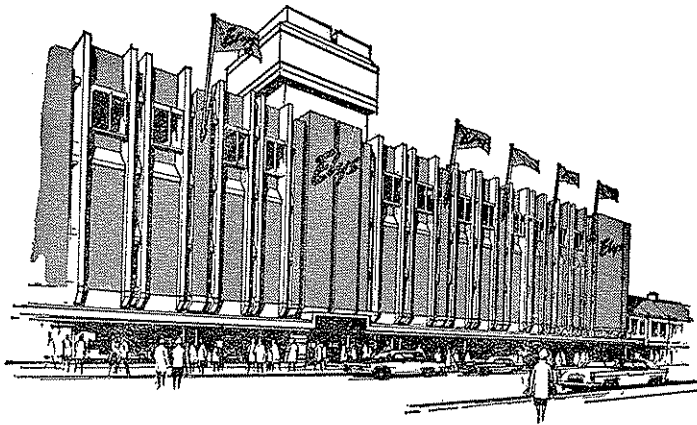


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## EDITORIAL

The *Spur* has, we hope, over the last few years improved, yet never before have there been so many complaints and criticisms of the school magazine.

One main criticism is the lateness of the *Spur's* distribution. This is through no fault of the Editors, and the printers do their best to produce over 500 copies as quickly and as cheaply as possible. It is, indeed, the few carefree persons who submit key reports late—such as those of School Occasions, Societies and Sport, particularly the last. Thus the editors have to work on the last days of term—with all the inevitable accompanying difficulties—and also during the holidays. Hence the items for the complete magazine cannot be sent off as soon as is necessary for an early distribution, and so it is the *Spur* is not available till the end of the following term; until reports are submitted on time, the magazine will continue to be late or published incomplete.

Another criticism concerns the Editors' rephrasing and censorship of articles submitted to the *Spur*. The editors do their best, on receiving

articles, to turn an all too frequently clumsy, misspelt and unpunctuated report (often found even from seniors) into an intelligent, coherent and informative piece of writing. If only for the school's name and not the contributors', some form of censorship and tidying-up is obviously necessary before the magazine finds its way to parents, governors, other schools, and the general public. Scathing remarks, double-edged quotations, scurrilous implications, and the obscurely "clever" contributions particularly must be closely inspected and their aftermath weighed up. Hence the need for censorship, but nevertheless biting "Letters to the Editors," even stern criticisms of the editors themselves, are published. Even this Editorial has to be censored by colleagues.

Yet another complaint is that the same type of Original Contributions, written by the same people appears in every issue. The only answer to this can be supplied by the critics themselves, who might well spend their time profitably contributing rather than criticizing the *Spur*, to the eventual benefit of all.

Lack of humour is another point which draws criticism, yet over the past few years the number of light-hearted articles and reports has increased. In fact, most of the Sports reports and a number of Society reports in the last issue were in a lighter vein, besides "The Things They Say," and more and more articles are becoming thus.

These are the main points which have been revealed to us rather strongly; no doubt there are other criticisms or complaints—if you would let us know, we are very willing to listen.

## HEADMASTER'S NOTES

At the end of summer terms it is usual to find schools saying farewell to some members of staff, and this year is no exception.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Herdman leave us for retirement after combined service of more than forty years. An appreciation of their contribution to this school community is included elsewhere; certainly, Mr. Herdman's services to school cricket and hockey, and his long reign as Housemaster of Miltons will not be forgotten lightly, but remembered with gratitude. Mrs. Herdman who joined the staff originally for a three-day period has helped us for twenty years; consistent part-time help is particularly useful in these days of staff shortage but it has been a pleasure to enjoy her company in and about the school for so long. To both of them we wish a long, happy and peaceful retirement on the South Coast and we hope they will come to see us from time to time.

Dr. Gareth Morgan also leaves to take up his appointment as visiting professor in Greek at the University of Texas. In his nine years with us,

he has given the school an abundance of his time and varied talents. His tours of Greece and the Classical Society meetings will be remembered long as among his most notable contributions. The school, however, owes him its debt for his work in the library and with the school orchestra, on the games field, and, recently, as its acting deputy Headmaster. We wish him and his family every happiness in their adventure out West.

Mr. L. F. Rogers, having spent three busy years here, leaves to take up a lectureship in Mathematics at Digby Stuart Training College. We are indebted to him for his work in developing our understanding of "modern" approaches to his subject and, in particular, to his setting up of our Mathematics laboratory. Our consolation in losing him must be that he will be helping to improve the overall standards of mathematics teaching in all schools.

Mrs. M. Milsom has for over a year been assisting Miss Woodhouse in the office and helping to overcome the constant battle with paper; her meticulous work has been much appreciated by all who have come to rely on it, and we are sorry that she has been unable to stay with us longer.

The term has seen the increasing success of the school Cricket Eleven, particularly in the Old Boys match which was this year a very even game. Our Athletics team succeeded in winning back the two-stream trophy in the Surrey Grammar School Sports and also the Senior trophy at the Borough sports; our swimmers, meanwhile, taking part in the first Merton swimming gala, won the Senior Relay trophy.

In the last edition, one of the articles discussed the various possibilities of comprehensive education which Merton Education Committee were considering. In May the decision was taken to recommend the implementation of Scheme VI which will affect the present primary and secondary schools equally. Much hard and careful planning will be necessary before any final scheme is worked out and each school's future is known. We must make sure in the meantime that any uncertainty that may be felt does not lead to any lowering of the efforts on anyone's part.

## W.H.H. and M.H.

For a family team to provide a combined service of over forty years in a school with a thirty years' existence must be very unusual. Yet that is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Herdman who at the end of term hung up their academic robes and began their preparations for a well deserved retirement near Christchurch in Hampshire—convenient for cricket and football spectating and a useful halfway house for those travelling to the furthest west!

As a comparative new boy, I am hardly entitled to write about their

life at Raynes Park, and others on the Staff with a much longer sojourn must provide their memories. My own acquaintance with the Herdmans, however, has been long enough to make me most conscious of their influence at the School, and I count it as a most fortunate and delightful privilege to have been in the same department as W.H.H. and, indeed, for the last year, as M.H. and to have had the opportunity of meeting them often outside the campus. Many generations of boys at Raynes Park will remember with gratitude the help they received and we trust will realise that they were often all but led over the G.C.E. border. To use P.O'D.'s words—"the Herdmans' long service and sterling worth will not be easily forgotten."

He goes on: "The avowed misogynist—are there any?—might well believe that the staff of a boys' school should be all male. I not only disagree but feel it is a good thing to have some feminine element in the common room. In 1945 there were seven ladies of the staff, but, as normality returned, their numbers dwindled, Muriel Herdman alone was too valuable to lose and stayed, some years a lone oasis in a desert of masculinity! —Not that she was unable to hold her own and contribute her share to the life and work of the staff room, always ready to lend a sympathetic ear to many a tale of domestic tribulation."

H.A.P. has his word about M.H.: "I was supposed to be form master of IY, but when in need of advice or comfort to whom did the boys go? Well, not to me! When it came to collecting for a retirement presentation the form asked the Headmaster if they could collect separately from the rest of the school—for their Muriel. There can seldom have been a kindlier soul in charge of eleven year olds. They will miss her greatly."

So, too, will all those who suffer from lost property. Goodness knows how much and what variety of gear has passed through the hands of M.H., the almost permanent Custodian-Curator! It need hardly be added that everything, however repulsive, received from her, most probably, much better treatment than was ever given it by the actual owner!

As very keen and useful sports performers, too, the Herdmans will be remembered—between them they reached a distinguished standard in cricket, soccer, hockey and athletics. P.O'D. well remembers "the difficulties of the post-war period when the school had no playing-fields and Bill coped manfully with the problems of organising both cricket and hockey—in both games standards were relatively high and seasons successful. The eventual appointment of a full-time physical education staff eased the burden, but Bill always kept a vital interest in games in general, although his first love, Association football, was not in our programme."

John Timpson remembers a famous Staff v. Boys match in the far off days when these affairs were not quite so serious. Bill went in tenth and made a last wicket stand of 40 hitting the bowling all round. Returning to school in September he confessed that he had hardly yet recovered from his stiffness and had been virtually a cripple for the whole Summer holidays. What better tribute to Bill's valour

Indeed as colleagues they have given all possible co-operation and help. In the Staff Room and beyond we have enjoyed, especially, W.H.H.'s skill as a raconteur with his entertaining anecdotes—in the appropriate dialects—his pungent wit, his infectious chuckle, the penetrating bon mot, and the unprecedented creative ability with malapropisms—the General Shirkers' Union, ulcerated editions, the Rt. Horrible —, the returned empties for "O" Level repeats are but a few. Above all, perhaps, we have appreciated his complete partiality over politics and Yorkshire cricket—'make Close captain'!

H.A.P. on this side recalls that "Bill loved a good grumble, but many of us were privileged to see quite another side of him. There was the occasion in the Staff room several years ago when Bill, a soccer player to his boots, putting his right toe behind his left leg shot a rugby ball (if you please) with high speed and accuracy and to general applause diagonally across the room. It dropped neatly short of the corner window.

Then there were the "Stately Homes of England." After our Garden Party, Staff used to entertain the parents who had valiantly helped with running the occasion. (Four of us ventured on the stage suitably attired and "performed" Coward's "Stately Homes." Our dancing master for the occasion—and what a dancer!—was Bill.

M.C.G. and I have never ceased to recall a certain motoring incident. Bill knew how to express his opinion of dangerous drivers adequately. That was why we always remember a certain morning in Grand Drive. Bill was driving behind us in a car which could overtake my old Morris easily; so I irritatingly stayed somewhat in the centre of the road. But not for long! Bill swept by just missing the opposite curb and swerving neatly round a stationary car. There was a glint in his eye!

Then on the serious side, P.O'D. likes to remember "Bill, too, as a man of strongly held views, which might be regarded as 'old-fashioned'—an inevitable fate, no doubt for the more persistent members of a staff!—which were nevertheless soundly based and sincere. Nor can I, for one, forget many acts of kindness, individual pieces of advice and a readiness to co-operate, which entirely belied his apparently gruff exterior."

Bill certainly is not old fashioned, even if he does not take kindly to the less fortunate aspects of modern behaviour, fashions, and ethics, which receive, regrettably, such publicity and even apparent approbation. He has been violently opposed to any policy which is prepared to put individual idiosyncrasies—and idiocies—before society, to accept a could-not-care-less approach before duty, and to allow licence in case some recently invented frustration afflicted an unfortunate. Indeed he has no time for the pseudo-philosopher, the academic butterfly, the logorrhoea victim, the insincere culture-vulture, the dancer of intellectual minuets; he loathes the tinsel trappings of the bluffer, deliberately posed scruffiness and slovenliness, educational gimmickry, wild theories of non-teachers, destructive and futile



satire against the 'Establishment,' and the chip-on-the-shoulder political ideology. As a result, he has little time for the impractical side of the educational system and little patience with those who do not take advantage of a grammar school or treat it as a retreat from the outside world for as long as possible. Those who do not try to give something back to the School also receive his contempt. On the other hand he has all sympathy for the genuinely less gifted who is prepared to slog away. To sum up; accuracy, neatness, clarity and industry were what he attempted to inculcate in opposition to the laxity, obscurity and ostentatious waffle of so many modern trends. He is, in fact, a great example of the all too rapidly decreasing number of old-style schoolmasters to whom in after years boys look back with a realization that they have been in the presence of a character whose influence is only later realised to the full.

Finally, G.J.A. has an interesting recollection.

"Some ten or twelve years ago, a party of boys from Raynes Park was sitting in a café in Montreux, Switzerland. One of the masters in charge, wanting to light a cigarette, took out a box of Swiss matches, extracted one, and struck it. The lighted head flew off the match into the partly opened box and ignited the rest of the matches which the master was still holding in his hand. The result was as nasty a blister as I have ever seen. A Swiss doctor was hastily found, and first aid effected. Meanwhile, the boys were still enjoying tea, blissfully unconscious of the incident which had just taken place.

The master concerned in this incident was Mr. Herdman. I have mentioned it because it is the most vivid recollection I have of him and because it illustrates perfectly the particular English fortitude which is so much a part of his nature.

Mr. Herdman helped me in many school excursions abroad, and I am sure the boys were surprised to find in him characteristics they had not found before in him. Instead of a dour disciplinarian, they found a kind, witty, and amusing friend, whose knowledge and wisdom were always at their disposal.

Mrs. Herdman was not with us on these excursions, but she has, if I may say so, the same characteristics, the same mixture of efficiency and warm-heartedness which has made them such good companions, both in school and out. We think of them affectionately as Bill and Muriel; the school will be the emptier for their going."

With P.O'D. "we are sad to see them go, but glad that they now have the opportunity to take life more easily, and, as they relax, to think of us busy commuters returning to the stresses and strains of another school year." May you have a supremely happy retirement, Bill and Muriel!"

## COCK HOUSE PLACINGS 1965-66

	Cobbs	Gibbs	Halliwells	Miltons	Newsoms
Rugby ... ..	10	0	1	6	3
Hockey ... ..	0	3	6	1	10
Cross-Country	3	6	1	0	10
Swimming ... ..	10	1	3	0	6
Athletics ... ..	3	1	6	0	10
Cricket ... ..	6	0	1	3	10
Tennis ... ..	4	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	7
Gymnastics ... ..	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	4	0
Basketball ... ..	7	$2\frac{1}{6}$	$2\frac{1}{6}$	0	$2\frac{1}{6}$
Chess ... ..	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	2	0
Debating ... ..	0	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	7
Dramatics ... ..	$-5\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Music ... ..	$\frac{1}{4}$	7	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	4
Total	$59\frac{3}{4}$	$23\frac{2}{3}$	$34\frac{1}{6}$	$22\frac{1}{4}$	$74\frac{2}{3}$
	2nd	4th	3rd	5th	1st

B. T. KING CUP: Newsoms.

ERIC PARKER CUP: D. C. Bryant (Runner-up: C. R. Shoebridge).

## HOUSE NOTES

### COBBS

*House Captain*: J. G. McCubbin.

*Vice-Captain*: K. G. Jones.

*House Prefects*: R. A. Adams, R. C. Anderson, I. C. F. Culpin,  
A. T. King, A. Tickner.

This year has been on the whole very successful. We have come second to Newsoms in the Cock House Competition after a year of fighting. I think it is more gratifying to come second in a hard-fought contest than to win in a runaway manner, and this year has certainly been hard fought.

We started this term with Swimming, Music, Athletics and Cricket still to be decided. Newsoms beat us in the Swimming Gala by 55 points; as we had, however, a lead of 56 in the Qualifying points we won the Cup by one point. This left  $\frac{1}{2}$  point between Newsoms and us in the Cock House Competition.

In Athletics we were placed second in the Qualifying—the only competition in which we had not led at that stage—and went on to be overtaken by Halliwells at the Sports to finish third. Newsoms won and,

by so doing, assured themselves almost certainly of the Cock House Cup.

Music has never been Cobbs' strong point. Despite abysmal lack of talent, all concerned did their best. Special mention should be made of Marsh, who kept choir practices going during the difficult examination period. I think we were all pleased to hold fourth equal with Miltons. I think it is a mistake, having a competition which requires so much organisation and practice during the "A" and "O" level periods, and I am sure the standard of the competition would be raised by moving it to a more convenient time.

The Cricket Cup was the final cup to be decided. Our Juniors beat Newsoms by two places and Newsoms beat our Colts by two places so all depended on the Senior final. Unfortunately we were beaten, not however, as heavily as we had expected, and so finished a very creditable second overall in the Cock House Competition.

Congratulations must be given to our Juniors who have won the Junior Shield and, in particular, to T. Williamson who has made a great effort in both cricket and Rugby.

As for next year, we are still well equipped. Congratulations are due to King, Tickner and Adams on their election as prefects and it is to them that we must look, with great confidence, for next year's successes. Whilst thinking of next year, we must not forget this year's seniors—contributors such as Colombo, who have given invaluable help mainly in Rugby, Hockey, and Athletics; Anderson mainly in Rugby, Swimming and Athletics; Culpin, our Swimming captain, and an excellent front row forward, and most of all to Jones who has done his utmost in almost every competition. Without him second place in the Cock House Competition would have been impossible. If Cobbs can find in the future years members of this calibre, then success will always be a real likelihood.

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By vigorous example and cheerful persuasion, McCubbin has inspired the House to the best of which it was capable, in this interesting year. We all thank him and wish him well.

G.J.A.

## GIBBS

*House Captain*: D. R. Lindsey.

*Vice-Captain*: P. J. Onslow.

*House Prefects*: P. H. J. Chapman, S. H. Gebbett, S. R. Hall,  
A. R. W. Marsh, B. G. Pearce, B. L. Preece, M. J.  
Ridler, L. C. Williams.

A disappointing year for Gibbs is now drawing to a close. As regards the winning of cups this must have been the worst experienced by our house for many years. This fact alone does not cause me any great concern, but I feel that much of our spirit to try, even against great odds,

has flagged. I sincerely hope this situation will have improved by September.

Our first major competition this year was fought at the Swimming Gala. We went into that evening trailing on qualifying points and lying in third place. It was disappointing to see the house apparently still does not see the great need for these points before the actual day of the event. We were assured by our expert swimmers that we could not come any lower than third, but we "excelled" ourselves and allowed Halliwells also to beat us. If everyone had done his qualifying, this situation would never have arisen.

The Athletics Qualifying went the same way. Too few people bothered to do all they could and we came last much to the disappointment of our Athletics captain, S. R. Hall, who had put so much effort into trying to encourage you. On Sports Day our athletes fought very hard and gained us fourth place.

We have not been, for many years, a strong house on the cricket pitch and, although all the teams tried hard, we could not climb out of last place.

We have, I am pleased to report, ended the year on a very high note by winning the Music Cup again. Our musicians, led by L. C. Williams and P. J. Smith, crushed all opposition and won three of the four sections and deserve the congratulations of the whole house for gaining our only piece of silverware this year.

With all the Inter-house Competitions completed we find ourselves in only fourth position for the Cock House Cup, which we had regained last year.

You must now look to next year, with what I hope will be a revived spirit, and I am sure with a greater effort from everybody the house will do very much better. Remember that the more you put into anything, the more enjoyment you will receive from it.

Finally, I must, on your behalf, thank the housemasters for all the time and energy they have devoted to the running of the house this year, and wish you the best of luck for next year.

## HALLIWELLS

*House Captain* : G. R. Lake.

*Vice-Captain* : P. Mottershead.

*House Prefects* : D. K. Gilman, L. F. Humphrey, T. I. J. Mann, M. J. Stone.

Everybody should have been involved in two of the four competitions completed this term. Effort on the part of each person is essential if we are to win the cups instead of finishing with near-misses.

In the competition for the Swimming Cup we were placed third. This was to be expected for the Qualifying points were disagreeably low.

However, our team, under their captain, Gilbert, is to be congratulated for their success on the night; special mention should be made of Moss, Rand, Bates, Ward and Jones for gaining first places in their events, and of Gilbert, Robinson and Marsh for their performance in the relays.

Athletics, the other competition which required the effort of everybody, was better supported, but in the light of the final totals it must be realised that another 'A' or two 'B's' by everybody would probably have gained us first place instead of second. The performance of our team, especially Robinson and Blakeburn, who both gained two first places, and O'Malley, Healey, Ainger, Brack and Petley, improved our position from that which we held as a result of the Qualifying, so they deserve our congratulations.

Our Senior Cricket team beat Gibbs in the preliminary round by nine wickets but narrowly lost to Newsoms in the semi-final, despite the good play of Vincent, Standish, Parsons, Ainger, and their captain, Emerick.

The Music Competition, which involves only a few members of the house, was organised with very creditable patience by Masters, with valuable assistance given by Mr. Ayton. We gained third place, which is generally agreed to be a fair result.

Next year I am sure will prove to be more successful, and with a sense of house spirit manifesting itself in an effort by each person, we stand a promising chance of winning the Cock House Cup.

## MILTONS

*House Captain* : P. H. Marsh.

*Vice-Captain* : C. R. Shoebridge.

*House Prefects* : R. Cordey, D. Hutchins, C. G. Jennings, P. A. Malam, B. H. Perryman, P. Standish.

The summer term has proved a totally unqualified failure for us. This is due almost entirely to a depressingly apathetic attitude from all but a few of the senior members of the house and other individuals. Athletics was a clear example of this failure, for, while the Juniors and Colts chased the points with particularly successful efforts from Marjoram, Holmes, West, Carpenter and Newport, the Seniors failed on far too many occasions even to turn up for qualifying heats.

Swimming, the House's Achilles' heel, was customarily disastrous. Again, some individuals, particularly Butcher, who tried gamely to muster support as captain, made valuable efforts, but all was to no avail.

Music, despite the outstanding efforts of Hawley in all sections of the Competition, was very unrewarding and we occupied a somewhat unlucky equal last position.

Cricket was less of a failure, particularly with the Juniors who played with spirit and determination, although not meeting with great success. The Seniors' all round efforts were epitomized by the fact that only an

eight man team could be raised to lose to a very inferior and rather lucky Gibbs team.

It is clear from the results of this term, and indeed the whole year, that a much greater effort is required from many quarters of the house, especially the Upper Sixth and Fifth forms. Spirit, determination and enthusiasm are inbred in the colts and juniors, and house success rests upon the seniors' attempts to realize this to the full. These attempts were not forthcoming and have not been for many years. The astronomic rise in other Houses with far less talent than we have, during the past few years has been due entirely to the sterling efforts in organization by all members of the Senior Sixth form. The House captain and prefects can do only so much; the rest must come from the house at large but far too many people leave things to others.

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In the above, the House Captain has stated that he and the prefects can do only so much to spur the house on. This is certainly very true, but it is also very true that Marsh himself has done far more than any other member of the house to try to spark the enthusiasm necessary to attain success. I hope that future years will be more successful for the house, and that future house captains will be led by Marsh's fine example of leadership under the most difficult circumstances.

C. R. Shoebridge.

## NEWSOMS

*House Captain* : D. C. Bryant.

*Vice-Captain* : A. P. Howard.

*House Prefects* : N. R. Corke, P. J. Gorton, G. A. Hopper, P. R. Hutchings, P. R. Phillips, D. G. Rose, P. C. Salter, G. A. Thompson.

At last, after ten years, Cock House has once again been achieved by Newsoms. At the end of last term we had only to do quite well in four remaining competitions to be sure of winning the cup; despite the usual challenge from Cobbs, we succeeded.

The qualifying for the Swimming Trophy finished early in the term, and at that stage we were lying second to Cobbs. At the Gala, Cobbs, although winners, managed to beat us by only one point out of nearly 1600—this proves that every point counts. The house is indebted to G. A. Hopper for the invaluable efforts he made to amass our qualifying points and also for his own performance at the Gala. The whole team performed well, but Anstes, Russell and Staines deserve mention for their swimming.

After the Qualifying for the Athletics Trophy we were leading by 26 points. This again emphasised one of the main changes that has come over Newsoms in the last two years. We are now able to obtain enough points to give us a fighting chance in the actual events. On the day our

competitors did us proud, and there were some outstanding performances; Goddard, Graham, Marshall and the 2nd and 3rd forms deserve mention for their efforts in enabling us to win by 200 points. The Captain of Athletics, A. P. Howard, apart from some good background work in helping to win this trophy has made great efforts for the house and has been the type of deputy that every house captain would like.

At this point of the Cock House Competition, we were leading Cobbs by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points and to win the title only needed to do moderately well in Music. This was achieved by the musicians who had practised hard and produced extremely sound results, being placed second overall. Work on the choir was done by P. J. Gorton and their piece by Sullivan, "Strange Adventure" was well received. The orchestra, organised by A. E. Hollander, had certainly worked hard, with the result that their rendering of "Mazurka" from "Coppelia" was excellent, aided by a valuable performance on the clarinet by J. Tullet. The whole success of the musicians was completed by a victory in the novice section by McLachlan and his violin.

The final event of the term was Cricket which we had previously won twice running. The Junior team, led by Meller, managed third place and the Colts, led by Taylor, second. Amongst the Junior team, who had two very close games, Mayer and Barrow showed promise for the future, whilst Ansari and Cannons performed well for the Colts. The Senior XI led by Corke reached the final by beating Halliwells in a very close game in which Naylor batted very well. The final, against Cobbs, was extremely tense, but we managed to win mainly as a result of some fine bowling and batting by Salter. We thus won the Cricket Cup and made our total for the year, eight out of fourteen possible Cups. Our cricket captain certainly suffered under the strain and, if you wish to find him, you may be able to contact N. R. Corke at a certain Home for nervous disorders.

It is difficult to pinpoint any one reason for our victory in Cock House this year, but one fact that stands out is that we have now gained an undaunted spirit that should carry us to a run of future successes.

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D. C. Bryant, as captain this year, has shown an increasing and enthusiastic example by his initiative and drive (he took part in all house activities with the sole exception of music). He has utilised the ability latent in our house, and it is this which is the main reason for our victory in Cock House.

A. P. Howard.

# SCHOOL CONCERT

The musicians of Raynes Park County Grammar School presented on Thursday, 21st July, "A Concert of Lighter Music for a Summer Evening."

## PROGRAMME

1. ORCHESTRA. Slavonic Dance in G Minor—Dvorak
2. Piano Solo. Study—Pfeiffer  
(S. McLACHLAN)
3. ORCHESTRA. Two Greek Dances—arr. B. L. Ayton  
(1) Tsamikos (2) Harsapikos  
A SHORT INTERVAL
4. CHOIR. "Zadok the Priest"—Handel  
Coronation Anthem
5. Violin Solo. Allegretto—Fiocco  
(N. WARE)
6. CHOIR. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"—Bach
7. String Quintet. Minuet and Trio—Boccherini  
(N. WARE, M. BOXALL, A. E. HOLLANDER, R. E.  
PENGILLEY, I. MARCOUSE)
8. CHOIR. Peasants' Chorus (from L'Arlesienne)—Bizet
9. Piano Solo. Impromptu in A flat—Schubert
10. CHOIR. Bayeza (Witch-doctor's Song)—Tribal (Bantu)  
(Nom'tholo, a magic spirit, is invoked to descend with news)

## INTERVAL

11. JUNIOR ORCHESTRA. Variations on a French Tune—Winters  
(Most members of the orchestra have played less than a year)
12. Woodwind Ensemble. (i) Pastoral—Hook (ii) Goofus—arr. P. Kirby  
(J. HOARE, J. RICHARDS, R. SHAW, J. TULETT,  
D. V. MILES, cond. P. KIRBY)
13. Sea Songs. "Sea Fever"—Ireland  
(N. WALKER, L. C. WILLIAMS, R. J. HAWLEY)  
Shanties: "John Brown's Body," "The Drummer and the Cook"  
(N. WALKER, L. C. WILLIAMS, R. J. HAWLEY,  
J. RICHARDS, J. SALISBURY, Shantyman)
14. ORCHESTRA. "Thunder and Lightning Polka"—Strauss

## HEADMASTER'S REMARKS

15. Sleep Songs. "Lullaby"—Brahms  
(R. J. HAWLEY)  
"Golden Slumbers"  
(R. J. HAWLEY, L. C. WILLIAMS, J. SALISBURY,  
N. WALKER, J. RICHARDS)



# ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## THOUGHT ON THE ULTIMATE

*D. Pect, 3A.*

I've drawn a conclusion,  
in absence of mirth,  
that megalomaniacs  
abide on this earth.  
This craving for power,  
regardless of sin,  
will thus prove the downfall  
of the world that we're in.

To groan may be useless,  
futile—no less,  
but still I can't help it—  
my nature, I guess.  
I can't help but wonder  
who'll come off the best,  
and just what will happen  
when the Button is pressed.

## PICTURE OF THE YOUNG MAN AS A NIHILIST IN SEARCH OF GOD

*R. P. Myers, 5J.*

All the characters in this story are real and are thus purely fictional.

*Past*

"Next please."

I walked into the surgery and sat down in the heavy leather chair. Greetings were exchanged and then the doctor began my check up. As he banged every part of me, attacked me with stethoscope, torches, hammer, lolly-sticks and all, I investigated the anatomy of his room, with all its aids to setting the world on its feet.

As I tucked my shirt back into my trousers, the doctor busied himself with pen and paper.

"Well?" I said.

"I am afraid I have to tell you," he began and then stopped and stared at me intently, then recommenced, "I am afraid that you have only about,

that is as far as I can ascertain at the moment, you have only about fifty years to live." He looked dismally at his feet. "I have a letter that you can take to the hospital."

*'Hospital? I'm not going into any old hen-house, so he can stuff that.'*

"Thank you very much, Doctor."

I walked out through the waiting room full of coughs, cuts and assorted ailments. Once outside, I contemplated my revelation. *'Fifty years, hey? That is, barring bombs and acts of God. Not very long really, compared with infinity. Infinity ÷ Fifty = Infinity. What's the point of doing anything with only fifty years to live? Might as well be a stiff already.'*

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"Next please."

"Right, Paul, sit down please."

*'Careers woman? Father Christmas!'*

"Now, Paul, what do you think you might like to do?"

"Enjoy myself."

"But you know, life's not all play. What work would you like to do?"

*'None. Who likes doing work that they don't enjoy?'* "I should like to write."

She then tried to interest me in writing adverts, business reports, financial reports, company reports, reports on social welfare and all.

"Well, now, do you fancy the Civil Service?"

*'I wonder whether she really is mad or just sick of her job, I wonder what would happen if I told her that she is merely an agent of the capitalist system designed to channel everyone into the correct rut for life and so to keep the system running smoothly.'* "No, not the Civil Service."

"But you say 'no' to everything. You have to choose a career after all."

"Why?"

"Simply because you need to earn your bread. Do be sensible."

"Why do you have to?"

"That's just being silly. I know we are all like that when we are young but you are sixteen now. You have to grow up sometime."

*'How does one tell an old coot that one has no desire to earn money? After all I only have fifty years to live so there's no time to waste earning money.'*

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"Come in Syrem. You know why I have sent for you?"

"Yes."

"You cannot do this. I can't have you just doing as you please. The school would collapse if every one did."

"Why?"

"Simply because if everyone did as they chose, people would suffer."

"Why do we have to have rules to obey?"

"You are obviously too young to understand, and now I have no choice but to expel you."

*'Well, one might say that is that, I suppose he couldn't do much else. But if anyone says, "You are too young to understand," or "Oh well, we were all like that when we were young," I shall forget my philosophy and present them with a knuckle sandwich right in their false teeth holder. Load of short-sighted hypocrites, so damned bothered about themselves, home and family and appearances that they could never see straight. It's only when you are young and have no responsibilities and are not afraid of being judged that you can be impartial, or, at least, fairly impartial.'*

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"Back again, eh Ginge? Same again?"

"No. A brick through a window. Never touched a single mark this time, more's the pity. Load of little dressed up fascists, I'd like to burn every uniform in the world."

"You've got a grudge; you're against everything."

"No I'm not. Everything is against me. Everything conspires to prevent me from being me. I have to bounce on the surface of life because no-one lets me sink in, right in."

"Rot. You've got a superiority complex."

"I know. So?"

"Ain't yer ever gonna gerrup an' maik yer bed? Why donya ever shurrup?"

"I want to talk."

"You're just a bighead."

"No, I just like talking. See?"

"Well, why d'yer alwize talk aba' yerself?"

"Because that's all I know anything about, and I've only forty years to live, so I'm rather important to myself."

"You're a big 'ead."

"Okay."

*Present*

So I sit on my bedroom window-sill and I stare into the warm, summer-night air; I wonder why everyone bothers to build himself a house; I puzzle at all the neatly laid out gardens and I listen incredulously to the constant drone of traffic on the nearby by-pass: thousands and millions of unconnected individuals, such minute specks in time and space.

assuming such importance and speeding pointlessly to every part of the globe from which they cannot escape and even yet, as I stare at the depth of the sky, the dark clouds, and as I feel the warm breeze stroking my face and hear it rustling the leaves in the trees and bushes in the garden and the faint cries of the seagulls passing overhead, then I forget the stupidity of the two men on the roof of a house, retiling it so that the inhabitants can be kept from the rain and the wind; I forget my unimportance and my forthcoming date with death, and I forget that whatever I do and whatever I am will not make the least difference to me in thirty years and that I am only one of millions of men. This I forget, and the night and the breeze, hopes, plans and memories fill me with tears, but not tears of rage or sadness but of joy—with the joy of living, and my only desire is to live in the breeze, in the sun and under the stars, amongst the trees and the hills and the mountains.

#### *Future*

Married. Only twenty years left and I sit and write a report on the latest sales transaction. Perhaps? Very possibly.

## SCHOOL PARTIES

### PARIS IN THE SPRING

The trip was very enjoyable from start to finish, including even the travelling. The Channel crossing first was as calm as a punt on the Serpentine, and, after our first Parisian dinner, the entire party of twenty-seven boys and three masters felt fresh enough to take a look at the Metro. It soon became evident that Paris and London are not the same: it seems the Parisians do not believe in sitting down in their underground and so we spent much travelling time herded around the poles provided for keeping one's balance. We discovered, also, some of us more dramatically than others, that Paris's traffic travels on a different side of the road (if not on both sides of the road) and at remarkable speed.

Having gone through the various initiation ceremonies of travel in Paris, we spent much of the remainder of the time sight-seeing. From the top of the Eiffel Tower to the gardens of Versailles, from the solemn pomp of Notre Dame to the gay glitter of Montmartre's lights, the sights and treasures of Paris were duly appreciated according to the artistic tastes, or lack of them, of members of the party.

Weather was not always kind, though we were not too unlucky: when it did rain, we were usually still able to go out, though some of us appeared incongruously in open sandals and plastic macs.

In the evenings, all were ready for entertainment and relaxation of one sort or another. Some found their interests took them to see Paris,

floodlit; others were more interested in the fun-machines in the local cafés, and a few, deterred by the rain, remained in the hotel, seated around the card table.

Before closing, we should like to thank the members of staff very much for their work, and the energy they used in furthering our enjoyment. The holiday, throughout, was most enjoyable and thoroughly worthwhile.

C. R. Shoebridge and C. P. Ainger.

## THE EASTER VENTURE TO THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

As a sequel to the successful expedition to the Lake District in 1965, it was decided that the Scottish Highlands would be the next area submitted to Raynes Park influences. Two hired Ford mini-buses conveyed safely but with some degree of discomfort for the long-legged, nineteen boys and three staff 500 miles to our destination—a Holiday Fellowship house near Ballachulish on the shores of scenic Loch Leven.

On our first day we took things easily with a mere 2,000 feet climb. Descending, our staunch Irish leader, wearing the latest in bobble cap fashions, stumbled and flung himself desperately towards a nearby oak tree, which was the only thing that could shield him from disaster. The obstacle, however, then proceeded to give way, and P.O.D. was next seen prostrate on the ground, clasping a rotten tree trunk tightly to his stomach! (As P.O.D. himself put it, "When in Ballachulish, do as the Bally Hooligans do!")

Ben Nevis (4,406 feet) remained unconquered by Raynes Park commandos who were finally beaten back by an advancing storm and deep snow. Some fearless mountaineers scaled 3,800 feet, but the early returners redeemed themselves by gallantly rescuing a lamb trapped on a high ledge.

With sonorous choruses of "Over the Sea to Skye," the explorers next took on a 250 mile round trip to this romantic and enchanting island. The enchantment, however, was rather abbreviated owing to the advent of driving rain and abundant Scots mists! The highlight of the day came with the return ferry "voyage" aboard a luxurious ocean-going vessel, passing the neighbouring islands of Rum, Eigg and Muck.

At the scene of the Bloody Massacre of Glencoe, 1692, the starter pinion of the sixth form van sympathetically jammed and, when we had trekked to "the middle of nowhere" in the mountains, the heavens opened and baths were received earlier than was intended. We were saved from exhaustion and fever only by continuous community singing led by "Perce" Phillips. It is only now that we can realise the benefits that his, er, singing, brought

us! A native of Inverness and a sojourner in Suburbia, namely Mr. Innes, joined us for this experience.

The penultimate day dawned fair, but with a 50 m.p.h. wind raging; our ascent of Meall A'Bhuiridh (3,636 feet), the Scottish ski resort, would have been indubitably more pleasant by the ski-lift. After posing for group photographs on our highest-climbed summit, boys slid down gleaming snow on their pakamacs with gay abandon. In a mad fit of frolic, Gebbett fell up to his neck in a crevasse and was rescued from his gaping coffin only by the intrepid P.O.D. who had the compliment returned 300 yards further down the mountainside! Staines distinguished himself by accepting a challenge to traverse a raging torrent of water and subsequently falling flat on his face in a mudbath.

A table-tennis league had kept the evenings reasonably occupied, but Thursday's remained so only until midnight, and the mysterious disappearance of 20 pairs of pyjama trousers! This outrageous coup was rewarded, after a somewhat chilly night, by washing-up duties for the conspirators led by a certain "Lepi-roo."

Our last excursion was to Glen Roy to view the parallel terraces caused by glaciation. The indigenous sheep took a liking to the "Shawmobile" and about 100 of the shaggy beasts besieged the white fortress, scaring the wits out of the occupants.

York Minster and its delightful parent town were visited on the Sassenachs' return.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. O'Driscoll (the latter of whom proved it was by no means a disadvantage to be the only lady in the party) must be thanked and congratulated, not only for their sustained efforts at the wheel, but also for all the organisation necessary to enable a venture of this type to be a success.

S. H. Gebbett.

## ROYAL PAVILION, '66

Several of the sixth form intelligentsia accompanied the plebs and two masters to see the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, and generally to examine the architecture of the town.

A guide showed us round the building, which is unique in style. Of particular interest were the "oriental" atmosphere—the very striking interior appearing rather garish before the shock had worn off—and a party of girls who had pleasantly synchronised their visit with ours.

After "lunch" the honoured guests followed the mob along the front to discuss the Regency architecture. Every house was examined in the minutest detail, with occasional differences of opinion, by the pedagogic pair of A.C.R. and J.S.W.

It was found to their disgust that the "History set" did not even know in what century the Regency—the era of Brighton's architecture—had occurred. Similar disgust arose when after listening with great interest about the design of a particular house, one of our body was found to be examining an edifice in a completely different block.

We returned home unchallengeable in our architectural knowledge, we felt sure.

## SIXTH ARTS I FIELD JOURNEY

At the unearthly hour of eight o'clock several small groups of bejeaned Rayne's Park Sixth Formers could be seen loitering on various street corners, dotted around Merton and Morden, awaiting the arrival of our intrepid Irish chauffeur and geographer, with his hired minibus. All were successfully "picked-up," with one exception, who eventually joined the group after a record-breaking half-mile.

The tenacious ten, including two cast-off geographers, set off for their destination, Folkestone, to cries of "strube" and "my life." En route the wild life was appreciated and the only injuries sustained were cricked necks.

Hythe was reached by eleven o'clock and a stop was made to view the groynes, "etc.," through telescopes and binoculars. Contrary to recent reports, however, it is denied that there were only two groynes. Several geographical features were, however, observed, such as long-shore drift and beach steps, before the journey was continued to the ultimate destination.

At Folkestone "etc." was observed once more, to the accompaniment of beach football. The study of the harbour and cliffs was undertaken while eating lunch, although frequently interrupted by the "floor show." After lunch three of the more unfortunate members were pressured into doing some work, while the remainder roamed the town and its establishments.

The party began the return journey at the early hour of three, to rumours that the aforementioned had World Cup tickets. The main entertainment of the return journey was provided by a friendly discussion on the relative merits of two pirate radio stations, London and Caroline; unfortunately the only supporter of Caroline owned the radio.

The journey safely completed, the members dispersed to their various abodes with minds occupied by "etc.," etc. Thanks are due to P.O.D. for a useful and entertaining field journey.

P. R. Phillips and D. R. Green.

## FOUR I IN ACTION

A gloomy, threatening Monday morning in July saw twenty-three be-jeaned or be-macked, but generally untidy looking fourth-formers outside Raynes Park Station. The only exception was a groomed, umbrella-carrying young "gentleman," who throughout ignored the impractical suggestions from his so-called "colleagues," remaining unruffled. Some difficulty was caused by the insistence of several members that they should partake of liquid refreshment but the nearby noble institution, thankfully, remained closed. By fair means or foul, two dozen minus one bodies arrived at Leatherhead, and were joined by their Commonwealth accomplice from the land of "Cheezington."

"The Man" was soon discovered, sitting impassively, looking resplendent in his government surplus cotton anorak, and accompanied by that symbol of the enthusiastic geographer, the auger.

After a further march the survey area was soon distinguished, and the auger was enthusiastically put into action and two dozen eager students looked on as "the man in the anorak" fought against the pull of several tons of gluey clay. Similar "drillings" were made "en route" to show interest, and then it was thought that all deserved to partake of refreshments, while one member ward off the evil intentions of two rain drops with his red, "Air Canada" umbrella.

The next objective, Stoke D'Abernon bridge, was reached, and the flow of sewerage underneath observed. Then came the highlight of the trip, a hundred yard dash across the Mole flood-plain. After everyone had appeared from this veritable bog, the troupe squelched back to Bookham Station, to the vocal accompaniment of several of the more "broad minded" colleagues, and several suggestions to "Fly by B.O.A.C."

Lunch was then consumed, if not enjoyed, and the hike concluded by a record-breaking walk, run, or "waddle" (according to your inclination) to Westhumble Station where a slightly awed defender was seen to disappear in a cloud of dust towards Boxhill, at the sight of twenty-five thirsty customers, all with ten shilling notes.

British Railways eventually were able to transport the party to and deposit it at Raynes Park on that depressingly gloomy afternoon. Our thanks for this watery excursion to the Man-in-the-Anorak to whom one final behest is directed: "Let him who taketh the auger carry it himself!"

J. J. Humphreys.



## MORE V.S.O. NEWS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

First I saw the spirals of smoke ; then it was the small cluster of houses near the water's edge ; a few seconds later the peat stacks became visible. Before I was able to have a close look the plane had banked steeply, splashed down and was taxiing to the jetty. I worked my way along the float and scrambled up the woodwork to meet the people of one of the settlements which was to be my home for a year. All but one of the seven houses are for married workers ; the other called the "cookhouse" contains fourteen rooms for single men. The majority of the houses are small and cosy ; electricity for light is supplied in the evenings from a small diesel generator. Eight additional buildings include sheds, stable, garage, and a small hall. There are no paths—just grass or mud, Wellington boots being essential.

Outside the settlement the Farm has "Camp" totalling approximately 137,000 acres of bleak, treeless moorland "running" almost 30,000 sheep. The labour force totals twenty men of whom surprisingly enough only five are Falkland Islanders. The remainder are Englishmen on contract for five years, if single, and seven if married. This is not the case on all farms, however, the ratio normally being the reverse. There are two groups of men, navvies and shepherds, the former living in the settlement. In summer, especially, the working hours are long—from 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., though on Saturday work finishes at 12 noon. The shepherds live in lonely scattered "out-side" houses in the Camp, the farthest being 20 miles away, often alone with light by trolley-lamp or electricity from a wind-charger. Each of these men is responsible for his section of camp and stock, especially during lambing.

Communications between settlements is by radio-telephone, mail being taken by the two seaplanes. Heavy mail and supplies for settlements are brought by boat about five times a year, and there is a three-hour local radio service in the evenings. Transport around the Camp used to be entirely on horseback, but Land-Rovers and tractors are now playing a steadily increasing role even though there are no roads. Horses, however, are still used for all the sheep-work but by either means there is always the threat of being bogged down.

I have had two settlements on my "beat" with a total of ten children to teach, their ages ranging from five to twelve years, four of whom receive teaching once every six weeks for a fortnight, being left homework during the interim period. I teach in a small room in the settlement halls, and my day starts before breakfast when I light the fire.

I live with the children's families, though at one place I have quarters

of my own but I still eat "out." A Camp "housewife" works extremely hard as in addition to normal work she has to make her own butter, bread and cakes, and, if the husband is away, peat has to be chopped and brought in, and the meat cut—off whole carcasses! The farm provides the meat, milk and peat free of charge—one advantage of Camp living. Each house has its own vegetable garden and hen-run, the former being surrounded by gorse hedges as protection against the often high winds. The diet, now that winter is here has changed from mutton to beef but it is not always a "roast" that comes on the table it might be anything from brain fritters to trotters. Though hen eggs are nearly always used in cakes, penguin eggs are the commonest substitute for meals.

Each week there is a free film shown in the settlement and occasionally a dance is held. Though this is the only entertainment, life is not lonely as the people are extremely kind and hospitable. My year's stay is almost over, and I wish it could be extended: I shall be leaving the Falklands with many regrets, but aim to return.

[We thank Philip Roderick for this account of his recent experiences and are glad to hear that he has now arrived home after a sixteen hours' flight from Montevideo.]

## **SOCIETIES**

### **THE CHRISTIAN UNION**

This term we welcomed two speakers to our Friday lunch-time meetings, Mr. Doug Barnett, an evangelist who is working locally, and Mr. Brian Hoare from the Inter-Varsity Fellowship. At our last meeting we listened to a tape-recording from Brian Windsor, an Old Boy who is now working on a mission station in Udayagiri, India.

Besides our normal activities we gave our support to the Billy Graham Crusade for Christ and towards the end of term spent an enjoyable weekend at a house-party in Godalming at Mr. Brunt's invitation. Open night this year saw for the first time for a number of years a Christian Union exhibit which was very successful.

We challenge all Christians in the school to join with us and obey the command of Christ to admit to their fellows that they are disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

D. G. Rose.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The 59th meeting of the Classical Society was held on July 14th when "The Wasps" of Aristophanes was read.

Aristophanes' "broad" but extremely subtle humour never fails to delight, but this translation was very successful and much verse was retained for the chorus, who read, sang, and laughed very effectively for the gathering.

Special credit for lively and interesting reading must undoubtedly go to Mr. Innes, Mr. Knapp, and, "chorally," to Mr. Giles.

This was the last meeting under the presidency of Dr. Gareth Morgan, and we thank him sincerely for many enjoyable hours with the Classical Society, and to Mrs. Morgan for being a ready hostess to all.

M. J. Ridler.

## THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

During this term, as is usual in the summer, the society has settled into a state of inactivity. The stress in our meetings has been thrown on theory rather than practice with the addition of some navigation. Unfortunately an attempt to find the precise location of the school by taking sextant sights failed for lack of an adequate artificial horizon, and so must be postponed.

At long last it has been decided that the telescope mirrors should be resilvered as the coatings are very dirty, and observations of bright objects have been badly muzzy. Amongst other things, a new stand for the refractor mounting is urgently required: the old one, riddled with rot, collapsed! A more nebulous project, at present a secret between Mr. Gordon-Cumming and myself, is to buy an altogether new sighting telescope for the 8½ in. reflector, which would at last give us a reasonable chance of picking up faint objects, hitherto unattainable owing to the constantly varying performance and alignment of the old gunsight.

Academically we are still jogging along, and some members expect next year to take Astronomy at "O" Level; it is to be hoped that D. Gilman has done very well in this year's examination; we would be pleased to have him observing with us as an honorary "Old Boy" member on nights to come.

In short, in spite of the starless nights and defective equipment, the society has been as active as ever, and will burst into redoubled activity as soon as the new "season" will permit.

J. Salisbury.



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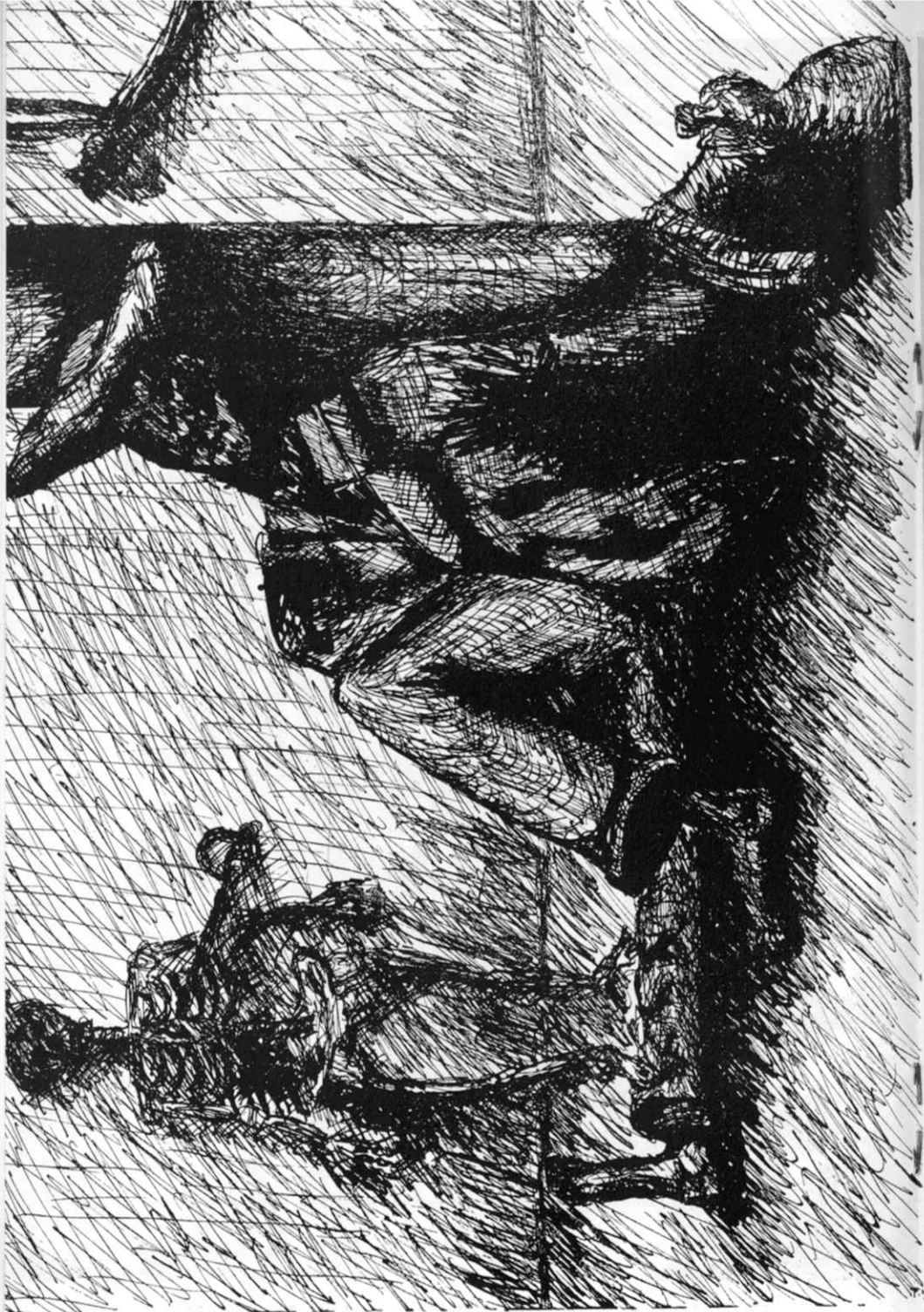
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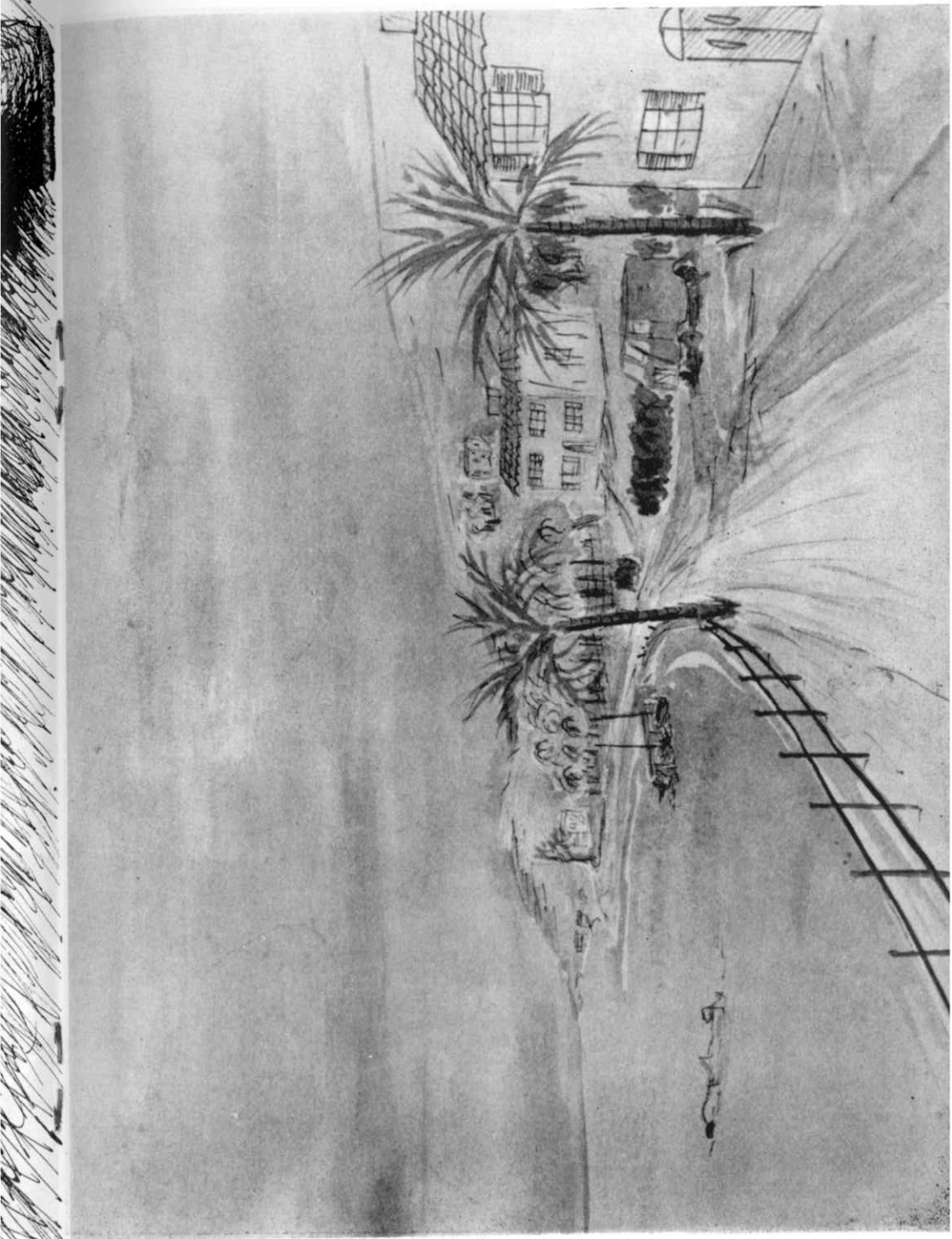
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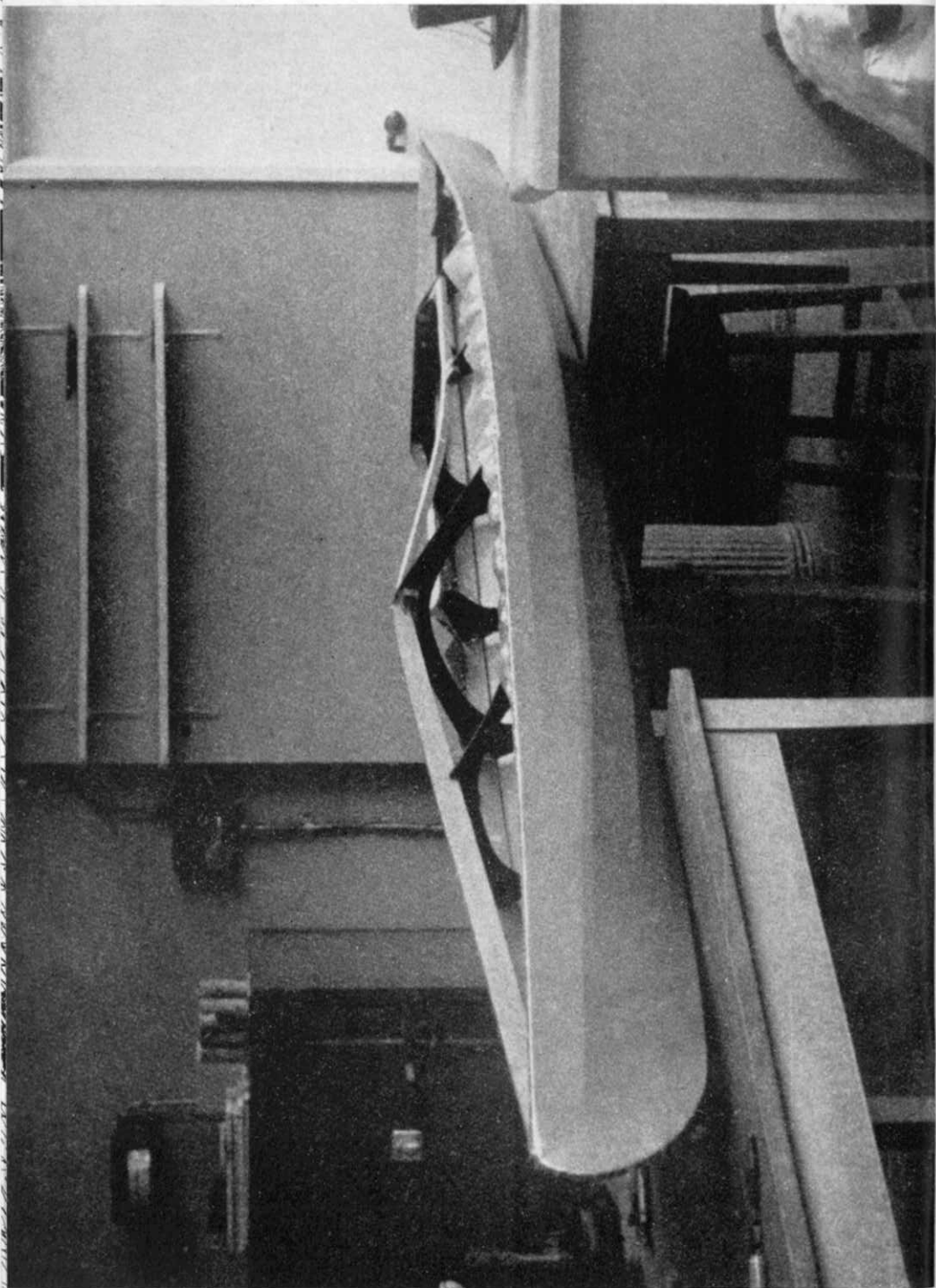
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1st Prize Middle School. Da Vinci Society Art Competition.



A. Shea, Form 5G. Title: "Baie des Anges."  
1st Prize Senior School. Da Vinci Society Art Competition.



Canoe in construction  
by B. G. Pearce, 6M2



## THE SPUR MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

We are pleased to announce that at last the transition to a two-rail system is almost complete. By the Social Occasion all the obsolescent three-rail track had been taken up, and both main lines had been permanently relaid. The branch was also temporarily relaid, and has, unfortunately, had to remain so, as examinations and other events have reduced the number of meetings. It is hoped to make the branch permanent next term. The viaduct line will also have to be largely reconstructed.

Funds were increased when the club was able to exhibit the layout on the Social Occasion and the Open Night, and, because of increased membership it was not difficult to find sufficient operators. The Club is eagerly awaiting the arrival of more new boys in September, and new members from all other forms will find themselves very welcome. We would also greatly appreciate the services of any father who would be willing to help supervise our Wednesday evening meetings. Anybody who is interested, either boys to become members or fathers to supervise, is invited to attend one of our sessions at seven-thirty on Wednesdays.

S. L. Buckingham.

Our grateful (and long-overdue appreciation) is due to Mr. Nutton and Mr. Buckingham for the time and attention they have devoted to the Model Railway Club.

G.J.A.

## PRINTERS' GUILD

Our major objective this term was the Annual Sports Programme. This presented a problem, as much type had to be rearranged to present a satisfactory new design. The final product was, we hope, an improvement on last year's effort.

Apart from the Sports' Programme, we had our normal variety of orders, many of which were received at the Social Occasion. In all, we have printed about twenty orders, most of them being letterheads. Other orders included change-of-address cards, handcards, menus and display notices, as well as numerous small orders printed by the members for their own use.

Membership itself has increased, but a high standard has yet to be reached. The adoption of lunchtime meetings has increased our output and quality, and I am greatly indebted to the second-form members for their enthusiasm.

Earlier in the term, we bought some new equipment—inks and dryer, lead strips, and some new 18 point Palace Script type.

Towards the end of the term the Guild was very busy, printing orders, sorting type, repairing presses and rearranging our type-case cabinet. This work started and proceeded through the examination period when fifteen members attended one lunch-time meeting.

Finally, I repeat our usual plea for new members, who are welcome *if they intend to do some work.*

F. Whitten.

## 19th WIMBLEDON SCOUT TROOP

The Summer Term has seen many changes throughout the troop. The gradual depletion in numbers in the Scouts has meant that badge-work has greatly increased, but inter-patrol competition has been lacking as there are only enough for one patrol. The Seniors have also done a large amount of badge-work and most are now well on the road to Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The District Senior Challenge Trophy was lost by a small margin during a Rock Climbing Competition with the 13th Wimbledon Seniors; but the first stage of the District Competition was won gallantly, if not luckily, by Paul Trundley and Peter Sharp in an arduous 50 mile cycle rally in the depths of Surrey.

The two canoes have now been passed as fit for use, and the Seniors hope to have many hours on the water if not "in" at Summer Camp and in the future.

The Scout Troop is to take part in a jamboree in the Vale of Pewcey near Marlborough, and the Seniors hope to use this site as an expedition base camp.

Our thanks again go to all who have maintained an interest in the group and for the many hours of enjoyment they have given to the Scouts.

## No. 565 SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

During the Easter holidays a party of cadets attended camp at R.A.F. Thorney Island, but owing to bad weather the camp was not a success.

In June the Squadron Athletics Team took part in the Wing Sports. Sergeant Young and Corporal Belcham did well, the latter winning his event and going on to represent Surrey Wing in the High Jump—he did well to finish third.

This term saw the start of regular Monday night swimming at Wimbledon and, as it has proved to be popular, it will probably be continued next term. This, and the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, are entirely due to Mr. Innes.

Corporal Richardson attended a Gliding Course at Swanton Morley this term and succeeded in obtaining his "A" and "B" Certificates.

The Wing Parade was held on June 5th, and every cadet who attended flew for five minutes in Whirlwind helicopters.

Some of the Squadron's future talent showed itself at Pirbright during the Wing Shooting Competition when Cdt. Adamson beat the rest of the team over 300 yards—the rest were all N.C.O.'s.

The Squadron will be extremely active during the Summer holidays—a party of N.C.O.'s under Mr. Innes will spend a week hiking in Snowdonia; Corporals Richardson and Needle will be in Germany for a week, and eleven cadets will be camping at R.A.F. Gaydon.

The Squadron was successful yet again in examinations this term, Cpl. Needle passing his Senior Cadet Examination at the third attempt and Cdts. Buckingham, Humphreys, Bond, Ball, Adamson and Hider passing their Leading Cadet Examination. The first two passed with Distinction; Bond with Credit.

At the end of term this Squadron lost the services of F/S. Haw and F.S. Hyman in the Orderly Room and Equipment Section respectively. Few members of the Squadron realise the amount of work they put in over the last three years, sometimes under very difficult circumstances.

Promotions this term were as follows:

Sen. Cdt. Borrett G. to be Corporal.

Sen. Cdt. Needle J. D. to be Corporal.

J. D. Needle.)

## SPORT

### CRICKET

#### FIRST ELEVEN

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

*Captain* : C. G. Jennings.

*Secretary* : A. R. W. Marsh.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
14	5	2	7

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

- v. Heath Clark, drew; 118-8 dec., 81-5 (Jennings 46, King 27 n.o.).
- v. Hampton, drew; 87-9, 119 (Marsh 39, Salter 5-47).
- v. Wallington, lost; 136-9 dec., 137-3 (Thomson 42 n.o., Tickner 36).
- v. St. Mary's College, won; 143, 60 (Pottinger 33, Emerick 32, Thomson 5-23).
- v. Bec, lost; 79, 146-5 dec.

- v. Chiswick, won ; 145-4, 143 (Salter 57, King 52 n.o.).
- v. Salesian College, won ; 130-6, 129 (King 35, Salter 33, Jennings 3-23).
- v. Shene, drew ; 57, 45-7 (Salter 7-16).
- v. Old Boys, drew ; 99-9, 116 (Salter 28, Corke 6-56, Marsh 3-34).
- v. Surbiton, won ; 127, 57 (Marsh 79, Salter 7-34).
- v. Thames Valley, drew ; 116-7 dec., 84-5 (Salter 46).
- v. Gentlemen of the Staff, won ; 149-7 dec., 65 (Marsh 41, Salter 61 n.o. and 5-26).
- v. N. T. Poulter's XI; drew ; 154-5, 187-5 dec. (Salter 51 n.o., Marsh 44, Jennings 29).
- v. Battersea, drew ; 119, 102-7 (Jennings 51, Marsh 3-22).

The 1st XI, this year, has, without doubt, lived up to the promise it showed last year. The team, virtually the same as a year ago, has matured in every way, and the keenness shown last year in the field has spread to the batting in particular and resulted in all the batsmen scoring far more runs than in recent years.

The bowling unfortunately has been spasmodic : Salter has bowled well in several matches, but often found it difficult to obtain wickets, as have all the bowlers, especially Corke, who owing to many dropped catches early on in the season, only managed to find his true form in the latter games.

This failure to get wickets has resulted, however, in big scores on both sides and provided many close matches which have been both interesting and exciting to watch and to play in. In only three matches have we failed to score more than a hundred, and the runs have always been scored quickly, often when we were facing seemingly impossible odds.

During the term, all the recognised batsmen had at least one good score to their credit. Special mention must be made of Salter and Marsh for their frequent high scoring : Salter emphasised his great all-round ability by scoring consistently, and Marsh, after a poor start to the season, showed by his quick scoring his contempt for any bowling, good or bad. Jennings, King and the wicket-keeper, Emerick, have also played leading parts on several occasions.

The fielding, contrary to that of last year, was not very good to begin with and some vital catches were dropped ; however, an improvement was made during the last matches, greatly contributing to our good results in the last six weeks.

Thanks are due to C. R. Shoebridge for his faithful and energetic support both whilst scoring and, on occasions, umpiring throughout the season.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Poulter on behalf of the whole team for his encouraging support and his valuable advice in the nets : the whole team is in his debt.

C. G. Jennings.

The team was selected from. Jennings, Marsh, Salter, King, Corke, Emerick, Tickner, Ainger, Naylor, Thomson, Vincent, Malam, Stimpson, Lindsey and Pottinger.

Full colours were awarded to: G. E. Emerick, A. T. King, A. R. W. Marsh, P. C. Salter, and re-awarded to N. R. Corke, C. G. Jennings.

Half colours were awarded to: C. Ainger, D. C. Bryant, J. Hoffman, G. A. Hopper, D. Naylor, P. M. Thomson, and re-awarded to: D. R. Lindsey, P. Malam, C. Pottinger, M. J. Stimpson, A. T. Tickner, L. J. Vincent.

Most of the stock criticisms that spring to mind about school cricket are disarmed by the thought of how far this side has come since last year. They have acquired some depth in the batting, the ability to fight back after early setbacks and the feeling that if their opponents score a lot of runs against them there is no reason why they should not get as many more quickly. They have raised their sights, have come to expect a higher standard of cricket all round and have shown a maturer approach to the game. No small measure of credit for this development is due to C. G. Jennings who this year has captained the team with much greater assurance. As an opening bat he has frequently given an attacking lead and in the field he has never allowed the side to wilt when things have been going wrong.

The thanks of all the teams are due to A. R. W. Marsh for his reliable work as secretary and to Mr. and Mrs. Warner for making Oberon such a pleasant place to play cricket both during the game itself and during the tea interval.

N.T.P.

#### AVERAGES

##### BATTING

	No. of innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
Salter	14	2	364	61 n.o.	30.3
Marsh	14	0	290	79	20.7
Jennings	13	0	219	51	16.8
Thomson	11	4	111	42 n.o.	15.9
King	14	2	177	52 n.o.	14.8

##### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Thomson	38	13	81	9	9.0
Salter	157.5	44	402	38	10.6
Marsh	74.2	18	202	13	15.5
Naylor	43.3	5	164	8	20.5
Corke	130	30	331	13	25.5

## SECOND ELEVEN

*Master-in-Charge* : J. S. Wyatt, Esq.

*Captain* : D. C. Bryant.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
12	4	1	7

### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Heath Clarke, lost ; 61, 65-4.
- v. Hampton, lost ; 43, 78 (Malam 4-17, Hopper 4-21).
- v. Wallington, lost ; 28, 92 (Mottershead 4-13).
- v. Warlingham 1st XI, lost ; 33, 175.
- v. Bec, lost ; 113, 118 (Hoffman 4-24 and 30, Jones 40, Vincent 41).
- v. Chiswick, lost ; 87, 88-5.
- v. Shene, drawn ; —, 91. Rain stopped play.
- v. Staff XI, lost ; 115-6 dec., 116-7 (Lindsey 51).
- v. Old Boys, won ; 140-7, 137 (Hopper 6-67, Pottinger 44, Parsons 35).
- v. Surbiton, won ; 130-7 dec., 39 (Lindsey 57 not out, Hoffman 8-9).
- v. M. J. Shaw's XI, won ; 116-6, 112 (Hoffman 8-51, Hopper 44, Stimpson 27).
- v. Battersea, won ; 100-3 dec., 87 (Ansari 8-37).

The Second Eleven, despite a varied team throughout the season, have managed to produce a fair record after what might at first have been a disastrous one.

The first match against Heath Clark set the pattern for the next three games which were all lost without anything really outstanding from the team. The next game against Bec began the revival and set a trend of close games. Playing away, the team chased a total of 118 set by Bec. After some fine scoring by Hoffman, Vincent and Jones the side were 113-5 wickets and looked almost certain to win—but cricket is an unpredictable game, and the last 5 wickets fell without further score. The Chiswick match was lost by 5 wickets despite the opposition's being 40-5 at one stage of the match. The first victory looked inevitable against the Staff XI after we had scored 115-6 dec. (Lindsey made 51) and the Staff were behind the clock with several wickets down. However we managed to lose owing to two good innings by certain members of the Staff. We approached our next game against the strong Old Boys XI with a little less optimism but were rewarded with our first victory after an exciting game. After we had let the Old Boys off the hook, they managed to score 137, a total we had to get in about 110 minutes. Our last 60 runs came in 30 minutes and credit is due here to Pottinger and Parsons for some fine shots, and also to Hoffman who held his end up well, scoring frequently at the same time. Our next two games were both won, with Hoffman picking up 16 wickets and Lindsey scoring a faultless 57 not out.

The best bowling averages were achieved by Hoffman, with 33 wickets at a cost of 9.5 runs each and Hopper with 23 wickets at a cost

of 13.8 runs. In the batting the best averages were Lindsey, 41.3; Hoffman, 15.3; and Parsons, 17.8.

Those who played were : Bryant, Hoffman, Hopper, Vaughan, Malam, Vincent, Stimpson, Pottinger, Haines, Howard, Rjdler, Lindsey, Parsons, Standish, Mottershead, Down, Brown, Freeman, Jones, Ainger, Whittamore.

## UNDER FIFTEEN ELEVEN

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

*Captain* : J. S. Murrell.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
11	4	5	2

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Heath Clark, Won; 180-7 dec. (Murrell 72, Ansari 35 n.o.), 54 (Kaill 5-10).
- v. Hampton, lost; 58, 59-2.
- v. Staff, lost; 48 (Kaill 26), 49-5.
- v. Wallington, drawn; 60-8 dec., 49-6.
- v. Bec, drawn; 90 (Rissen 47 n.o.), 89-7.
- v. Wimbledon Sec., won; 49, 34 (Murrell 8-10).
- v. Shene, drawn; 79 (Taylor 28), 56-9 (Murrell 7-14).
- v. Salesian Coll., won; 37-2, 36-7.
- v. Rydens, drawn; 102-8 (Potten 29), 52-7.
- v. Alleyn's, drawn; 117-2 dec. (Taylor 59 n.o., Rissen 30), 103-8.
- v. Battersea, won; 134-6 (Kaill 78 n.o., Potten 33), 133 (Cannons 4-44).

This has been a season of mixed fortunes under the captaincy of Murrell. The team started in fine batting form against Heath Clark, and we anticipated a successful season. However this form was not repeated because we collapsed miserably against Hampton and lost to the Staff by a considerable margin. Since the Staff match, however, the team has not lost a match.

Taylor, whose wicket-keeping has improved once again, Murrell, Rissen, Finch and Potten have been the most successful batsmen; the form of Rissen has been especially pleasing and he has played several sound innings. Taylor regained his lost batting form when he started to open the innings and against Alleyn's, he and Rissen shared an opening stand of 99.

Kaill has been the most successful bowler and has usually been very economical; he has taken wickets in every match played and has been ably supported by Abbott, Murrell and Geering who joined us last term and has proved a good off-spin bowler.

Fielding has not been as enthusiastic this season although Reeve has held some fine close-to-the-wicket catches.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Shaw who gave up invaluable time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to see that we had sufficient practice and to Hughes, our scorer.

## UNDER FOURTEEN ELEVEN

*Masters-in-Charge*: S. E. Lovatt, Esq., and L. R. King, Esq.

*Captain*: S. Parnham.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
9	3	3	3

### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Hampton, lost; 31, 79-9 dec.
- v. Wallington, won; 92, 59 (Ansari 68, Parnham 6-15).
- v. Bec, won; 86-2, 83 (Ansari 44 and 8-25).
- v. Chiswick, drawn; 97-4, 126-4 dec. (Ansari 41).
- v. Shene, drawn; 80-4 dec., 41-5 (Ansari 42).
- v. Thames Valley, won; 74-2, 73-4 dec.
- v. Rydens, lost; 30, 62.
- v. Alleyn's, drawn; 99, 60-2.
- v. Battersea, lost; 103-7 dec., 104-9 (Ansari 73 n.o., Carpenter 4-27).

This has been over all quite a successful season although we started disappointingly, losing to a strong Hampton side, but in the next matches against Wallington and Bec we struck our form of previous years and had clear victories. After evenly balanced draws against Chiswick and Shene we came up against Thames Valley, who in former years had beaten us. They batted first and scored a useful 74 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets, but after great help from our openers we passed their total with only 2 wickets down.

Against Rydens we felt that their total made with a fair amount of luck on a very bumpy pitch, put them in a commanding position, and we were justified for things did not go our way and we were all out well short of the runs needed.

In the game at Alleyn's we did well to score 99 even if the batting was slow and laborious in parts. They had enough time to get the runs but were pinned down by accurate bowling from Parnham, Carpenter and, particularly, Ansari and finished nearly forty short with, however, only two wickets down.

The enthusiasm of the team has been considerable throughout the season and every member has played a useful part. A special mention must be made of our debt to Ansari for his consistently fine batting and bowling and of Bellamy who has recently developed a notable reliability as a batsman.

The following have played for the team during the season: Parnham, Ansari, Bellamy, Blakeburn, Metcalfe, Roberts, Pepperrell, Carpenter, Wiles, Robinson, Staines, Marsh, Paget-Clarke, Healey and Boxall.



## UNDER THIRTEEN ELEVEN

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

*Captain* : R. Barford.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
10	1	4	5

### RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Heath Clark, lost ; 38, 71-9.
- v. City Freeman's, drawn ; 41-6, 105-8.
- v. Wallington, won ; 83-6, 82 (Barford 24 n.o., Lloyd 22).
- v. Bec, drawn ; 31, 86-5.
- v. Chiswick, lost ; 67, 68-8 (Barford 19, Lloyd 19).
- v. Shene, drawn ; 38-9, 81-6 (Barford 17).
- v. Salesians, lost ; 3, 7 (Hogarth 6-3).
- v. Hampton, drawn ; 63-8, 131-2 (Lloyd 21).
- v. Wimbledon College, drawn ; 22-4, 51-6.
- v. Battersea, lost ; 22, 23-2.

It was plain at the start of the season that this was not a strong team ; and results, in terms of matches lost and won, have proved this to be right, but this is by no means the whole story. Here and there in a Junior team, talent emerges, and where talent is not present, enthusiasm provides an enjoyable game for the remainder. This has been the picture this year.

This has indeed been an enthusiastic team. Some exciting finishes have been played, and some ability has come to light. Barford, as captain, has held the team together well, both by example and leadership. He is an all-rounder of much promise, as well as a thoughtful and knowledgeable captain.

Williamson, as vice-captain, has been a thoroughly capable deputy. As a bowler, he seems better suited to spin than pace. His batting is stylish and correct, and promises well.

Mayer, on occasions, has given solidity to the innings, and shows signs of becoming a confident and free-scoring bat. In the later matches Lloyd, too, showed an ability to make runs, particularly on the leg side, though he should learn to use his feet more. Finch is a useful and determined all-rounder and will do better as he goes on.

The bowling was not at all accurate at the beginning of the season, but in later matches Meller, Hogarth, Mayer, Bartlett and Barford all showed improvement.

Fielding has been variable, sometimes very good, at others rather sluggish. The most consistent performer was Shephard, whose throwing has been particularly good. Wicket-keeping has been shared adequately, if not brilliantly, by Young and Lloyd, but here again improvement is evident.

In a team which has otherwise performed very keenly, running between the wickets has been the most general weakness, and many runs have been lost by slowness in backing up.

The following have played for the team this term: Barford, Williamson, Mayer, Payne, Bartlett, Hammett, Finch, Shephard, Robinson, Leyden, Young, Holden, Feist, Lloyd, Meller, Hogarth.

Our grateful thanks are due to Messrs. Feist, Lloyd, Bartlett, and Young for providing transport.

G.J.A.

## UNDER TWELVE ELEVEN

*Captain*: P. N. Russell.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
6	2	2	2

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Bec, lost; 35, 37-7.
- v. Chiswick, won; 87-6 dec., 44 (Russell 38).
- v. Shene, lost; 34, 35-2.
- v. Wimbledon Coll., drawn; 71, 63-8 (Miles 21, Marjoram 4-5).
- v. Hampton, drawn; 75-7, 87-8 dec. (Russell 46, West 4-13).
- v. Battersea, won; 36-5, 35.

Once again Tuesday seemed to be the rainiest day of the week and there was an inadequate amount of time for the open-wicket practice which young cricketers need so badly. The team's record, however, was very creditable as a whole and performance improved noticeably during the season. It is a lively, vigorous side with several bright spots of talent, always looking for runs in a way that would shame many of their elders, although it must be admitted that they "spotted" several runs that turned out not to be there, to judge from the number of run-outs. Russell, in spite of not being assertive enough on the field, has shown himself to be a captain who can think hard about the game as well as a batsman and off-spin bowler of real promise. All the other players, even those whose achievement so far has been a little disappointing, have shown an ability and willingness to profit from their experience which justifies them in looking forward to greater success next year.

The team was selected from: Russell, West, Orr, Miles, Marjoram, Barrow, Holmes, Lovell, Seeley, Brack, Maguire, Kerse, Devine, Slinn and Fordham.

N.T.P.

## STAFF ELEVEN

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
8	5	2	1

## RESULTS (Staff first)

- v. Colts, won ; 49-5 (D.F.A. 32 n.o.), 48.
- v. Chiswick Staff, won ; 141-7 dec. (G.M. 58, A.R.P. 40), 73.
- v. Wimbledon Staff, drawn ; 98-5 dec. (N.T.P. 39 n.o.), 98-9.
- v. Heath Clark Staff, won ; 109-5, 108-7 dec.
- v. 2nd XI, won ; 116-7 (D.F.A. 35 n.o., J.A.I. 31), 115-6 dec.
- v. Parents' XI, won ; 186-6 (D.F.A. 70, A.R.P. 28), 185-9 dec. (N.T.P. 4-45).
- v. 1st XI, lost ; 65, 149-7 dec.
- v. Wimbledon Staff, lost ; 105 (A.R.P. 32), 130-9 dec.

This has been a very successful season for the "Gentlemen of the Staff" and this has been mainly due to some fine batting performances, particularly from D.F.A. and A.R.P. It has been very refreshing to find the team on the winning side for more than the usual couple of matches and as 15 members of our staff have played, it augurs well for next season.

The great majority of our games had close finishes with time a deciding factor ; the game with the Parents was particularly noteworthy as over 370 runs were scored in the afternoon.

Despite our improved batting and fielding, we could not match a much improved and confident First XI at the end of term although the game was thoroughly enjoyed.

M.J.S.

## ATHLETICS

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

*Captain* : P. M. Thomson.

*Secretary* : G. A. Hopper.

Our school results this term have been very pleasing to all concerned, but especially to our new master-in-charge, Mr. Alldridge. One of the happiest factors, however, must be the emergence in the lower school of several, very fine athletes, who must be good prospects for next year's team.

Feist, who now holds eight school records after only two school years, and who also excelled himself at the Surrey Grammar Schools meeting, is already a very valuable member of the athletics team and should be even more so later. Evans, Marshall, Blakeburn and Robinson, are other juniors who have done well in their particular events, a fact which augurs well for the future.

Outstanding individual efforts were made by C. Marshall, Ainger, Butcher, Hopper, Anderson and Whittamore, all of whom reached the

Surrey Schools Championships, the last mentioned finishing third in the High Hurdles.

Three boys in the first year have also performed well: Holmes, Marjoram and Fordham. Pole-vaulting has become a major event, with Cocks, Parnham and Nicoll improving as the season progressed.

Training has now been the only grumbling point this year, that is, as far as attendance is concerned. Few school team members have attended regularly, but I am sure that next year will see an improvement.

The school sports went off well, although, because of bad conditions, there were no outstanding performances. I should like to thank all members of staff who helped with the smooth running of the sports and school meetings and especially Mr. Gleed, who also helped athletics on many other occasions.

Thus, this term has been a very successful one, and the team's thanks go to Hopper for his secretarial efforts, to Mr. Warner for his excellent preparation of the track, and most particularly to Mr. Alldridge, whose invaluable contributions are reflected in our fine results.

Full colours were awarded to G. Hopper, P. Thomson, C. Marshall, C. Ainger, K. Butcher.

#### RESULTS OF SCHOOL FIXTURES

(A) Raynes Park 1st v. Heath Clark 2nd v. Shene 3rd.

(A) K.C.S. 1st v. Raynes Park 2nd v. Kingston 3rd.

(H) Beverley 1st v. Raynes Park 2nd v. Evelyns 3rd (U.15 and below).

(H) Raynes Park 1st v. Evelyns (U.17 only).

(H) Raynes Park 1st v. Heath Clark (U.15 and below).

(H) Raynes Park 1st v. Wallington.

Surrey Grammar School 2-stream Trophy—1st.

Merton District Meeting—Seniors 1st, Intermediates 2nd, Juniors 3rd.

#### RECORDS ACHIEVED THIS YEAR

*Open* Mile: Marshall, 4m. 33.9s.; Hurdles: Whittamore, 17.0s.;

*Colt* Mile: Ainger, 4m. 45.0s.; High Jump: Hopper, 5ft. 4in.; Long Jump: Hopper, 18ft. 6in.; Triple Jump: Butcher, 40ft. 7in.; Shot: Thomson, 47ft. 5in.; Pole Vault: Cocks, 7ft. 9in.

*Junior* Hurdles: Marshall, 11.9s.; Triple Jump: Blakeburn, 35ft. 10in.; Pole Vault: Parnham, 7ft. 3in.

*Major* 100yd.: Feist, 11.6s.; 220yd.: Feist, 26.3s.; 440yd.: Feist, 61.2s.; 880yd.: Evans, 2m. 24.0s.; Mile: Evans, 5m. 18.2s.; Hurdles: Robinson, 11.8s.; High Jump: Feist, 4ft. 6in.; Long Jump: Robinson, 15ft. 3½in.; Triple Jump: Williamson, 30ft. 1¼in.; Pole Vault: Nicoll, 6ft. 9in.; Javelin: Feist, 94ft. 2in.

*Minor* High Jump: Lovett, 4ft. 2in.

## HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

\* denotes record

### OPEN

- 100yd. (Record: Casselton, 1951, 10.2s.)  
Colombo (C), 10.9s.; Graham (N); Lake (H); Jones (C).
- 220yd. (Record: Spanos, 1964, 23.4s.)  
Colombo (C), 24.1s.; Graham (N); Bedford (H); Wilson (C).
- 440yd. (Record: Nelson, 1965, 52.4s.)  
McCubbin (C), 57.6s.; Bryant (N); Malam (M); Borrett (N).
- 880yd. (Record: Onslow, 1965, 2m, 0.5s.)  
Marshall (N), 2m. 9.1s.; Thompson (N); Wilson (C); Perry (H).
- 1 Mile (Record: Marshall, 1966, 4m. 33.9s.)  
Marshall (N), 4m. 37.3s.; Thompson (N); Perry (H); Chester (H).
- 120yd. Hurdles (Record: Whittamore, 1966, 17.0s.)  
Tuley (C), 19.9s.; Chester (H); Hutchings (N); Howard (N).
- High Jump (Record: Mawes, 1963, 5ft. 9in.)  
Marsh (M), 5ft. 0in., Vincent (H); Jones (C); Hutchings (N).
- Long Jump (Record: Francis, 1956, 21ft. 2½in.)  
Lake (H), 19ft. 3in.; Jones (C); Salter (N); Bryant (N).
- Triple Jump (Record: Eastwood, 1962, 43ft. 4¾in.)  
McCubbin (C), 38ft. 6in.; Malam (M); Salter (N); Pottinger (C).
- Javelin (Record: Emmerson, 1957, 162ft. 8in.)  
Pottinger (C), 111ft. 5½in.; Rutter (C); Graham (N); Howard (N).
- Discus (Record: Stacey, 1955, 142ft. 1in.)  
Davies (N), 101ft. 1in.; Marsh (G); Flude (C); Gilbert (H).
- Shot (Record: Law, 1953, 44ft. 0½in.)  
Wilson (C), 33ft. 9½in.; Lindsey (G); Davies (N); Lovell (C).
- Relay (Record: Halliwells, 1955, 45.9s.)  
Cobbs, 48.9s.; Newsoms; Halliwells; Gibbs; Miltons.
- Pole Vault (Record: Gray, 1962, 8ft. 0in.)  
Parnham (N), 7ft. 4in.; Cocks (C); Murphy (H); Perryman (M).

### COLT

- 100yd. (Record: Colombo, 1964, 11.0s.)  
Hall (G), 11.3s.; Naylor (N); Brewer (G); Bond (N).
- 220yd. (Record: Colombo, 1964, 23.4s.)  
Naylor (N), 25.5s.; Kaill (M); Brewer (G); Whitten (H).
- 440yd. (Record: McCubbin, 1964, 55.2s.)  
Hall (G), 57.3s.; Burgess (H); Rissen (C); Breeze (C).
- 880yd. (Record: Miller, 1964, 2m. 10.9s.)  
Kaill (M), 2m. 17.8s.; Seeley (G); Ainger (H); Mitchell (C).
- 1 Mile (Record: Ainger, 1966, 4m. 45.0s.)  
Ainger (H), 5m. 3.7s.; Brookes (G); Milton (N); Ness (C).
- 110yd. Hurdles (Record: Whittamore, 1965, 15.9s.)  
Jones (G), 16.8s.; Murphy (H); Beardsmore (N); Seeley (G).

High Jump (Record : Hopper, 1966, 5ft. 4in. & Marsh, 1964, 5ft. 4in.)  
Hopper (N), 4ft. 9in. ; Rissen (C) ; Cherry (C) ; Richards (G).  
Long Jump (Record : Hopper, 1966, 18ft. 6in.)  
Butcher (M), 18ft. 5½in. ; Hopper (N) ; Roberts (N) ; Reeve (M).  
Triple Jump (Record : Butcher, 1966, 40ft.)  
\*Butcher (M), 40ft. 7in. ; Jones (G) ; Roberts (N) ; Elliott (C).  
Javelin (Record : Standish, 1965, 151ft. 9in.)  
Cocks (C), 120ft. 4½in. ; Racher (C) ; Cook (G) ; Hider (N).  
Discus (Record : Davies, 1964, 142ft. 9in.)  
Thomson (G), 132ft. 2in. ; Whitten (H) ; Williams (M) ; Down (N).  
Shot (Record : Thomson, 1966, 47ft. 5in.)  
Thomson (G), 46ft. 4½in. ; Down (N) ; Cook (G) ; Frost (H).  
Relay (Record : Cobbs, 1964, 48.6s.)  
Newsoms, 50.7s. ; Halliwells ; Gibbs ; Miltons ; Cobbs.

### JUNIOR

100yd. (Record : Lusby, 1964, 10.8s.)  
Russell (N), 11.9s. ; Healey (H) ; O'Malley (H) ; Boxall (G).  
220yd. (Record : Lusby, 1964, 25.1s.)  
Russell (N), 27.4s. ; Pepperrell (C) ; O'Malley (H) ; Chalfont (N).  
440yd. (Record : Hall, 1964, 57.6s.)  
Newport (M), 61.9s. ; Farazmand (H) ; Boxall (G) ; Bisley (N).  
880yd. (Record : Kaill, 1965, 2m. 18.8s.)  
Marshall (G), 2m. 23.3s. ; Evans (N) ; North (N) ; Robinson (H).  
1 Mile (Record : Hall S.V., 1964, 5m. 15.0s.)  
Holmes (M), 5m. 22.1s. ; Parnham (N) ; Rand (H) ; Ansari (N).  
80yd. Hurdles (Record : Marshall, 1966, 11.9s.)  
Marshall (G), 12.3s. ; Williamson (C) ; Bellamy (H) ; Bulmer (H).  
High Jump (Record : Hopper, 1964, 4ft. 11in.)  
Carpenter (M), 4ft. 7in. ; Farazmand (H) ; Marshall (G) ; Rand (H).  
Long Jump (Record : Vaughan, 1964, 16ft. 4in.)  
O'Malley (H), 15ft. 3in. ; Bellamy (H) ; Holmes (M) ; Pepperrell (C).  
Triple Jump (Record : Blakeburn, 1966, 35ft. 10in.)  
Blakeburn (H), 35ft. 1in. ; Russell (N) ; Bellamy (H) ; Williamson (C).  
Javelin (Record : Cocks, 1965, 111ft. 0in.)  
Williamson (C), 89ft. 7in. ; Carpenter (M) ; Scrase (G) ; Robinson (H).  
Discus (Record : Thomson, 1964, 119ft. 4in.)  
Healey (H), 82ft. 3in. ; Newport (M) ; Scrase (G) ; Hammett (C).  
Shot (Record : Thomson, 1964, 38ft. 11in.)  
Blakeburn (H), 30ft. 5¾in. ; Newport (M) ; Lee (H) ; Smith (G).  
Relay (Record : Gibbs, 1964, 52.3s.)  
Newsoms, 53.8s. ; Halliwells ; Miltons ; Cobbs ; Gibbs.

### MAJOR

100yd. (Record : Feist, 1966, 11.6s.)  
Feist (G), 12.0s. ; Roberts (N) ; Meller (N) ; Loxton (C).

220yd. (Record: Feist, 1966, 26.3s.)  
 Feist (G), 27.0s.; Roberts (N); Pinnock (N); Loxton (C).  
 440yd. (Record: Feist, 1966, 61.2s.)  
 Evans (N), 65.6s.; Mayer (N); Nichol (C); Brown (M).  
 75yd. Hurdles (Record: Robinson, 1966, 11.8s.)  
 Robinson (H), 12.1s.; Antonowicz (G); Mayer (N); Nichol (C).  
 High Jump (Record: Feist, 1966, 4ft. 6in.)  
 Bartlett (C), 4ft.  $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; Maunder (M); Shephard (N); Finch (G).  
 Long Jump (Record: Feist, 1966, 15ft. 2in.)  
 \*Robinson (H), 15ft. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; Meller (N); Smith (C); Shephard (N).  
 Javelin (Record: Feist, 1966, 94ft. 2in.)  
 Antonowicz (G), 66ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Bartlett (C); Currie (N); Chappell (N).  
 Discus (Record: Russell, 1965, 92ft. 1in.)  
 Lloyd (N), 70ft. 8in.; Currie (N); Bridgeman (H); Sharpe (M).  
 Shot (Record: Blakeburn, 1965, 33ft. 4in.)  
 Armsby (M), 30ft. 0in.; Couper (C); Patrick (H); Lloyd (N).  
 Relay (Record: Miltons, 1964, 56.5s.)  
 Newsoms, 56.6s.; Gibbs; Halliwells; Cobbs; Miltons.

#### MINOR

100yd. (Record: Feist, 1965, 12.5s.)  
 Marjoram (M), 13.2s.; Miles (H); Tupper (H); Slinn (N).  
 220yd. (Record: Feist, 1965, 28.0s.)  
 Fordham (C), 30.2s.; Holmes (M); Miles (H); Marjoram (M).  
 440yd. (Record: Parnham, 1964, 66.6s.)  
 Fordham (C), 68.4s.; Holmes (M); Arthur (G); Cossey (G).  
 75yd. Hurdles (Record: Pepperrell, 1964, 14.0s.)  
 Arthur (G), 15.1s.; Chapman (N); Seely (G); Elliott (C).  
 High Jump (Record: Lovett, 1966, 4ft. 2in.)  
 Slinn (N), 3ft. 9in.; Barrow (N); Lovett (H); Maguire (G);  
 Patty (M).  
 Long Jump (Record: Robinson, 1965, 15ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)  
 Brack (H), 12ft. 10in.; Merton (C); West (M); Barrow (N).  
 Shot (Record: Feist, 1965, 32ft. 8in.)  
 Petley (H), 24ft. 4in.; Patty (M); Anstes (N); Orr (C).  
 Relay (Record: Halliwells, 1964, 59.5s.)  
 Miltons, 60.4s.; Halliwells; Cobbs; Gibbs; Newsoms.

#### FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS

1st	...	Newsoms	1477 pts.
2nd	...	Halliwells	1300 pts.
3rd	...	Cobbs	1257 pts.
4th	...	Gibbs	1058 pts.
5th	...	Miltons	1022 pts.

# SWIMMING

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

This year's swimming competition has been notable for a fierce struggle between Cobbs and Newsoms to wrest the Craig Swimming Cup from the hands of Gibbs House, who have been in seemingly permanent possession of it since 1958. In the process, the total number of Qualifying Points gained by all Houses continued its annual increase and this means that more boys did more swimming to a higher general standard than they had done before. This is the main underlying purpose of the Inter House Swimming Competition.

Nevertheless, the competitive aspect was full of surprises and excitement right from the beginning when Newsoms got away to a flying start by gaining almost as many points in the first two weeks as they had obtained during the whole of the previous year. This galvanised the other Houses into action, and Cobbs replied with a still better effort. The result was that the Qualifying was more than half completed during the first few weeks of the Autumn Term.

This may well have to be the pattern for the coming year, for as from the beginning of the winter season in October, we shall have no swimming facilities at the Borough of Merton Baths on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This disgraceful state of affairs will last for the whole of the winter, the best part of two terms. It appears that while schools in the Borough have been encouraged to continue swimming during the winter by the Education Authority, the Borough Baths Committees continue with their policy of shutting down two of the Baths in their area for essential health-giving winter activities such as Bingo, among other things. The effect is that irrespective of the size of the school only one session of half an hour per week can be allocated. Now the whole of our swimming programme for twenty years at Raynes Park has been dependent on three half-hour sessions per week on the three games afternoons throughout the year, winter and summer. Even with these facilities it was unlikely that any boy would be able to go swimming more than twice a term, or six times a year. It is not now likely that we shall be able to take in groups of boys after school hours as we used to do for trials and training. Thus Middle and Senior school will have no training facilities whatsoever until the beginning of the Summer term. This seriously jeopardises the future of the Inter House Swimming Competition as we have known it so far.

To return to happier things. The keen rivalry between Cobbs and Newsoms made the Swimming Gala early this term one of the most exciting in recent years. As can be seen from the total points table, Cobbs won by one point after an aggregate of 787½. With one remaining race, Newsoms had a narrow lead of four points. Amidst scenes of great excitement and near hysteria on the part of two House captains and their close



supporters, the Cobbs free style relay team just managed to beat the Newsoms' team for first touch. The Cray Cup was then graciously presented to the Cobbs swimming captain, I. C. F. Culpin by Mrs. Giles whom we had great pleasure in welcoming to her first Gala at the school.

It remains to add that the school competed with a fair degree of success in the Wimbledon and District swimming sports and the senior free style relay team in particular, distinguished themselves by winning the trophy for this event.

## RESULTS OF THE INTER HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS, 1966

Held at the Competition Baths, Wimbledon on Monday, 23rd May.

### *Free Style*

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

Anstes (N) 24.9s., Newman (M), Topper (H).

Junior 1L.—Record: Russell (N), 1965, 18.2s.

Nicoll (C) 21.1s., Feist (G), Marsh (H), Armsby (M).

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

Russell (N) 44.7s., Mullens (G), Rissen (C), Williams (M).

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

Hopper (N) 44.0s., Stevens (G), Anderson (C), Mottershead (H).

### *Breast Stroke*

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

Patty (M) 30.6s., Devine (N), Wilson (C).

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

Moss (H) 28.1s., Mayer (N), Antonowicz (G), Williamson (C).

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

Rand (H) 63.0s., Bolt (C), Carpenter (M), Cannons (N).

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

Jones (C) 57.1s., Stevens (G), Hawley (M), Hollins (N).

### *Back Stroke*

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

Bates (H) 28.9s., Maguire (G), Devine (N), Bush (M).

Junior 1L.—Record: Stevens (N), 1954, 24.6s.

Ward (H) 29.0s., Cooper (C), Antonowicz (G), Chappell (N).

Colt 2L.—Record: Lane (G), 1962, 53.2s.

Staines (N) 52.8s. (Record), Smith (M), Rissen (C), Mulens (G).

Senior 2L.—Record: Bennée (G), 1963, 50.1s.

Page (C) 52.2s., Hopper (N), Hanlon (H), Butcher (M).

### *Plunge*

Open—Record: Betts (G), 1957, 67ft. 2½in.

Pearce (G) 53ft. 1in., Patrick (M), Flude (C), Standish (H).

### Diving

Open—Anstes (N) = Bolt (C), Carpenter (M), Standish (H).

### Butterfly

Junior 1L.—Record: Moffat (G), 1962, 27.9s.

Moss (H) 28.0s., Anstes (N), Nicoll (C), Sharpe (M).

Colt 1L.—Record: Castling (G), 1962, 22.7s.

Jones (H) 26.0s., Bolt (C), Staines (N), Young (G).

Senior 1L.—Record: Hill (N), 1963, 22.7s.

Flude (C) 23.7s., Gilbert (H), Varma (G).

### Relays

Junior 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1960, 75.4s.

Newsoms 85.5s., Halliwells, Gibbs, Cobbs.

Colt 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1962, 68.0s.

Newsoms 74.6s., Halliwells, Cobbs, Miltons.

Senior 3L. Medley—Record: Gibbs, 1961, 63.3s.

Cobbs 71.0s., Newsoms, Halliwells, Miltons.

Junior 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1960, 93.6s.

Newsoms 105.2s., Miltons, Halliwells, Cobbs.

Colt 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1962, 81.2s.

Newsoms 85.4s., Cobbs, Gibbs, Miltons.

Senior 4L. Free Style—Record: Gibbs, 1961, 78.0s.

Cobbs 86.2s., Newsoms, Gibbs, Halliwells.

### FINAL POSITIONS

Points	C	G	H	M	N	Total
Qualifying ...	430	344	270	273	374	1691
Gala ...	357½	205	290	180	412½	1445
Total ...	787½	549	560	453	786½	
	1st	4th	3rd	5th	2nd	

### TENNIS

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

*Captain*: P. Standish.

*Hon. Secretary*: D. C. Bryant.

### RESULTS

	1st VI	2nd VI	U.16 VI	U.14 VI
Surbiton	4-5	—	3-6	5-2
Rutlish	2-7	3-6	2-7	9-0
Tiffin	7-2	2-4	5-4	—
Dorking	7-2	Cancelled	5-4	—
Glyn	3-6	1-8	—	—
Reigate	0-9	3-6	—	—

St. George's	—	—	—	7-2
				2-7
				(Play off for final)
Beverley	4-5	—	4-5	—
Bec	8-1	—	—	—
Parkside	—	—	—	3-6
Dulwich Coll.	0-3	—	—	—
Hinchley Wood	—	—	Bye	—

Matches at Hampton and Shene were cancelled owing to rain.

This year, the school's tennis fixtures comprised Surrey League and friendly matches with the first six playing one Rootham Shield game. Both the First and Second Six fixture list was cut by four matches, this being owing either to rain or the inability to raise a team by other schools. No team reached anything like the form it should have done, except the Under Fourteen, and on the whole results were rather disappointing.

## FIRST SIX

Our record this year has been none too impressive, winning three matches and losing six. Much to our disappointment we finished up badly in the league—a competition in which we originally had hoped to do well. Our first match against Surbiton should have been won, the reason for defeat being the lack of practice by our players. Unfortunately this happens every year, and the team only begins to do well after the first five important games have been lost.

There have been some most enjoyable games this season, those that come to mind being against Glyn, Bec and Rutlish. The most common pairings were Salter and Standish, Pun and Fischer, and Pottinger and Smith, the second of these being the most successful, winning twelve of their fifteen matches and being followed closely by the latter pair. Salter when in full flow, provided us with some wonderful tennis, whilst in contrast to this Pun and Fischer played their usual mixture of stonewall and attacking tennis. The most encouraging part of the season was the discovery of Pottinger and Smith, who as a doubles pair provide us with much hope for the future.

In the last week of the season, the school, represented by Salter and Standish, entered the Clarke Cup at Wimbledon L.T.C., and although being knocked out in the first round, they achieved moderate success in the Ramsden Plate Trophy.

Those who normally played were Standish, Salter, Pottinger, Smith, Pun, Fischer and Lindsey.

## SECOND SIX

*Captain* : D. R. Lindsey.

The season, which promised eight fixtures was marred by the cancellation of four of these, and the second six were unable to get into full swing and show their true form. The matches we did play were most enjoyable, particularly those against Rutlish and Reigate, and the tennis was of a fairly high standard. The old heads of Garrett, Hutchins and Mottershead produced their usual brand of reliable tennis, whilst the new faces of Pun and Marsh helped add strength to the team, the latter showing that he can put his good ball sense in other sports to useful effect in tennis.

Those who usually played were Pun, Marsh, Mottershead, Garrett, Hutchins and Leyland.

## UNDER SIXTEEN SIX

*Captain* : G. A. Hopper.

Our fixtures this year were mainly in the Surrey League in which we were placed third. We had two good victories, one against Tiffin in which Finch's all-round skill at the game prevailed, and the other against Dorking after a long journey to their ground. There were also two closely contested games at Surbiton and Beverley, and it is hoped that the reasonably young team we fielded can be expected to go one further next year by winning these games. Murrell, Potten and Cocks showed promise, and Jones and Williams, although sometimes unsure of themselves, have come on well this season.

Those who played were Hopper, Finch, Jones, Cocks, Murrell, Williams, Potten, Hall, Seeley.

## UNDER FOURTEEN SIX

*Captain* : L. D. Leyland.

This year we were engaged in the Surrey League, and, after gaining a victory over Surbiton, we surprisingly beat St. George's at home. Although they were not at full strength, it was a resounding win against a school that beat us 9-0 last year. Hopes were high that we could reach the final but in our next match away from home we found Parkside's overall strength too much for us, losing 3-6. After beating a very young Rutlish side, we were forced to play St. George's again away from home in a play off for a place in the finals. Our whole team fought gallantly and although the result was against us, we were far from disgraced.

The following have played for the team, Finch, Leyland, Bellamy, Bolt, Pepperrell, Carpenter, Metcalfe.

## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs,

In this age of the free press and radio I feel I must deplore the Dictatorial methods of censorship employed by the Editors of the Spur. As a regular contributor to the Spur over the past few years I have become increasingly enraged by the cutting, censorship and rephrasing used on the meanist contribution, by the Editors. The House notes and Sports reports entered by senior members of the 6th form are continually gutted and rewritten until they bare no resemblance to the original article.

I most respectfully suggest that the Editors either stop this sabotaging of public right or put in the magazine in a suitable place, the true facts about the originality of material.

Yours  
Truly

P. H. Marsh,

Uncensored—Eds.

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