Gibbs 92.8s., Cobbs, Halliwells, Miltons.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 1965 GALA

Points	C	G	H	M	N	Total
Qualifying ...	355	438	327	238	204	1562
Gala	370	375	230	142½	332½	1450
Total	725	813	557	380½	536½	

THE THINGS THEY SAY

T.H.P.—When you get to my age, you don't care what anyone says about your hat as long as it keeps out the rain.

W.G.C.—Are you giving up Physics, Mc——?

Mc——: No, sir.

W.G.C.—Why not?

D.A.—Sorry I'm late, sir. There was a hold up on the bus.

G.M.—Oh, I see, did he get away?

J.R.C.—It was called Pig Island because of the number of sheep on it.

P.K.K.—Alexander is walking around in a sling.

D.E.J.—I must end the lesson now; I've got to disappear.

T.H.—Poof!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of all outraged Arts, Maths and Science sixth formers, I would like to make a few points in reply to the dastardly attacks on our multifarious talents so slightly perpetrated among your pages by a certain R. J. Nelson in his contribution, "Comme Il Faut," appearing in the last "Spur." It may be that "There are lies, damn lies, and statistics," but let us play Mr. Nelson at his own game.

Firstly, he chooses to turn a blind eye to the fact that his 7 "O"-level average includes extra "O" levels in Economics and Economic History, an additional feature peculiar to Economists (most other mortals being already fully qualified without these extraneous statistics).

Secondly, does his apparent equation, 50% prefects=trustworthiness, thereby imply that the alarmingly high remaining percentage of Economists (the other 50% are *untrustworthy*? Be that as it may, after half-term this Summer and even without our Scientific brethren, the Upper Arts Sixth still mustered 62% prefects, while the first year consisted of 42% prefects.

His sports statistics merely prove by themselves that the Economic Sixth does not possess by any means a monopoly in this field.

In addition, in criticising the Artists generally, he has twice resorted to phrases in French, one of the very subjects whose worthy students he appears to deprecate.

Indeed Mr. Nelson should note that it was solely through the kind offices of a largely Artistic editorial board that these somewhat ludicrous

claims initially appeared, doubtless with the editors' perceptive intention that these figures should stand as their own condemnation.

I find it difficult to imagine what our Economics Sixth have currently to be proud of while other second-rate economists, with their pinch-penny attitudes, are stifling Britain's many potentially top-class artists, authors, playwrights, scientists, inventors, doctors and researchers, yet at the same time disastrously managing to drag Britain downhill towards international bankruptcy.

Finally, let Mr. Nelson consider the example of the Romans (who, although backward in time, built up a not inconsiderable civilization)—"Ars et Scientia"—no mention of Economics! They knew what they were talking about.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. King, 6 Arts.

Sirs,

From the formal expressions of appreciation in the "Spur" concerning recent school concerts, one gains the impression that Raynes Park music has never been better. The tone of coy humour in the printed programme of the recent concert is indicative of a general malaise from which the choir has suffered for the last year or two, and which has shown itself in the choir's curious "compulsion" to "perform," while singing, like a troupe of street musicians, and inclusion in its repertoire of anything short of advertising jingles. This is not the place to argue the merits of performing "serious" music; but, as a play by a serious playwright, whether Shakespeare or Wilde, is normally chosen as the annual school play, and poetry rather than doggerel is more fitting in the "Spur," it is regrettable that when the school choir performs in public it must get by with a series of music-hall sketches—regrettable, because it is obviously capable of far better music. Not all the music it sang was silly, but bad folk songs strung together by perfunctory piano playing seemed out of place in a concert which included excellent orchestral and solo items.

Yours faithfully,

B. J. Spanos.

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