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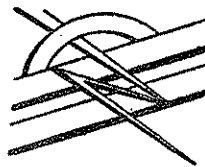
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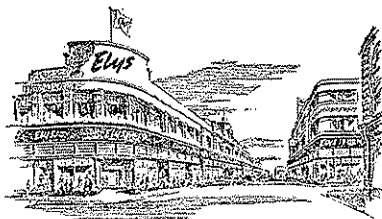
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# SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUMMER TERM, 1964

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**Captain of Cricket :** G. A. Featherstone.

**Secretary of Cricket :** I. P. Jackman.

**Captain of Athletics :** K. E. Jackson.

**Secretary of Athletics :** B. J. Spanos.

**Captain of Tennis :** J. F. Ventham.

**Secretary of Games Committee :** A. J. C. Brazier.

**Prefects of Library :** B. M. Emmings and C. R. Blackwell.

**Prefect of Hall :** B. G. Butcher.

## EDITORIAL

### New Lamps . . .

Most Englishmen find a strange fascination in antiques. It is always exciting to read a newspaper of even a mere thirty years ago: to find accounts in the present tense of events we now know as details of history, to chuckle over amazing advertisements, to compare the layout with that of modern newspapers, and, not least, to inhale the mature scent of the paper.

Unfortunately such attractions as are intrinsic in antiques, cannot apply to current publications such as 'The Spur'; although some may feel that the unavoidable delay between an event occurring and the publication of a report on it in 'The Spur' provides something of the antique fascination. Yet, although our termly magazine which for a variety of reasons does not reach us 'all hoot' is bound to lack the fresh impact of a daily newspaper, its reports need not be as monotonous and cliché-crammed as they often are. If a little more thought and trouble were taken when producing material for 'The Spur' (and it is deeply appreciated that a great deal of thought and trouble is taken already), then cricket reports, for example, would appeal not only to cricketers, and society reports would be interesting for all readers.

May we express here our thanks to the faithful few who contribute to 'The Spur.' May we balance with this an earnest appeal for many more

contributions from all ages, particularly general articles, letters, poems and short stories; and an exhortation to attempt a livelier style of writing, which will make this magazine more of a spur, and less of a blunt agent.

### . . . For Old

This, for many members of the Sixth Form, will be the last term at Raynes Park. Many will undoubtedly return at some later stage, if only to flaunt their new-found wealth to the impoverished members of the staff who were unfortunate enough to go to a university. We who have spent our lives in the sheltered archives of the pseudo-intellect that Grammar Schools breed as inevitably as roses have canker — we dare not attempt to be so worldly as to comment on this, but can only prophesy the reactions of those who will return to this flowerbed of learning: 'My God, it's changed!' But it will not be the school that has changed; true, the cracks in the walls of the new school building may be longer, but it will remain our school, the school. When we leave, school will have served its purpose, we will grow apart from school, from our contemporaries there, we will no longer be a part of this school. It is circumstance that will change, and this is to be remembered if we are to avert the contempt of the present that nostalgia sometimes breeds.

## HEADMASTER'S NOTES

We had departures from the Staff to lament, this summer. Mr. Strettan has been a pillar of the science side for fifteen years, and its head for a dozen, and alike as teacher and organiser has set a forceful lead but maintained a happy atmosphere. Both his science and his personality will be much missed, and we hope that his retirement, diversified by some teaching of girls for a change, will be long, fruitful and enjoyable. It is for only two years that Mr. Greenwell has been in charge of craft and of the many activities that are based on the workshop, and we should have liked to retain him too, but a post which spares him his long daily journey to us had obvious attractions. He has done much for many boys, and we are in his debt. Miss Hurst also will be affectionately remembered, not only for the French she taught to those who wanted to learn and to those who did not, but for her work with the music and her production of this summer's junior play. We hope that she may find undergraduates responsive. And though Mr. Stafford came only as a temporary measure, between his Cyprus post and a senior one elsewhere in Surrey, he made a firm and agreeable impact on all his classes and we are grateful for his help.

In their stead we shall before these notes appear have welcomed Mr. James for Physics, from Wandsworth, Mr. Robert Smith for Craft, from another Surrey post, and Mr. Innes, who begins his teaching career with us, mainly in French; Mr. Ellison will also be giving us some part-time help in French. Failing good fortune meantime, in the shape of someone qualified and willing to teach it part-time, the woodwork side of craft must be curtailed for the present. The Ministry's "quota" limits the number of full-time assistants we may have, and others are hard to find.

Though term must start without him, Mr. Rudgley is making a good recovery from his illness, and we hope to see him fully restored and back with us presently.

There was sad and untimely news in August of two Old Boys. Graham Leonard had only just become so, and the news of his death after a cycling accident, before he had even begun his career, was a shock to his friends in 5B and in Newsom's House and to us all. His sincere and pleasant personality will remain a valued memory. Geoffrey Terdre will be remembered only by senior staff and by Old Boys. He passed into Dartmouth at the head of the list, and his career in the Navy was developing full of promise. He lost his life flying from the carrier, Centaur, off Penang, in July. We recall his cheerful charm and lively promise, and his contribution to the 19th Wimbledon and to the School. Feeling some share of their grievous loss, we sympathise very sincerely with their parents in their bereavement.

T.H.P.

### COCK HOUSE PLACINGS, 1963-4

	Cobbs	Gibbs	Halliwells	Miltons	Newsoms
Rugby ... ..	10	3	1	6	-
Hockey ... ..	10	3½	3½	3½	-
Cricket ... ..	6	-	1	3	10
Cross Country ...	10	6	1	3	-
Athletics ... ..	3	6	1	10	-
Swimming ... ..	3	10	6	-	1
Tennis ... ..	7	4	½	-	2
Basketball ... ..	3	7	½	¼	3
Gymnastics ... ..	4	7	½	2	-
Chess ... ..	7	4	-	2	½
Debating ... ..	7	4	½	-	2
Dramatics ... ..	7	½	2	-	4
Music ... ..	-	2½	2½	2½	7
	<hr/> 77	<hr/> 57	<hr/> 19½	<hr/> 31½	<hr/> 29½

Cock House ... .. Cobbs.  
Eric Parker Cup ... .. K. E. Jackson.

A. J. C. Brazier.

### HOUSE NOTES

#### COBBS

House Captain : A. J. C. Brazier.

#### Prefects :

C. R. Blackwell, R. F. Chapman, R. C. Cottrell, P. G. Fisk, L. Hammond,  
D. E. Heaton, K. Phillips, P. Roderick, D. K. Tickner, J. F. Ventham.

In the last House report I wrote that we had a lead of *more than* 20 points in the Cock House Competition; Gibbs succeeded this term in marginally decreasing this lead to *precisely* 20 points. On the whole then, a successful year — but this Summer Term has not been as profitable as the others, for we have not achieved a first place in any of the four competitions that took place.

Our best position was that of second, which we achieved in cricket. The Senior team abysmally lost to both Newsoms and Halliwells; managed narrowly to beat Miltons and utterly "annihilated" Gibbs — on the other hand the Colts were very unlucky to lose to Gibbs, but easily won all three of their other matches. Any success the Senior team had was due largely to Ventham and Tickner, while the whole Colts team, under their captain, King, deserve our congratulations on being the best House Colts team. The Junior team lost their important semi-final match to Newsoms, but they beat both Gibbs and Halliwells, thus achieving third place in their competition. Abbott (captain) and Rissen were particularly outstanding.

For a great many years we have been second to Gibbs in swimming and there seemed little doubt that we would be so placed once again; but possibly owing to the competitions being held early (or just to plain negligence!) we found ourselves, after qualifying, in third place, 17 points behind Halliwells. Our team, however, performed well in the gala and caught up 15 of these points! Our thanks to Culpin and English, who led the House effort.

Athletics qualifying did not go well enough; on Sports Day, however, our team was able to pull us up into an easy third place — which is as much as we could really expect with the known superiority of both Gibbs and Miltons. Our thanks to all who competed and to Roderick, Chapman and Nelson who helped in organising the qualifying and the teams.

The Music Competition was not one of our successes, but thanks are nevertheless due to all who took part, particularly to Cottrell, our captain, and to Heaton for his work with the "orchestra."

Our House Masters probably do not realise that they are envied by at least two other Houses and we must always remember that any success we have is, in no small way, due to their efforts. Thus it is very regrettable to record that Mr. Greenwell is leaving us, for he has helped in several spheres, and will be particularly missed at hockey practices. Our good wishes go with him as well as to all those Seniors who have done so much and are now leaving. For myself I can only wish you the best of luck for the future and, by the way, you might as well win Cock House next year as well!

A. J. C. Brazier.

Seniors who are leaving have contributed much to this year's success — not least of them Brazier, whose original and inspiring leadership we shall greatly miss.

G.J.A.

## GIBBS

House Captain : I. P. Jackman.

Vice-Captain : J. Evans.

### Prefects :

D. Castling, C. A. Fulbrook, G. A. Kiddell, I. A. Lane, P. V. Mallett,  
B. J. Rance, B. J. L. Saxby, B. A. Woodall.

The large number of new prefects in Gibbs is in itself a compliment to our first year Sixth. We offer our congratulations to those who have been recently appointed and look to them for a strong and determined leadership in House activities next year.

The Summer Term never lends itself well to House activities. The sun makes one lazy, the rain ruins cricket matches — and examinations, projects, holidays and general end-of-term apathy do not produce the best atmosphere in which to rehearse choirs or encourage people to qualify in athletics. Our performance in the Athletics Cup, therefore, was not surprising, although it was still very disappointing. We could have won the Cup easily: in fact, we came second by a margin of ninety points. Rance and Hall not only worked hard to encourage others, but also set magnificent examples themselves. Nevertheless, a lack of effort was noticeable in certain quarters, mostly the Seniors. It is interesting to note that if every House member had gained just one more point we would have won the competition.

In the Cricket Cup we did not expect to fare exceptionally well, nor did we expect to be last. The blame is fairly divided among the House, for each team was victorious in only one game. Perhaps the less said the better: the remedy is simple — we must find some more cricketers!

Our musical efforts brought a measure of success and, more important, pleasure to those who participated. Overall, we tied for second place in the individual classes; the orchestra were fourth, managing to remain light-hearted without degenerating into last year's farce; Green, too, took fourth place in the novices' class; Williams attempted a difficult solo piece but managed to play it well enough to gain second position, and the choir excelled. I trust the choir now feel that all those hours of reluctant practice were worthwhile. Williams, whose development in ability and technique has been remarkable, ought to be particularly thanked.

Our finest triumph of the term has been the winning of the Swimming Cup. We already had a lead in the qualifying of more than one hundred points which was successfully doubled in the gala. Victory by such a large margin is unusual, and in this case it serves to demonstrate that we still have a great deal of talent and energy in the House.

Once more, then, we have taken second place in the Cock House Competition. To have hoped to win the cup would have been hoping for too much, but there have been, throughout the year, many occasions when our effort could have been greater. Those of us who are leaving pass on our duties to a set of captains who should prove to be far more capable



than we were ourselves, and we entrust to them the task of bringing out and using all the many talents and energies which the House possesses.

I. P. Jackman.

## HALLIWELLS

House Captain : G. A. Featherstone.

### Prefects :

D. Andrews, N. D. Catton, M. P. Dudley, A. T. Hedley, R. W. Higgs,  
R. A. Lancaster, P. G. Williams.

The House this year has had the same success as last year : that is, we have not won a single cup, and have come last in Cock House. This is very discouraging, but with a little more effort we could easily have won a competition instead of coming fourth or fifth. Just because we are not going to come first, it does not mean that we should give up.

One of the encouraging aspects of the year was the standard of qualifying. Not for a long time have we done so well in this, with the majority of the House doing their fair share. In the Swimming qualifying we were second and just retained that place in the gala. Our thanks are due to Dudley and Charlton for organising the team, and to the competitors.

In Athletics we were third on qualifying points, a position which could have been improved by the Seniors who could have done more despite the fact that they had exams to consider. After the Sports we had dropped to fourth partly owing to the fact that several of the team had suddenly gone on holiday or left school, and partly to the performance of the Colt relay team. Congratulations go to Rand, O'Malley, Lake, Murphy, Catton and others for their performances, and to Guest and Seager for running for the Senior relay team at such short notice.

Cricket was rather a disappointment, especially as we started so well. Of the first two Senior and Colt matches, we won three and drew one, but the Colts then lost their remaining matches, and a Senior team of eight playing a team of six from Newsoms also lost. The Juniors repeated their performance of last year by coming last.

In the only other competition this term, for the Music Cup, we at least had the satisfaction of knowing we could do no worse than last year. In fact we managed to gain second place, which we shared with two other Houses. We could have come second on our own if more Seniors had been willing to help the choir, but as it was Tam did well with the material he had.

Next term we start equal with the other four Houses : this time next year we could end up last again. If we make no effort we shall deserve this, but we have the ability to beat the others if *everyone* will make an effort.

G. A. Featherstone.

## MILTONS

House Captain : J. Nisbet.

### Prefects :

I. M. Alexander, A. J. Barber, B. G. Butcher, S. J. Butler, E. A. Goulding,  
P. K. King, D. Mercer.

Yet another school year has ended with Miltons filling third place in the Cock House Competition; this term, however, has not been without success, for we actually won a trophy — the Athletics Cup. In the other competitions completed this term we finished fifth in one, second in two, and third in one.

The Senior hockey team played one match this term and, as expected, we beat Newsoms. The match, played on the school field, was not altogether a serious affair, and thanks must go to Ribolla, Newsoms hockey captain, for collecting a team when the result of the match could only benefit us. This win gave us second position, with two other Houses, in the Hockey Competition.

The least said about Swimming the better. Butcher, as captain, was given little co-operation, and some complete refusals by various members of the House to qualify and to take part in the Sports did not exactly help him.

In the Music Competition we did surprisingly well, finishing second (this time with three other Houses). Clarke and Shoebridge and the choir all distinguished themselves, though from the evidence of the volume of noise produced in House Assemblies it astonishes me that we could muster a choir!

In the Cricket Competition we finished third — this position was entirely due to the Juniors, for the results of the Colt and Senior cricket matches did not give us a single point towards the Cup. The Juniors won their knock-out competition and the Junior Shield. Kaill, as captain, did well, as did the rest of the team. The Colts won one match and lost three (admittedly by small margins), but should have done better. Malam, the captain, performed well with both bat and ball, and was soundly backed up by Whittamore and Hoffman.

As last year the Seniors disappointed. We narrowly lost two matches, drew one (because an addition in the score books gave four different totals), and one was abandoned. Usually the team scored their runs at such a slow rate that defeat was inevitable. Jennings' score of 44 against Newsoms was the highlight of the season from our point of view, and he should be very useful in the future. The bowling was centred on Greenman, Dodds, Burgoyne and Jennings, all of whom bowled well on occasions.

The winning of the Athletics Cup was a triumph from the start of qualifying until the last race on Sports Day. The qualifying points gained before the Sports put us in first position, and the fact that we had more competitors through to the finals than any other House assured us of victory. The Majors and Colts both won their sections with the Minors, Juniors and

Seniors each coming third. Individual winners included Kaill, Coppen, Butcher K., Hall, Malam and Marsh. We must also congratulate competitors such as Mercer and Clutterbuck who improved upon their individual best performances in the Sports; and everyone who competed, for even if he finished last, at least he did take part. Finally I would like to express my thanks to E. A. Goulding, whose organising and bullying of unwilling qualifiers did more than anything else to help us win the Athletics Cup.

These are my last House Notes and all I have to do now is to wish you all, whether you are leaving, or staying on at school, good luck in the future, and remind you that in two years' time you *should* at last win the Cock House Cup.

J. Nisbet.

At the end of the year, the House loses Jim Nisbet, yet another House Captain who has given much of his time in an attempt to push the House to win events in which Miltons do not usually predominate. Much of the success in sports can be attributed to him. The House will undoubtedly miss him, but sends its best wishes for his future career.

E. A. Goulding.

## NEWSOMS

House Captain : B. J. Spanos.

### Prefects :

A. D. Crowe, B. M. Emmings, N. A. Hall, K. E. Jackson, R. P. L. Ribolla,  
P. E. Shrubbs, R. H. Terry.

I have the pleasant task of congratulating N. A. Hall, P. E. Shrubbs and R. H. Terry on their appointment as Prefects, and I hope that their year of office will be a successful one.

This term has been a mixed one for us. The Music and Cricket Cups are ours, but the Swimming and Athletics Competitions were rather less satisfying from our point of view. We came fourth in Swimming overall, though we finished second on the night. Our Juniors won nearly every race, but were let down by our Seniors and Colts. Congratulations are due to Staines who broke the school record in the 1-length backstroke, and to Russell who did the same in the 1-length free style.

The Athletics Competition bore even less fruit. We came last overall, though on the afternoon we finished fourth. To be congratulated are Jackson and Shrubbs — first and second in the Senior 880; Marshall and Veness, first and second in the Colt 880; Parnham, Russell and Reed, first, second and third in the Minor 440, Parnham having entered as a non-scorer. There were a number of creditable minor placings.

You will not fail to notice, of course, that the two competitions which did not go very well for us involved qualifying of some form or other. The moral is quite clear: everyone must qualify. The Seniors particularly are at fault here. In a House which prides itself on leaving qualifying to the convenience and inclination of the individual, there is immediately an

unfavourable slur on the Seniors when one considers that as soon as they are exempted from obligatory P.T. their qualifying points are gained by a few stalwarts.

I must congratulate all who took part in the Music Competition for a fine performance. Special mention is due to B. J. Spanos who led the orchestral and choral sections and who himself won the soloists' class; also to A. D. Crowe who won the novices' section.

It was a great surprise, but a very pleasant one, when we managed to carry off the Cricket Cup. We were reasonably consistent in all our teams, and the captains, Taylor, Salter and Jackson, deserve our applause. In the Senior team, Corke and Tariq deserve mention, the former for his ability to bowl our opponents out cheaply, the latter for his intelligent use of the bat.

At the end of each year, every compiler of House Notes has to lament the departure of boys who have not only exerted themselves for their House but who have also been his own good friends. At the end of this year this applies not least to Brian J. Spanos with whom I personally had infinite pleasure in working in two House Plays. His even temperament and sardonic wit, combined with a fine intellect, commanded the admiration of people of every House. We must also say au revoir to Ken Jackson, whose dedication to his sport was, I am sure, unmatched throughout the school. He also worked hard for cricket, and our success in that competition was due largely to him. To these and to the others whom I have not the space to mention, our whole-hearted thanks and good wishes are due.

We departing Seniors in our turn wish the House every success in the future, and hope that succeeding House Captains will enjoy the full support and co-operation of everyone.

B. M. Emmings.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAY

### "CODDOCK"

Undoubtedly this production had its faults, but, viewed as a whole, the entire presentation, from conception to execution, deserves praise, weakly diluted perhaps with unfavourable criticism. Miss Pat Hurst must be given much of the credit for the success of the play, for she not only managed to weld a cast of over thirty Junior boys into a dramatic creation worthy of a place in the Raynes Park dramatic tradition, but also translated the play. Miss Hurst's "Coddock" was a translation from the French play, "Merlusse," by Marcel Pagnol.

The translation was largely successful; but the two rather vulgar incidents seemed unnecessary and peculiarly inappropriate in front of a schoolboy audience, even to maintain a realistic touch. The production itself showed that Junior boys are as capable of effective acting as anyone, and probably derive more joy from their acting than most. One suspects,

however, that this is because most of the burden of a Junior play falls squarely on the shoulders of the Producer.

The action of the play was set in and around a large French boarding school. It is Christmas Day. All the Professeurs (teaching staff) are away on holiday. Only the Surveillants (masters responsible for discipline, supervision, and non-academic paper-work) remain to look after the boys who, because of broken homes or uncaring parents, must spend Christmas at school.

The focal character of the play is Blanchard, known to the boys as Coddock because he is supposed, according to them, to smell of fish; and feared by them because of his supposedly cruel nature and violent temper. Coddock feels he is being victimised when he learns that it has fallen to his lot to conduct Prep. on Christmas Eve. But he is reminded by the officious Vice-Principal, who has just given the General Supervisor a bad impression of Coddock, that his promotion is pending: in other words he must be careful how he conducts this Prep.

Meanwhile most of the boys have gone home. Some are still waiting for their passes; others hope against hope that someone will come for them. A second-former is persuaded by two slick fifth-formers to place a drawing-pin on Coddock's seat before Prep. He regrets it later when he hears the frightening tales the boys tell about this mysterious master.

After the tension of the Christmas Eve Prep., however, there comes the amazement of Christmas Morning when every boy finds he has got a present. Coddock must have played Father Christmas. Moved to reciprocate his generosity, they give some of their best-loved possessions to Coddock. When the General Supervisor hears about Coddock's behaviour, from the Vice-Principal once again, he is naturally worried by the unorthodox gesture. Coddock is summoned to him, and he tells how his fierceness, such as it was, stemmed from his fear of the boys. But now at last he has found an understanding with the boys, something more important to him than his promotion. To the surprise of the Vice-Principal, the General Supervisor is prepared to overlook the incident; and Coddock is assured of a rich future as a successful schoolmaster.

Coddock himself was well played by R. C. Adams who communicated the mysteriousness and sensitivity of the part, although he could have been more violent in the scenes where he was angered. R. M. Elliott, as the Vice-Principal, was as competent as ever and conveyed benevolent officiousness pleasantly, but he unfortunately seemed unable to suppress his natural flair for comedy which first showed itself in "Androcles and the Lion" last year. This time he was occasionally funny, inappropriately. I hope that he and certain others will also bear in mind that although self-confidence is an essential to acting, Junior boys often become over-confident to the subsequent detriment of their acting and their real-life personalities.

T. J. Cook, as the Headmaster, acted with ease and spoke in just the right way. His natural manner was most impressive. K. A. Butcher did

not quite convey the rebellious vicissitudes of a fifth-former, but he tackled an important part nobly, and was ably supported by A. Jones.

The numerous pupils at the school were all acted quite well (although little smiles and slight hesitancy from some members of the cast kept us in remembrance that this was a Junior play) and although it is perhaps easier to play a part when it is in fact one's role in everyday life, I think the young actors nevertheless took considerable care over their parts.

In sum total, however, it does not really matter so much whether the audience enjoyed the play, as long as those participating felt that they had achieved something. I think that in this case, however, the audience *did* enjoy the production, and so completed the success of this play.

C. R. Blackwell.

Apart from those mentioned in the report the cast included S. M. Ball, S. A. Finch, N. W. Walker, C. D. Portway, K. Brown, K. L. King, N. H. Thompson, P. R. Isaacson, M. J. Nakar, A. J. Davison, D. P. Ward, J. E. Barnes, C. B. Spraggs, N. J. Richards, G. J. Hammett, C. J. Harris, N. J. Parsons, S. N. G. Down, J. R. Buckler, C. R. D. Adamson, E. S. Burns, A. J. Patrick, P. M. Thomson, I. D. Ness, B. S. Moore.

Production Assistant ... .. C. R. Shoebridge.  
Business Management ... .. John Carter.  
Programmes and tickets printed by ... .. Max Greenwell.  
Costumes ... .. C. R. Shoebridge.  
Properties ... .. M. W. Baker.  
Make-up ... .. Peter Smith, Norman Poulter, A. D. Crowe, R. P. Myers.  
Lighting ... .. A. J. C. Brazier, B. S. Moore, N. J. Rennie.  
Sound Effects ... .. T. J. Cook.  
Prompter ... .. E. G. Hoare.  
Call-boy ... .. M. W. Baker.  
Stage Management ... .. N. J. Parsons, J. R. Buckler, A. J. Davison.

The Producer would also like to thank N. D. Catton, M. Cowling, P. G. Williams and B. P. Stanley for help in preparing the stage; Mrs. Ward for making costumes; and all those pupils, parents, and members of staff who have loaned properties and costumes, or in any way helped in the production.

## THE SUMMER CONCERT

As usual one of the final items of the term was the concert held on Thursday, 23rd July. The programme promised interesting and varied fare for a comfortably accommodated audience. Nervousness and occasional lack of concentration nearly always take their toll on such occasions and the combination of these frailties reveals itself above all in orchestral playing. The manifold problem of mastering the idiosyncrasies of oneself and the instrument, of following the progress of the music before one, listening to the balance of sound, and of being aware of what the conductor

is endeavouring to communicate about the tempo and interpretation of the work clearly called for a degree of concentration greater than was exhibited by many members of the orchestra. Nevertheless the orchestral items of the first part of the concert formed a pleasant enough beginning to the evening. The 'Trumpet Tune and Air' gave J. Nuthall a chance to show his growing mastery of the trumpet, 'Le Petit Nègre' of Debussy illustrated however imperfectly on this occasion, the special qualities of woodwind instruments, and the 'Gavotte' from Prokofiev's Classical Symphony and the 'Finale' to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony (much reduced and 'arranged') brought us to the end of the first part.

Beginning the second part, Gibbs' House Choir, fresh from their success in the House Music Competition, were deservedly well received as under their conductor L. C. Williams, who is to be congratulated on the way in which he marshalled his forces, they gave well-balanced renderings of the Goss anthem 'Saviour of the World' and the Morley madrigal 'Now is the month of Maying.' Other vocal items were given by C. Shoebridge, who produced an agreeably sonorous bass voice, and N. Walker and J. Salisbury, both Third Form baritones. One cannot help but speculate that if the present tendency of earlier physical maturity continues boys' school choirs will soon be limited to a repertoire for tenor, baritone and bass voices. Fortunately the school has not reached this impasse and we were able to enjoy the clear treble tones of P. Smith singing Schubert's 'Hedge Roses.' Other performers in this part of the concert were P. J. Brown, J. G. Hoare and J. Tulett, who as a clarinet trio played well together traversing the centuries and idioms of music from J. S. Bach to 'Blues.' P. J. Brown later played the beautiful Gerald Finzi 'Carol' with accuracy and control. For a solo item in this concert A. Crowe forsook his clarinet and guitar to play Barlow's 'Danse Levantine' for piano and showed clearly his musicianship after only a brief acquaintance with this instrument. Other piano items were a 'Solfeggietto' of C. P. E. Bach, played by D. Clarke, who was later joined by R. Smith for Schubert's 'Marche Militaire.' There was good understanding between these duettists; one was only sorry that military precision was emphasised at the expense of Schubert's naturally lighter and gayer spirit.

The concert ended with two orchestral items, the 'Moderato Maestoso' from Gounod's music to 'Faust,' with an invocation of Mephistopheles in the opening bars ear-jarringly dramatic but unfortunately unintended by the composer, and Strauss' 'Tales from the Vienna Woods.'

No report of this nature would be complete without emphasising the important role played by Mr. Aldersea in his general direction of the school's music and by the instrumental teachers, Miss J. Lenton (cello) and Messrs. K. Piper (violin), J. Hall (brass) and P. Kirby (woodwind). For Mr. Ayton we would wish continued strength and inspiration to mould the individuality of numerous natures into an orchestra approaching his ideals and worthy of his efforts.

G.D.H.

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## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

C. R. Blackwell, 6 Arts 2.

### PROLOGUE

"If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
Even the night shall be light about me ;  
Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee ;  
But the night shineth as the day :  
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

*(Psalm 139).*

"For all things exist only as seen by Thee, only as known by  
Thee, all things exist  
Only in Thy light, and Thy glory is declared even in that  
which denies Thee, the darkness declares the glory  
of light."

*(T. S. Eliot).*

THE nightwind meanders sharply with the Thames,  
Blows chill across the bridge on which I stand  
Watching the city swirling on the tide  
Admiring its night-time lightmime in the turgid waters  
Thickly bloated with oil and sewage,  
Darker and deeper than the flimsy sky around.

The sky-line is bright with the glow of lit buildings  
Angular, curving behind Big Ben model-like,  
Big Ben like cardboard by torchlight,  
Stiffly on guard duty,  
Chiming the years away :  
Booming the death knoll  
And crashing the birth tidings.

The night sky is hanging : dense, black, and smoky,  
Protruding where lights end  
And ending where lights probe :  
Spitting down rain splashes  
Cold, wet, and comforting,  
Darkly refreshing.  
I am glad to be swallowed  
By what I command,

A warm wind flows gushingly  
Round the round corridors,  
Belching from bowels of railway-lined tubes,  
And gliding past bra adverts,  
Honour-guarding alimentary escalators,  
Shameless and smooth.

The passage is wide with the softness of lighting  
And echoed in long, whining songs  
Which spiral the walls  
From a drunk woman lying amidst her dropped packages,  
Abandoned and stupefied  
Playing the tunnel :  
An underground horn.

Nightdarkness is licking the lip of the horn  
Where the bell is full-fluted ;  
But the drunk woman slumps, lightcocooned,  
Safe-sealed from its swallowing.  
One day he will get her  
And merrily hug her to Death,  
To the pounding of Big Ben band music  
Reverberating down round the playerless horn ;  
While fanfaring from bowels of some other vast underground  
Issues new life  
Pink, slimy, wriggling, and howling  
As she howled —  
But for Baby, Big Ben chimes joydeep,  
Optimistically,  
Hoping.

## SPRING LYRIC

P. V. Mallett, 6 Arts 2.

THE slow and watered April sun  
Drags up the flowers from their  
Warm dry bed in dark dank earth.  
And their birth is painful, squeezed  
Up laboriously,  
Flung out from easy darkness, now exposed  
To crazy wild winds and bitter  
Sudden light or darkness cold.

The heavy slow black-belly clouds  
Drag their oozy corpses seepingly over  
The sweating sun, destroy it and, black-grey,  
Sink in blood-scarred sullen surly  
Beauty almost.

Quivers ripple over black-sky surface as  
Stars stone-flung break the black sky-water.  
Sky, suddenly live, jumps as  
Stars cold-twitching start to drone,  
Silent through eternity timeless voyage  
Pointless  
No alpha  
No omega  
No beginning and no end.  
And so, the day is over, dead and gone,  
Gone and  
Dead.

### THREE POEMS

G. M. Bradshaw, 6 Arts 2.

i.

Five stones.  
Stones that glisten white and soft  
As down on the belly of the rippling stream.  
But hard,  
Hard and smooth and cold.  
Stones that rattle in my pouch  
Shall I clasp cool and dry within my hand.  
Hard and smooth.  
Five polished stones.  
And I,  
Through five stones  
Shall be king.  
David.

ii.

No matter how I look at it,  
I am afraid ;  
My eyes betray it.  
Inside this smiling shell there is twisted dwarf,  
Screaming.  
I am blinded now by craven apprehension,  
I walk as if along a plank,  
Prodded on by duty to myself and dreams  
Of fingers dripping luxury.  
There are no more steps.

The little twisted screaming dwarf  
Has squashed all my complacency,  
Which in turn and long ago  
Smothered all my readiness.  
God, I am afraid,  
And yet a single shred of my complacency  
Still tells me that,  
Whatever I am,  
I am still myself.  
Is it this that worries me ?

### III. FAIRGROUND

By the park gates,  
Resplendently standing in black beard and  
Purple waistcoat, a man,  
At his back a sign to say that  
To him who weighs  
What weight he cannot tell,  
A ring, Peruvian gold,  
Such a ring he will give.  
On the hill,  
In the fairground.

Chairplanes skim and wheel over damp grass and dog-ends  
Trampled by holiday shoes.  
The roundabout circles dignified,  
Undulating to the long-gone organ sound,  
Bingo ; the clack of the air rifles ;  
The mournful gaiety of organ pipes.  
In the fairground,  
On the hill.

The Bank Holiday crowd —  
Slightly sick with hot dogs, whelks and Easter eggs —  
Meanders round the stalls, pensive,  
To the burning money in their jingling pockets,  
To laugh occasionally at another's tears,  
Reminds of a crowd that jostled,  
Laughed with sometime tears  
On the occasion of this anniversary ;  
At another public holiday.  
Another crowd,  
Another fairground,  
Another Easter,  
Another hill.

## FROM "FUTURE IMPERFECT"

N. Hall, 6 Arts 1.

bits and pieces of a broken match  
sucked into a darkdeep drain  
just as i live  
swirled into a vortex of organisation  
i cry  
i cry and my tears fall  
towards the freedom of oblivion  
piercing the sopped curtain that  
doomthreatening cloisters us  
they wash the worm pierced bodies of  
longdead long dead long free souls  
my praying hands  
outstretched to avert the onward march  
i hesitate the final freedom

molecules of human body  
tossed by the wind  
swirled by the waters  
pass through choked buildings  
deserted  
fighting the mounting tirade  
of human dust  
piling at the corners  
falling at its walls  
pushing at its bricks  
caving the ceilings  
even in death  
we seek to  
destroy

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m copen m huxley viai  
i dont care anyway  
dyu care  
whether tis nobler in the mind or  
just stinks  
the carnage behind the dustbins  
the mutilation of the milkbottle  
the torn bleeding text  
the empty tickyclock hall

the deep deep deep  
 twitterybirds cloppityhorse waggitydog all stink man  
 man stinkworst  
 the milky succulent gutters  
 the window washed world  
 the watery light  
 the limp leggins man its DEEP  
 the GINdrowned archpoet thats us  
 bounce bounce bounce bounce  
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 stinking literature  
 wine mixed with water  
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## DOGGEREL A LA MOD(E)

Anon.

If you want to be a real he-man like Ringo,  
 You'll have to let your hair grow long, by Jingo !  
 Wear Chelsea boots, and a dapper little jacket,  
 And get yourself involved in a 'Mersey-beat racket.'

If you want to show your manhood, be sure to grow a beard,  
 Dress yourself in fashions politely known as 'weird,'  
 Abjure punctuality, carry an umbrella,  
 And don't conform to rules, like any normal fella.

## "PLAY UP, PLAY UP AND PLAY 'THE GAME'"

A. Marsh, Tr.E.

THERE'S a breathless hush at Oberon tonight,  
 A breathless hush that follows the din  
 Of five hundred schoolboys cheering the fight  
 Twixt school and masters—and "Doc's" still in.  
 But it's not for the sake of the Greeks who wrote  
 Of Olympian Athletes with torch a flame,  
 But his captain's hand on his shoulder smote—  
 "Get those runs, or we'll die of shame."

# MUSICK

J. G. Hoare, 3D.

Now there are many instruments in Musick, some noxious and all of them noisy, and it is your pleasure for me to tell you all about them in the confident knowledge that you will care even less about them afterwards than you do now—if possible. We will catalogue them for the sake of simplicity (and you are all rather simple, aren't you!) into four sections, so:

(1) **Strings**—In this cataclysm we have all those odd-looking contraptions shaped like violins—from the small ones which you tuck coyly under your chin, to the big ones with a spike on the bottom which you stick through the drawing room carpet. There are also harps, harpsichords, clavicords, thyroids, violas, pansies, 'cellos and bellows.

(2) **Wind Instruments**—These are even more numerous, and their size varies inversely to the depravity of the noise they emit, which is at all times dreadful, and includes anything from a high pitched squeak to a rather low sort of sound. Bugles, saxophones, piccolos, gigolos, bassoons, baboons, oboes, hoboos, combs and tissue paper, cornets, wafers, and choc-bars are numbered in this cacophony. Suck or blow according to choice.

(3) **Concussion Instruments**—This class comprises such things as drums, cymbals, tambourines, tangerines, triangles, saucepan lids, etc.—in short anything which you can strike, bang, or hit. Mothers-in-law are definitely not in this class (see under Section 2).

(4) **Unclassified Catamaran**—Gramophones, wirelesses (Third Programme for preference) and cinema organs, are among the instruments included in this class.

With a good sound knowledge of the above catachresis, you should now be in a position to start making your own musick, and, selecting any or all of the before-mentioned, you can tackle the Overture. There are the famous overtures, 'Poet and Peasant' and 'Pomp and Circumstance.' If you consider these too highbrow, and you most certainly will, you can start at the 'George and Dragon' or the 'Pig and Whistle.'

Come to think of it, you will probably not get very far without some explanation of the terms used in musick, not by the players, but by the composers. So we will now take a look at some of the more common ones:

d.c.	... ..	Don't clap.
nux vomica	... ..	This is an organ stop used only in emergencies. Pity it's not oftener.
p.	... ..	Sh-h-h-h-h.
ff.	... ..	Fishhooks.
opus	... ..	Alone I done it.
tempo	... ..	Time gentlemen please.
crotchet	... ..	Who cares.
molto perpetuo	... ..	This is not as rude as it sounds,

To return to the Overture. This will probably be written in about thirty-seven sharps, fourteen flats, a couple of naturals, and six movements — backwards, forwards, sideways, up, down, and stop. But maybe only in one flat or prefab. You will find that the composer has divided it up rather carefully into bars, which I think is jolly decent of him. Another time I will tell you about the Concerto, which, as you know, was quite unheard of before the bombing of Warsaw.

## THE THING

P. Twite, *Transitus E.*

As the man entered the room, he became aware of it. It was hanging, motionless and unsupported, about six inches off the floor. It was circular, some five feet in diameter, and a pale, almost ethereal blue. The surface was cloudy; sometimes reflections of the wall of the room appeared on it.

It had not been there when he had gone out, and two beers had never brought this on before. He walked round it: suddenly he realised that it was invisible side-on. His brain worked on this for a moment, and then he realised that whatever it was must be two-dimensional. He touched it: it was cool, like glass. He pressed it, but it did not move. He sat down and tried to ignore it. Later on, he went to bed. When he switched off the light, it glowed slightly. Finally, he grew angry. He could not sleep with it sitting there so smugly. He began to look upon it as an irritating being. "Go away, you . . . you . . . !" he shouted. The disc moved, it swelled, the glow increased. It enveloped him, and after a moment of unawareness, he found himself lying on a cool slab made of some soft substance.

"Good, the patient has arrived," buzzed a voice in a curious accent. He could not hear a single word, unfortunately.

"Good, the patient has arrived," the white-clad doctor said. "Put him in room 202," he continued quietly to the nurse who stood by the door. "He'll probably be dead within a week. These cases usually are."

The patient was wheeled away on the white foam-rubber stretcher into the rooms of James's Hospital for the Incurably Mentally Sick.

## SHORT STORY

G. M. Bradshaw, *6 Arts 2.*

The thin end of the sea splashed on to the myriad of separate beach stones and the whole beach was deafened by the scraping of the rolling shingle. Beach huts tilted slightly on the uneven pebble stones and winkle stands and bingo stalls stood in gay austerity under the summer sun. The crowds meandered in the effortless afternoon and rifles clicked in sideshows.

A little girl in a print frock stood on the promenade steps and watched as if for the first time the stretch of blue and the little white pleasure boats filled with tanned skins and summer dresses. She ran down the stone steps and across the scraping shingle that seemed to suck her feet from under her.



She did not stop but ran into the lazy waves that rippled over her sandals and left them shining dully wet.

"Come here," her mother called, "Daddy wants to take you on the roundabout."

She did not turn around but shouted into the friendly lapping waves: "He's not my real Daddy."

Her mother felt those nearby aroused with disinterested curiosity and the little girl stayed there on the beach. Her mother held his hand in hers and squeezed it in a mutual sorrow. The little girl came back and climbed the steps and walked distant from her mother. The little girl ate candy floss and fluffed red strands stuck to her eyelashes; she ate toffee apples, and toffee wedged between her teeth; she ate ice cream, and a white arc topped her upper lip. Yet still she was not happy, to be passed by other children who, on less toffee apples, less ice cream and candy floss, were still far happier than she, who did not even hold her mother's hand, but, sadly and utterly within herself, walked along the kerbstones. He looked at the little girl and smiled softly, her mother's hand in his. She looked at him with cold hate. He held her on the undulating rotation of the roundabout horse, but all she noticed was the peeling gilt and underneath the priming paint. She walked through the shrieking hell of the ghost house in front of him; the dark vague shapes that had haunted her for a month last year did not this time frighten her, being too alone within herself to notice. It was in this mixture of cold silence and toffee apples that they passed the afternoon.

They ate in silence. The wrinkled black prunes looked baleful and hostile. Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor. He put another prune on the side of her dish. Rich man. She looked up at him again and then for a moment there was almost a warmth in them, but then her eyes once more showed that pitiful, unsmiling independence.

That evening when the summer chill and darkness met the sultry afternoon they walked along the promenade, played bingo, and he won a limp rag doll. He looked intently at her as he put it in her hands. She took it in silence and as they walked the doll dangled loose from her hand and dragged along the pavement. The sickly smell of onions and hot dogs wafted down the promenade. Her mother stopped and looked at him then melted into the holidaying crowd. He looked down at her and said: "I love your mummy. So do you. I will stay with her for ever and ever. So will you. Try to understand."

She did not look up at him but turned around and ran, the pent-up tears blurring her eyes. She ran down the steps and on to the beach towards the sea. The pebbles sucked her feet at every step. Behind her she could see the slack multi-coloured strands of fairy lights and hear from behind these the music of the holiday crowd. In front of her stretched nothing but the vague gigantic shadow of the sea. The water was cold and seaweed laced itself around her feet, the waves, no longer friendly, were cruel and smothering, the rising tide was flecked with white. She turned and wandered from the impenetrable sea and walked upon the unencroached shingle where,

in a sudden welling of unhappiness she threw herself upon the stones and wept. The stones were cold and hard and slightly damp. He called her, lifted her on to her feet and put her hand in his, which she did not resist. They walked back along the scraping shingle and up the steps. The incoming tide had reached the doll which rose and fell listlessly in accordance with the waves. The dye had already started to run and blotched the surrounding sea water.

## EXPLORING AN OLD RAILWAY

C. G. Grove, 3F.

I was on holiday in Kent when, on a trip to Canterbury, I discovered an old, disused railway line. It started at the West Station, but in order to walk along it I took the road alongside the station, the end of which joined the track of the old railway. I climbed up the embankment on to where the track bed had once been.

I continued for about half-a-mile, after which I reached a tennis court, belonging to a nearby school, which had been built across the track. Just ahead I could see the Tyler Hill tunnel, but, as I thought it would be dangerous to explore this, I took a footpath bearing right. This led me out on to the Tyler Hill Road.

I proceeded up Tyler Hill and down the other side into the village. I then took a very narrow road which led back to the railway track. After walking about a quarter of a mile along the track, I reached the remains of a level-crossing by the Tyler Hill-Blean Road. I continued for about a mile before plunging deep into Clowes Wood. After another two miles the village of South Street and also another dilapidated level-crossing, with its gates closed permanently to rail traffic, came into view. At the other side of the level crossing I discovered an old gradient post half-hidden with bracken and foliage. Just past the post was the bridge where the Thanet Way crossed the track. About half a mile further on the three bridges at Whitstable Railway Station were reached. The first, crossing a road, is believed to be the oldest railway bridge in the world, and was built when the railway was first opened. The second crosses the main Faversham-Whitstable-Margate-Ramsgate railway line, and the third also crosses a road.

After another half mile I arrived at the terminus in Whitstable Harbour Street. The only remaining parts of the station were the dilapidated offices (since demolished) and the overgrown platform.

Standing there, I thought of the old days, when this line was busy with trains running up and down, and how deserted it now stood.

Later I learned that this railway line had many historical connections. It was built by George Stephenson and opened in May 1830, being the first railway line in Kent apart from those in the mines. George Stephenson also built the first locomotive to run on the line, "Invicta," which is preserved

beneath the city walls of Canterbury. It was closed to passenger traffic in 1936 by the Southern Railway, soon after the building of the Faversham--Ramsgate and the Faversham--Canterbury--Dover lines when connections were no longer needed between Canterbury and the Coast. However, it managed to survive on goods traffic until 1952 when it was completely closed. However, it proved very useful when part of the main Faversham--Ramsgate line was flooded between Reculver and Birchington in 1954 when it was re-opened for a short time.

## A TOUR OF GUINNESS'S PARK ROYAL BREWERY

The tour started off by the guide meeting us at the main entrance of the brewery. He took us to a suitable position and showed us the five main buildings: Malt and Hop Stores, Brewhouse, Fermenting House, Vathouse, and the Administration Building. Then he gave us a history of and introduction to the buildings, after which he showed us the Malt Store.

The brewing of Guinness begins with the arrival of barley already malted, which is delivered into large hoppers, from where it is carried by bucket elevators to the top of the Malt Store. It passes through a series of screens which clean and grade it, and is then stored in large concrete silos, with a total capacity of 19,000 tons.

Each day the quantity of malt needed for that day is taken, by conveyor belts, across a bridge to the brewhouse.

At the brewhouse the malt enters one of seven grinding mills, which grind the malt; it is put into Grist Hoppers before brewing. The ground malt is let down from the hoppers into cylinders called Steele's Mashers, where it is mixed with hot water and pumped into the Mash Tuns. The mixture at this stage looks something like porridge.

Shortly after this the mixture is sprayed again with hot water to dissolve all the soluble substances. The liquid left (called 'Wort') is drained off and pumped into storage tanks called Underbacks.

From these Underbacks the wort travels into Coppers ready for boiling. At this stage hops are added and the mixture is boiled for about two and a half hours. Then the wort is again drained off and cooled before flowing into the Fermenting House. Here the wort plus an added quantity of yeast is pumped into Fermenting Tuns.

While the wort is in the Fermenting Tuns the Customs and Excise officers charge for duty.

When the fermentation is completed, the stout (as it is now called) is pumped into one of the two 4,500 barrel Sedimentation Tuns in the insulated Vathouse. It is allowed to stand here for about 18 hours so that the yeast can settle. The stout is then transferred to Racking Vats ready for barreling or filling road or rail tankers.

N. Walker, 3D.

## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTATES

The original purpose of this trip was to study the Mole Gap, but being natural traitors to a cause, we deemed this fact as irrelevant.

On the 14th July, Surrey's rolling countryside faced its annual battle against Raynes Park's 'Black and Tans.' Ably led by our Irish guide (who strode through Leatherhead like a native) we set off, only to find ourselves lost after 150 yards. The reason, we were assured, was that 'Ronson's' 2½ acre sports ground must have disappeared since the previous year.

When we heard a bedraggled fireman mutter, "If you utter any sarcastic remarks, I'll come over there an' thump you," we knew it was going to be an uneventful day. After idly gazing at the scenery for a mile, the party suddenly stopped dead at the sight of two large bulls blocking our way. Only one intrepid member ventured any nearer and we send our condolences to his friends. Not long afterwards our numbers dwindled to fourteen. The missing few were last seen wandering in the direction of a residence named after one of the William monarchs.

Many obstacles were encountered and surmounted, not least of which was a small cliff which had to be climbed. Half-way up a lone voice shouted the famous war cry that usually accompanies ignominious rugby defeats: "Come on, Raynes Park." It was unfortunately shouted at the wrong time, and a solitary 'yokel' was treated to the sight of fifteen schoolboys sliding back down the cliff.

Undaunted we continued, and later on we witnessed the sort of rescue one could expect if one fell off Boxhill. Shocked by this sight, the party adjourned and we were led hastily and expertly to the nearest beverage provider by our guide. Here he sat, numbed, with a tankard in his hand, wondering why he had bothered to come.

The journey ended with the spectacle of N-- running across the railway lines in West Humble station, chased by an irate railwayman. As the train drew out (much to the relief of the Station Master), blows were exchanged between two lycanthropic members of our party, who vied for possession of a carriage whose sole occupant had magnetic qualities.

N. A. Hall and R. J. Nelson.

## TRANSITUS 'A's' FIELD JOURNEY

During the Summer Term our form, or part of it, undertook the usual field journey, its supposed purpose being "to study the dip slope of the North Downs." But all who went will agree that it made a pleasant rest from the normal Daily Tyranny.

Only two-thirds of the form went, as the remaining third are Greek barbarians. The two-third majority are, of course, the élite.

It was planned that we should start from Ashted station. The more energetic arrived on various forms of two-wheeled machines. The few remaining, the élite amongst the élite, travelled in a certain Irishman's

"Land-Rover." One troublesome member nearly "fell" out of the back but such are the perils of travelling into the wilds of Surrey.

This lazier part of the contingent had the bigger laugh as the cyclists had to produce 1/3 to leave their bikes at the Ashstead railway-station.

The expedition set out at the disgracefully early hour of 7.40 (a.m.) on to Ashstead Heath. We were, luckily, followed by Mr. Sun, the irregular visitor to Britain.

I shall not bore you with the details of our travels, but the unaccustomed heat affected all. "Our man," in a fitful moment, declared us lost. However, we were not. The sun also necessitated frequent stops to relieve fatigue.

We passed the tree-line and came on to Headley Heath where we dined amid the squeak of Radio Caroline.

The path led up, still. Finally we reached a spot overlooking a quarry. Beneath was a sheer drop of 500 feet. There followed a charge by a few members down the steep side of Box Hill. One poor lad slipped and fell 20 yards or more, but he was saved by his layer of fat. Still rolling in laughter we reached the road.

The rain had been coming since lunch-time and we felt contented that it had not come before as we strolled along to the station amid the not uncommon summer deluge.

Our thanks to Dr. B. for a once fairly clean train and to our Erse conductor.

A. Shea.

## THE 41 FIELD JOURNEY

At 10 o'clock on Wednesday, 8th July, a party of jovial fourth formers met an equally jovial Mr. Shaw leaning on a bright blue soil-auger, about five feet long. However, the joviality was soon wiped off the pupils' faces when they learned they had to carry "the thing."

We made out way northwards from Gt. Bookham station, one eye on the scenery, and the other on the monstrous black clouds which loomed ominously overhead. The going was through deep mud, which should technically be called London clay. After a tour of two small ponds which had collected in the hollows of the impermeable clay, Mr. Shaw began drilling.

Unfortunately, no oil was obtained — just a few particles of plasticine-like clay and plenty of sweat.

We turned southwards, and while a sample of terrace gravel was being gouged out, the rains came. It poured. Geography was forgotten, and hands dived into duffle bags to pull out capes and raincoats. We stayed there for a quarter of an hour, but as our schedule was fairly tight, a reluctant Mr. Shaw (I always thought geography masters were pretty hardy!) decided to advance, and for the next half-hour we slipped about in sludgy mud which now had torrents of rainwater rushing down the

gradient. However, our good friend, R. Hanlon, must be commended for his excellent handling of the soil auger during the period.

We soon approached the village of Gt. Bookham, and the weather cleared somewhat while we visited carnations in a nursery and the 13th century flint church of St. Nicholas. We trudged on and came across the successful Goldstone Farm. A further soil sample was taken in sight of Polesden Lacy, and Mr. Shaw especially pointed out a couple of stagnant dew-ponds. At last, however, hunger had beaten us. We found a suitable green spot and ate various sandwiches to the accompaniment of the "House of the Rising Sun" on a portable radio.

Replete, we set off once more, and, after walking through a farmyard covered in six inches of cattle dung, we eventually reached Box Hill station.

A short break was had by all, and then we studied the characteristics of the River Mole. We found Ham Bank, a river bluff, an excellent location for a spot of horseplay, and for the next twenty minutes Raynes Park schoolboys came hurtling down a steep escarpment to be arrested by a solid wall of the larger boys.

Our time was up, and, with notes carefully arranged (most of them were sodden and illegible) we returned to civilisation and Box Hill station.

Everybody had a very instructive and enjoyable time, and thanks must be due to our excellent leader.

S. H. Gebbett.

## A TRIP TO BRIGHTON

One sweltering June day, a party of sixth form mathematicians, accompanied by Messrs. Brunt and Rogers, departed from their habitual Friday timetables and travelled, by devious means, to Brighton—not, alas, to the sea-front, for the purpose of our jaunt was to attend a one-day conference about Computers and Computer Programming, for sixth-formers. It was held by the Department of Computing, Cybernetics and Management at the Brighton College of Technology.

The new building, erected at Moulsecomb, just outside Brighton, cost, with furniture and equipment, nearly £2 million. It was occupied only in September 1963, and is a marvellous building, its height—nine stories—impressing one immediately.

The conference, of about five hundred pupils, was assembled in the main lecture hall, where the head of the department, Mr. Richard Goodman, welcomed us. In his speech, he asked us to make ourselves completely at home in the college, giving us the free run of the entire building.

The conference commenced with an introduction, given by Mr. Peter Rowe, Deputy Principal ICT Training School. Then, after a coffee break, Miss Sandra Ogilvie, Department of Computing, Cybernetics and Management, talked about the ICT 1301 Computer, and its programming, using the Manchester Autocode (MAC) method. The college has its own 1301

computer, and all were permitted to see it; some even saw a programme being run through.

After lunch, which consisted of a very respectable salad, followed by ice cream, the conference reconvened, and Miss Ogilvie continued her talk, concluding with the suggestion that a few programming exercises should be tried. Some did attempt the elementary programming, and a few of the more successful were tried on the computer. The college is equipped with closed-circuit television, and by this means it is possible for the process, carried out in another part of the building, to be watched by an audience in the lecture hall.

After a short tea break, Miss D. Law, Staff Officer (Personnel), ICT, gave a brief talk on careers in Computer and Data Processing, and the conference was concluded with a Brains Trust.

The Conference proved to be very interesting, and entirely worthwhile, and our thanks are due to Mr. Brunt for having taken the trouble to organise the trip.

B. J. L. Saxby.

## UNION WITHOUT STRIKES

The highlight of this term for seven members of the Christian Union was twelve days of voluntary hard labour. This was done for Malden and Coombe Old People's Welfare Association, through which we participated in a project organised by a local lady journalist to salvage wood from building sites and elsewhere (which would have been burnt on bonfires otherwise), and to saw this wood into lengths suitable for use by the old people as winter fuel. We hope that hands formerly used for little more strenuous than prayer, will become dirt-stained and blistered more often in the future, in the service of others.

Despite the pressure of examinations and the distraction of projects this term, we have joined in fellowship together on twelve occasions, during which we have studied I Peter and II Timothy, listened to Mr. Webb from the London City Mission, and Canon Leslie Wright, saw the Fact and Faith film "Time & Eternity" and the soundstrip "Head in the Sand," elected a new committee, and began planning for next year at the Annual General Meeting.

The Junior Christian Union continues to attract a good number of faithful members, but as with the Christian Union the number of Christians who for some reason prefer to pass by on the other side and ignore the C.U. is saddening.

In the past year those who attended an excellent programme maintained and enjoyed by our members, were surely greatly aided and strengthened. To outline briefly the year's achievements: we have shown three colour films, arranged nine external speakers and two from the teaching staff, studied two Epistles, thoroughly considered the subjects of

sin, salvation, sanctification, baptism, Holy Communion, and "Honest to God," discussed Sunday School and youth work, Church Unity and other vital topics, shown a colour soundstrip, maintained a termly Prayer Letter circulation amongst Old Boys, produced a twelve page magazine (raising over £1 10s. for Freedom From Hunger), and organised a questionnaire and a social service project. The leaders and Committee members have attended at various times an Inter Schools Christian Fellowship Residential Leaders' Training Course, five fellowship meetings and three rallies organised by the Surrey Schools Christian Fellowship, and the I.S.C.F. Conference.

One reason for our pridesworthy output is that the Christian Union calls no strikes. In fact, the withdrawal of labour is the antithesis of our basic purpose. By a production policy of "concentration of labour," we seek to co-operate in helping one another to mature in the Christian Faith, thereby witnessing to our oneness in God and in His Son and increasing our talents for the field of personal evangelism.

The only kind of strikes which we hold in reverence are those which strike a human being in his heart, mind, soul and body, and turn him away from the darkness of self-centredness to the joyous realisation of the Light of the World. We pray that this dawn may come for all God's chosen people: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life" . . . Here lies the test: "the light has come into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil." (John 3: 16, 19 NEB).

Have you experienced this strike? Whatever your answer, our union will welcome you into its fellowship: the Christian Union can help *you*.

C. R. Blackwell.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The Classical Society met on Friday 15th May at Mr. Wyatt's house to hear an outlined history of the Acropolis, supplemented by slides and extracts from various ancient authors.

The first extract was an account of the Acropolis' structure. From the entrance of the Propylaea, the Acropolis is seven and a half acres in area, a fact which surprised many, because photographs of the entire Acropolis are seldom shown, only those of the individual buildings.

Then we heard a passage from Herodotus in which he describes the first ever siege of the Acropolis in 480 BC, by the army of Xerxes. Some Athenian stalwarts, having wrongly interpreted Themistocles' advice to "rely on the wooden walls of Athens" (he had, of course, meant the ships), defended the hill for a fortnight, at the end of which Xerxes' men scaled it at a part which the Greeks thought unclimbable and so had left unguarded. The men on the Acropolis were slaughtered.

Leaving those troubled times and coming to the 430's, Athens' most brilliant period, we heard an account of Pericles' method of adorning



Athens, and of some of the opposition to his policy of using the allies' monetary tribute for this purpose.

The Acropolis had to serve as a fortress, a place of beauty, of worship, and also as a treasury. A passage from Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" was read in which we heard how difficult the men found their attempts to climb the hill and force the women out. (Since the Acropolis was a treasury, the women had taken it over so that the men could not obtain any more money to pay for the war which they were waging against Sparta.)

In 431, the people of the Attic countryside, so Thucydides tells us in book II of his history, packed into Athens, lodged on the walls, on the Acropolis, and even on forbidden ground. This caused much overcrowding resulting in the Plague, which permanently reduced the Athenian population, and from which Pericles himself died in 429.

By way of a digression from the actual history of the Acropolis, a summary of the total costs of the building and embellishment of the Erechtheum was then read. It had been the custom for many years to allot the cost of maintaining the fleet to rich men in turn, and so the same procedure was adopted here. The total contributed by various rich men was 84 drachmae  $4\frac{1}{2}$  obols; to offset this the total payment to painters was 40 drachmae, and to sculptors 3,315 drachmae.

After this, some magnificent photographs of the Parthenon were shown. This building was used, among other things, as a theatre, and was still used as such much later by foreign tyrants, especially Antony.

When Christianity departed in 1463 and was replaced by Islam, the Parthenon was used as a mosque. A dove had hung perpetually over the altar, and haloes of Byzantine saints were painted on the walls.

Until 1670 the Parthenon, Propylaea and Erechtheum were whole, but in that year a thunderbolt descended upon the Propylaea, at that time being used as a store for explosives, and the inevitable occurred. In 1687, a Venetian gunner dropped a shell into the Parthenon, and it is only a shell of that wonderful building which now remains.

In 1803, Lord Elgin arrived in Athens, and because the occupying Turks were at that time in a friendly frame of mind, he was allowed to whisk bits of the Acropolis over to the British Museum, where they are to this day exhibited under the strange title, "The Elgin Marbles."

To conclude, there was read a vivid description of the early morning scene after the liberation of the Acropolis in 1946. This illustrated the fact that the Acropolis could serve as a fortress even to a civilization so advanced in warfare.

When the President had again thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt for the loan of their house, the Society spent the rest of the evening in the absorption of dried apricots, biscuits, olives and Mozart.

B. M. Emmings.

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## DEBATE EXTRAORDINARY ! or Alice in Wonder

On one hectic Tuesday this term we were privileged to play host to a debating team and over twenty supporters from the Ursuline Convent School. If the spectacled egg-heads of the Chess Club, and the granite-faced Tarzans of the Hockey Team could lure the opposite ——— into a General-School-Fund-subsidised Battle of the ———es, then surely the intrepid Debating Society would excel in such seduction and turn the masculine edifice of R.P.C.G.S. into a powerful magnet to attract innocent girls into the verbal ruthlessness of that den of shame, THE LIBRARY.

Thus from the first honied platitudes of the Chairman, Mr. Ian Jackman, to the concluding rhetorical protractions of Harold Pratt, Esq., the two lines of pseudo-medieval warriors grappled over the motion that "This House believes that in the Twentieth Century the man's place is in the home," wielding their two-handed words like veteran debaters. On the male front, Mr. Chris Blackwell was firmly entrenched with lamentations over a conviction that his Concept of the perfect Marriage was threatened to doom by the Neo-Amazonic Age. He was ably supported by his Court Jester, Mr. Martin Dudley, reminiscing about his mother's domestic tragedies, and his word-bearer, Mr. Phil Mallett, whose verbal wrestling tongue-tied everyone in unique knots, and left them wondering what had hit them, and him wondering with what he had hit them. Mr. Brian Emmings fooled us all by leaving his punch until the very end of his sally—a technique sometimes referred to as the kick in the rear (which we all deserved).

The female front, however, remained impregnable. At every blow from the proposition forces, it delicately side-stepped and poured delightfully eloquent pitch all over our prototype ideas. What dent could masculine force bash in the glittering chain mail of Miss Marguerite Holland who remarked in support of her argument that men, the idealists and romantics, needed women to guide a rationalist course for their day-dreaming spouses: "If it had not been for Eve, Adam would never have got round to picking the apple at all" (or words to that effect). Inevitably the men surrendered before that infallible female weapon: the everlasting jaw. The motion was declared lost.

Eventually we all retired to the Prefects' Room, the conquered ones nursing bruised brain boxes and wounded pride. But not before Mr. Pratt had saved the day by his "Whether 'tis nobler 'fore the feed . . ." speech, which enabled the mobile canteen to trundle the last few yards of its route march from the kitchens and start brewing in the mess—although the preposition "in" is probably superfluous here.

Thus the battle ended on a pleasant note, with food for the mind proving an excellent aperitif before food for the body. In the apposite words of Morris "Chef" Allier, "Thank Evans for little debaters;" or, as the song has it, "After the son the dame, After the brain the fun!"

C. R. Blackwell.

## THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This term has been spent in repainting and generally overhauling the reflecting telescope. Its numerous rusty patches, and crumbling legs had been causing concern for some time, and it was decided that some "first aid" was required before the winter "observing season" began.

Hence, after months of rust chipping, paint removing and applying various odoriferous and highly corrosive anti-rust compounds we have just sopped two coats of aluminium paint over the telescope in the last two days of term.

The telescope now glistens in its freshness and we look forward to some clear nights next term when we hope to be able to use it.

J. D. Miskin.

## THE SPUR MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The decision taken at the beginning of term to discontinue the Garden Party resulted in some confusion. By the time the news seeped through that the "Social Afternoon" was to be basically identical to its predecessors, it was unfortunately too late for the club to undertake the repairs to scenery necessary after last term's tracklaying operations. We hope that next year we shall be in a position to exhibit again on this occasion, as the club has done since its formation. We do, however, hope to be able to exhibit the layout at Open Night, for which we are at present in preparation.

Again, we regret to report that attendance has not been as high as in previous years, but we continue to hope that next year's first form will provide some more enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, we hope to hold the second of our film shows early next term, to which all will be welcome.

D. Andrews.

## PRINTERS' GUILD

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Mr. Stafford after only two terms with us. He has spared us a great deal of his time and patience for which we are indebted to him; we wish him luck and happiness in his new post.

This term's work has consisted of smaller items including the Junior Play tickets and programmes, in addition to several private orders for members of the staff.

The next task, before we can accept any further orders, is to check through all type-cases and sort the accumulated mountains of misplaced type into the correct cases. We should then be in a position to handle a greater amount of work more efficiently and in a shorter time.

Any recruits, especially from the new first forms, will be welcome, at 4.15 p.m. on Fridays in the Pottery Room.

M. R. Earl,

## 19th WIMBLEDON BOY SCOUT GROUP

The summer term has been a most active and encouraging one for the Boy Scout Troop and culminated with the presentation of a scoutmaster warrant to Mr. Brian Burgess.

The interest and enthusiasm shown by the boys have brought forth a crop of badges. No less than sixteen proficiency badges have been gained in the term and these include the Cook, Athlete, Guide, First Aid and Swimmer badges. Four scouts, Graham Hopper, David Miles, Martin Frost, and Ewan Currie, have passed their First Class hikes and are close to completing their First Class Badges. Six Second Class Badges have also been presented.

Eight scouts went with Badger to a country cottage at Bignor, Sussex, at Easter for a long week-end; and a dozen scouts enjoyed a sunny Whitsun camp near Newhaven with Skip. Ewan Currie led a patrol at the District Camping Competition and they did commendably well for their first competition. By the time this is published, ten scouts will have returned from Summer Camp at Stogursey, near Bridgwater, in Somerset with the 1st Kew Scout Troop.

In contrast, the Senior Troop is once again lacking in leadership, for Mr. Rogers has had to give up the job after a very brief spell. It is hoped that a new leader will be found for the section because several members continue to turn up regularly and help with the Troop.

M.J.S.

## NO. 565 SQUADRON, AIR TRAINING CORPS

As mentioned in last term's report, the Squadron visited the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, on two occasions during the Easter holidays. Unfortunately no flying was possible on the first, although all nine Cadets who attended the second time flew for at least an hour in Beverley, Shackleton, or Varsity aircraft or a Whirlwind helicopter.

Thirteen Cadets, accompanied by Pilot Officer Gates, went to Royal Air Force, White Waltham on Sunday, 10th May, when they flew for about half an hour in Chipmunk aircraft. Six days later Flying Officer Manger and eight Cadets visited No. 615 Gliding School at R.A.F. Kenley, where they each had three launches.

On Sunday, 7th June, a team of eight Cadets competed in the Surrey Wing Athletic Championships at Walton-on-Thames, where they did better than even they had hoped, and finished second out of twenty teams: Cadet Lusby won the Class A 100 yards and 220 yards races; Cpl. Anderson won the Class B Shot and was second in the Javelin event; Cadets Ainger and Belcham were second respectively in the Class A Mile and the Class B High Jump, and the relay team (Cpls. Anderson, and Hyman, Cdts. Maskell and Lusby) was placed second. Cpl. Anderson and Cadet Lusby represented Surrey Wing in the Eastern Region Championships at R.A.F. Uxbridge on 12th July. The former won the Shot and will therefore represent the Eastern Region in the Corps Championships on 25th July, as will Cadet Lusby who has been selected to run in the relay.

The Squadron shooting team was involved in the Wing Contest at Pirbright on Sunday, 5th July, and, although they finished about ninth out of eighteen teams, they did show considerable improvement on last year's scores.

The Squadron's Annual Inspection was held on Friday, 29th May, when the inspection was carried out by Squadron Leader May, a Wing Staff Officer. The following Sunday the Squadron travelled to R.A.F. Kenley for the Wing Annual Inspection by an Air Vice-Marshal. The "Bren Gun" relay, which this Squadron won, was one of the demonstrations by the Cadets for the spectators. Two Cadets of this unit flew in the helicopter in which the Inspecting Officer had arrived.

On Monday, 4th May five Cadets sat either their Leading Cadet or Senior Cadet examinations. Cpl. Anderson and Cadet Richardson passed the Senior Cadet examination, the former with Credit, and Cadet Young passed Part One of this examination. Cadets Flude and Tuley both passed the Leading Cadet examination with Credit. Cadets Ainger, Borrett, King, Lusby, Mitchell and Needle passed the Basic examination, which is set by the Squadron.

The following promotions have been made this term :

F. S. Faulkner J. to C.W.O. w.e.f. 24/4/64.

Sgt. Castle S. M. to F.S. w.e.f. 8/5/64.

Sen. Cdt. Haw J. A. to Cpl. w.e.f. 8/5/64.

Sen. Cdt. Hyman M. A. to Cpl. w.e.f. 8/5/64.

Ldg. Cdt. Anderson R. C. to Cpl. w.e.f. 8/5/64.

During the Summer holidays eleven Cadets will attend Annual Camp, two at R.A.F. Brüggen in Germany and the others at R.A.F. Thorney Island. C.W.O. Faulkner will, meanwhile, be attending a gliding course at Halesland in Somerset, where he hopes to get his A.T.C. Soaring Certificate which is equivalent to the British Gliding Association's "C" Certificate.

Next term it is hoped that visits will be arranged to the Battle of Britain Flying Display at R.A.F. Biggin Hill and to the Hawker Siddeley aircraft factory at Hatfield. The Squadron has entered the Surrey Wing Football (Soccer) Competition for the first time.

Any boy, over the age of 13½ years, who is interested in joining the Squadron should come to the School at 6.50 any Friday evening. It should, perhaps, be noted that the uniform is supplied free of charge and that there is no obligation to join the R.A.F. after service in the Air Training Corps.

M. A. Hyman.

## THE THINGS THEY SAY !

"You have been persistently allowing that table to hum."

"People all over the country were trying to put their money into canals."

A. "How about licentiousness, sir?"

B. "As you wish, but I prefer lust."

"Stand by your vices."

"Now as I was saying . . . erm, what was I saying?"

"She's quite good value, isn't she? —Take that smirk off your face, Crowe."

"He meets old bonkers Edgar here . . . and the next minute he's dancing around in his birthday suit."

"If you lose your books again, and I get them, I'll sit on them for six months."

"If your boy has got anything in him, Raynes Park will bring it out of him."

"Claudio's only just out of his short pants, and now he's just wondering what comes first — cigarettes or girls."

"This chap Satan could do wonders at Hyde Park."

"Do you mind, if you don't mind . . ."

"You can read 'The Vicar of Wakefield' in one evening with a little judicious skipping."

"I want to hear silence."

"It's not me, I'm going . . . I mean, it is me, but I'm not staying."

"When I put my glasses on I can't hear properly."

## CHESS CLUB

Owing to the pressure of examinations, the Chess Club was able to meet only during the first half of the term. Nevertheless, the Senior tournament has been finished, and there has been one school match.

The tournament was won by D. F. Blunden after a very interesting game with T. C. Feline.

Our single fixture this term was against the Gentlemen of the Staff, and was won by the school team 5 games to 2.

In closing, I should like to thank D. F. Blunden for his work as captain, and G. C. Raison for his work as junior secretary. Mr. Wyatt is also to be thanked for sponsoring us throughout the year.

P. J. Gorton.

## RAYNES PARK BANTAMS TUG-OF-WAR VIII

Hon. Sec. : I. P. Jackman.

Hon. Supporter : A. T. Blount.

It was indeed a shock to the torpidity surrounding an end of term Raynes Park Vith form when Bec School requested their participation in a Tug-of-war Tournament at Bec's annual fête. This initial shock was greatly worsened when it was found that all the brawn of Raynes Park would be either playing cricket or 'on holiday' on the day of the event. It was for this reason alone that the team consisted of Catton, Culpin, Emmings, Bradshaw, Hedley, Higham, Ribolla and Woodall, all of whom must be congratulated for their fine effort in displaying themselves.

It rained on the Saturday of the fête; perhaps this was why the stalwart supports of Bec fête were so desirous of seeing three giant teams of tug-of-war enthusiasts drag a team from Raynes Park, in comparison

looking rather like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, through the Tooting mud. Their entry on to the field was greeted with hoots of derision that were entirely justified, for every member of the Raynes Park Bantams found himself outweighed by his opposite number in each team by at least a stone. Raynes Park may have been dwarfed in weight, but for sheer phlegm no team could have matched them. About 300 astonished spectators saw Raynes Park drag the opposing teams into the mud in straight pulls every time. Raynes Park was not shamed, dear reader; though no single member of the staff or school turned up to support them; A. T. Blount, Athletics Captain of Bec School, most sportingly acting as adviser, counsellor and cheer-leader, for which he is to be most gratefully thanked. They forced the cream of Bec, Henry Thornton, and Bec Old Boys to wither, and, ignominiously slide away. Snow White led her Seven Dwarfs, bruised, blistered but victorious, from the field, and thus the honour of Raynes Park, your honour, our honour, was once more saved from tarnish!

## CRICKET

### 1st XI

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

*Captain* : G. A. Featherstone.

*Secretary* : I. P. Jackman.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
12	8	3	1

### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Shene C.G.S., Won : 49, 46 (Tickner 8-15)
- v. Heath Clark G.S., Won : 113 for 7 dec., 72 (Castling 69).
- v. Hampton G.S., Drawn : 146 for 7 dec., 106 for 8 (Greenman 59).
- v. N. T. Poulter's XI, Won : 80 for 1, 79 for 3 dec. (Lancaster 42 n.o.).
- v. Bec School, Won : 62, 59.
- v. Hayes C.G.S., Won : 157 for 3 dec., 52 (Castling 75 n.o., Greenman 44 n.o.).
- v. Thames Valley C.G.S., Won : 191 for 6 dec., 27 (Hammond 52, Corke 7-12).
- v. Surbiton C.G.S., Lost : 84, 86 for 4.
- v. Old Boys, Lost : 75, 78 for 5.
- v. Rydens School, Won : 39 for 2, 36 (Corke 7-16).
- v. Gentlemen of the Staff, Won : 67 for 9, 66 (Featherstone 34).
- v. Salesian College, Lost : 40, 94 (Featherstone 5-15).

This has been a successful season for the team with only three defeats, one at the hands of the Old Boys who fielded rather too strong a team, and only one draw. Both batting and bowling have been usually strong with only four bowlers being used throughout the season. During the last half of the season too many catches were dropped, but during our opening run of seven matches without defeat the fielding was good.

Most of our matches contained good individual performances by both batsmen and bowlers. Our first match, against Shene, was very close, but Tickner bowled well and we just won. In the next two matches it was the



batsmen who stood out with a hard hit 69 by Castling against Heath Clark, which gave us a respectable total after a shaky start, and 59 by Greenman, backed up by steady innings from Castling and Lancaster, against Hampton.

The next two matches were both affected by rain but both ended in victories — an opening stand of 57 by Lancaster and Jennings against Mr. Poulter's XI, and a steady team effort being responsible.

Against Hayes and Thames Valley fast scoring enabled us to declare with good totals, and plenty of time to get our opponents out. In the Hayes match there was an unbroken stand of 126 between Castling and Greenman, and against Thames Valley it was a half-century by Hammond setting us on the path to a total of 191 in two hours and some fine bowling by Corke which helped us to victory.

Our first defeat followed, against a stronger Surbiton side, and then our second against an even stronger Old Boys' team; but we succeeded in winning the next match, Corke again bowling well to take seven Ryden's wickets, leaving us only 37 to make.

The Staff match proved to be one of the most interesting for some years, with the Staff finally losing by one wicket. Good bowling by Featherstone and Castling kept their score down to 66, but when we went in, we had to fight for runs against the accurate bowling of Mr. Lovatt and Mr. Poulter, and only an innings of 34 by Featherstone saw us to victory.

The final match, against Salesian College, was played between showers on a rough wicket. Featherstone bowled well to take 5-15 but their total proved too much for us.

The team would like to extend its cordial thanks to Mr. Warner for bringing the ground and the pitches up to such a good standard and to B. G. Butcher for his efficient scoring, general support and willingness to turn out as a player at minimum notice.

The team included :

**Jennings.** Has proved a reliable opening batsman with various partners, and has developed as an outfielder.

**Lancaster.** In the few games he played he has also proved very reliable.

**Hammond.** An attacking, if unorthodox, opening bat who will improve when he learns when to be aggressive with more discrimination.

**Ventham.** Has had a somewhat unsettled season both as a batsman and in the field.

**Greenman.** One of the most consistent batsmen in the team, who rarely failed. His only fault was his slow scoring rate.

**Castling.** One of the team's all-rounders who started off the season very well with two half-centuries, but then tailed off. His bowling, whether fast or slow, improved as the season progressed.

**Tickner.** As one of the opening bowlers, he started well, but later on suffered from dropped "catches" to such an extent that he threatened to bring his own fielders. An interesting and unique batsman.

**Corke.** The other opening bowler. He has bowled consistently well throughout the season and should be even better next season. Notable for his text-book manner of playing at slow bowling.

**Mallett.** A considerably-improved wicket keeper, he has taken a record number of catches during the season. As a batsman, too, he has proved himself surprisingly competent.

**Jackman.** A natural No. 11 batsman, who was played mainly for his bowling but never delivered a ball. His fielding was remarkable. Our thanks go to him as an efficient secretary.

**Jackson.** Came into the team halfway through the season. He proved a sharp fielder and was able to adapt his batting to the demands of the game.

G. A. Featherstone.

**Featherstone.** As a captain he has presided over the most successful season within a generation. He may sometimes have failed to enliven the game at the possible risk of losing it, but normally his decisions have produced results. As a player he had an unsteady start to the season but picked up well later on; when on form he is an exciting batsman to watch. He has also proved to be our most consistent and successful spin bowler.

I. P. Jackman.

#### BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Runs Scored	Highest Score	Average
Castling ... ..	9	2	194	75*	27·71
Greenman ... ..	10	1	174	59	19·33
Hammond ... ..	6	—	101	52	16·83
Tickner ... ..	8	3	62	20*	12·4
Featherstone ...	11	2	103	27	11·44

\* Denotes not out.

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Featherstone ...	57·4	7	112	21	5·33
Tickner ... ..	102·3	30	187	26	7·19
Corke ... ..	121·3	36	255	30	8·5
Castling ... ..	61·3	15	173	18	9·61

### 2nd XI

Captain : J. Nisbet

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
9	4	4	1

#### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Shene C.G.S., Lost : 23, 24 for 9 (Bruce 5-17).
- v. Heath Clark, Won : 95, 19 (Jackson 6-9).
- v. Hampton G.S., Won : 60, 57 (Bruce 5-18).
- v. Bec School, Lost : 19, 20 for 1.
- v. Hayes C.G.S., Drawn : 77 (Smith D. L. 34), 26 for 5 (Dodds 4-8).

- v. The Staff, Lost : 37, 38 for 3.
- v. Surbiton C.G.S., Lost : 56 (Burgoyne 27), 59 for 2.
- v. Old Boys, Won : 50 for 6, 49.
- v. Salesian College, Won : 44 for 3, 43 (Dodds 7-19).

Nearly thirty different players have represented the 2nd XI this year—examinations, holidays, Saturday jobs, and less demanding attractions than cricket robbed us of many sorely needed “cricketers”—even so the team has done reasonably well, thanks to three or four regular and successful members.

We have not managed to score more than 95 in an innings this year (last year we scored over a hundred on three occasions); this obvious lack of batting strength has been countered to a certain extent by the bowling of Bruce, Jackson, Dodds and Burgoyne—all of whom have had their successes (although Burgoyne’s triple bouncer did not get him as many wickets as it did last year!) The highest individual score made this year was D. L. Smith’s 34 against Hayes, but usually it was left to J. Evans to provide the only resistance against opposing bowlers. Our other batsmen, except perhaps Burgoyne, Dodds and Jackson, have all consistently failed owing to lack of concentration and the inability to curb the urge to have a clout at any ball near the wicket.

The season, however, has not been without enjoyment. The finishes of the Shene and Hampton matches, although the former was such a low-scoring game, were nerve-racking in the extreme. The match against Hayes should have ended in a victory for us for they were 5 for 5 when rain interrupted play and had reached only 26 when further rain put an end to the game. The Salesian College match was dominated by the controlled hitting of Fisk and Dodd’s bowling—in taking seven wickets he clean-bowled six batsmen.

My thanks go to K. E. Jackson for captaining the side in my absence and for his all-round performances, and to all the thirty others who at one time or another turned out to play. A special word of thanks to Smith R. J. for scoring, and to Mr. and Mrs. Warner for providing excellent pitches to play on and for arranging the teas.

The team was usually selected from : Nisbet J., Jackson K. E., Evans J., Smith D. L., Dodds, Bruce, Burgoyne, Fleming, Hall, Roderick, Preece R. N., Anderson, Lindsey and Page.

J. Nisbet.

### Under 15 XI

Master in charge : J. S. Wyatt, Esq.      Captain : P. Salter.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
10	9	1	0

#### RESULTS (School’s score first)

- v. Shene G.S., Won : 52 for 8 dec., 32 (Early 5-15).
- v. Heath Clark, Lost : 66, 67 for 7.
- v. Hampton G.S., Won : 37 for 9, 36 (King 4-5).
- v. Gentlemen of the Staff, Won : 57 for 8, 56 (Salter 5-15).

- v. Chiswick G.S., Won : 34 for 3, 33 (Salter 5-11).
- v. Bec School, Won : 59 for 7, 58 (King 4-10).
- v. City Freeman's, Won : 88 for 5 dec., 118 (Salter 33 n.o.).
- v. Surbiton G.S., Won : 79 for 9 dec., 61 (Hoffman 23, Marsh 4-11).
- v. Ryden's School, Won : 114 for 6 dec., 44 (Pottinger 47, King 25, Salter 23 : King 3-1).
- v. Salesian College, Won : 54 for 6, 52 (Salter 6-29).

One defeat gives the team a good-looking record on paper, but this success has depended too much on three or four players, rather than on the team as an entity. These four have been Salter and King, both very promising all-rounders, the latter especially improving as a batsman; Hoffman, whose hostility and accuracy have been well sustained; and Colombo, who has been very safe behind the wicket. These excepted, talent has been dissipated: Marsh especially, perhaps through over-confidence scoring too few runs though offering promise as a spin bowler; Malam inhibiting his progress through lack of confidence; Early nullifying his enthusiasm as a bowler through inconsistency. It is a pity that the success of opening and first change bowlers has denied the chance of experience to Tickner, Stimpson, Fitter and Vincent.

The problem of practice has been serious. Lack of it has been largely responsible for erratic running and fielding. The difficulty is getting the team together as a group for open wicket work, instead of having them scattered through time-wasting House Matches. It is therefore a particular tribute to the side that a conspicuous team spirit has been maintained, a justifiable pride in their record kept high, and a readiness to practise, and play at short notice from borderline members (Emerick especially, Whittamore and Howard too) most noticeable. Some of the team will graduate to the first XI. I hope that those who do not do so immediately will retain their enthusiasm and raise the standard of second XI play. Thank you, Mr. Wyatt, for supervising us, and Newman and Thompson for scoring.

The following have played: Salter, Marsh, King, Tickner, Colombo, Hoffman, Early, Stimpson, Vincent, Pottinger, Fitter, Emerick, Malam, Whittamore and P. Thompson.

P. Salter.

Salter has led the team well, distinguishing himself more for batting than bowling this season. Much of the team's success has depended on his leadership.

A. Marsh.

### Under 14 XI

Master-in-charge : M. J. Shaw, Esq.      Captain : D. Naylor.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
6	3	3	0

#### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Shene G.S., Won : 11 for 0, 10 (Down 3-2).
- v. Hampton G.S., Lost : 66, 67 (Jones 21).
- v. Bec School, Lost : 40, 43 for 5.

- v. Hayes G.S., Won : 41 for 6, 36 (Down 3-6).
- v. Rydens School, Won : 48 for 5, 47 (Thomson 6-14).
- v. Salesian College, Lost : 25, 28 (Kaill 4-6).

The fortunes of the Under 14 XI have varied considerably this season. There has been steady progress with the ball but there has been no such advance with the bat. A lack of genuine team spirit and the absence of Naylor as captain on two occasions further handicapped the side. However, despite these failings, three matches were won and three lost, two by the narrowest of margins.

The main comfort in the batting has been the reliable opening partnerships of Jones and Ainger who, on only one occasion out of five, have failed to add 15 runs for the first wicket.

The most consistent bowler has been Thomson, who in all has taken 16 wickets for 38 runs; he has been ably supported by Down, Naylor, Ventham and Kaill.

The fielding has been fairly good throughout the season and Seeley has shown some promise on his few appearances behind the stumps.

The potential of a good eleven is there if it is moulded together into a disciplined side; however, the team is very weak in reserves, and on several occasions members of the Under 13 XI have filled in, sometimes most effectively.

The following boys have appeared for the team: Naylor, Ainger, Jones, Thomson, Hopper, Ventham, Seeley, Vaughan, Lusby, Parsons, Down, Hall S. V., Rennie, Murrell, Kaill, Parker, Taylor, Rissen, Collins, Finch.

M.J.S.

### Under 13 XI

Master-in-charge : G. J. Atkin, Esq.      Captain : G. N. Abbott.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
7	4	3	0

#### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Heath Clark G.S., Won : 68, 50 (Kaill 34, Abbott 3-2, Kaill 5-4).
- v. Wallington C.G.S., Won : 65 for 4, 64 (Murrell 3-4).
- v. Allyn's School, Lost : 66, 132 for 9 dec.
- v. Surbiton C.G.S., Lost : 57, 58 for 5 (Murrell 21).
- v. Hampton G., Won : 64, 34 (Kaill 29, Rissen 5-8).
- v. Wimbledon College, Lost : 41, 68 (Kaill 6-9).
- v. Wandsworth School, Won : 100 for 8 dec., 73 (Taylor 37, Cannons 25, Abbott 5-20).

A feature of this year's Under 13 XI has been its enthusiasm and knowledgeable interest in the game. Abbott has been a very thoughtful captain, constantly paying attention to detail.

The "mainstays" of the team have been Murrell and Kaill, both all-rounders. Their aggressive spirit in batting and bowling has done much to

improve performances. In bowling, both have become more accurate as the season progressed.

Taylor has shown promise with the bat. When he has the force to match his strokes he will be even better. Useful innings have also been played by Finch, Rissen, Simmons, Moore and Abbott. Indeed, every member of the team can bat sensibly and, at times, effectively.

Finch, Abbott and Rissen have been the best of the supporting bowlers, Rissen in particular having improved rapidly since the beginning of the season. It is a pity that more opportunity did not arise to use the "spinners" of Simmons and Harper.

The fielding in general has been good, and some smart catches have been taken. Running between the wickets, though improved, is still 'shaky' at times. Taylor, behind the wicket, has done as well as his lack of practice would allow.

We are indebted to Shaw for unselfishly acting as scorer and twelfth man in the early part of the season, and to Mr. Moore for his great kindness in helping with the team transport.

The following have played this term: Abbott G. N. (capt.), Murrell J. S., Kaill D. R., Taylor M. J., Reeve K. C., Finch S. J., Brewer I. D., Rissen K. M., Williams A. T., Simmons C. T., Moore B. S., Cannons A. S., Harper C. D., Collins T. N., Cocks A. J., Shaw R. S. G.J.A.

### UNDER 12 XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
7	3	4	0

#### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Wallington, Won: 27, 20 (Parnham 6-1).
- v. Bec School, Lost: 31, 82 (Parnham 4-11).
- v. Thames Valley, Won: 78, 27 (Bakker 30, Carpenter 4-5).
- v. Alleyn's School, Lost: 32, 108 for 4 dec.
- v. Hampton G.S., Lost: 62, 63 for 3.
- v. Wimbledon Coll., Won: 37 for 3, 35 (Carpenter 7-9).
- v. Wandsworth School, Lost: 49, 50 for 3.

The value of running a first form side becomes more apparent every year since fewer and fewer boys seem to have played much cricket at their primary schools and most have to wait until they come to us before they play in a properly organised match. Our intake was smaller this year but we were able to field an XI which was marginally more successful than its predecessor. Relying on their natural ability rather than on what they have yet learned about the game, they were more effective with the ball than with the bat, which demands an artificial technique patiently acquired over the years. Keenness was well maintained in the field and the mistakes were seldom due to lack of effort. There is an encouraging amount of talent. Parnham proved a useful opening bowler and will become more dangerous when he decides to shorten his run and concentrate on accuracy. Bellamy was a promising opening batsman and Carpenter showed signs of developing

into a very competent all-rounder. One of the high points of the season was a last wicket stand of 48 against Thames Valley G.S. Bakker and Robinson took the score from 30 for 9 to 78 and showed a determination to rescue the team from a difficult position which is very rare in young cricketers.

The team was selected from : Parnham (captain), Bellamy, Blakeburn, Carpenter, Boxall, Pepperell, Hanson, Healey, Robinson, Staines, Reed, Paget-Clarke, Bakker, Marsh, Wiles.

N.T.P.

### STAFF XI

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
6	1	3	2

#### RESULTS (Staff scores first)

- v. Colts, Lost : 56, 57 for 8 (F.J.S. 3-9).
- v. Chiswick G.S. Staff, Lost : 66, 68 for 9 (G.M. 37, N.T.P. 5-15).
- v. Richmond & Barnes Teachers, Drawn : 78 for 7, 112 for 9 (M.J.S. 36 n.o.).
- v. 2nd XI, Won : 39 for 3, 37 (L.R.K. 32 n.o., S.E.L. 3-9, J.A.B. 4-9).
- v. Richmond Hill C.C., Drawn : 95 for 8, 171 for 8 (A.R.P. 44, J.S.W. 21).
- v. 1st XI, Lost : 66, 67 for 9 (A.R.P. 23, N.T.P. 7-28).

Although results on the whole have been unfavourable, the staff has had quite a successful season. Three matches were lost—narrowly—one by 2 wickets and two by a single wicket. These matches, however, have been the most interesting ; the Colts played well to beat us, but the 1st XI came close to defeat due to feeble batting and fine consistent bowling by Mr. Poulter and Mr. Lovatt.

Thirteen members of staff have played this season, but the main problem has been to find a suitable date to field eleven. This has proved most difficult and the continuance of staff fixtures must depend on the greater availability of colleagues.

The fielding of the team was improved upon last season, but the batting is still very vulnerable and unreliable. However we look to greater success next season when perhaps a few more colleagues will join in the game.

The following members of staff have played : N.T.P., G.M., A.R.P., L.R.K., F.J.S., G.D.H., J.S.W., S.E.L., J.A.B., D.E.J., L.F.R., M.J.S.

M.J.S.

### ATHLETICS

Master in Charge : A. R. Pannell,

Captain : K. E. Jackson.

Secretary : B. J. Spanos.

This term has seen some noteworthy performances and the last full match of term gave us victory over Wallington, who are one of the strongest teams in the county.

Many records have gone during the season, but it would be wrong to point out individual performances since the term has been remarkable more for great effort by many members of the team as against a few good individual performances.

The collection of silverware must be approaching the biggest ever haul, and this shows that our standards are rising rapidly. The most interesting of these trophies perhaps was the Springbok trophy presented by Walton Athletic Club for success in a relays meeting. This saw the first four-minute mile ever run in school colours; I must confess, however, that it took a relay team running legs of 880, 220, 220, 440 to do it.

Other trophies were gained by our clean sweep at the Wimbledon District Sports at Junior and Intermediate levels; our Under-15 relay team gained the County A.A.A. trophy for their age group, and we had a victory in the two-stream section of the Surrey Grammar School Sports.

An improvement has been noticeable in the results of the senior team and the prospects for the future look very good. I am sure that this improvement will continue as it has done, and that it is in no small way due to the encouragement and persuasion of Mr. Pannell.

Colours: Nelson, Rance.

Half Colours: Nisbet, Colombo, Anderson, Woodall.

K. E. Jackson.

#### FIXTURES

Shene: Won 231—230.

Chiswick: Lost 223—265.

Surbiton and Wimbledon College: Surbiton 262½, Raynes Park 249½,  
Wimbledon College 245.

Hinchley Wood: Won 447—371.

K.C.S.: Won 111—17. Nelson Open 440, 52.9 secs.

Beverley: Won 195—171.

Bec and Wallington: Won 228, Wallington 184, Bec 137.

#### SCHOOL RECORDS

Colombo: 415—220, 24.7 secs.

Malam: 415—440, 57.4 secs.

Standish: 415 Javelin: 133ft. 4in.

Nelson: 417—440, 53.4 secs.

Spanos: Open 220, 23.4 secs.

#### HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS *Open*

100 yards

1st, Spanos (N), 10.9 sec.; 2nd, Featherstone (H), 11.2 sec.; 3rd, Lane (G), 11.3 sec.

220 yards

1st, Spanos (N), 23.5 sec.; 2nd, Nelson (C), 23.8 sec.; 3rd, Goulding (M), 25.3 sec.

440 yards

1st, Nelson (C), 54.9 sec.; 2nd, Jackson (N), 56.5 sec.; 3rd, Cottrell (C), 57.1 sec.



880 yards

1st, Shrubbs (N), 2 min. 6.5 sec.; 2nd, Onslow (G), 2 min. 6.5 sec.;  
3rd, Chapman (C), 2 min. 20.5 sec.

One Mile

1st, Jackson (N), 5 min. 4.9 sec.; 2nd, Shrubbs (N), 5 min. 5sec.; 3rd,  
Chapman (C), 5 min. 6.2 sec.

120 yards Hurdles

1st, Catton (H), 17.5 sec.; 2nd, Fisk (C), 19 sec.; 3rd, Raison (C),  
20.1 sec.

High Jump

1st, Blunden (C), 5ft. 3in.; 2nd, Onslow (G), 4ft. 11in.; 3rd, Mercer  
(M), 4ft. 11in.

Long Jump

1st, Rance (G), 19ft. 2½in.; 2nd, Featherstone (H), 19ft. 1¼in.; 3rd,  
Catton (H), 18ft. 10in.

Triple Jump

1st, Rance (G), 40ft. 4¾in.; 2nd, Lane (G), 38ft. 7in.; 3rd, Nisbet (M),  
38ft. 1½in.

Pole Vault

1st, Gray (G), 8ft. 0in.; 2nd, Amman (G), 7ft. 6in.; 3rd, Standish (H),  
7ft. 0in.

Javelin

1st, Featherstone (H), 135ft. 3in.; 2nd, Mallett (G), 106ft. 1½in.;  
3rd, Crowe (N), 73ft. 7½in.

Discus

1st, Woodall (G), 98ft. 2in.; 2nd, Roderick (C), 92ft. 8½in.; 3rd,  
Mallett (G), 92ft. 1in.

Shot

1st, Woodall (G), 35ft. 5in.; 2nd, Nisbet (M), 33ft. 5in.; 3rd, Fisk (C),  
30ft. 0in.

Relay

1st, Gibbs 47.6 sec.; 2nd, Cobbs, 48.6 sec.; 3rd, Newsoms, 49.5 sec.

100 yards

*Colts*

1st, Colombo (C), 11.1 sec.; 2nd, Loake (H), 11.3 sec.; 3rd, Zerfahs  
(C), 11.4 sec.

220 yards

1st, Colombo (C), 24.4 sec.; 2nd, Zerfahs (C), 25.1 sec.; 3rd, Hutchins  
(M), 25.5 sec.

440 yards

1st, Malam (M), 56.5 sec.; 2nd, Jennings (M), 57.5 sec.; 3rd, Fitter  
(N), 57.5 sec.

880 yards

1st, Marshall (N), 2 min. 16.9 sec.; 2nd, Veness (N), 2 min. 21.3 sec.;  
3rd, Carlin (M), 2 min. 23.9 sec.

One Mile

1st, Woodley (H), 5 min. 6.5 sec.; 2nd, Thompson (N), 5 min. 10 sec.;  
3rd, Wilson (C), 5 min. 16 sec.

Hurdles

1st Tuffin (M), 17.1 sec.; 2nd, Belcham (N), 17.2 sec.; 3rd, Loake (H), 17.4 sec.

High Jump

1st, Marsh (M), 5ft. 1in.; 2nd, Jones (C), 5ft. 1in.; 3rd, Edwards (N), 4ft. 8in.

Long Jump

1st, Malam (M), 16ft. 8½in.; 2nd, Salter (N), 16ft. 7½in.; 3rd, Pottinger (C), 16ft. 5in.

Triple Jump

1st, Miller (G), 35ft. 11½in.; 2nd, Tuffin (M), 34ft. 8½in.; 3rd, Standish (H), 33ft. 5½in.

Javelin

1st, Standish (H), 113ft. 10½in.; 2nd, Bloomfield (C), 109ft. 10in.; 3rd, Rutter (C), 94ft. 8in.

Discus

1st, Davies (N), 113ft. 4in.; 2nd, Taylor (G), 99ft. 5in.; 3rd, Featherstone (M), 97ft. 2½in.

Shot

1st, Anderson (C), 39ft. 7in.; 2nd, Moffat (G), 35ft. 3½in.; 3rd, Garret (H), 29ft. 5in.

Relay

1st, Cobbs, 48.6 sec.; 2nd, Miltons, 50.9 sec.; 3rd, Newsoms, 51.6 sec.

100 yards

*Juniors*

1st, Lusby (G), 11.2 sec.; 2nd, Hall (G), 11.4 sec.; 3rd, Hopper (N), 11.6 sec.

220 yards

1st, Lusby (G), 25.8 sec.; 2nd, Naylor (N), 26.9 sec.; 3rd, Peet (M), 29.7 sec.

440 yards

1st, Hall (G), 58.2 sec.; 2nd, Brunton (H), 63 sec.; 3rd, Hall (M), 66.5 sec.

880 yards

1st, Seeley (G), 2 min. 20 sec.; 2nd, Butcher (M), 2 min. 28.8 sec.; 3rd, Brookes (G), 2 min. 32.7 sec.

One Mile

1st, Hall (M), 5 min. 18.5 sec.; 2nd, Ainger (H), 5 min. 23.1 sec.; 3rd, Brookes (G), 5 min. 24.7 sec.

Hurdles

1st, Jones (G), 12.6 sec.; 2nd, Healey (G), 14.7 sec.; 3rd, Reeve (M), 16.6 sec.

High Jump

1st, Hopper (N), 4ft. 11in.; 2nd, Street (H), 4ft. 5in.; 3rd, Cherry (C), 4ft. 4in.

Long Jump

1st, Padwick (G), 14ft.; 2nd, Bateman (N), 13ft. 7in.; 3rd, Finch (C), 12ft. 4in.

Triple Jump

1st, Butcher (M), 34ft. 2in.; 2nd, Jones (G), 31ft. 4in.; 3rd, Street (H), 31ft. 2½in.

Javelin

1st, Cook (G), 84ft. 3in.; 2nd, Phillimore (N), 83ft. 10in.; 3rd, Parsons (M), 74ft. 4in.

Discus

1st, Thomson (G), 119ft. 4in.; 2nd, Down (N), 112ft. 1in.; 3rd, Whitten (H), 88ft. 3in.

Shot

1st, Thomson (G), 38ft. 4in.; 2nd, Down (N), 37ft. 5½in.; 3rd, Adams (C), 30ft. 2½in.

Relay

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

100 yards

*Major*

1st, Kaill (M), 12.5 sec.; 2nd, Brewer (G), 12.5 sec.; 3rd, Roberts (N), 13.4 sec.

220 yards

1st, Copper (M), 27.7 sec.; 2nd, Brewer (G), 29 sec.; 3rd, Pearmine (M), 29.7 sec.

440 yards

1st, Copper (M), 63.8 sec.; 2nd, Kaill (M), 63.9 sec.; 3rd, Burgess (H), 66.8 sec.

High Jump

1st, Rissen (C), 4ft. 4in.; 2nd, Murphy (H), 4ft. 4in.; 3rd, Isaacson (H), 4ft. 1in.

Shot

1st, Frost (H), 32ft. 1 in.; 2nd, Williams (M), 31ft. 6in.; 3rd, Humphries (C), 26ft. 10½in.

Hurdles

1st, Rissen (C), 12.9 sec.; 2nd, Burgess (H), 13.9 sec.; 3rd, Harper (M), 14.6 sec.

Long Jump

1st, Adams (G), 14ft. 3½in.; 2nd, Finch (G), 13ft. 8½in.; 3rd, Harper (M), 13ft. 8in.

Javelin

1st, Abbot (C), 70ft. 11½in.; 2nd, Frost (H), 66ft. 9½in.; 3rd, Smith (M), 46ft. 6½in.

Discus

1st, Mitchell (C), 75ft. 0½in.; 2nd, Jones (H), 72ft. 10in.; 3rd, Murrell (M), 71ft. 4in.

Relay

1st, Miltons, 56.5 sec.; 2nd, Gibbs, 58.4 sec.; 3rd, Newsoms, 59.5 sec.

100 yards

*Minors*

1st, Boxall (G), 12.9 sec.; 2nd, Healey (H), 13.3 sec.; 3rd, Reed (N), 13.4 sec.

220 yards

1st, Healey (H), 30.2 sec.; 2nd, Boxall (G), 33.6 sec.; 3rd, Farazmand (H), 33 sec.

440 yards

1st, Russell (N), 67.9 sec.; 2nd, Reed (N), 68.7 sec.; 3rd, Holmes (M), 69.5 sec.

Hurdles

1st, Pepperell (C), 14 sec.; 2nd, Carpenter (M), 15.1 sec.; 3rd, Bolt (C), 15.2 sec.

Long Jump

1st, O'Malley (H), 13ft.3in.; 2nd, Russell (N), 13ft. 0in.; 3rd, Holmes (M), 12ft. 11in.

High Jump

1st, Parnham (N), 4ft. 0in.; 2nd, Pepperell (C), 3ft. 11in.; 3rd, Tovell (C), 3ft. 11in.

Shot

1st, Blakeburn (H), 29ft. 9in.; 2nd, Parnham (N), 24ft. 8½in.; 3rd, Newport (M), 23ft. 9in.

Relay

1st, Halliwells, 59.4 sec.; 2nd, Newsoms, 60.3 sec.; 3rd, Gibbs, 61 sec.

## TENNIS

Master-in-Charge: T. Horler. Captain and Secretary: J. F. Ventham.

### RESULTS

1st VI: Won 3, Lost 5. 2nd VI: Won 1, Lost 2.

	1st VI	2nd VI
v. Purley	Won 5-4	Lost 4-5
v. Shene	Won 6-3	
v. Surbiton	Lost 1-8	
v. Rutlish	Won 5-4	Won 7-2
v. Strodes	Lost 2-7	
v. Glyn		Lost 3-6
v. Hampton	Lost 1-3	
v. Tiffins	Lost 2-7	
v. Bec	Lost 2-7	

Extra matches:

Rootham Shield.	v. Glastonbury: Won 4-1.
"	v. Dulwich College: Lost 5-0.
Glanville Cup.	v. Alleyn's: Lost 5-0.
U-16 Team.	v. Rutlish: Lost 1-3.

An unsuccessful season: a glance at the results seems to justify this statement, yet this would be to take a merely superficial view of the season. Quality of teams, as in most school sports, runs in spasms; two years ago we had a team which must have been either the best or one of the best school teams in Surrey. This year at times it was difficult even to raise a team, especially after 'A' and 'O' levels. On those occasions where we

could field our strongest team we were a match for our opponents (even if we lacked their style). On reflection perhaps the best match we played was the first match of the season in the Rootham Shield against Glastonbury; if we had kept that standard throughout the season I am sure that it would have been a successful one.

If, however, we can draw no encouragement from this season's results, the future at least looks bright. Not only did two fifth-formers, namely Leyland and Bryant, play regularly for the seconds and occasionally for the firsts, but two fourth-formers, Salter and Early made several appearances in the 1st VI. Moreover I am told that even lower down the school, there are more 'stars in the making.' Another two years should see this school back to its old standard.

### PEN PORTRAITS

Bennée : has rendered excellent service to the team ; by far the most stylish player,' although the most erratic.

Phillips : Always very difficult to beat and certainly the most consistent player this season. Perhaps he should try to be a more aggressive player rather than adopt his present 'baseline' tactics.

Evans : Has improved immensely this season, and has achieved some notable victories.

Salter : Certainly the find of the season. Tends to be erratic, but more practice and experience should make him, within the next two or three years, one of the best players the school has produced.

Crowe : Lacked practice this season, so he never reached his best form. Nevertheless an invaluable and willing member of the team. Makes an excellent cup of tea.

Mention too must be made of Mr. Horler's valuable work. Although so busy with school matters, he has somehow found the time to supervise tennis activities.

J. F. Ventham.

Any success which the team has had this year has been greatly due to Ventham's captaincy, and his own high standard of play throughout set a fine example to his team.

J. Nisbet.

### SWIMMING

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

*Captain* : P. V. Mallett.

The success of any group or society in the school is unfortunately often judged by its success in inter-school competition. Since the school only rarely wins cups and shields for swimming, it is normally assumed that the school has little swimming talent ; in coming third out of four schools in the Wimbledon and District Gala, the school swimming team might be considered to have continued in this tradition, but there is, in fact, much to be said that too often goes unheard and unknown.

Half of the boys who enter this school cannot swim a stroke. The school's main swimming achievement is that between a third and a half of these total non-swimmers learn to swim within a year, although it is difficult to arrange for more than five or six hours of teaching time for them. That the ability to swim might well prove invaluable is indisputable; also to be remembered is that it is a social asset to be able to swim. It is furthermore enjoyable; a fourth reason (which originally decided the present writer to enter a swimming bath for the first time) is that any swimmer can earn points for his house in the inter-house competition. More than a dozen previous non-swimmers qualified this year for their "beginner's width" or "beginner's length" [several boys who learned to swim during the school year have still to qualify: these are entitled to do so next year].

To return to the subject of our success in school competition: we had only two actual winners, H. Russell and S. Moffatt, in the District Gala. In the Junior school, we had one first and six second places to our credit out of nine individual events. We were only slightly less successful in the Middle school, but our Seniors inevitably let us down. Illness, holidays, unfitness and evening jobs robbed us of five or six of our best swimmers: it was infuriating to watch races being won in times considerably slower than the winning times in the inter-house gala. Page, Flude and Ventham swam in every kind of event, and are to be congratulated on their willingness to grab the points offered for entering a team or individual competitor.

I can boast of having taken part in many swimming galas, of most varieties of size and complexity. Invariably, the inter-house gala is more smooth-running than any other I have attended. It is now customary to announce results and times at our own gala before the next race is started: I have before me the full results of the Wimbledon and District gala; the times are not known. The school gala, held at the beginning of term to avoid the end-of term rush, was this year held at Cheam Baths, Wimbledon Baths being unavailable, and the staff are to be congratulated for earning the praise of the attendants there for the speed and orderliness with which the gala was conducted. Mr. King, as Master-in-Charge, bore the brunt of the work throughout the year, and presented the cup at the end of the evening. Mrs. Bennée, of Wimbledon Ladies' Swimming Club, receives our thanks for judging the diving. The cup was won by Gibbs, and received by M. J. Bennée. To finish on the note which will be repeated *ad nauseam* next year—the house which won the Cup had a lead of over 100 qualifying points and qualifying begins next term.

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