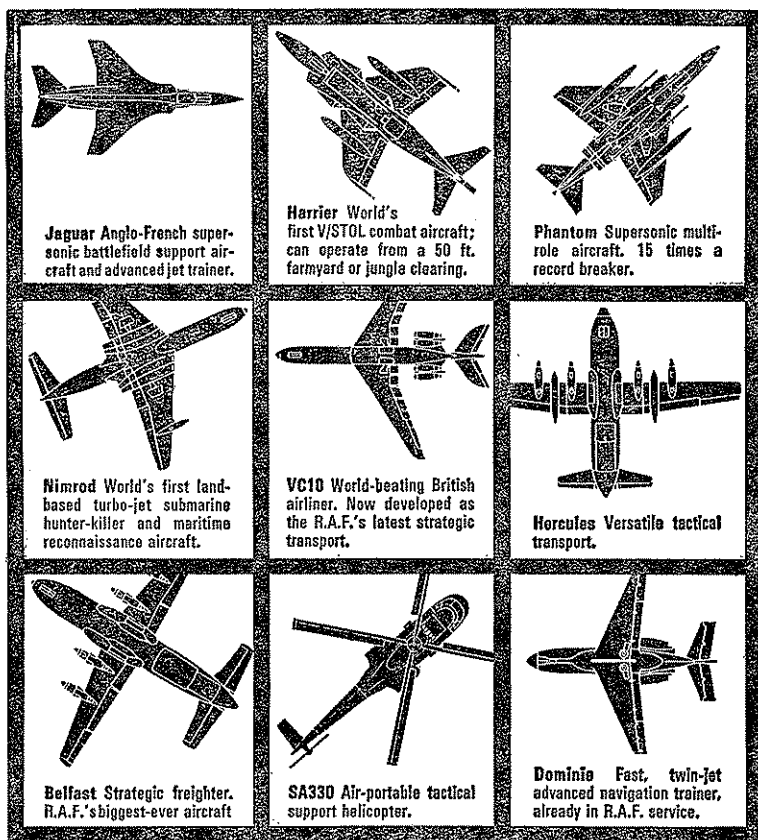


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EDITORIAL

"The System Is Dead—Long Live The System?"

And so the illustrious young school on the outskirts of Raynes Park no longer has to endure the indignity of sustaining and nourishing that meaningless but socially inequitable term "Grammar"—at last I can begin my sentences with such a histrionic conjunction without suffering from a severe guilt complex at my disloyalty to the school. No longer can the supposed abhorrent violations of individuality which must indubitably have flourished under some deceptive disguise within these walls for the last thirty years be diabolically shrouded from the innocent world by the apparently pious cognomen "Grammar School." After years of intrepid struggles against the perversions of a calculatingly academic hierarchy we can now tread the path of victory; with heads held high in majestic pride we can ceremoniously renounce the corrupt terminology "Grammar" and put in its place the virtuous, honest, proletarian word, "High," which faithfully and candidly symbolises the type of establishment we have fought to achieve in the Comprehensive system—exalted, distinguished, truculent and turbulent.

We, the privileged pupils at this progressive institution, welcome the new inmates as they join us in the great new venture : as must be obvious to any outsider, the laddies in the corridors are all good friends. The extended arm of comradeship has been gladly clasped, and the fellow scholars

of the new school can be seen working side by side in the common cause—and why not? They are all in the same boat!

In the difficult period of integration between the pupils, it is not we who have let ourselves down. Much as I hesitate to pass judgment on our elders, I feel it is my duty as a conscientious member of our fraternity to point out to them the error of their ways. For instance, there can be no hope for a successful integration while the School Library continues to display the intellectually discriminating *Sunday Times* and refuses to recognise the *News of the World* as the appropriate newspaper of the people. Nor, looking along the shelves, can I find any trace of the type of book designed to cater for the modern, broader-minded pupil of the High School—"Last Exit to Brooklyn" or the "Kama Sutra." Surely those concerned realise how much more the Library would be used if these popular, instructive editions replaced the out-dated, effete, academic books which gather the dust on the shelves at present.

This year's School Play was, of course, most inappropriate in taste. I suppose we must be thankful that we have managed to avoid another boring showing of incomprehensible Shakespeare, but there is little merit in basing a dramatic production on history. History, as every car owner knows, is bunk, and it is, again, instrumental in producing pedigree barriers: obviously only those people with a family ancestry stretching back to at least the French Revolution will have been able to appreciate the play fully. Instead of looking into the past, we should be seeking to establish the foundations of our future scholastic structure. An ideal play for our first year as a High School would have been one in which there was no dialogue, only nude actors and actresses on the stage indulging in ritualistic orgies: there would then have been no lexicographic distinction through dialogue, and the audience, mentally rich and poor alike, would have been amused equally. After all, the whole purpose of a school play is to ensure that no one person can appreciate or enjoy it more than any other just because of his or her nature-endowed attributes.

Eventually, of course, there will be no distinctions of any sort: everyone will be equal and the same, and the comprehensive system will have achieved one of its presumed objectives—to destroy individuality in favour of a Utopia for jellyfish.

A. E. Marsh.

[As a postscript to the foregoing we, editorially, feel an apology is needed for our lack of information since the last academic year. In fact, the time of merging was expected to produce new inspirations, stimulating incentives, flashing formats, enlightened policies, but all the gestational period seems to have produced is approval of the status quo. As a result we are revived in much the same garb but proclaim from an obviously more exalted plane. Finance is, in any case, the overwhelming factor in our appearance, and, as this is existing under a state of squeeze, genius is inevitably circumscribed. Thus the reader's ration is being restricted and, at least temporarily, feeding time will be reduced to a biannual performance.—Eds.]

SPURANA

In September the School Roll was boosted by some 135 arrivals from Queen's, Wimbledon, and Morden Farm : sixty-five joined the Third Year as two forms; thirty-five created a Fourth Year miscellany, and most of the remainder constituted two Fifth forms.

At the same time we welcomed to the Staff Mr. W. A. Parker as Head of Technical Studies; Mr. N. F. Gower to be in charge of Woodwork; and Mr. J. G. Smith to teach Mathematics. These gentlemen had already experienced life in the Borough. In addition we were pleased to meet Mr. J. W. Davies, who is teaching, mainly, Modern Languages; Mr. H. R. Naunton, who shares his time between the Religious Education and English Departments; and Mr. R. J. Whitehouse, who has taken up residence in the Mathematics Laboratory. Mrs. B. Loudon is giving part-time assistance in Modern Languages, which Department welcomed with her, as Assistant(s), Mlle. Naima Trabelsi from Tunisia and Herr Frank Schön.

More recently we have missed Mr. Waren's presence in the School Grounds, and while we thank him for his care of them we are also pleased to welcome in his place Mr. Carter.

Under our aegis have come the premises of Bushey Junior School, which are being gradually developed as a Workshop Centre. Engineering, as a prospective "O" Level subject, is now a Fourth Year option and Sixth form Mathematicians and Physicists have opportunities for practical work there.

With the subsequent incorporation into the playground in that area of the old pathway linking Bushey Road and West Barnes Lane, alien pedestrians now have had added to the thrilling beauty of the picturesque Brook the dangers of flying missiles and bodies.

Professor Alan Milton, whose name was given to one of the original Houses, and who is now Pro Vice-Chancellor of Coleraine University in Ulster, made a generous donation to the School to commemorate in an appropriate way the School's changing status. It was decided to give Mr. Graham Gilchrist a commission for a piece of sculpture. The—appropriately—controversial "Raynes Rise" is now located in the court adjacent to the Dining Hall, and the Arts Council has agreed to assist financially with this abstract construction.

Old Boy and Careers Officer, Mr. Clarkson, has been helping to provide a series of lunch-hour lectures for fourth and fifth formers on Careers ranging from Printing to Police, Gas to Rail.

We have been the host school for a John Laing and Co. Ltd., Management Exercise in which 36 six formers, in pairs, planned, for a day, the building of a Sports Pavilion.

The charitable ventures have been continuing : sponsored swimmers provided nearly £100 for the International Voluntary Service; teams have bowled themselves at Leytonstone into a stupor on behalf of "Shelter"; musical performers have co-operated with their counterparts at Ricards Lodge to collect, as a result of a concert, £60 for the Spastics' Society; the Houses have been on a weekly trail with collections to provide a bull for an area in desperate need of same—depending on which way one looks at the beast, most of either the front or the rear has now been "assembled."

Melle College, Belgium, visited by our Hockey XI on last year's Continental Tour, returned the compliment, but went away without any dividends.

Two minibuses, under the conductorship of Messrs. Alldridge and Parry, went west—and returned.

Other public links have been established by some Sixth formers who are being given the opportunity, at intervals, of participating in quartets in a B.B.C. Current Affairs Programme : they are able to put questions to correspondents who have previously lectured to them.

The 1st XV, unlike the Hockey XI, toured briefly without passports.

Finally we are pleased to congratulate the following on their various achievements :

The Headmaster and Mrs. Giles on the birth in November of their son, Christopher.

D. C. Woodcock on the award of an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge; P. J. Smith on gaining a place at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge, to read French and Russian; S. T. Kelley on a place at St. Peter's, Oxford, to read Medicine; and M. J. Boxall on his acceptance by Christ Church, Oxford, for Chemistry.

The Hockey XI on winning the London Schools Knock-out Cup on the first occasion for which it was competed.

The Under Fifteen Seven on winning the Merton Schools Knock-out Competition. This, too, was an inaugural occasion.

M. Healey and C. Kelly on being selected to join respectively the Surrey Under Nineteen and Under Fifteen Rugby Training Squads.

I. Brewer on playing Hockey for Surrey Schools; A. D. Miles and P. J. Orr on their selection for the London Schools Under Sixteen XI.

A. S. Hutchison, on "free" transfer from Morden Farm, for breaking various Cross Country records, including the record for the School course.

A. Brown, P. Couper, G. Marshall, D. Rees and P. Sutton on their Chess selection for the Surrey Under Eighteen team.

P. T. Norton on producing the winning Essay in the Wimbledon and District Chamber of Commerce Education Award Competition. At a ceremony at Wimbledon Town Hall he received a voucher and cup.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

Visits have been made by the following gentlemen whom we take this opportunity to thank for their kind services.

Dr. J. Steinberg, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge: 'American Political Scene'.
L. W. Steines, Esq., Hawker Siddeley Dynamics: 'Satellites in Space'.
J. D. Binns, Esq., Vice-Principal Kingston College of Art: 'Design'.
Dr. E. Nelson: 'Market Research'.
Discussion led by Children's Officer of Merton and colleagues on 'Johnny', a film of Separation.
The Ven. Bronschoy Ketusat: 'Buddhism'.
O. Lambert, Esq., Director of Operations A.A.: 'Motoring of the Future'.
W. Park, Esq., Natural Conservancy Board: 'Pollution'.
C. Moorhead, Esq.: 'I.T.N. News'.

SCHOOL OCCASIONS

As yet these have for a variety of reasons been somewhat sparse, but parents in varying numbers have been engaged in a Social, in listening to Mr. E. G. Liddell of the London Institute of Education, in posing questions to a panel of the Staff, and in attending their Annual General Meeting.

The Prize Giving has been dispensed with—in deference perhaps to the spirit of egalitarianism or in preparation for the day when examinations are abolished. In an almost indecently reactionary mood we do, however, continue to slide unobtrusively a few traditional prizes to those who in different spheres have proved they are more equal than their peers. In the past the following would have trod the platform of Wimbledon's Town Hall:

Art Prize: J. H. Bulmer.
S. R. Hall Memorial Prize for General Studies: I. D. Ness, D. K. Pinnock.
Headmaster's Essay Prize: P. C. Berry, P. C. Horton, M. J. Boxall.
Old Boys' Prize: J. J. Humphreys, M. J. Nakar.
L. A. G. Strong Prize: A. T. Isaacson, A. E. Marsh, J. H. Bulmer, P. J. Orr.
Da Vinci: Senior—J. H. Bulmer. Middle—I. H. Davies, Junior—D. R. Barrow.
Photographic: Black and White—S. J. Pearce, Colour—P. J. Smith.

Or, again, the avid local Press would not have been denied the opportunity of reporting that at Ordinary Level candidates had notched an average of five passes; that at Advanced Level they had achieved an overall pass rate of between 75 per cent and 80 per cent.; and that 29 students had gone on to University, seven to Technical Colleges, two to Colleges of Further Education, while sixteen were being usefully employed!

The School Play. This was postponed mainly as a result of an unusual phenomenon—what an aggrieved and possibly slightly biased section of the community would claim was due to Ministerial vacillation and brinkmanship, and short-sighted local authorities!

The School Concert. For much the same reason this had to be cancelled. It is believed that this decision came as a relief to various juniors who, it had been whispered, were to be denied the privilege of growing up in order to avert a gap in the treble ranks. However far the unisex idea is being pushed, voices, it seems, as yet, still change.

RAYNES PARK GENERAL SCHOOL FUND September 1st, 1968 — August 31st, 1969 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Totals	£	s. d.	Totals	£	s. d.
1967/68			1967/68		
1043 0 0	G.S.F. Subscriptions	968 7 6	428 13 6	Excess of Expenditure over Income,	6 13 0
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74 7 11	Games ...	77 4 2	232 12 2	Diaries and School Magazine ...	348 16 6
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	LL.B.M. due last term) ...	12 8 0	140 6 5	etc.) ...	183 3 2
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	Parents' Association ...	46 2 0		Library (Newspapers and Periodicals)	43 13 1
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	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...			Refreshments (Oberton) ...	32 10 3
				House Plays and House Suppers ...	62 4 4
				Affiliation Fees and Subscriptions ...	24 13 5
				Sundries (Fish, Films, etc.) ...	
				Field Study Course Expenses (recover-	
				able from LL.B.M. in next financial	
				year) ...	
				Miscellaneous:	58 1 9
				Fr. Da Costa (Charity)	
				Speech Day Expenses ...	6 13 10
				Donations ...	25 11 4
				Surrey Schools Athletic	16 7 11
				Appeal ...	
				Lettering Honours Board	2 2 0
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REPORTS

COBBS

House Captains : A. E. Marsh and M. D. Williamson.

Tennis : Owing to the weather this Competition is yet to be completed, but as best as one may predict, we have an excellent chance of finishing in second place. In the three matches so far played, we have beaten Miltons, lost to Gibbs, while a deciding rubber remains to be played against Halliwells. N. Bolt and G. Bartlett deserve thanks for their excellent play throughout the above matches.

L. Leyland.

Chess : We were beaten in a close finish by Halliwells. The Juniors put up a fine display to win their section with 34 out of a possible 40 points. The Seniors came third in their section.

P. Couper.

Cross-Country : We put up a creditable display, finishing second to Newsoms, whom we had never expected to beat. Even so, if more of the House had made an effort in the qualifying, we could have offered some challenge to the eventual winners.

Our best individual performances came from Petrides (M.) and Catlin, first and second respectively in the Juniors; Stallard, third in the Colts; and Fordham, sixth in the Seniors.

G. Tovell.

Gymnastics : We failed to retain the Cup mainly because of the sheer lethargy among the fourth year from whom we had only one representative. We still managed second place, however, 30 points behind Newsoms. Special credit goes to Bradford, who came first in the fourth year, and to Elliott and Merton, who came first and second respectively in the fifth year, so pulling us up from fifth to third place overall. The sixth year gained the highest points in their group, and thus we finished a creditable, though unfortunate, second overall.

N. Bolt.

Debating : This year saw no let-up in the bad results Cobbs have been having in Debating for two or three years now. Because of a lack of experienced veterans I had to put into the field a raw, nervous, uninitiated team. At least, however, several fourth formers are now interested in debating, and also one or two of the new arrivals, so perhaps with more practice and luck better results will be seen next year.

L. Pearce.

Hockey : Owing to weather conditions this term, this Competition has only just begun. The Seniors have played two games : they unfortunately lost to a strong Gibbs side 0-1, but gained some revenge by overrunning Miltons 5-1. The Colts and Juniors have not yet begun, but I am sure they will give of their best when the time comes.

S. Smith.

Rugby : This season was quite unsuccessful, Cobbs dropping from last year's first down to fifth place. The Juniors lost all four matches, the Seniors won only against Miltons, and even the Colts' effort to gain third place in their section could not save us from coming last overall.

G. Hammett.

Basketball : As we had lost almost the whole of last year's winning team, it was not altogether surprising that we should achieve only joint fourth place with Gibbs. Gibbs, in fact, were the only team we beat, but, as they also won one of their matches we tied for last place. The Colts have not yet finished their Competition, but perhaps they can do a little better than the Seniors. M. Williamson.

General : This first half of the school year has obviously not been as prosperous as one would have hoped, but maybe from now on we shall see less of the apathy which seems to have dulled our lustre, and a little more enthusiasm which might yet allow us to pull something out of the bag.

Our thanks must go to all the above captains, and a great pity it is that their efforts have not been better rewarded. Most of all, however, we must thank our new Housemaster, Mr. Riley, who has quite definitely severed all links with "that other House" and has proved himself to be a true Cobb at heart.

GIBBS

House Captain : P. J. Smith.

Vice-Captain : G. H. Roberts.

Gibbs began its first year as part of Raynes Park High School by welcoming a new House Tutor, Mr. Richard Whitehouse. His musical ability, in particular, will be a great asset to the House in the future. We are very pleased to have him.

We have gained good results in the House Competitions completed so far, though there is certainly no cause for complacency.

The Tennis Cup is ours for the third year running, and Roberts, Finch, and Russell are to be congratulated on winning all their matches.

We were unable to repeat last year's success in the Chess Competition; although the Seniors, led by Marshall, won their section, the Juniors were unable to give them much support, and we finished third.

In the Rugby Competition, we gained a creditable second place, the Seniors excelling by winning two matches—it is a long time since a Gibbs Senior Rugby team won anything !

We were strong favourites to win the Debating Cup, and it was no surprise when we ran out winners by a fairly wide margin despite some very lively debating from the other houses. We thank Roberts for co-ordinating our effort.

In Hockey, the Seniors have made a good start by winning their first three matches. It is to be hoped that the Juniors and Colts will continue their success.

Our Gymnastic performers, ably captained by Antonowicz, gained third place.

Wherever we eventually come in the Cross-Country Competition, we will be indebted to Oatway for his energetic leadership. We are at present lying third, and could come second if the teams run well.

After last year's failure, there was some doubt as to the wisdom of

having a House Supper, but happily tradition was the victor, and we assembled one Thursday in November, together with certain persons from *other places* (i.e. our honoured guests), for an excellent meal prepared by Mrs. Nottingham and certain Gibbs mothers, and an entertainment which was by general agreement the funniest for years. Our thanks to all concerned.

House duties have not gone as smoothly as one would have hoped, owing partly to imperfect communications, but more to an apparent lack of enthusiasm in some quarters. A system such as the present one depends on wholehearted co-operation by the Seniors, and while Gibbs Seniors are probably no worse than any others, there is still room for improvement. Recent improvements in communications are in fact already producing welcome results.

We have recently lost one of our most stalwart members. Ian Brewer has been one of the School's most consistent performers in a variety of spheres, and Gibbs have been fortunate indeed to have him. We wish him very well for the future.

In conclusion, may I thank all who have contributed to House activities in any way, and in particular our Housemasters for their continued support?

HALLIWELLS

House Captain : S. L. Murphy.

Vice-Captain : M. Healey.

The start to this year's Cock House Competition has been better than that of previous years, although there is still a feeling of apathy amongst some of our members.

After the completion of the major winter activities we are lying in third place in the Competition with $14\frac{1}{2}$ points, behind Newsoms and Gibbs. With more effort from the whole House in Swimming and Athletics qualifying we could gain second place in Cock House.

In the Rugby Competition the Seniors won all their matches, but owing to lack of ability, not effort, in the Junior and Colt sections we managed to gain only third place.

Cross-Country was our worst sport, as owing to lack of effort in the qualifying we finished last, although our race position was not as bad. In Basketball we finished third; in Gymnastics fourth, although this could have been improved with a full team.

Our best result so far has been in Chess, where we gained first place : thanks go to Marcousé and Rand for making this victory possible. The Hockey Competition has not yet been completed, but we stand a good chance of finishing in the first two if the Seniors win their remaining match and the Juniors do well.

During the next term I should like to see more effort from the whole House : if this is given, then we could finish in our strongest position in Cock House for many years.

MILTONS

House Captain : P. Hanson.

Vice-Captain : A. Hickish.

Before expounding our achievements, I should like to explain that a Rugby team consists of fifteen players, not eleven, as some of the Seniors seem to think. Further, I think Seniors should realise that there are eleven members of a Hockey team, not eight. Lastly, members of the House should know that two representatives for the Gymnastics Competition are desired, and that if only one appears our chances of winning the Cup could well be reduced. I could conclude the House report here, but I shall not !

Apathy, indifference, inaptitude, lethargy, paralysis, and obstupescence have been the main attributes of our teams. In these we have out-classed all opposition, and rumour has it that Miltons has put forward an application for a competition to be inaugurated for suspended animation.

Having pin-pointed the major fault in the House, *laziness*, we must not forget that there are some boys who have made an effort to maintain the House's pride. They are so few, we can single them out—S. Young, A. Hickish, R. Sharpe, N. Holmes, P. Hanson and P. Berry in the Seniors; C. Hosier in the Colts, and the broad base of the Juniors. S. Young captained Rugby, Hockey and Basketball with great efficiency, under the prevailing circumstances, whilst A. Hickish ably took in hand Cross-Country and Debating. I should like to congratulate Watson and Eager for taking first place in their section of the Gymnastics Competition, and the whole of the Basketball team for coming second in the Senior Competition.

In conclusion, I should like to appeal on behalf of the House Committee to those who, I suspect, are members of this House, to gird up their loins, stiffen their sinews, and prove that we can be a force to reckon with. Please . . .

NEWSOMS

House Captain : M. Russell.

Vice-Captain : D. Pinnock.

Our start to the "1970" campaign has been more auspicious than in previous years. Already we have won the Rugby, Cross-Country and Gymnastics Cups, and tied with Gibbs, our main rivals for Cock House, for the Basketball Cup.

In Chess this year, we finished in fourth place—ahead of Miltons. The Juniors did well to finish third in their section in the face of strong opposition, beating Gibbs and Miltons. The Seniors, however, fared less well, succeeding in defeating only Miltons.

A very lucky first debate against Gibbs set us up in a strong position

for second place, which we conserved by easily beating Halliwells. Thanks go to J. Chappell and A. Shephard for fine debating, and D. Evans and C. Staines for sharing the fourth place in the team, bringing forth their enthusiasm in their speeches, under D. Pinnock's leadership.

In Cross-Country, we won the Cup for the third year in succession. A comfortable lead in qualifying was reinforced by wins in all three age groups. Although we had individual wins from I. Evans and T. Spencer in the Colt, and A. S. Hutchison in the Senior race, many people qualified, and we were thus able to field full teams under the very able captaincy of D. Evans.

As far as Basketball is concerned, the House can be accused of having slipped up. In the Seniors, we lost to a very strong Halliwell's team, but easily defeated Cobbs and Miltons. Against Gibbs, however, no excuses can be given for our defeat. The Colts were unbeaten, until their last game against Gibbs, where once again we fell, thus having to share the Cup. Our success in the Colts can be put down to training organised the term before, by P. Metcalfe.

Our Gymnastics teams made a very fine effort and should be congratulated on reversing our position of fifth last year and winning fairly comfortably a Cup that has often eluded us. Special mention should be given to T. Spencer, M. Harrison and T. Adams, whose performances made the trophy sure.

The final report is on our Rugby teams. Once again we relied on the Junior and Colt teams, who both won their sections; in fact, the Juniors dropped the only point to Gibbs. The Seniors fared well, losing only to Halliwells, so the Rugby Cup was secured, with the loss of only three points.

With our best start to Cock House for many years, and our strongest term to come, the House is very confident of retaining the Cup once again. For this we must thank Messrs. O'Driscoll, Holmes and Smith for their constant support at all practices.

COCK HOUSE COMPETITION (until March 1970)

	Cobbs	Gibbs	Halliwell's	Miltons	Newsoms
Rugby	0	6	3	1	10
Cross-Country ...	6	3	0	1	10
Basketball	0½	5½	2	0½	5½
Gymnastics	4	2	0½	0	7
Debating	0	7	2	0½	4
Chess	4	2	7	0	0½
TOTALS ...	14½	25½	14½	2½	37

SOCIETIES

CHRISTIAN UNION

Won't you . . . ?

I often wish everyone in the school was made to attend at least one Christian Union meeting a year. The number of totally inaccurate criticisms of the C.U. which reach me is quite amazing. Those who say, for example, that Christianity stifles independent thought and reasoning, that Christians are in some way brainwashed to hold exactly the same opinions, ought to listen to the heated debates which often resound round the History Room on Friday lunch-times. Of course, by definition, all Christians agree on fundamental points, but this leaves plenty of room for thought and discussion of other matters, and one function of the C.U. is to provide a forum for discussion of such points. It would, however, be much more satisfactory if some non-Christians would come and challenge our fundamental beliefs. So many people confidently believe they have found some theory or other which disproves Christianity—yet they cannot be bothered to come and rescue us from our delusions !

We have been forced by this absence of non-Christians to operate a programme designed largely for Christians. Our two series of Bible Studies on the first letter of Peter and the closing chapters of Luke's Gospel have proved very profitable. The Juniors' ramble in October and the party for the whole C.U. in December were both well supported and enjoyable. The showing of a home-grown film strip, "Why Bother ?" drew an attendance of forty. We produced another issue of C.U.M. and made a bigger loss than we have before. We can go on with this comfortable existence for ever, but we do not want to !

We want *you* to come to a few meetings, argue with us if you like, or just sit and listen. We want *you* to hear what we think, not only about religious matters, but about moral and political problems. Our meetings are one of the few opportunities you have to discuss important matters. Won't you join us ?

P. J. Smith.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

For the first meeting of this year, the Society heard a talk on "Linguistics" given by Dr. G. Morgan, of Texas University.

Dr. Morgan began by tracing the evolution of grammars from the Sanskrit, to the Greek, and thence to the Latin. The Latin grammars evolved into their prescriptive form (e.g. Conditions and Purpose Clauses) because of the need to teach the language to the large numbers of foreigners allowed into the Roman State when it was in decline. Thus Latin lasted for another 1,500 years as the language of diplomacy.

The speaker then examined the effect of Latin upon the English Language. Rules against placing prepositions at the end of sentences and splitting infinitives can be attributed to the influence of Latin.

In previous times Latin has formed, together with Greek, the basis of education in grammar schools. What use, however, is Latin today? It can provide an insight into mythology and a useful training in logic.

A lively discussion upon some of Doctor Morgan's provocative remarks then ensued.

P. Horton.

DEBATING SOCIETY

There has been only one School debate so far this term. It was against our old rivals, Ursuline Convent School, whom we once again defeated thanks to a massive defection by the home supporters, who outnumbered ours by about five to one. The motion that "There should be no standards" was proposed by Ursuline and opposed by a Raynes Park team comprising Messrs. Warner, Jones and Smith, assisted by two well-prepared impromptu (?) speeches from the floor by Peter Szanto. We look forward to our next encounter.

The Welby Cup House Competition was judged this year by Messrs. Doig, Giles and Horler, with Messrs. Carter and Holmes deputising when necessary. Attendances fluctuated widely, ranging from four at the first debate to something over thirty at the third. The latter was the only lunch-time debate, and, though its popularity may have been due in part to the motion and to other factors, lunch-time debates may prove a sound idea for future competitions. As one of the judges remarked, the standard of debating seems to improve each year, and this year was no exception. A new scoring system which gave credit for riposte (that is, answering points made by the other side) ensured that the "non-debates" of last year, where the two sides tended to speak with little or no reference to each other, were not repeated.

It is quite clear, of course, that the best team won the Competition, but no House disgraced itself, and it is a great pity that many of those who do well in House debates never seem to show much enthusiasm for School debating. May I thank the judges for giving up their time, in particular Mr. Doig, whom it was very pleasant to see again, together with all who took part in a most enjoyable competition? The results follow:

WELBY CUP HOUSE DEBATING COMPETITION, 1970

Motion	Proposers	Opposers
This house believes that . . .		
. . . all punishment is evil.	Miltons (103)	Halliwell's (124)
. . . money is for spending.	Newsoms (141)	Gibbs (156½)
. . . nudity on the stage is justified.	Gibbs (156½)	Cobbs (105½)
This house does not care.	Cobbs (118½)	Miltons (130½)
This house believes that . . .		
. . . debating is a science, not an art.	Halliwell's (110)	Newsoms (124)

FINAL PLACINGS:

1st—Gibbs (313), 2nd—Newsoms (265), 3rd—Halliwell's (234)

4th—Miltons (233½), 5th—Cobbs (224)

P. J. Smith.

COMPUTER SOCIETY

The biggest joke in the School at present is to be found in the Advanced Physics Laboratory. That, I gather, is what most of my Sixth form colleagues consider the School Computer to be. It adds, subtracts, multiplies and divides perfectly when it has warmed up—after about five minutes—as long as it is not too warm—after about five and a quarter minutes.

Joking apart, what has our Society been doing? During second and third lunches on Fridays, the Juniors meet in the aforementioned laboratory to be overawed by that genius of Mathematics, Logic, and the French horn, Mr. R. Whitehouse. Under his able hand they have been shown some of the wonders of soldering, designing layouts for circuits, and many other mysterious practices that are done in the name of electronics.

After school, again on Fridays, the Seniors meet to work on their own projects, or "The Computer." These projects include demonstration logic circuits as used in our, and a commercial, computer, and an electronic gadget that plays dominoes. Many faults in "The Computer" have been found and already rectified, but a new fault has appeared on this very day of writing!

In conclusion, let me say that if anyone wishes to join us, he would be very welcome—and there is no membership fee! Just come along and see what we are doing on Fridays.

J. Leonard.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This term we have specialised in the study of the planets, concentrating on Saturn and Jupiter. The latter has dragged us out every clear morning at 7-30 a.m.! Saturn has been visible in the evening sky, the rings being clearly seen, as also were three moons.

The telescope in the quadrangle has been cleaned by the members (all four of us!). During the lunch hour the 8½ in. reflector has been used for Solar Astronomy. Many sunspots were visible and a large group has recently appeared.

Anyone who wants to join our Society is cordially invited. Please join.

J. Marsh, S. Brown, L. Martin.

C.E.W.C. REPORT

If you have forgotten exactly what C.E.W.C. stands for, or alternatively, never knew, here is a short explanation. (If you do know, then feel free to skip this paragraph!). The magic initials stand for Council for Education in World Citizenship—which means roughly what it says: the basic object is to make people more aware of the problems of the world, and to give people the opportunity of hearing and talking about them.

Last year the C.E.W.C. in Merton distinguished itself by raising more

money for a development scheme in Botswana than any other district had raised. As a result of this, the Chairman of the C.E.W.C. Student Committee, representing the rest of us in Merton, received a trophy at this year's Christmas Conference, the highlight of the C.E.W.C. year. School students from all over the country, plus a few from the Continent, occupied Central Hall, Westminster, for four days during the Christmas holidays. The subject of the conference was "Towards 2001—the promise and the perils of the twenty-first century." The lectures were varied—covering such topics as pollution, chemical warfare, the benefits of nuclear science, and "the media," while the showing of the film "The War Game" provoked much reaction and private discussion. There was also a dance and a concert, plus the opportunity to meet 1,500 new people—all in all a rich four days. The Merton C.E.W.C. Student Committee and some of their friends posed as stewards (and, it was said, performed well), thereby escaping the need to purchase a ticket. In between the lectures I spent some of my time being a cloak-room attendant!

Earlier in the School year there was a Senior Conference at Wimbledon Boys' School about the problem of aid and investment in under-developed countries, and recently there was a Junior Conference about Japan—that capitalist stronghold perched precariously on the edge of the Communist world. Just before Christmas there was a discotheque dance in the spacious hall of Garth School, and in March a debate on the rights and wrongs of revolution.

Finally, the C.E.W.C. notice board near Room B has displayed, and will continue to display, interesting information, with the aid of maps, on many of the political upheavals which are a constant part of twentieth century life. The notice board also gives information about forthcoming C.E.W.C. events, which, it is hoped, will be of interest to everyone.

A. J. Shephard.

565 SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

The Open Night display held at the end of last Summer Term was the highlight of a very successful recruiting campaign. As a result the Squadron numbers were increased to a safe level, and the danger that the squadron would be forced to disband through lack of support was removed. New members are always welcome, however, and would enable us to keep up our numbers by replacing "retiring" members.

Our activities this term included two money-raising ventures. During the School Fete our new members were especially responsible for the successful running of the stalls. Senior members undertook the selling of the majority of our quota of raffle tickets for the Wing Christmas Draw. The money raised will be used for the benefit of the whole Squadron to finance projects, three of which are under way at present, and various trips.

This term also saw the revival of the Annual Squadron Dinner successfully organised by Warrant Officer Wight. A special vote of thanks is

due to Mrs. Nottingham for providing the meal which was greatly appreciated by all.

In the following week members of the "Three Kings Aeromodelling Club" visited the Squadron and gave a very interesting talk illustrated by films and scale flying models.

Towards the end of term we were fortunate to be allocated a day's air experience gliding at R.A.F. Kenley. Eleven cadets attended and, despite freezing conditions and heavy snowfalls, all but one managed three launches before the weather forced a halt. A party of twelve cadets also attended White Waltham for powered flying in Chipmunk trainer aircraft.

A new training syllabus was introduced by H.Q. Air Cadets this year under which a new category of Staff Cadet was established, this being for senior cadets already in possession of the previous highest award. The middle of term brought the first examination based on the new syllabus with a pass rate of 100 per cent.

In the Staff Cadet Examination the following successes were recorded : Sgt. Pilkington, Distinction; Sgt. Ball and Cpl. Metcalfe, Credit.

In the Leading Cadet Examination held at the same time these cadets qualified : Cdt. Martin, Credit; Cdt. Ketchell, Pass.

Flight-Sergeant Needle and Sgt. Humphreys have both left the squadron. F./Sgt. Needle intends to become attached to our civilian staff, and we hope that he will give the squadron the benefit of his experience for many years to come. Sgt. Humphreys, on the other hand, has now taken up training for a commission in the R.A.F. We wish him every success in his career, although his support will be sadly missed.

AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION

Sgt. Ball and Cdt. James and Ky formed the Squadron team entered for the Air Britain Competition. Although the team did not have much success, Sgt. Ball achieved second place in the "Service Cadets" section and came third in the Regional contest.

The following cadets are to be congratulated on achieving their awards :

A.T.C. Marksman — Cpl. P. Metcalfe.

Best Cadet of the Month — October, Cdt. Ketchell; November, Cdt. Martin.

Cadets Ketchell and Martin are to be congratulated on being awarded their Corporal's tapes.

SIDNEY BLACK TROPHY

This trophy is awarded annually by Wing Headquarters to the best cadet in the Wing. Corporal P. Metcalfe was our representative and did very well to take second place. This entitles him to a three weeks tour of America, Canada, or one of several other countries.

SWIMMING

Cdts. Bradford and Ketchell were selected to represent the Surrey Wing in the Regional Championships. Cdt. Bradford scored successes in the Junior and Senior Backstroke, coming first in both races, and was also

a member of the Medley Relay team which came second. Cdt. Bradford was later selected to represent the London and South East Region at the Corps Championships.

FOOTBALL

Cpl. Metcalfe was selected for Surrey Wing team following Trials held at Chessington.

The Squadron team has improved in quality since last season, having benefited by "new blood." We were successful in beating 1345 (New Malden) Squadron in a friendly match by 4 goals to 2, Cdt. Francis (3) and Cdt. Bradford being our scorers.

This inspired the team to do well in the Spitfire Cup match against 1034 (Surbiton) Squadron, which resulted in a win by 3 goals to 0, our scorers being Cdt. Ishmael and Bradford and Cpl. Metcalfe.

In the second round, however, we were knocked out by 2325—"Tenison's School"—Squadron. The team played very well and we were unlucky to lose by 3 goals to 2, Bradford and Davies scoring on this occasion.

Our Under Sixteen team had better luck against 1345 Squadron, winning by 4 goals to 3. Scorers : Davies, Mullins and Bradford (2).

RUGBY

At the Regional Rugby Trials held at Sidcup, Kent, Cpl. Metcalfe was again successful in being selected for the team and gained his colours. He then went on to play at the Corps Trials held at R.A.F. Gaydon and was selected to represent the A.T.C. against "outside" teams.

SURREY STROLL

This Autumn's "stroll" was held in the Godalming area in ideal conditions. Five members completed the 25-mile course well within the prescribed time of 8½ hours. C.W.O. Richardson and Cdt. Arthur tied for first place. Sgts. Ball and Pilkington and Cdt. Ketchell also gained their certificates.

ORIENTEERING

Unfortunately owing to various circumstances we were unable to enter a complete team, but it was decided that valuable experience would be gained in this new sport by entering individual members. C.W.O. Richardson, Sgt. Pilkington, Cdt. Onraet and Saunders took part. We look forward to greater success in this activity in the future.

TABLE TENNIS

The squadron was invited to enter a team for an Invitation Tournament held by Epsom and Ewell Squadron. Cdt. Ketchell, Davies, Mullins and Onraet were selected as our representatives.

It will be seen from this report that the Squadron has been able to undertake more and varied activities during the last term, mainly owing to its increased size. We hope that this trend will continue and that our successes will be even greater in the future.

Sgt. J. L. Pilkington.

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

"RAYNES RISE"

A. J. Shephard, 6A.1

The new sculpture in our school was probably the most startling addition to the building since the new wing was built. Consisting of bright yellow rectangles and semi-circles made in steel, it seemed to be incredibly out of place: it was almost horrifying to see something like it in a school of all places. Looking from the corridor window, one could believe one was looking at a Salvador Dali canvas (admittedly one of the less startling ones).

"I've got a great idea," says Dali. "This one will really set people thinking—a piece of modern sculpture in a school quad. I'll make the sculpture as bright as possible, and the quad as dull as possible."

But this was no picture. Graham Gilchrist had actually made us a "Raynes Rise," all of our own.

Not everybody, however, felt that Mr. Gilchrist had done them a service. In fact, it was very interesting and amusing to be present that grey morning when the first astonished comments came pouring thick and fast from all directions. One might have been excused for thinking that the reception for "Raynes Rise" was unanimously bad: all one could hear was disparaging remarks. This was due to the fact that those who did not like it were saying so loudly and unasked. Those who did like it deemed it wiser to keep quiet, and those who were not sure tried not to commit themselves.

Those who did not like it showed open mouths, and with hardly a second glance at it, out came such unanswerable questions as "What is it?" Yellings across classrooms and sad-faced mutterings in the corridors soon brought about a friendship among them, and before long plans were being formulated. Great numbers of people were drawn together against it: people who normally had nothing in common were nodding in hearty agreement because of a common foe. Many suggestions were made as to what could be done with it—but "Raynes Rise" still stands.

It was difficult to find people who did like it. They could not unite to form a band against the others because they liked it for so many different reasons. Anyway, how could they set up an opposition group when they could not even answer the simple question "What is it?" Any arguments were useless: they could not argue that "Raynes Rise" was good, because the only reason they classed it as good was because they liked it. You could see them here and there, staring out of the window, liking it.

There were many who just accepted it. "Raynes Rise" was here; "Raynes Rise" would stay.

"I don't see," said one, "what all the fuss is about." They thought of "Raynes Rise" only when somebody mentioned it. They did not stand in the corridor and look at it; they did not comment on it; they maintained their right not to be affected by it in anyway, because it did not concern them.

But now a great deal of the original commotion has died down. It will get older and older—like the new wing of the school—until it is no longer our new sculpture. Newcomers to the school will not even know what it is for, and, when told, will forget, but no-one can admit that it has had no value. It caused a great deal of amusement at first; it probably has some artistic merit which will last for ever. My own feeling is one of hope. For me, surroundings matter as much as the work itself; and I hope that one sunny day with a blue sky, thick green grass, blossom or apples or just leaves on the trees, “Raynes Rise” will suddenly be something everyone wants to see.

The above was an entry in the Headmaster's Essay Competition and conveys the general reactions following the erection of our abstract in steel.

ON PROGRESS TOWARDS INTERNATIONALISM

G. H. Roberts, 6 Sc.3

Man has always been a gregarious animal: before the Neolithic Revolution, 12,000 years ago, *Homo sapiens* already knew about teamwork and loyalty to the male group which went hunting while the women communally looked after the children. True, the family unit was important, but the emphasis on group cooperation, governed by a leader, was present. After the Revolution, when agriculture (both crops and herds) first arose, the basic human instinct to stand his ground and defy any conquerable enemy seems to have been strengthened in man into territorialism, and the cunning and teamwork which helped groups to overcome stronger adversaries developed into the basis of our modern civilisation.

Before any move towards internationalism could be made, however, nationalism had to come. The most probable explanation for its rise was the growing pressure of inter-group strife necessitating unity for self-preservation: as civilisation progressed, and land and possessions became more valuable, the danger of attack by jealous enemies was made more serious than it had been before, when isolated semi-nomadic groups had hardly needed to keep watch at night to have a reasonable chance of success in defending themselves. The growth in population accentuated the problem, and made it necessary for local differences to be settled, Natural Selection operating to eliminate the groups which did not form into larger tribes. Finally, with the rise of better weapons, more valuable prizes for plunder, and better means of transport and communication (the horse, and wheeled vehicles of war), the step from tribalism to nationalism came mainly by force, by the subjection of several tribes under one rule. Once one such large unit was formed, with a power dangerous to those hundreds of miles away (e.g. Rome to Gaul and Britain) the more remote peoples had even greater reason to unite. Although civilisation grew soft, and

unable to defend itself (the fall of Rome, and subsequently of Constantinople) it was beaten only by a greater military force which (later) developed a new civilisation. This, aided by gunpowder and similar innovations, had no trouble in repelling barbarians.

Since that time, the improvement in communications and travel has done much to reduce regional differences, although many survive today, as any Cornishman will be quick to assert. Enforced unification has evolved into the formation of the great power blocs, owing to the threat of even more destructive weapons.

Despite these terrible external factors which enforce a form of unification even above the national level, the basic human tendency to identify oneself with a smaller group than this shows through in the form of independence moves everywhere amongst the developing nations (Biafra is a case in point) and even—but half-heartedly—in the ‘secessionist’ views of the Scots, Welsh and Irish. This rise of the ideal of freedom and separation in the last two centuries is reflected in the United States, whose ludicrously inefficient political structure seems expressly designed to preserve Home Rule for its wide spectrum of states. These inherently unstable giants are held together by the unthinkable alternative to the balance of power; and thus cosmopolitan nations and super-nations operate reasonably effectively whilst maintaining the cultural variations of their component ethnic groups. The rise of other power blocs may be accomplished by force (e.g. China) or by economic pressure (the Common Market—or is the European dream more one of power and glory, and fear of the present super-powers?).

Thus it seems that education, a tool often recommended to promote unification (and now, internationalism) has affected the situation in the past only indirectly, by providing larger and more fearsome armaments for those imposing central control by force, and better means of spanning our shrinking globe, helping not only the aggressor, but also the motley victims thus forced to unite or go under. Certainly one of the barriers to full international understanding is ignorance of other cultures, and inability to speak other languages. Understanding alone, however, cannot wash away the real incompatibilities in political systems, the ideological conflict between West and East; particularly because of the strong natural defences of the protagonists, which, when supported by restriction of entry permits, operate to deny communication as well as military access. Education has done, and will continue to do, important work in bringing men and women together, regardless of class, colour, creed or country, especially as it provides a common interest which requires international work for full efficiency, as the “scientific community”; nevertheless, it can help to bridge the final gap only in a small way—the driving force must be of a different nature, since it must include, and not exclude, the sphere of politics.

Force or fear? Imposition of rule, or acceptance of it through common necessity? These were the primary motives of the upsurge of common activity in the past. On examination, one of them is now inoperative; I

refer to force. The defeat of one or other of the power blocs would be accompanied by such widespread destruction to both groups that there would be very little left about which to be international. At the very best, there would be a marked decline in communication which would prevent any survivors from uniting (even with such an obvious motive as horror of the alternatives they have just witnessed) until radiation had died down, the population had increased, and a patched-up civilisation had been restored from the bits left over; a process taking a couple of hundred years? A thousand?

Thus, the only motive to international cooperation strong enough to be effective must be fear of a common enemy. Since there seems no threat from outside this world, this possibility might seem remote, if not totally inapplicable. The only danger to man's survival is not that of another intelligent race; there is another enemy which will destroy civilisation just as surely as any super-aliens from Mars; and I do not refer to the common sense of failure of the human race, the lack of sanity which seems to threaten our very lifeline of existence every day, since man can hardly unite to *fight* that; no, I argue now as Malthus argued a century ago; he is being proved more horribly right than could possibly have been imagined by anyone of his time: the human population explosion cannot be matched by any rise in food production this side of divine intervention, and, as I have said, if it is checked by war there will be no civilisation left; in fact I think that Malthus's other balancing factors—of vice, crime and disease—may well succeed in curbing population growth, but, if they are let free to a large enough extent to do this, there will be no controlling them, and we shall still lose our thin armour-plate of civilisation, which is all that stands between us and extinction, now the world is so polluted by what man has produced. Science has always provided the answer in the past, usually in the nick of time. We have contraceptives, but the vast bastion of the Roman Catholic Church opposes them, and they may be too late, anyway. If mankind is forced to take drastic action and (if he can be made to realise the danger in time) then we shall have the international cooperation so many would like to see; but it will be no bed of backslapping roses; we shall still have to fight the greatest battle man has ever had to fight. If we can unite now we may be able to prevent this being just the death-struggles of one more unsuccessful species, and avoid the fate of the dinosaurs.

PLEASE LISTEN TO MY PLEAS!

P. Meller, 6 Arts I

At this time in our lives there is much controversy about the often misunderstood "younger generation." The authorities and mainly middle-aged people of our society seem to have a general down on young people, and I think this is most unfair. There is a desire for peace and love amongst students and youngish people, people up to thirty years of age, but it seems to be lost by sociologists who explain the situation—dilemma, if you like—by saying that we are going through a formulative age and that we will grow out of it. It seems to me, however, that, although some of our older counterparts may have tried to change the world when they were young they seem to resent our attempts to do so. It is, I admit, extremely idealistic and even unlikely that a state of world peace will ever come about, but, at least, many young people want to try to change the world, which after all is our legacy.

Colour is a problem which we also hear about a great deal, but again it is not young people who cause the trouble about this subject. Young people mostly accept coloured immigrants and take them for what they are and not for their pigmentation. It saddens my heart every time I hear about support for Ian Smith and South Africa.

What right have they to subjugate a majority of people and then have the impudence to say they know what is right for them? These people are individuals in their own right and should have the right to decide for themselves what is best for them.

Drugs and morality are also causes for discussion, and I will now give my views on these. Personally, I do not believe in drugs and do not want to paint too rosy a picture of them but surely it is a case for individual freedom of choice? Although attention is constantly drawn to heroin addicts and the like, who incidentally are not all young, what about the long term effects of the drug nicotine which are only too obvious in many people? No comparable mention is made of these addicts who will suffer for a much longer time than a hard-drug addict.

A lack of moral standards, so much talked about today, is not peculiar to our generation and talk of a new high in promiscuity is rubbish compared with some of the periods of history concerning some of our illustrious, irreproachable and indubitable ancestors, the Ancient Greeks, for example, who practised group sex over 2,000 years ago. In this respect much has been said about John Lennon, but, as I see it, he has done much more for peace than most people. Even though he may only lie in bed or grow his hair (to give just two examples) he is drawing world attention to his aims.

Religion is a subject I won't go into deeply, but again it seems to me that young people have a more Christian attitude, with their wanting to spread the gospel of love. A point in our favour is the spread of social service which is being more and more widely supported by young people, and time after time when money is being raised for the help of our senior

citizens and unfortunates, I guarantee a large proportion of helpers will be under thirty. It is heart-warming to see that someone cares !

Maybe older people find us shocking and exasperating because of our standards of dress and general appearance and the way we want to wear our hair, but maybe the fault is with them and they should drop their conservative outlook on life and try to look through the extravagant exterior and see the genuine and sincere people inside, real people, people who care and have a cause for concern, for it is not only the meek but we who will inherit the world. Many traditionalists call hippies freaks, but surely hippies are genuine people who merely disregard fostered conventions and live how they believe they were made. It is their accusers who are the freaks.

Of course my generation has undesirables; it would be stupid of me to say we had not, but I strongly believe they are a small minority. They are the type of degenerate who starts trouble at otherwise peaceful demonstrations, but it is the younger generation as a whole who are mistakenly blamed for the irresponsible actions of a few "yobs" whose only aims are cheap amusements and who bring ridicule and resentment upon a sincere mass of people. The older members of our society also have their delinquents, but I think, unless it is my imagination, that less attention is drawn to their misdemeanours.

This is my case—not one for sympathy but understanding. I feel a lesson could be learned from our simple but effective policies and it would greatly please me to see changes occur in the way some look upon us. Please remember none of us is a saint and never likely to be, but some of us are meaning well. Although my mind may be worried, at least I can sleep tonight with a clear conscience.

IS THIS HOW LIFE ENDS ?

P. T. Norton, 2M.

I raised myself from a deep blanket of grass and perched myself on my elbows. Then I leant on one elbow and soothed my irritating scalp with my ragged fingers. I discovered a regular volcano. As I was just about to detect that no blood had connected itself with my fingers, the sun produced itself from behind a cloud. I was quickly dazzled by jagged javelins of light, which were distorted by the dew on the damp grass.

This seemed to wake me up. Questions now flooded into my brain, from every crevice of my puzzled body. I seemed not to be able to remember who I was or where I was.

The sun seemed to bring with it a faint vocal repetition. It crescendoed until I could hear a perfectly regular voice saying "You are dead, you are dead." It soon became so loud that I covered my ears, and my eyes went out of focus, so I shut them. The rhythmic tune engraved itself upon my perishing ear-drums. After a few more laborious minutes, it died out.

When I plucked up enough courage to open my eyes, I found myself staring at a metallic-mauve mist. I was just floating with the mist which had been concocted out of my limited sight. Above, below, and all around me was nothing except the mist. I was just suspended like a hump of bad meat in some poor butcher's cold store.

Then suddenly a piercing gleam of light leapt into the corner of my eye. It was so bright that I flinched my eyelids and soon shielded them with my hands. I was still in the dark, however, about my identity. Then I had a strange hint that I was unwillingly floating towards the impetuous light, slowly at first, but gradually I picked up speed. I struggled to get myself away from it, but this only made me spin.

I gradually became hot and damp with sweat. With trembling hands I struggled with the knot of my tie which was almost strangling me, but after much fumbling, I gave up. I was still being pulled, being pulled towards the light, and as I got nearer so I approached it faster. Now I was starting to spin and twist. A faint laughing gradually filled my ears. The light grew so bright that I again shut my eyes, and shielded them with my hands, but the light was so piercing that my eyelids became, it seemed, blood red, apart from some dark shadows shaped like the bones of my hands.

My body felt like a rebaked baked bean in a blast furnace. My sweat dried up; my arms and legs fell limp; my neck also lost all powers of support for my head. All parts of my body withered like a perishing flower. The laughing was so loud that I thought my ears would burst. Suddenly all went quiet, and I dropped like a stone on to a rocky stone floor.

I lay there as still as a dead worm. As I thought it was the end of a bad dream, I opened my eyes (or what I thought was open) but all was bright. I could not move any part of my body. I tried to shout, but nothing happened; I then tried to cry, but I felt no wet streaming down my face. Then I noticed I was not breathing; all I could or can do is think !

This story won the first prize in the 11-14 section of the Wimbledon and District Chamber of Commerce Education Awards Competition.

THIS IS ALL WRONG

I Fordham, 5B

John had been a pacifist since he was fifteen years old. That meant that he had been non-violent for four years when he was called up. It was when he was fifteen that he had realised what was really happening in Vietnam, and what the Americans were doing to the Communists, and vice-versa.

It was at fifteen, too, when he began to write poetry, real poetry, that is. Before this he had written things about rivers and Spanish sunsets, but he now began to inject an air of protest into his poetry. He was, however, an ordinary boy : not a long-haired drug addict who professed peace, just a simple, everyday, boy-next-door, who professed peace.

He had long dreaded being called up into the army, although he had once, as a child, envisaged being a soldier, and when his time came, at the age of nineteen, he realised that his life's philosophy would soon be in ruins. He could not back out, as conscientious objectors were not recognised : they were simply thrown into war with the others. So he went along to the barracks, and thus began the terrible torture John's conscience was to go through.

He was now twenty-one, and in two years of war had seen more "gut-rending" sights than any one person could have seen in either of the other two world wars. Most of his friends from the "old school" had been killed already, and, in fact, he had watched five die horrible deaths. Death did not, however, really worry him. What did worry him was that he might have to kill someone else. He was resolute that he would not, though it might mean he would have to die. But would man's violent instinct overcome his peaceful nature ?

Sitting in that trench, though, that situation was not likely to occur. He had spent a lot of time in trenches, and nothing had happened to him yet. But today he felt different : today he had had a strange vision, a vision of a bayonet floating in a red sky.

Sitting in that trench, his rifle, with fixed bayonet, at his side, he clutched his peace medallion, which he had round his neck with the I.D. tag, and read a poem he had once written about the army. He began to philosophise, as he had often done, both during and before the war, and thought of the violence he had seen.

"Today," he thought, "I'll be seeing some violence at close quarters."

"God," he said with a sigh, "this is wrong !"

He continued to sit, alone, thinking to himself about "what a state this world is in." Earlier, the war, and the killing that invariably goes with it, was far away, but now he was at the heart of the terrible violence that was over-running the civilisation of the world.

Then a uniformed figure leapt into the trench ten yards in front of John, but he did not realise he had company, enemy company. Then the latter turned round, saw John sitting there, and suddenly ran forward, proffering a bayonet to John's stomach.

John "woke up" from his pensive mood and instinctively raised his rifle with bayonet attached, and slid a little to his left.

Thud !

Thud !

A sigh of air being let out, either through a mouth or a hole in a lung, rent the air. John could not at first figure out whether it had been his air or his opponent's. It was his opponent's.

Whereas the Communist's bayonet had split the bank of the trench, John's had hit the chest of his so-called enemy between the ribs, releasing the blood from its prison.

John still sat there, for about five minutes; then quietly, without speaking or uttering any sound, walked over to the corpse. There was his bayonet, surrounded by a sea of blood, and there were the innards of his opponent in that mortal conflict, swimming about in the sea of red.

He walked away again.

"It's never like this in posters!" he said.

"You never see anything like this on recruiting posters!"

Then, sitting down where he had been before: "It's wrong! It's all wrong! I shouldn't be made to do this! Nobody should!"

MOMENT

G. H. Roberts, VI.Sc.3

"Now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror, but, then, face o face."—*I Corinthians, ch. 13 v. 12.*

Varied ultramarines in the clear lake,
Subtleties of texture too wonderful,
Reflections, incandescent as the stone
Shatters them, too alluring to describe;
The broad highway of the scree (a mistake
Or a master-stroke?), salient in all
The green scarp, white, shadow-spattered, alone,
Thrown back in disarray: hot, I imbibe
The cooling liquid, floor, and returning
Rays from atop, in a moment before
The tsunami sallies out to erase
A universe, brave, flashing a burning
Glance . . . but is brushed aside by rocks and shore.
A reassuring scene rewards my gaze.

TRILOGY

P. Meller, 6 Arts I.

MIDDAY

The twig-strewn stage was shaded from the heat of the midday sun
By the verdant canopy of leaves
Which fought hard to keep the forest in semi-darkness,
But the penetrating rays beat them
As they shone on the gypsy's cooking pot
Which shimmered in silver flashes
As the light caught it.

The shadows cast over the foliage
Displayed a rich assortment of rustic greenery
To delight the mind's eye of any artist
And excite his colourful palette,
Restoring his faith in Nature
And killing his urban instincts.

DUSK

The ashes now deadened the dying fire,
And the drops of dew
Again heralded the beginning of a different dominion
As the gypsy packed his caravan,
And the waiting shroud of gloom
Slowly descended from the sky,
And the mist appeared to re-enter
The very earth from which it rose,
While the petals began to tighten
Around the heads of the flowers
As a noose on a marked man's neck,
And the pollen stores closed for the day
As the overworked bees headed for home.

NIGHT

The night was cool and clear,
But the sweet smell of briarwood
Still clung to the trees
As the invading darkness swept into the wood,
And the last streaks of red died from the sky
As the last of the sun's rays faded from sight,
Leaving the forest in the dark primeval world
That prevailed before the gypsy's arrival
And the intruding light of day.

THREE POEMS

A. T. Isaacson, 4F

ANOTHER WELSH INCIDENT

Deepest blue, deeper than any ocean,
Sparkling blue lapping against the grey rocks.
Golden yellow sand waiting for the slow sea.
Suddenly a violent storm blew up
And stirred up the sea until it was
A great rushing torrent, a great whirlpool.
It slowly edged towards Colwyn Bay—
All the petrified people were out,
Standing on the harbour quay, praying the storm
Would die down.

But it didn't.

It kept on

Boisterously blowing towards the crinkled cliffs,
Ruthlessly destroying everything in its path.
It came closer and closer to the cliffs.
Eventually it reached them and kept pounding
And pushing, thumping without thinking the
Craggy cliff face.

The people prayed in vain
Because the inevitable thing happened—
The cliff face broke

and fell down,

bringing two houses with it.

COUNTRY VILLAGE

Small, picturesque,
Riverside,
Country village,
Among the
Light green,
Dark green,
Yellow fields,
Standing steadfastly
By a gently flowing stream
And a traditional
Country church
From the Middle Ages,
I love you.

HERE COMES THE NIGHT

Herecomes
 thenight
Coverup
 yourfrightenedheads
Andlieback
 forgetyourworries
Tilltomorrow
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POEMS

L. Fordham, 5 B

TRIP ON A BUS

Bye-bye,
home,
for the second time this morning.
I don't think,
normally,
that I may not be returning,
 returning
to the place I know so well—
that likewise
knows me—
to the place where I was born.
What if the missiles
were launched now?
There's no radio,
 no address system.
I wouldn't know
till
it was too late.
Then this bus,
 this red bus,
would become my tomb,
 my red tomb.

.

And was I killed
by a red missile ?
Or was it another colour ?
Or was it all a big joke
to *scare* us to death ?

And,
oh,
when will this bus
arrive at my stop !
I don't want a red tomb.

SOLDIERS

Strange !
I can't remember,
 playing soldiers as a kid,
rolling in agony
with a lungful of gas.
Odd !
How the army don't say,
 "You, too, can have a lungful of gas,
 or a headful of shrapnel,
 or a bellyful of lead."

NOBODY CARES !

It's raining outside.
But nobody cares
 inside,
'cos they're dry.

Anon.

!
I saw you again today—
in a crowd by a brook—
as I charged insane
out of the door by the boiler room,
my schoolclothes like ill-fitting flags.
I think you smiled, but I don't remember.
Quickly, I brought out a cheerful face
from my handy supply
and stuck it on the front of my head,
fastened by ground teeth
and glue from my glass eyes,
but I only wanted to land on your world.
I muttered something
twice

because I thought you said "pardon,"
but I don't remember.
I'm not even sure
you heard me the second time
for I mumbled it
as if half-ashamed,
and you stared,
and your friends laughed
distantly between my ears
as you flew away,
and I rolled past bewildered,
in a cold
sweat
because I had embarrassed you,
but I could not just grunt an empty grunt
and walk on—

but I did not know what to do,
I did not know what to say
as all the words I had prepared
to speak when I next saw you
dived into the river
and swam off towards Grimsby.

I just wanted to cry big tears
and catch melancholy in both lungs;
to run headfirst into a brickwall;
to sit in a corner and crumble;
to smash my guitar and all my ideas;
burn my songs and poems;
give away my bike;
to run away and forget myself.

for in that moment
I realised something about myself
that hurt me as deep as truth.

!!

I am often
Lonely, and dream
Only of you, as my mind
Veers from extreme to
Extreme of emotion, because
Your face is the
One solitary image in my totally
Unhinged brain.

NO ?

Anon.

I want a Rolls-Royce—
a Bentley won't do !
If I am going to have status,
I'll go right to the top.
I want a Rolls-Royce—
Silver Shadows won't do !
Go to the top and get
a Phantom V—that's what I want :
room to have tea for two,
three, four or five.
Please give me a Rolls Phantom V—
it'll only cost you
£10,000.

If you can't afford
to give me the Rolls,
a Mercedes 600'll do—
fantastic car, it is,
but you'd better give me a chauffeur as well.
This'll only set you back some
£9,000.

All right, then, a Bentley ? . . . Rover ?
What about a Citroen D 19 ?
Ford Zodiac ?
Bubble-car ?
Please . . .

ANOTHER NO ?

Anon. again

I want to be an U.N.C.L.E. agent.
I don't want to be a T.H.R.U.S.H.
All right then—a secret spy ? . . . detective ?
What about a police-constable ?
Traffic warden ?
Lollipop man ?
Please . . .
Don't like you any more !

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CHESS CLUB

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Captain : P. Couper.

Hon. Secretary : A. Brown.

RESULTS (Raynes Park score first)

	First VI	Second VI	Under Fourteen VI
Battersea	1—5		0—6
Hillcroft		5½—½	1½—4½
Whitgift	1—5		
St. Joseph's	3½—2½	0—6	
Tiffins	4—2	2—4	½—5½
Putney (S.T.)	4—2 (on handicap)		
Selhurst		3—3	
Hampton	2—4		1—5
Battersea (S.T.)	2—4 (on handicap)		
Glyn	1½—4½	3½—2½	
Manor House	3½—2½	3—3	
Trinity	1½—4½	2½—3½	
Wandsworth	5—1		5—1
Spencer Park	2½—3½		
Kingston	2—4		2½—3½
Wallington		3—3	
Surbiton	½—5½		4½—1½
Kingston	4—2		

The results so far this season have been satisfactory, and in Round Two of the *Sunday Times* Competition the first six were unlucky to be drawn against Battersea, one of the strongest teams in London. Special merit goes to A. Brown, P. Couper, G. Marshall, D. Rees and P. Sufton, who were selected to play for the Surrey Under Eighteen team (50 boards).

The Under Fourteen team had a poor start, but most players have shown good improvement, and the team won two of its last three matches very convincingly.

Several new players have been tried in the teams of whom Arthur, Brown and Murphy have become regular players. Higgins, Messenger, Rees and Waller should also be commended for their consistently good results.

The House Chess Competition was completed this term, the final order being : 1st Halliwells, 53pts.; 2nd Cobbs, 51pts.; 3rd Gibbs, 37pts.; 4th Newsoms, 31pts.; 5th Miltons 20pts.

The teams were selected from : Adams, Arthur, Barford, Broughton, Brown, Couper, Engall, Evans, Higgins, Males, Marcousé, Marshall, Mason, Messenger, Moore, Murphy, Norton, Oatway, Pickstone, Rand, Rees, Samad, Sutton, Szanto, Szymanski, Tuley, Waller, Ward, Whitton.

SPORT

RUGBY

Opponents	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV	U.13 XV
Shene	21—3	36—0		24—14	0—36	0—17
Gunnersbury	0—17	12—11				
Langley Park	16—19	0—20		3—27	0—27	0—36
Carshalton					8—15	0—33
Garth				36—9		10—11
Eastfields	8—10		5—0			
Surbiton	6—16			3—32	0—71	0—36
Sutton Manor	18—22	36—6				
Heath Clark		39—5				
Pelham	19—8	33—0		0—34	0—50	0—32
London Oratory						3—41
Pollards Hill				13—10		
Thames Valley	11—18	9—8		0—19	9—3	9—3
John Fisher	19—6	0—42		16—14	0—42	0—49
Guildford	3—14	0—22	5—16			
Rydens	30—3			26—0	6—14	0—42
Chiswick	3—11	6—6		0—52	0—28	3—17
Queen's Taunton	8—0					
Queen Elizabeth,						
Bristol	0—3					
Rutlish	0—24	17—13		11—11	6—60	
Beverley	26—8					
Hampton	3—20					
Old Boys	6—16	10—11				

FIRST FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : D. F. Alldridge, Esq.

Captain : M. W. Bellamy.

Vice-Captain : A. H. Blakeburn.

Hon. Secretary : S. K. Young.

This season followed the same pattern as many of those in the past few years, with the team showing their true talents on only rare occasions, normally against the strongest of opposition, and playing at other times with a disappointing dullness which invariably lost them the game.

The pack was, as is becoming something of a habit, very small, but they made up for it with their keenness and determination in the loose, and, at times, the rucking was excellent. They were made to look better at the line-outs than they really were by some brilliant individual jumping by Blakeburn and, despite inexperience, which was particularly noticeable in the back row, they managed to give the backs a good supply of the ball. This possession was not always tidy, however, and at times the backs were slow moving and showed a lack of originality in their use of the ball; but when they got going they proved to be effective with Healey and Russell providing the penetration in the centre.

XV
17
36
33
1
6
2

However, the word of the season was undoubtedly "inconsistency," as the first few games showed. Shene were beaten by some attractive, open rugby, and great hopes were raised for the rest of the season; but four bad losses followed, punctuated by an exciting game against Langley Park, where the opponents ran the length of the field to win in the last two minutes. The season continued in this fluctuating manner, with games ranging from a magnificent win over John Fisher to a distressing defeat by Rutlish. Probably the most satisfying win was that over Beverley, who were dispatched by 26—8 after having beaten us last year. The number of matches won, however, was, on the whole, disappointing. This team was full of potential ability, but its refusal to train as a team cost it innumerable points, many of them at crucial stages of the games.

In mid-season the team paid a week-end visit to Taunton, where they played two public school sides. Queen's Taunton were defeated 8—0 in an enjoyable game, but Queen Elizabeth's, Bristol, against all the run of play, just managed to hang on to a 3—0 lead to win. Nevertheless it was a most entertaining week-end and we must thank D.F.A. and E.P. for chauffeuring us about, and Dr. Sharpe for the loan of his vehicle.

All that is left is to thank John Warner and his assistants for the pitches and vocal support which they gave us, to thank D.F.A. for the time he has given up to coaching and training the side, and to wish Steve Young, my successor, an enjoyable, if not more successful season next year.

The team was picked from the following : Metcalfe, Brewer, Meller, Feist, Healey, Russell, Bellamy, Holmes, Williamson, Sharpe, Dudman, Lloyd, Fordham, Blakeburn, Antonowicz, Szanto, North, Hickish, Murphy.

Week-end in the West

At 8-30 on a wet November 28th, one of the biggest, fastest and fittest rugby teams ever assembled departed on a whirlwind tour of the West Country. One hour later the majestic procession hit Kingston—great going ! However, after a surprisingly uneventful journey, the élite band arrived shortly after lunch at Queen's School, Taunton.

After a D.F.A. training session we staggered back to the changing-room, where Blakeburn was given the kiss of life and a cancer stick to the background noise of "Butch" Healey having a pre-match snack ! The team had never looked or felt so confident all the season and from the start the game with Queen's went well. The "forwards" held their own "up front," while the "threes" dominated from the outset, leading to the Park's running out victors by 8—0 with a penalty by "toe'd" Blakeburn and a try by Dick Lloyd.

That evening the party made its way to the Turk's Head, Newton Poppleford, where a most enjoyable evening was had by all. On the return journey much jocularly was experienced by those in the Land-Rover in the form of melodic cantation, mis-navigation and many stops.

On Saturday morning the team invaded the town of Taunton, during which all sorts of "barriers" were broken through. The Wimpey Bar was crowded out for lunch before the party returned to the School where the second match was played in the afternoon. Conditions were again ideal

for good, open rugby but the "pack" had a hard time holding their opposite numbers whilst the half-backs packed to produce the same form as on the previous day. Queen Elizabeth, Bristol, scored early in the second half with an unconverted try and held this lead until "no-side," aided by a very sound, long-kicking full-back.

Having "fed and watered" at the same Wimpey Bar, the party proceeded to the "hop" at Taunton Rugby Club, where several notable events took place. Ray ("I just gotta get a girl") Dudman played it cool, while Gus Hickish took the "Pick the Ugliest Girl" Award hands down! Mr. ("Maturity") Feist was embarrassed by a "woman" who asked him for a dance. On the more romantic side, Big "S" and "Lost his horse" Russell took two of the opposite sex, we thought, for a walk around the rugby pitch—they were a right pair, twins in fact.

Had one been in Taunton on that Saturday night, one would have seen a snake-like formation moving down the main street, swaying from side to side all the way back to the Guest-house. Once inside, or outside, as Neil Holmes may have been, more bottled beverages were indulged in.

Not much sleep later the party assembled for the return journey on which, although very tired, they managed hoots of derision when the "Yellow Devil" ran out of fuel on Salisbury Plain. Having stopped at Stonehenge, we decided that Mac should be "sacrificed": he proved unco-operative, however—the resulting chase led to "Gus" Hickish pulling off the "tackle of the tour." "Hot Rod" Parry and "Dastardly" Alldridge renewed that most ancient of feuds by racing home—Wales won.

Joking aside, I speak for all concerned in thanking Mr. Alldridge and Mr. Parry for organising such an enjoyable week-end. P. J. Metcalfe.

Pen Portraits

North—came out of his shell on tour—always knew he was a peanut.

Hickish—sustained an injured hand and seemed to be unable to open his fist when making hand-offs.

Szanto—agility of a cat—Szanto Claws!

Young—an important member of the pack—the Joker.

Blakeburn—came with a Guinness.

Fordham—his added weight was invaluable in the pack—in fact, it was unnoticeable.

Dudman—part-time job over Christmas—at the top of a Christmas tree.

Sharpe—bone-crushing tackler—unfortunately the crushed bones were his.

Holmes—an intelligent player—did not know the difference between open and blind.

Bellamy—side-stepped the ball and scored a man.

Russell—most consistent kicker under the posts—missed them all.

Healey—as tough as a tank—a fish tank.

Meller—usually saved himself for the second half—never turned up for the first one.

Brewer—ran as fast and as elegantly as a bird—a turkey.

Metcalfe—the most ferocious, ruthless and dangerous tackler in the side—no, but joking apart . . .

Feist—was last seen on the road to Brighton—still selling dummies.

SECOND FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : D. F. Alldridge, Esq.

Captain : S. L. Murphy.

Vice-Captain : G. Hammett.

The Seconds had a fairly successful season, despite the fact that six matches were cancelled. The team was fairly small and lacked power "up front" in line-outs and scrums, although they managed to hold their own against many bigger sides. As the season progressed, the team began playing together and this was rewarded by victories over Rutlish and Thames Valley and a draw against Chiswick.

Our best result, however, was against the Old Boys; the match was played in sticky conditions and, although losing at half-time, the team fought back well. The result was a victory for the Old Boys (11—10), but the Seconds had given their best performance of the season.

I should like to thank all those who played and the Vice-Captain, who, with his solo runs, surprised everyone—including himself!

The following played during the season : Antonowicz, Anstes, Armsby, Bates, Brammall, Bulmer, Currie, Devine, Farazmand, Hammett, Holmes, Jones, Lovett, Mayer, Miles, Milnes, Murphy, Seeley, Szanto, Williamson.

COLT FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : B. W. Jones, Esq.

Captain : C. R. Kelly.

The team has shown a marked improvement this season; effort and spirit have been high throughout. The forwards were, at first, slow in the rucks, but towards the end of the season the mobility of the pack improved. In the scrums, the front-row performed consistently well. The line-outs were erratic, the binding being rather weak. The back-row remains too slow, but there has been a great deal of improvement there. The backs were too individual, and passing movements down the line have been far too rare. The practices have been well attended, leading to an increased fitness and also in tactical awareness.

Among the fine victories the one against John Fisher was the best, the team coming back strongly and winning in an exciting finish.

Individually, in the pack, Sell has made a marked improvement at tight-head prop, and together with Willcox, who has hooked very well all the season, has increased the mobility of the pack. Bradford and Dodd have developed into two strong-running, hard-tackling flankers.

Behind the scrum, Vipond has shown both flair and consistency at scrum-half. Hosier at fly-half played very well, and scored a large proportion of the team's points. Wood remains the best of the three-quarters. Marsh has played consistently and tackled well; Gagen has the makings of a good winger, and Gaffney has proved to be a very safe full-back.

Thanks are due to Mr. James for coaching the team on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and to Mr. Kelly for his continued support. Those who played were : Bradford, Brown, G., Buckland, Cooper, Dixon, Dodd, Gaffney, Gagen, Heath, Hosier, Humphreys, Kelly, Kensett, Marsh, Pearson, Sell, Szymanski, Vipond, Willcox, Wood.

MERTON SEVENS

Two teams were entered for this Tournament : they finished first and fifth. The First Seven played very well to win their league, beating our Seconds, Eastfield's First and Pollards Hill's Second Seven. In the final against Pelham, the team played with great heart and spirit just to hold on and win by 5—0. Thanks are due to Mr. Alldridge for his coaching and training, which moulded the teams together well.

First Seven : Bradford, Hosier, Kelly, Kensett, Vipond, Willcox, Wood. Res.: Heath.

Second Seven : Brown, G. M., Buckland, Gaffney, Gagen, Onraet, Sell (capt.), Spencer. Res.: Marsh.

UNDER-FOURTEEN FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : E. Parry, Esq.

Captain : A. S. Jones.

Vice-Captain : A. D. Feist.

The season started off rather badly with the team suffering five heavy defeats. We gradually improved, however, owing to the introduction of some of the new Third Year, one of the most outstanding of these being Spencer. There was a lot of very good play, especially on the part of A. Feist, T. Harris and M. Stephens.

The climax of the season came when we defeated Thames Valley 9—3. Unfortunately this was to be our only win, though the side was never disheartened. All the practices were well attended, and much work was done by Mr. Parry and Mr. Davies during the coaching periods, to try to improve the standard of our game.

I should especially like to thank Mr. Parry and to hope next year's season will be more successful.

Those who played : Jones, Feist, Jordan, Harris, Daley, Spencer, Engall, Totterdell, Harrison, Haibatan, Philpott, Martin, Dow, Murphy, Sycamore, Hughes, Frohnsdorff, Foster, Smith, Silburn, Stett.

UNDER-THIRTEEN FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : B. Cosens, Esq.

Captain : C. Leith.

A disappointing season at least produced a last match in which we played our best. Only two other matches are worth mentioning. First, neighbours Garth and we were separated by only one point. Secondly, the only victory of the season came against Thames Valley, which was a very hard match in which the opposing side had a player sent off and the whole team cautioned. This match was played without the skipper.

The side had trouble with the full-back position throughout the season. Everybody seemed qualified for a particular position except that of full-back. Position changes were made. Eager was moved successfully from centre to No. 8. Most of the three-quarter line had their share at some time of being the full-back. The scrum too was often changed, and against John Fisher every forward was hooker for at least one scrum. Adams, J., played exceedingly well throughout.

Despite a seemingly disappointing season we enjoyed our Rugby and we now know what our weak points are and look forward to rectifying them next year.

Last, but not least, I should like to thank the parents for their continued faithful support.

The team was selected from : Adams, J., Adams, T., Barrow, Allen, Burt, Watson, Whitton, Plumb, Davies, Norton, Shaw, Jones, Sainsbury, Moore, Catlin, Eager, Gridley, Hawkins, R., Mason, Port.

BASKETBALL UNDER NINETEEN

Master-in-Charge : D. F. Alldridge, Esq.

Captain : M. Russell.

Secretary : P. Metcalfe.

The season, so far, has gone exceptionally well for our Senior Squad. At this moment, we are lying second in our league, to the only team that has beaten us—Purley II. This defeat took place when, owing to injuries, we were forced to field three reserves, narrowly losing by seven baskets.

Our exit from the Cup was also caused by Purley, although this time, with a full team and in our own Gym, we put up a much better fight against their first team, eventually going down by eight baskets. On reflection, this was one of our best performances, and one which we were very unlucky to lose.

The team has played consistently well throughout the season, but in the latter part, we have been severely handicapped, by injuries to Metcalfe and Bellamy, and with our squad only seven strong, this has produced difficulties in selection.

However, our best win came in a friendly game against Pelham, who are in the division above us, but whom we beat convincingly by 52-32.

With two matches to go, against Garth and Glyn, we have great hopes of gaining promotion to Div. I.

Our thanks go to Mr. Alldridge, who has spent a great deal of his time on training us and refereeing our matches, and to Mr. Smith for standing-in when he was unavailable.

The following have played: Bellamy, Blackburn, Metcalfe, Holmes, Young, Williamson.

Results

v. Riddlesdown	...	...	...	...	...	won 35-28
v. Purley II	...	...	...	...	...	lost 22-36
v. Reigate II	...	...	...	...	...	won 55-27
v. Purley I (1st Round Under Nineteen Cup)...						lost 30-46
v. Strodes—Egham	...	...	...	...	...	won 47-40
v. Godalming	...	...	...	...	...	won 55-4
v. Pelham (Friendly)	won 52-32
v. Southboro'	won 57-11
v. Waynelete	won 95-14
Played	Won	Lost				Points

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9	7	2		448	- 238

UNDER FIFTEEN

Master-in-Charge : D. F. Alldridge, Esq. *Captain* : C. Vipond.

This season has been a very successful one for the squad, only three games being lost out of twelve. All three defeats we have suffered have been away from home, by very narrow margins and against teams that we beat very comfortably at home. Apart from these minor setbacks the team have, on the whole, performed consistently well enough to put us in line for promotion to Division I, giving next year's team a higher standard of Basketball.

In defence the two guard positions have been filled by Hosier, Wood, Kelly and Kensett, all of whom have both height and skill. At first, Heath has played a large part in the team's success, featuring both in attack and defence, while left and right attacks have seen Brown, Gagen, Vipond, Gaffney and Onraet form the strong basis of our reasonably high-scoring attack. Special mention here must go to Gagen, who has played well at all times, especially in the latter part of the season.

The Squad for the season was—Vipond, Hosier, Wood, Gagen, Brown, Kelly, Kensett, Gaffney, Heath and Onraet.

The team would like to thank Mr. Alldridge for the time and effort he has put into making the team a good one.

Results

v. Southborough	...	...	won 54-14
v. Eastfields	...	...	won 24-12
v. Warlingham	...	...	won 37-20
v. Garth	...	...	won 55-18
v. Abbotsford	...	...	lost 10-12
v. Carshalton	...	...	won 45-19
v. Rivermead	...	...	lost 14-25
v. Southborough	...	...	lost 22-24
v. Eastfields	...	...	won 42-27
v. Garth	...	...	won 34-14
v. Warlingham	...	...	won 28-10
v. Abbotsford	...	...	won 46-8

CROSS COUNTRY

Master-in-Charge : M. C. Gleed, Esq.

Captain and Secretary : D. W. Evans.

Results could have been better, but, on the other hand, they could have been much worse—so on the whole it has been a fair season.

The Juniors have won seven out of their seventeen matches; the Colts only six out of sixteen; and the Seniors eleven out of seventeen. Final League positions look like being : Juniors, sixth; Colts, seventh; Seniors, fourth.

The Seniors started off well by beating Surbiton easily on their own very flat and fast course. Two weeks later, however, they received a reversal of fortunes on John Fisher's rough, difficult, and, above all, narrow course. Sutton, Beverley and Rutlish were comfortably beaten on the home course which was, for much of the season, very dry and in excellent condition. Running away with an incomplete team we were beaten by Selhurst by a mere one point, and, then running at home, we were crushed by a strong Wallington squad; two weeks later we gave away the match against Glyn. We did, however, manage to beat Kingston and Tiffin.

Two other events in the Autumn Term were the Selwyn Trophy and the Merton District Championships. Although team results in the Selwyn were disappointing, there were some good individual performances. In the first leg A. S. Hutchison won the Senior Race by a considerable distance, and, had not injury prevented his running in the other leg, he would have been a strong contender for the first place medal.

We were beaten out of first place in the Merton District Championships by Wimbledon Sollege, but A. S. Hutchison won the Under Twenty Race and S. Newton was second in the Under Seventeen over a very muddy course on Wimbledon Common. In the Surrey Championships itself the Merton Under Twenty team, half composed of School runners, finished second, with A. S. Hutchison fourteenth.

The Spring Term began badly when over Tiffin's long and icy course in Richmond Park we were beaten by a couple of points. Returning to Richmond Park a week later, however, we beat Kingston easily, and, on our home course in a four-sided match, we beat John Fisher, Selhurst and Surbiton. This was probably some of the best running of the season.

We have also entered some open competitions this year. Running in a blizzard in Richmond Park, we finished fifth in the Judge Cup, A. S. Hutchison taking the third place individual trophy. Travelling to Bracknell to run in a race organised by Bracknell A.C. was the farthest the Cross-Country team has ventured. The course was through a snow-covered plantation of conifers which made an interesting course, but the result was disappointing.

The Colts have had a varied season, not doing quite as well as had been expected. I. Evans has run well throughout the season, and ran in the District Under Seventeen team. Wells and Ives backed up well, but otherwise the Colts' performance has been poor.

The Juniors have done well. Considering that there are so few in the second year, they have produced a remarkable team. With Petrides, Catlin and Wright always to the fore, and the rest of the team generally well up in the middle positions, the Junior team is well up in the League. In the Merton Championships they ran particularly well to finish third, and they were over half-way up the field in the Selwyn Trophy.

Last of all, thanks go to Mr. Gleed for spending his time not only on Monday evenings training the teams and on Saturday mornings seeing to the smooth running of the fixtures, but also on organising the League. The markers must not be forgotten, and we thank them for directing us and our opposition in all weathers.

The following have run for the teams :

Under Thirteen—Baxter, Catlin, James, Jones, Moore, Petrides, White, Wright.

Under Fifteen—Baker, Blackmore, Brown, I. Evans, Feline, Ives, Kelley, Males, Simmons, Wells.

Over Fifteen—Arthur, Boxall, D. Evans, A. S. Hutchison, M. Mannan I, M. Mannan II, Marshall, Newton, Randall, Tovell.

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RESULTS

Winter Term

Match	Age Group	Result	
v. Surbiton (Away)	O.15	Won 16-43	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	Lost 55-29	I. Evans 1st
	U.13	Lost 56-24	M. Petrides 4th
Selwyn Trophy ((Away)	O.17	Ind. only	S. Hutchison 1st/34
	U.17	5th/8	D. Evans 8th/60
	U.15	20th/20	I. Evans 25th/140
	U.13	12th/27	M. Petrides 17th/170
v. John Fisher (Away)	O.15	Lost 44-34	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	Lost 60-26	I. Evans 2nd
	U.13	Lost 50-30	M. Petrides 4th
v. Sutton (Home)	O.15	Won 31-50	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	Lost 53-28	I. Evans 3rd
	U.13	Won 10-34	M. Petrides 1st
v. Beverley (Home)	O.15	Won 24-59	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	Won 22-36	I. Evans 1st
	U.13	Won 14-30	M. Petrides 2nd
v. Selhurst (Away)	O.15	Lost 40-39	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	Won 38-42	I. Evans 1st
	U.13	Lost 49-31	M. Petrides 3rd
v. Rutlish (Home)	O.15	Won 29-37	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.13	Won 35-44	M. Petrides 1st
Selwyn Trophy II (Away)	O.17	Ind. only	M. Mannan I 8th/20
	U.17	5th/6	D. Evans 12th/55
	U.15		I. Evans 33rd/135
	O.15		G. Catlin 10th/170
v. Wallington (Home)	O.15	Lost 59-27	D. Evans 3rd
	U.15	Lost 60-24	I. Evans 5th
	U.13	Won 24-33	G. Catlin 2nd
v. Tiffin (Home)	O.15	Won 49-42	D. Evans } 1st
	U.15	Lost 40-38	S. Hutchison }
	U.13	Won 36-43	I. Evans 1st
Merton District Championships	U.20	2nd/4	M. Petrides 1st
	U.17	2nd/4	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.15	3rd/7	S. Newton 2nd
Selwyn Trophy III	O.17	Ind. only	M. Petrides 7th
	U.17	4th Overall	M. Mannan I 6th Overall
	U.15	9th Overall	D. Evans 7th Overall
	U.13	7th Overall	I. Evans 17th Overall
v. Glyn (Home)	O.15	Lost 45-33	M. Petrides 12th Overall
	U.15	Lost 42-37	D. Evans 2nd
	U.13	Lost 53-29	I. Evans 1st
v. Kingston (Home)	O.15	Won 33-46	M. Petrides 3rd
	U.15	Won 38-42	D. Evans 3rd
	U.13	Lost 42-36	I. Evans 1st
			M. Petrides 1st

Spring Term

v. Tiffin (Away)	O.15	Lost 40-38	D. Evans } 1st
	U.15	Won 15-21	S. Hutchison }
	U.13	Lost 45-37	I. Evans 1st
			M. Petrides } 1st
			G. Catlin }
v. Kingston (Away)	O.15	Won 30-54	D. Evans } 2nd
	U.15	Won 35-45	S. Hutchison }
	U.13	Lost 47-32	I. Evans 1st
v. Surbiton (Home)	O.15	Lost 60-26	M. Petrides 2nd
	U.15	Lost 45-37	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.13	Won 31-45	I. Evans 3rd
v. John Fisher (Home)	O.15	Lost 61-24	M. Petrides 1st
	U.15	Lost 47-32	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.13	Won 21-67	I. Evans 4th
v. Selhurst (Home)	O.15	Won 27-51	M. Petrides 2nd
	U.15	Lost 52-29	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.13	Won 39-39	I. Evans 3rd
v. Sutton (Away)	O.15	Won 27-54	M. Petrides 2nd
	U.15	Lost 45-40	S. Hutchison 1st
	U.13	Lost 38-33	I. Evans 1st
v. Wallington (Away)	O.15	Lost 57-25	G. Catlin 1st
	U.15	Won 38-40	S. Hutchison 2nd
	U.13	Won 25-37	I. Evans 1st
			G. Catlin 2nd
Bracknell A.C.	O.15		D. Evans 15th
Judge Cup	O.15	5th/11	S. Hutchison 3rd
Densham Cup	O.16	9th	D. Evans 12th
Lemon-Norris Cup	U.16	8th	S. Newton 8th
Kingston Relay	U.15	7th	2nd Fastest Lap I. Evans

JUNIORS		COLTS		SENIORS	
1st Newsoms	402	1st Newsoms	396	1st Newsoms	418
2nd Cobbs	341	2nd Cobbs	364	2nd Gibbs	343
3rd Halliwells	208	3rd Miltons	328	3rd Cobbs	299
4th Miltons	206	4th Gibbs	266	4th Halliwells	233
5th Gibbs	145	5th Halliwells	214	5th Miltons	200
QUALIFYING				TOTAL	
1st Newsoms	779			1st Newsoms	1995
2nd Cobbs	675			2nd Cobbs	1679
3rd Gibbs	625			3rd Gibbs	1379
4th Halliwells	575			4th Miltons	1254
5th Miltons	520			5th Halliwells	1230
Junior Race	1st Petrides (C) 10m. 35s. (Record: D. W. Evans 1966, 9m. 58s.)				
	2nd Catlin (C) 10m. 47s.				
	3rd Baxter (N) 10m. 51s.				
Colt Race	1st Spencer (N) 17m. 41s. (Record: M. K. Lucas 1969, 15m. 35s.)				
	2nd Evans, I. (N) 17m. 41s.				
	3rd Stallard (C) 18m. 4s.				
Senior Race	1st Hutchison (N) 20m. 36s. (Record: A. S. Hutchison 1969, 20m. 36s.)				
	2nd Evans, D. (N) 21m. 47s.				
	3rd Newton (N) 22m. 20s.				

THE HOUSE GYMNASTICS CONTEST

This annual inter-house competition takes the form of a series of lunch time, year-grouped contests. The set schedules are to allow the competitor to show his ability both physically and mentally.

Cobbs, having held the cup for five years, after only just retaining it last year, seemed to be on the verge of defeat before the beginning of the contest, the result being far from definite.

The first contest involved the Second years. The overall standard of performance was good with hardly any separation between the Houses at the end. The Fourth year contest presented noteworthy performances by Bradford (Cobbs) and Pearce (Miltons), who each scored 86 out of a possible 100. The event was, however, marred by the first non-appearance of a competitor to represent his House. He had, in fact, been accidentally injured and no replacement could be found. This gave Miltons a chance to take the lead with nearly 20 clear points.

The Third year contest the next day radically changed positions though. With excellent performances by Harris (Gibbs) with 83 points and Spencer (Newsoms) with 84 points, and poor results for the other Houses, Newsoms swept into the lead with Gibbs close behind. The Fifth year brought a recovery for Cobbs from fourth to third place, with good performances by both of their team, Elliott scoring 89.

The Sixth year contest concluded the competition. It was obvious that Newsoms were to win the Cup since they were 40 points clear, but second

place had to be fought for. This added excitement to a contest marred by only one representative from each of the Houses in fourth and fifth place. A good performance by Murphy (Halliwell's) 83, and Russell (Newsoms) 86, concluded the competition.

Special note must be made of those competitors who knew they could not do most of what was asked of them, but at short notice turned up to gain some marks—and the support of the audience. They were Fraser (Miltons, 4th year) 31 points, Miller (Gibbs, 5th year) 32 points, and Mayer (Newsoms, 6th year) 41½ points.

Individual Performances

	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Cobbs	74	46	86	89	78
	47½	40	—	73½	70½
Gibbs	63	83	77	60	75
	48	72	31	32	57
Halliwell's	64½	57	60	58½	83
	49	53½	60½	48½	—
Miltons	73½	59½	86	67½	53½
	60½	52	31	—	—
Newsoms	69	84	46½	55½	86
	59½	75½	55½	61	41½

Result

1st Newsoms	634
2nd Cobbs	604½
3rd Gibbs	598
4th Halliwell's	534½
5th Miltons	487½

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