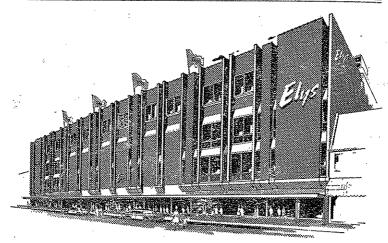
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EDITORIAL

Once again those unfortunates, the sixth formers, take their chance in the annual lottery that constitutes examination results, their future lives depending upon the outcome of a several hours' test at the end of a two years' course. Nowadays examinations tend to count for too much, with the result that pupils must turn themselves, all too frequently, into mental wrecks and add a few years to their age, should they wish to succeed in achieving not the mere passes, but the high grades.

On the other hand, students who contribute to the well-being of their schools, in the way of sport, discipline, the societies, drama, and in other spheres enhancing their schools' reputations, all too often do not achieve more than mediocre academic success, despite their other merits. Without other interest than 'A' levels, schools would be in danger of becoming 'institutions for producing automatons with certificates tied round their necks,' as the speaker at our Prizegiving a few years ago put it. What is more, surely the purpose of education is to prepare young people for their adult life, and this means not only academic-wise, but also training in commonsense, character-forming, parenthood, and the development of qualities such as leadership.

What is worse is that Universities, this year at least, have refused admission to students with sound records in sport or leadership, whilst those with the same standard of 'A' level results who have yet to add any substantial benefit to the life of their school, are preferred and given places as the Universities vie with one another in their degree standards and try to emulate their rivals. In this ever-increasing rat-race those who work just academically are a better proposition for Universities, and those whose misfortune it is to be to the fore in sport or leadership are ignored. To be fair to the all-rounder, why not have 'A' levels in various Sports? And why not in Prefectship, House Captaincy or even in Magazine Editing?

Despite this excessive emphasis in the importance of examinations, there seems to be a bias against the Arts, as there is more demand for Maths (Engineering, Computor work, Electronics) and Science. More and more qualified "technicians" are required to tend machines, and push buttons—indeed the subject of one of this year's House Debates, "The Human Being is obsolete, is becoming more and more a reality. Besides this, there are the inevitable arguments against examinations—nerves, the chance involved in the "right" questions coming up—but what is even more surprising to many is the chance in the marking, for when there are apparently—or has been reported—only six marks between a 'B' grade and a 'D' grade, the mood and state of mind of examiners can decide a whole future in this way.

The various examination boards should have their examinations and the marking standardised. It would also help a great deal if exact University requirements were stipulated before application, as sometimes it is not manifestly clear until an interview that these requirements are stipulated, and there has been a waste of money and time in travelling for a brief talk.

Clearly there is something wrong with the system, from the examination through to the marking and allocation of University places. In this respect even the most *British*-minded members of our school, at least, are prepared to admit that our educational system is vastly inferior to that of the United States and other countries, even though this country was the birth-place of not only the literary and scientific genii, but also of great sportsmen, statesmen, and leaders.

A. P. Howard.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Mr. J. Innes and Mr. R. Smith, both of whom have been with us for three years. Mr. Innes has made considerable contributions in sport, chess, drama and the A.T.C. and is to be thanked for encouraging boys to enter for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He will in September be teaching in Kenya at Alliance High School, under the scheme to encourage teachers to go abroad, and we hope he finds the change to his liking and are sure that his influence will be most effective there.

Mr. Robert Smith has been a tower of strength in the woodwork, pottery and printing realms. He has improved the stage structurally with the extension and new steps, and encouraged a high standard of craftsmanship throughout the School. He will be returning to the North and we wish him every success in his new responsibilities.

Regularly at this time of year, too, we lose our Assistants—this year it is the turn of Mlle. C. Oldra and Herr P. Gareis. It has been a real pleasure to have them with us, they have both entered fully into the School life and we hope that they have enjoyed their time here—we wish them good luck and success in their academic studies to which they return.

'Mr. Woolley will be taking up a full-time teaching part in Classics at Merchant Taylor's School. It has been a great pleasure having him with us part-time while he continued with his research at London University, and we are sure he will make a success of full-time teaching in the lush surroundings and circumstances of his future school.

Laboratory Assistants are usually difficult to find and after Mrs. Miller's departure we were fortunate to be able to appoint Mr. A. B. Charise to fill the vacancy. Mr. Charise's experience in the enterainment world should serve the School in good stead, quite apart from the help he has already given in preparing equipment for the new Nuffield Physics Course which starts for the third year in September.

It has been a great pleasure to welcome back to the school two very old friends. Mr. Basil Wright, who created a private fund for the school under Dr. John Garrett, came to meet and speak to the sixth form; it is incidentally from this fund that it has been possible to buy violins and two cine-cameras.

We were also very pleased to see Mr. Charles Wrinch, Headmaster of this school between 1943-5, who annually judges the L. A. G. Strong prize; he came to have luncheon with the boys who had entered the competition.

The John Robbins Prize was designed originally to be given for an essay on the 'film.' It has not recently been awarded owing to scarcity of entries and now it has been decided to organise a 'film-making competition. Mr. Basil Wright has kindly agreed to judge the first set of films and it is welcome to report that at least eight groups are hoping to submit entries.

The school has been the recipient of another gift of printing machinery and type which has been most welcome. We are grateful to Mr. Donnelly of S.S. Peter and Paul Primary School for so kindly offering the equipment which the Printing Club are already putting to good use.

The Games Committee has had its last meeting in its present form—both its size and area of operation had become unwieldly. As from next term a House Activities Committee will deal with all matters concerning House competitions and a School Council will be elected from all sections of the school to take its part in making suggestions to help in the running of the school.

Despite administrative headaches it has been decided to use House Tutor Groups instead of Forms for day-to-day business; in this way House Tutors, responsible for giving advice generally on work and activities in the school now, at half-term and the end of term, will take over responsibilities usually carried out in the past for Form Masters.

The Parents' Association organised a successful Jumble Sale on June 17th at Wimbledon. They made £88 and were well able to achieve their aim which was to raise enough money to buy a cine loop projector for the school.

The School Concert Choir formed the major part of the special choir which sang Carl Orff's 'Carmina Buiana' at the Wimbledon Town Hall on June 10th with the Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra under Kenneth Jones. This was a most exciting concert and the choir earned golden opinions for its musicianship and control.

The Open Night returned with vigour and this year every room in the school was used to illustrate some activity or work in the school, and many visitors to the school were present. The evening was brought to an end in a very overcrowded hall by an hour's Victorian Music Hall under the genial direction of the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Holmes.

The Old Boys' Association are anxious to strengthen links with the school and their notice-board, empty for some time, has sprung to life with accounts of cricket matches played during the season. Peter Nicholls, Esq., is now the liaison officer between the school and the Association, and A. R. W. Marsh offered to act in school to establish contact. The O.B.A. have offered to help with careers' advice in many professions and there is every hope that both sides will have in future a much clearer idea of ways they can assist each other.

Early in the Term Smith-Boyes (L.6Econ.) led a group of eight walkers on an Oxfam midnight walk from Purley to Hampstead and collected over £40 for the cause. The stamina displayed by the party was praiseworthy and impressive.

Sign of the Times: Ten years ago boys needed persuading to stay on to the sixth form after 'O' levels. Five years ago they needed persuading to go to University and more particularly technical college. This year only ten of those leaving the sixth form out of seventy-seven are intending to enter immediate employment.

The School Athletic Teams are to be congratulated on retaining the Surrey Grammar Schools Two-Stream Trophy this year and also on winning the Senior and Intermediate sections in the Merton Borough Sports Meeting.

P. W. Roberts (5G) has done well to be selected from a very competitive field to be among this year's company for the National Youth Theatre season. Supporters have already signed up for visits to the Scala Theatre in September.

Many will have noticed Mrs. Westlake's absence for much of the Summer Term and are pleased to see her return and to know that she has successfully recovered.

We are pleased to record the birth, in April, of a son, Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Aldersea.

SCHOOL OCCASIONS

THE CONCERT

I like music and know virtually nothing about it. I take it this makes me a suitable person to be asked to write up the School Concert. I shall confirm myself to certain general impressions, reminiscences and visions for the future, and abstain from any attempt at assessment of technical merit.

I remember going to School Concerts some dozen years ago. One felt like a fond parent whose children have been invited to perform in front of friends: a mixture of pride and embarrassment. Wern't they rather good considering they had only been learning for twelve months? Wasn't it good that they were playing or singing at all? There were odd noises which even the non-expert suspected were not intended by the composer. There were fluffed beginnings and even re-starts! Gone are those days.

This year's Summer Concert provided for those who like music—I cannot, as already explained, speak for those who know something about it—two hours of unalloyed pleasure. No doubt the School has still far to go musically speaking, but in one sense it has already arrived. Even the National Anthem—which I have never before heard rendered as a treble solo—was a pleasure to listen to, instead of a quarter-hearted, half-ashamed subject for participation.

I suffer from a "thing" about not picking out names. If one picks out some, one has left others not picked out. I should not even mentione D.A. himself if I could avoid it! So may I say that in selecting some for mention it is not because they were better, or even worse, than others, but because I wanted to say something in particular. For example, Ware rose to new heights of excellence and confidence in playing Vivaldi. He must have enjoyed playing it. My own pleasure in listening to him would have been still more heightened if he had given any sign that he was enjoying it. P. J. Smith's vigorous Polonaise in A may have been, for all I know, technically inferior, but I felt and enjoyed feeling that he was enjoying every moment of it. For quite other reasons I enjoyed the courage of Pengilley's "The Swan"—his first solo 'song' I believe and also his swan-song in fact. There are—do you doubt it?—a number of quiet, retiring boys in the School, and some of them in one way or another 'sang' in this concert. That alone would in my opinion justify it and the patient work of all the musical staff.

And now for what gave me the greatest pleasure of all. I call it integrity. No one could have helped noticing it in Quarmby, Hayes, Petrides, Earl, and then of course, one does not know where to stop the list. I do not wish to congratulate them on this, because if they needed congratulation they would have lost the quality. So I advise them—too late—not to read this paragraph; and since they already have done so to forget it very quickly. I mean by this intergrity that the singer (or player) and the music have become one—the whole body, mind and feelings are expressing the music—they are the music. When people are caught up like this their movements and gestures are often very peculiar—but no one laughs. I look forward to a future Concert in which the music will have taken such charge of every performer.

'Land of Hope and Glory': it was a fitting climax, before 'Golden slumbers cloud our eyes' that D.A. should ascent half-way to heaven (the table and the chair upon the table responsibly bore the animated weight of conductorial activity) and that Salisbury's voice for one brief glorious moment rose above orchestra, massed choir, D.A. aloft and all. Perhaps in that moment intergrity was reached by all and we got a glimpse of the future heights.

H.A.P.

OPEN NIGHT—VICTORIAN MUSIC HALL

The climax to a very successful open night was the extremely ambitious production of the Victorian Music Hall. Boys who had decided to spend their final weeks at school after their examinations singing, reciting or playing, put on the show under the direction of Mr. Holmes, and in conjunction with Mr. Alldridge, Mr. Riley and Mr. Doig. Mr. Holmes also took the part of the Chairman.

The Music-Hall was split into four parts: poverty, imperialism, alcohol, militarism. In each section songs were sung either by individuals or pairs, with the whole chorus joining in at the appropriate points. The audience seemed to react favourably to some old material and to music with which even our great-grandfathers may not have been familiar.

The poetry was recited with much feeling, and together with the songs and monologues at had many people on the brink of tears by the end of the evening!

Although it seems unfair to pick out single people from all the participants, I think everyone will agree that Graeme McCubbin was outstanding.

It was, however, essentially a team production, and a very fine one it was. Under a wonderfully authentic chairmanship, the show proceeded with a truly Victorian air. All four parts were full of patriotic feelings, and I must say that by the finale I was proud to be British.

P. M. Thomson,

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

17th April. Basil Wright, Esq.: 'Documentary Films and Travel.' Mr. Wright recalled many past adventures of filming on location all over the world, and he also gave an insight into the production of documentaries.

18th April, J. B. Heath, Esq.: "The Current Economic Situation.' This lecture was given only to the Economic Sixth, but was as brilliant as any ever heard at the school. The audience were captured not only by Mr. Heath's excellent technique, but also by his explanation of various problems which do, or perhaps will, trouble a very unstable British economy.

24th April. A. B. Thomas, Esq.: Greyhound Stadiums.' Mr. Thomas gave a most interesting lecture on the working and general running of a greyhound stadium. He informed us about the totalisator and also about gambling of a more certain nature. Forged betting tickets were produced as evidence!

1st May. D. C. Gill, Esq.: 'Town Planning.' Mr. Gill talked mainly on the problems of planning new buildings in different areas and of trying to maintain a 'green belt' around various cities with high population densities. He also passed comment on the London traffic problem, maintaining that it was insoluble.

8th May. A. S. Prattley, Esq.: 'The Civil Servant in the Corridors of Power.' This lecture gave an insight into the work of the Civil Service and it also discounted the popular opinion that life in the Civil Service is easy and that promotion is slow.

15th May. D. Cooper, Esq.: 'Current Affairs and Censorship at the B.B.C.' Mr. Cooper gave a most colourful talk on various problems in the making of television programmes and also on who decides policy at the B.B.C.

2nd May. A. Bart, Esq.: 'Publishing.' Publishing was shown to be an exciting profession which holds much influence over authors and the public alike. The work of the publisher was also described in detail.

3rd July. —. Greaves, Esq.: 'Dickens.' Mr. Greaves, who is the Hon, Secretary of the Dickens Fellowship, gave an inspired lecture on the work of Charles Dickens, and illustrated his talk with some wonderful characterisations.

Many thanks are offered to all these speakers who found time to visit us during the term.

REMINISCENCES

(continued)

School plays, with their high standard of production, are always a pleasure. At one period on rehearsal nights boys could be found sewing in their spare time; old plimsolls were turned into elegant shoes with gaily-coloured materials. House Plays have drawn me like a magnet. I must have seen 80 or more and have marvelled at the skill and ingenuity shown by those concerned. On one occasion when I was in the audience a voice close by whispered "Have you got any kirby grips?" and as I handed them over one by one from my hair I hoped I'd be presentable when the lights went up.

Teachers are still underpaid when one bears in mind the time so freely given to outside activities, but earlier on salaries were so pitiful that staff came to school by public transport, bicycle, or on foot. There were two cars, however, plus the one owned by the then caretaker which members of the Common Room eyed with envy, opining that caretaking was the more lucrative job. Who was then to know that in a decade or so boys would be owner drivers!

Mr. Porter's frequent remark "Never a dull moment" aptly describes life in the office. The sick, injured and distressed have to be coped with quite apart from correspondence, records, staff and boys' queries, goods deliveries and 'phone calls. I take my hat off to those who have suffered the more serious injuries, for their stoicism. One has felt deeply for lads who have suffered sad family losses; on another plane one sympathised with the boy with the tear-stained face who said "My rabbit died this morning." But the occasional malingerer hoping perhaps to avoid a French or Maths lesson hasn't always got away with it! The boy who took refuge because

'my bottom hurts' was trying to put off the evil day—six of the best. Half-a-dozen merry sparrows, snowballing the idea that they'd swallowed some chemical in the lab, were promptly transported to the Nelson Hospital to cool their spirits, while similar hospitality was afforded the youngster who tried to persuade me he'd swallowed a gramophone needle. . First-aiding of another kind crops up over sodden clothing, not to mention provision of safety-pins for major disasters to trousers and staff zips. The remark "Take it to the office' has landed me with some predicaments—lost dogs, half-dead birds, and there was that dead hedgehog; I blotted my copybook by sending it to the Bio Lab, and next morning an irate Biologist complained bitterly that his desk was alive with vermin.

The Autumn Term of 1965 was difficult and poignant, for Mr. Horler shared with me the knowledge that Mr. Porter's life was slowly drawing to its close. Mr. Porter would not have wished boys and staff to have been anxious about his condition, and on the morning that Mr. Horler told me of his passing, we were both very conscious of the shock that it would be to all. Scholar, guide, mentor and philosopher, he spurred boys on, helped them in distress and comforted them in sorrow.

We've been bedevilled with an everlasting succession of upheavals and disturbances around the place-erection of the Annexe, various paintings of the building inside and out, three years' work on building extensions, and soon after that two years of noisy work on the liyover. Work on our extensions was heralded by the arrival of a mechanical digger and there was some excitement; pneumatic drills and other mechanical contrivances soon added to the din, and when staff voices couldn't compete, blackboards were much in use. Hosepipes and electric cables snaked along corridors and up the stairs, amid sand, brickdust and puddles of water; classrooms were out of action periodically and room changes were recorded daily on a blackboard by prefects. How they enjoyed their privilege on April Fool's Day! Two and sometimes three pneumatic drills indoors in the area between the office (Mr. Horler's room) and the entrance hall made life nearly unbearable, for one couldn't hear on the 'phone, the walls nicked and one got choked with clouds of brickdust in the corridor. A workman bellowed mid-morning (we gathered he said 'tea-up') when men and machines stopped as one, and blessed peace reigned for ten minutes. As the place took shape, masses of new furniture and equipment arrived daily and we were hard put to house it. Chaos was the word the day we first fed in the diningroom, for the 'returned empties' hatch was too small. The school is more comfortably housed now, I suspect, than it has ever been.

The Bushey Road trees were uprooted in a morning, the bus shelter just opposite sailed off in mid-air on a hook, mechanical saws, cranes, compressors, road drills, mechanical scoops and, worst of all, pile drivers, appeared outside—a prelude to work on the flyover and a period of incessant noise and chaos. Gas, water, electricity and the 'phone were cut off. Cars entered our grounds gingerly across planks spanning a small moat.

An ambulance driver, preferring not to take any chances with his immaculate vehicle, tenderly carried our victim from classroom to the regions beyond. French Oral candidates waited anxiously for an hour while the examiner drove round and round trying to get in; and there were many more amusing episodes. Clay, mud, water, brickbats, were the lot of pedestrians outside who at times encountered little wooden bridges with notice boards labelled "Footpath Diversion DANGEROUS"; one day a notice-board read "Raynes Park School" on one side and "No Smoking" on the reverse. The Contractors did their best to minimise inconvenience and lessen noise during examinations. The view from the office window now is not so bad as one had feared it might be.

In writing the School Song, W. H. Anden reminded us "Time will make its utter changes" and "schools . . . do not simply grow and happen, they are what they choose to be."

Dr. Garrett, his pioneers and those who have followed on chose to build the school on firm foundations, and the spirit of the place must not be allowed to wane under the imminent changes in the educational system of the country.

My good wishes to all staff and boys—past and present—whom it has been my pleasure to know.

D.W.

[We thank Miss Woodhouse for this second instalment and offer her our sincerest sympathy over the most painful accident that she suffered in August. We hope that she will have made a complete recovery by the time this is published.]

SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

THE EASTER TRIP TO NORTH WALES

With vast experience of hiking in both the Lake District and the Scottish Highlands behind them, the Raynes Park Nomads set off for Colwyn Bay, North Wales, well aware that anything could happen.

The happenings on this venture began even earlier than has become usual, when the sixth-form Ford Transit van, obviously a Monday-morning job at Dagenham, refused to start in the thinner air of the Epsom Downs heights, retreat of the P.O'D.s. This caused a two-hour delay, incurring right from the beginning the wrath of Mrs. Jones, the rather typical landlady of the Belvedere Hotel, for being late for dinner!

On the breezy Sunday morning, we ascended Gt. Ormes Head, west of Llandudno (all but 100 feet in the vans) and, after lunch, we crossed the Menai Straits into Anglesey, to visit the longest named village in the British Isles—Llanfairpwligwnygyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogogh

(apologies to the printers), strongly tainted with the commercialisation of their fortunate (or unfortunate) inheritance. Amazement as to how Caernaryon Castle ((as featured on our 5/- postage stamp) could be so beautifully preserved was abruptly answered by a preposterous entrance fee — "Have we bought the castle?" inquired Mrs. O'Driscoil. . . .

It was a mistake to submit to the overwhelming desire to conquer the highest peak first, for five boys who achieved the summit of Snowdon on Monday, engulfed in deep snow and Welsh mist, became detached from the main party for seven hours and the Mountain Rescue Service very nearly had to be utilised. How anyone could have failed to hear P.O'D. blowing his whistle, with all his strength, for best part of the morning, will never be understood by those boys accompanying him!

On Tuesday, attempting to climb the Carnedds, we were rebuked by an angry Welsh shepherd for apparent trespass (on a public footpath!) and poor Mrs. O'Driscoll, watching from the van while we glibly climbed the snowy peaks of the Glyders range on the other side of the road, had to endure a verbal assault by a National Trust official, who evidently became quite heated and took the name and address of the school!

By the next morning, the pulled leg muscle of MJS. (he fell off a chair whilst replacing a bulb!) necessitated a break from foot-slogging and, after visiting Rhyl (the Southend of Wales) the party toured southwards, exploring the smallest cathedral in the country, St. Asaph's, the sand-dunes of Barmouth, and the remnants of Harlech Castle.

After we had viewed the atomic power station of Trawsfyndd from afar, Cader Idris (2,927 feet) was the next peak to be conquered, whereupon P.O'D. enlivened the proceedings on the cold and misty summit by adorning himself with the most indescribable bobble-cap ever knitted. Triumphant, he was sat astride the triangulation station, where he qualified as the most photographed member of the party! Having been assured that it was a good short-cut, we followed the "Shaw" route home and found ourselves fending off sheep, having to open and close numerous gates and suffering from much turbulence of the liver.

The last day proved to be the best. Under a cloudless sky, and with temperature more appropriate to the Cote d'Azur, the party, intact this time, dragged their sweating frames along the upward trend of the Pig Track (in places rather ill-defined), intent on planting their flag on the summit of the indomitable Snowdon (3,560 feet). Only at the top did we realise it was rather a Pyrrhic victory, for we were faced with a closed refreshments bar and a long, heat-tortured haul back to the vans. It was agony walking on the banks of the cool, crystal-clear Cwm Lake with not one pair of swimming trunks amongst us.

Our second victory of the day was the evening defeat of our fellow guests at the hotel, Kynaston Comprehensive, at the rather infra-dig game of soccer, upon the marine deposits of Colwyn Beach. The holiday thus ended with everyone feeling somewhat leaner and much litter (some had even gone to the extreme of evening swimming in the Irish Sea). We left, confident that the mark imprinted on our memories from our happy stay in Denbighshire was reciprocated by a similar memory on the part of the Welsh, of the mark left by the Raynes Park infiltrators!

The sterling efforts of our triumvirate of staff (with apologies to Mrs. P.O'D. for the inexactitude of gender for the sake of expression—but she really did a man's job at the wheel!) were much appreciated, and all that remains is to look forward to the proposed sojourn next year in the Emerald Isle—we have heard so much about it!

S. H. Gebbett (VI Econ.2).

CLASSICAL OUTING

With a coach-load of shirt-sleeved pupils and masters—plus Mr. Johnston's family—we set off to Lullingstone Villa, a Roman hunting lodge, which is situated deep in the Kent countryside in the Darenth Valley. After a quick and interesting inspection of the Roman remains—the most outstanding feature was the beautiful mosaics—we lunched in the picturesque village nearby.

From there we went on to see a part-fourteenth century and part-sixteenth century house, Penshurst Place. The historical interest matched the beauty of the Italian gardens and lake, and this visit was probably enjoyed the most owing to its quality of catering for all tastes.

Finally, the heat-exhausted party reconverged at the coach. It was then decided that we should attempt a hasty visit to the remains of some chambered long barrows. Despite the simplicity of the remains, the aura was awesome. This very brief visit was rapidly succeeded by our return journey home.

I should like to thank Mr. Johnston and Mr. Carter for selecting such interesting and varied antiquities and for picking such a fine day, both points, I feel sure, being pleasing to the Classicists and to the "foreign" body of Scientists and Mathmaticians.

S. Finch.

HOUSE NOTES

House Captain: A. Tickner.

House Prefects: J. G. McCubbin, A. T. King, R. C. Adams, S. F. Silver, I. D. Ness, J. D. Needle, S. J. Potten.

Unfortunately, as happened twelve months ago, we were beaten into second place by Newsoms in the Cock House Competition, Nevertheless, every competition has been entered into in the right spirit and we have by no means been disgraced.

The Tennis Competition was, finally, completed midway through the term and thanks to a fine doubles win by Potten and Leyland we gained second place behind a strong Newsoms team. Thanks must go to Pottinger for all his hard work as captain, and to the rest of the team.

Luck was not with us in Cricket. Close games which could all easily nave gone either way, always seemed to go to our opponents and, all in all, our three teams can feel a little unlucky not to have finished higher than in fourth position. Despite our misfortunes, several players recorded notable performances. Orr was particularly outstanding in the Juniors, Pepperrell in the Colts, King and Pottinger in the Seniors.

In Athletics we finished fourth. All sections of the House did their best, particularly at the meeting at Motspur Park. Qualifying was fairly keen from most of the House, with Nicoll, Cocks and 'Mac' deserving particular praise for their efforts. Others, who shall remain nameless, did little or nothing at all, and I can only hope that these people will try a little harder in future years.

The same can be said for Swimming qualifying. Most people did all they could, but some were just too lazy and idle to get on the coaches provided for evening qualifying sessions. In the Gala the team did extremely well and owing to this we finished third overall.

Music again saw us in last position, but this by no means reflected any lack of effort from our captain, Salisbury. On the contrary, he worked extremely hard, but when members of the choir and orchestra forgot to attend rehearsals, his job became ten times as hard. Music in the House will not be more successful until the people concerned appear regularly at practices and give every assistance possible to their captain.

In the Chess Competition Feline moulded both Junior and Senior teams into strong opposition for anyone. For this we are grateful to him. The Seniors came first and the Juniors third in their sections.

Our thanks must go to all House Masters and especially to Mr. Atkin for all his hard work in an effort to make everything run smoothly throughout the year.

I should also like to thank all my fellow Seniors who have been of great assistance to me throughout my two terms of office and especially to Graham McCubbin who has made my job a great deal easier by all his hard work and effort.

A.T.

My thanks, and those of the House, to Tickner and McCubbin. We have indeed been fortunate to have them both.

G.J.A.

GIBBS

House Executives: S. R. Hall, M. J. Ridler, B. G. Pearce, P. M. Thomson.

House Prefects: P. H. J. Chapman, T. J. Cook, S. H. Gebbett, A. R. W. Marsh, G. B. Brookes, S. J. Finch, B. Green, R. W. Seeley.

This term has been one of mixed achievement for Gibbs. Success and failure have both set foot in the camp during the last three months.

The Cricketing section of the House managed only fifth place overall, although the Seniors won their section, thanks to two good performances under Marsh's inspired captaincy. Tears are brought to one's eyes when one thinks of what might have been achieved had the Colts and Juniors climbed to similar heights!

Athletes are few and far between in the House, and it was not surprising, though slightly disappointing, after we had seen what could be done with the cross-country, where we finished last.

In the Tennis we came third, and thanks are due to Finch and the other members of the team for their efforts.

Swimming suffers from the same deficiency within the House as Athletics, a morbid shortage of star performers. Nevertheless, Pearce managed to stir the majority of the House to forsake their Friday evening leisure and help amass a huge total of qualifying points, which gave us a good lead by the eve of the gala. Newsoms, however, overcame this barrier, to win the Cup, but second place was attained, and this is surely an example of what can be done.

The Music Cup was won mainly by Smith and the work which he put into preparing the choir and orchestra to make them invincible representatives of the House. Congratulations are due to him and to all those who took part.

Thus the end of term arrives and we must say goodbye to many familiar faces. Thank you, all those who are leaving, and good luck for the future.

We finish the year third in the Cock House Cup, some way behind Cobbs and a long way behind Newsoms. This has been a mediocre Term for the House, although some occasional flashes of brilliance augur well for a future that will need not only flashes, but a continual blaze if Gibbs are to reach the only respectable position within the school.

HALLIWELLS

House Captain: M. A. Bedford. Vice-Captain: G. E. Emerick.

Prefects: C. Ainger, S. L. Buckingham, D. R. Green, G. R. Lake, J. Street.

The first competition to be completed this term was the House Chess; this was an excellent start to the term because under the leadership of Fischer our team retained the cup they won last year. Congratulations must go to Rand and Marcousé in particular, who both won all their matches.

The Athletics Qualifying started very slowly this year but, unlike last year, there was a sudden effort by the entire House half-way through the term. This effort took us to second place, with which position we entered the School Sports, Despite strong opposition from Miltons we retained our second position. Thanks are due to Ainger, who helped so much in persuading people to qualify, but this job should not be necessary, and let us

hope that it will not be next year. J. Street excelled in the Sports, coming first in two events and second in another.

Owing to lack of support from the House as a whole in Qualifying, we entered the Swimming Gala fifth. Well over 100 points behind proved a great disadvantage for in spite of our swimming team under their captain, Gilbert, gaining second place in the actual Gala we still came overall last.

The Tennis Competition was finished this Term and our final position was dependent on the final set in the last game, which unfortunately after a close fight we lost and thus came fourth in the overall position. My thanks to Fischer who produced quite a fair team.

In the House Cricket Competition the Seniors, under their captain, Ainger, were unable to win their matches despite very close finishes. In the Colts our team under the captaincy of Bellamy won two of their three matches, which is a very commendable record. Our Juniors under the leadership of Miles gained second place, thus giving us a final position of third.

The final competition this year was the Music. In this competition we came equal second, I. Masters produced the very successful choir and orchestra, despite the very great pressure of the examinations.

During this Term the House has had to say farewell to two 'solid' members of the House, G. R. Lake, last year's House Captain, and G. Emerick, this year's Vice-Captain. I thank them for their effort this Term, and I am sure the whole House wishes them well in their future occupations.

MILTONS

House Captain: C. R. Shoebridge.
Deputy House Captains: R. A. Cordey, B. H. Perryman.
House Prefects: R. D. Barton, K. A. Butcher, D. N. Clutterbuck, R. J. Hawley, P. A. Malam, K. C. Reeve, P. Standish, D. T. Wingate.

"No House has ever won this Competition by relying on its stars alone; it is a united effort by the House at all levels that yields success." This quotation, referring to the Cock House Competition, comes from a House report by P. M. Marsh in 1965, and, as far as the competitive side of House activities goes, summarises the reasons for having competitions at all. In the past, Miltons has managed to gain the unenviable reputation of having a remarkable proportion of "hangers-on" and "loafers"—House reports have become more and more an opportunity for the House Captain to voice his despairing regret of this fact. Time and time again, competitions which we should have won, have been lost because of failure to get qualifying points. This year, although we have not fared very well in competitions as far as the final position is concerned, participation has been far more general, and enthusiasm far more apparent, and if this is the case, who is to worry if

high positions are not attained? We can be sure of having attained the best result we could.

This term, we have had two competitions involving qualifying: athletics and swimming. In swimming we succeeded in registering an early and convincing lead in the qualifying, and though other Houses later caught us up, we did gain third place in the final rally of qualifying points. At the Gala, we ultimately fell to fourth position, having fought all the way through with Cobbs for third place. Nevertheless, this shows a degree of promise for the future in a competition which has always been our weakest.

Just how vital qualifying points are was shown very clearly in the Athletics Competition. Our qualifying points were some way ahead of Cobbs, but we just managed to hold on to third position by about twenty: this margin was thanks to qualifying. The Senior and Colt Athletics teams were rather depleted by people leaving immediately after G.C.E. examinations, but the first and second formers did extremely well, and there were some pleasant surprises in the Senior section.

Cricket, the other major competition of the Term, was quite a success for us. The Seniors did not win any of their matches, but the Colts came joint second in their section, and the Juniors completely defeated all other Houses, thus winning the Junior Shields for both Cricket and Rugby,

We seemed to have been judged very harshly in the Music Competition to fall to fourth place, in spite of putting forward excellent performers. We won the choral section, and the choir did very well, but we were unlucky in the orchestral section; but congratulations must go to Coppen for his composition written specially for the occasion. The whole team is greatly indebted to Hawley for his captaincy and organisation of the team.

In summing-up the year's activities, it is inevitable that one should mention certain individuals who have been outstanding in one way or another. This is not to disparage the less noticed, but none-the-less valuable, contributions of others. I should first like to commend the great efforts of N. A. Holmes, who has emerged as leader of the Junior set. It was under his captaincy that the Rugby and Cricket teams won the Junior Shield. The great keenness of the Juniors was epitomised by their own organisation of a Cricket practice when prefects were too occupied with work to do it for them. This is a really fine show of initiative on their part, and one that would certainly never have occurred when I was in the Junior Forms. A natural leader in the Colts has emerged in Newport. He has given, throughout the year, a fine example of determination to his colleagues, and I only regret that the Colts have not been strong enough to reward his efforts more. Newman of the Sixth must be thanked for his willingness and general attitude. He has taken part in almost all the competitions in one way or another, and his taking part in the Senior Rugby-where his skill and experience were vital-in spite of a back injury, is particularly to be remembered.

Next year, R. A. Cordey will be taking over the position of House Captain. His support this year has been quite invaluable, and I am sincerely grateful to him. I have every confidence that he will be a first-rate Captain, and wish him and the House every success in the future.

On behalf of the House, I would like heartily to thank Chris Shoebridge for his leadership of the House through the past year. We wish him the greatest success in his career.

R. A. Cordey.

NEWSOMS

House Captain: A. P. Howard. Vice-Captain: P. C. Salter.

House Prefects: G. A. Hopper, P. R. Phillips, D. G. Rose, G. A. Thompson, G. Borrett, S. N. G. Down, J. C. C. Graham.

History has been made this year, for it is the first time in the existence of the House that Newsoms have won Cock House two years in succession. The result of this competition depended on our success this Term: this success was indeed tremendous, as we won all the cups with the exception of Music, in which we were runners-up.

Cricket realized our first victory, for the Seniors, captained by P. C. Salter, and ably supported by G. A. Hopper, D. D. Naylor and M. Taylor, gained second place in their competition, losing to Gibbs in the final match. The Colts, led admirably by Parnham and Ansari, gained first place, and hence only one win by the Juniors was needed to clinch the cup.

Our regaining of the Athletics Cup meant that we had achieved a hat-trick in this sport. Our success is partly due to the encouragement and example of our captain, G. A. Thompson, both before and on the day, and partly because of the increased enthusiasm in the House; these factors gave us a lead of '101 qualifying points, and we "walked" the actual Sports Day—as observers of the last leg of the Senior Relay noticed—to win by 350 points overall. Special mention must go to M. Lucas and D. Evans, who broke records, J. C. C. Graham, and indeed all those taking part, especially the Seniors.

Music, not at all a strong point with us, threatened to be "a big larf," but under the guidance of J. Tulett (Orchestra) and J. Chappell, who solely trained the choir, we gained second place. This was due in particular to McLachlan and his violin, victor of the Novices, and to the Orchestra, who gained second place in their section with a loyal rendering of Deep Purple.

The remaining Tennis matches were completed this Term. P. C. Salter and P. Beardsmore won their game, and it depended upon the final match with Halliwells whether we won outright another Cup. G. A. Hopper and D. D. Naylor were the pair concerned; much to the disgust of the House Captain and his Deputy this pair put up such an abysmal performance in their presence that the much enraged officials stormed off in disgust to listen to Big L. Hopper and Naylor promptly won their match without more ado.

The final trophy this Term was the Cray Swimming Cup. This year we had to avenge our defeat by one point last year. Although we were 55 points behind Gibbs on the Qualifying, a supreme effort by all concerned (except, perhaps, the House Captain, who we hear is still waiting for the 'Get Set') won for us the elusive prize quite convincingly. Special mention must go here to Pearson, Anstes, Russell, Staines, and the Captain, G. A. Hopper. Thus our victory in Cock House was emphasized with a fine and truly deserved win.

There is little left but to say that the House's best wishes for the future go with those leaving—without the Seniors we would not have done nearly as well. A final word must come here about P. C. Salter, the Vice-Captain, whose ability and encouragement in all sports has greatly assisted in our success. We must now look to next year to see an opportunity of gaining Cock House for the third year running.

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Alan Howard has led the House as dynamically as Bryant did last year, and this is really an achievement. His personality has spurred us to the heights to which our amount of often latent talent could ascend. He has remained pleasant, even when dealing with the most obstinate members of the House. Next year his driving force will be missed.

P. Salter.

COCK HOUSE PLACINGS 1966-67

			Cobbs	Gibbs	Halliwells	Miltons	Newsoms
Rugby			2	0	8	2	8
Hockey			10	3	1	0	6
Cross-Count	ry	***	3	10	0	1	6
Swimming		*** 1	3	6	0	1	10
Athletics			1	0	6	3	10
Cricket		***	1:	0	3	6	10
Tennis			4	2	1/2	0	7
Gymnastics		***	7	4	2	1/2	0
Basketball		***	51/2	0	2	1/2	5분
Chess		***	4	2	7	1 2	0
Debating			1/2	7	2	0	4
Dramatics			7	0	4	2	1 2
Music	• • • •	•••	0	7	3	1/2	3
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		Total	40	TI	38‡	17	70
			2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st

B. T. King Cup: Newsoms.

Eric Parker Cup: C. R. Shoebridge.

MAKING A MODEL AEROPLANE

D. Wheatley, 1Y.

Out I go to get it Into the pouring rain; There's nothing else to do Except to buy a 'plane.

I've got my model now;
First I must check the kit,
Paints and glue all ready—
Now I'll really start it.

Lots and lots of pieces— Some large, some very small; Hope that none is missing— 'Hurrah!' I've got them all.

Fasten up the fuselage; Mind the poor old gunner. The cockpit goes in front; That completes my bomber.

Now to put the wheels on, That's all that's left to do, Except to paint it silver And put away the glue.

SLOW RIVER

A. Isaacson and R. Sinclair, 1Z.

Slowly moving,
Slowly soothing
The passer-by.
Slowly drifting,
Slowly sifting
Through rocky parts.
Slowly ignoring,
As if yawning
At the passer-by.
Everlasting
Slow river.

NATURE

A. Isaacson, 1Z.

Nature—
You're slowly going;
You're being overtaken
By rocks and clay,
Bricks and stones,
Metal girders,
Iron and steel,
Plastic.
Nature—
You've gone!

THE LEAVES

S. Young, 3K.

Soft, soft;

As I walked through the night, the dark night,
They were soft.
But soon I reached the path—
It was hard and stony.
It hurt my feet. Small pieces
Of gravel scrunched below me.
A cry of pain;
A stone in my shoe,
And I longed to be back,
Back on the soft texture of the leaves,
The soft leaves.

THE AQUARIUM

K. Randall, 3K.

A sunbeam probes hazily through
The twilight world,
Dispersing diminutive creatures, scurrying from the light
Back to the emerald glow of the acquarium's farthest reaches,
Sheathing the water with delicate fins.
A tiny brown catfish, contrasting darkly with the rich hues,
Lingers in the half-light, drifting lazily.
He gobbles at the surface, then, with a dart of the tail,
He dives to the bottom
And vanishes with the rest,
Trailing his whiskers over the stones.

THE AQUARIUM

R. Barford, 3K.

You pass from the noisy, glaring outside world into the calm and quiet coolness of this huge room. Encircled by bulging eyes and gaping mouths; trapped in shining squares of brilliant blue they ripple in and out of view. The ruby red, and emerald green of harmless, beautiful, tropical fish, darting here, and flashing there, while in the next tank glides the shark, vicious. menacing, sinister. Around flop the turtles clumsy-looking, vet graceful, wallowing then jerking off; pushing powerfully with immense flippers. Around you walk, encompassed by voracious beasts of unknown seas and still there is that sense of peace.

THE 'PEASHOOTER'

C. F. Brammall, 3K.

She stood on the tarmac, Squat and stubby, Her bright prop turning In front of a brilliant cowling. Behind lay the green fuselage With the long, narrowing stripe, Black and white.

Her headrest was white, with a black pattern. Below, lay the squadron's insignia Brightly coloured. You followed the stripe To the elevator and tail. White, with a red and blue tail, With a black pattern.

Beneath were spatted wheels—Green with a white and black pattern—Protruding from yellow wings;
Black serials.
Beneath the body were yellow numbers,
Bright, gleaming, contrasting
Against the blue stripes on the yellow wings,
Indeed a colourful sight.

THE FAIRGROUND

N. Moss, 3K.

The lights on the roundabout flash; The organ pumps out its tinny tune, Bangs and crashes come from side-stalls. Girls hang tight to their seats And scream On the big dipper; The ferris wheel, a whirling mass Of bright red and blue light, Goes round. The one-armed bandits glare angrily As someone hits the jackpot. The smells of the crowd and popcorn Fill the air. Children suck pink candy-floss, Yellow, red, green and Blue lights Make hypnotic shapes. A transistor radio churns out The latest hit record . . .

The Fair—A land of bright colour And noise.

THE LAKE

J. Chappell, 3K.

The lake is still and shimmering: Little wavelets splash light across the eye's range, Sparkling silver in the morning sun; The tall brown rushes towering Over chickweed in the shallows. Chickweed, green an dspikey, Vivid green, an iridescence of colour. On the sloping bank small flowers Bursting into fiery shades, Red, orange, yellow, Like hell's own inferno, Scorching the eye with the heat Of colour. The still shimmering blue of the water Breaks . . . Momentarily . . . As a silver flash (Humans call it fish) Leaps above the surface, Happy to be alive In this world, This world ofColour.

LIFE IN REALITY

J. Bulmer, 4F.

While wars rage on and people die,
You preach behind a shield
Of tradition
That God is on your side.
How can we know
Who is destined to rule?
You're not privileged to live
While your faithful parishioners fall.
No saviour has picked you out.
No abstract dream in another spectrum
Writes your name in a large black book,
Keeping a tally of good and bad.

I know if I am right or wrong; I need no fairy-tale escape— No futile dreams of a land of plenty. War-You preach against its futility and waste, But pump out the same dull sermons, Full of morals and rules. You do not help. You do not spread the reality of life In this very real world; You do not help the masses With your bleating. We live with the reality of life. I do not want the fallacy of a god: I need no god to love, So stop your preaching. You think it helps? Step down from your pulpits and Get something done. Don't leave it too late, When there's no time And we're all gone together-As one.

THE DILEMMA OF THE SUCCESSFUL FOLK SINGER

J. Bulmer, 4F.

As I sit beneath these skies, I wonder What's it all about?
My short rise to stardom, a nation-wide hit, But do they listen or understand
The protest I must shout?

A troubled voice in my brain
Is calling—
"They don't listen, can't comprehend.
All they buy is your guitar"—
And my morale is falling.

Where from here? Another hit; more showers of praise, But will they listen, And will they hear my message, Not just a blues' guitar phrase? inow I'm resigned
To pen another protest,
To earn another million.
Perhaps this time they will understand,
But still my mind won't rest.

No! the star in me must die, And so I'll force one last smile; Then drop the images forced upon me; Drop my treasured Mayall method, Reject my Clapton, Hendrix style.

For I am off to California, to leave my fame and fortune, Four thousand miles away. I shall leave this stinking country And play to those who understand, 'Cos I've got something to say.

UNCERTAINTY

D. Peet, 4F.

Listen!

I hear footsteps,
Footsteps scuffling along the Old Stone road,
Coming,

Coming to intimidate, terrorize, to kill;
To avenge a crime that happened long ago
When my mind knew not what my hands were doing.
I had forgotten, but they never forget.

Will they listen to my plea?
Will they take pity on me?
We shall just have to wait and see—
Wait until it's too late.

Listen!
I hear no footsteps.
The terror in my mind has subsided.
Coming?
They are not coming,
But next time, perhaps they will.
Dear God, how long can I hold out like this
In such uncertainty?
Come, swine, with your axe-blades razor-sharp;
Come . . . end my torture . . . kill!

WHEELS OF TIME

S. R. Walton, 4F.

On windy nights I sit alone, Watching the sun go down; And, as I sit, I think to myself That the wheels of time go round, Yes, the wheels of time go round.

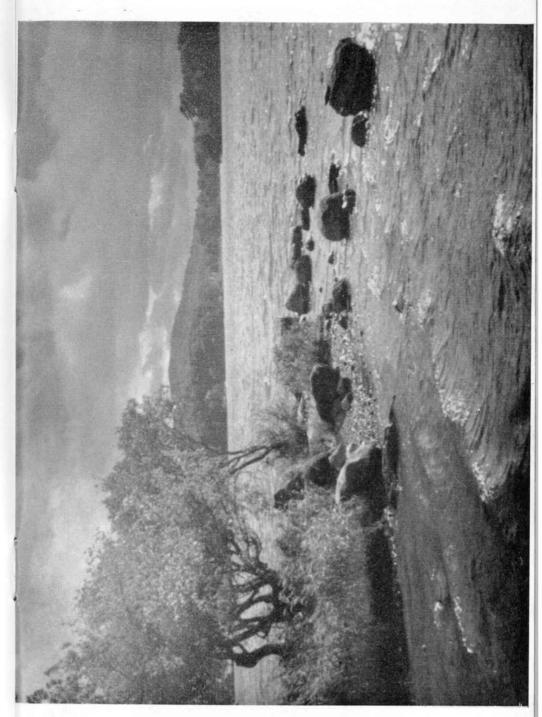
People say I'm a thinking man 'Cause I never make a sound,
But I'm old and wish I were young again,
For the wheels of time go round,
Yes, the wheels of time go round.

Progress is a wonderful thing
In such an age as now.
I sit and wonder how it will end
As the wheels of time go round,
Yes, the wheels of time go round.

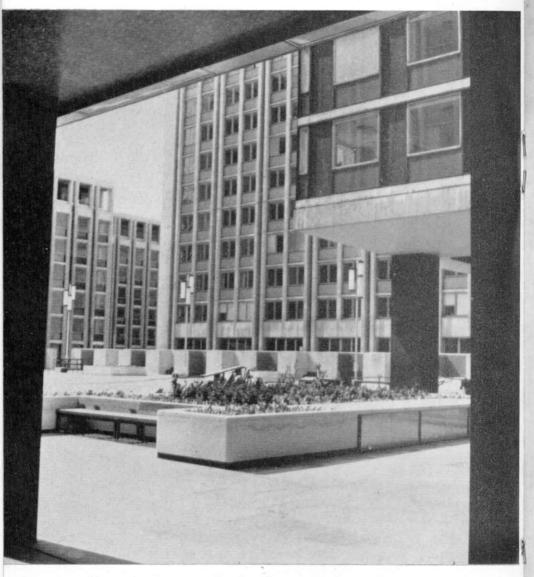
I ended my life yesterday,
And now I'm underground;
Yet, though I am dead and buried,
Still the wheels of time go round,
Yes, the wheels of time go round.

10th OF MAY R. P. Myers, L6A.

The tenth of May. Nothing special about that. Search your memories; read your diaries. No, you probably won't remember, But several people will never cast off The recollections of that day in May, For on that nothing-special day, In those uneventful twenty-four hours, Two unknown women were murdered, Two ordinary, nothing-special women, And several unsuspecting men, women and children Were shot down in a street. The tenth of May still doesn't ring a bell? Who were those people—bank clerks?

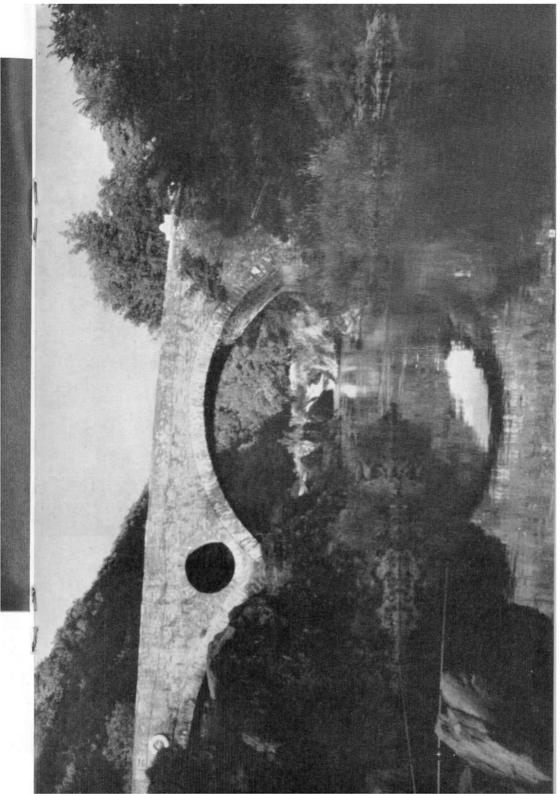


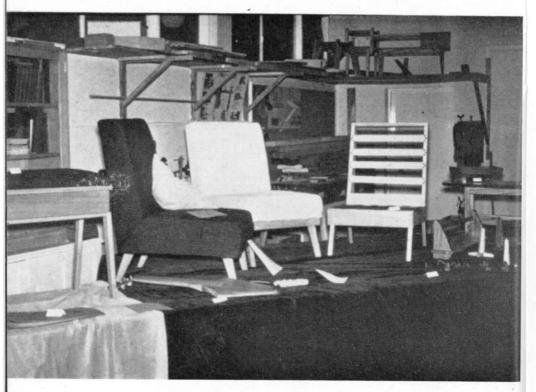
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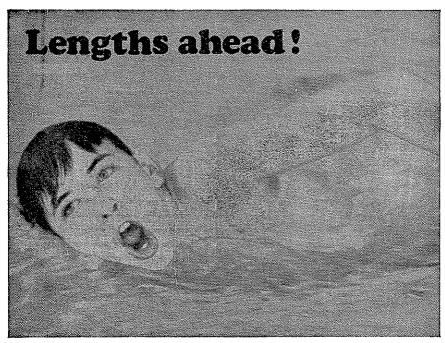
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The Craft Room-D. G. Ross and N. P. Ross, ex-6M2.

Where did that crime take place? The tenth of May in a Saigon street. Perhaps now a vague memory, perhaps not. Saigon is so, so far away, and so was May. Listen then to the story (listen and never forget), Of what happened in that public byway. An N.L.F. man's bomb is triggered by its time device And the superficial crust of peace erupts. But the N.L.F. man's bomb finds no victims. Nearby stands a U.S. officers' billet. Tension makes men nervous. Nervous men make mistakes. Mistakes with guns cannot be rectified. O. Soldier, Soldier, if only you thought, Before unleashing your deathly hounds of lead: Then the tenth of May might have remained A nothing-special day. But those officers ran out. A nearby guard opened lire. At whom? Ask him. A lorry of civilians stopped—petrified. U.S. men behind the lorry returned the fire Of the unseen guard. Both factions try to kill an invisible enemy. The N.L.F. man? He's at home in bed. The war of allies escalates. More join the battle. A bus crashes into the lorry. And then, round the corner of the road, Drives death's disciple in a police jeep With a mounted machine gun, That unquestionably sends its persuasive propaganda Headlong into the cab of the lorry and then Into the cowering group of civilians In the back. Then the follies revealed— No Viet-Cong were near. The mistake bodes ill for the injured, The three men that lie still, flat In that Saigon street: For the weeping, bloodstained women and children, And only two of the shot are at peace In that Saigon street. Only two women lie calm, while red Seeping blood spreads, like thunder clouds, slowly



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Across their white cotton clothes. A U.S. military spokesman said, "The U.S. mission was deeply Sympathetic to the innocent victims." Do those three men need sympathy? Will sympathy help those children to forget? What will those two women do with sympathy? Meanwhile, what about those soldiers? A mistake? Manslaughter? There's a war on. No,-every one of those soldiers and the Man behind the machine gun Came running with their weapons, And with the intention of using them, With the intention to kill. And kill they did. And that they intended to kill Constitutes murder. But punishment's not the cure. There are millions more to fill their place— To repeat their actions. What will punishment do to help those two corpses? All that can be done is to watch, judge, And remember what happened In that Saigon street On that tenth day in May.

COULD SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME THE WAY TO GO?

R. P. Myers, L6A.

With the wooden shutters pulled down, And the door shut, enclosing me In my own isolated world, Drinking my ice-cold beer, Humming to the second movement Of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto, I might be at peace, At last on my very island. The peace and the serenity;

The calm of the music: Pictures of crystal streams Flashing through sun-splattered woods; Of a world of Jane Austen: Of human dignity; and of rest. I sip my beer, And I cannot see those who are dying of thirst. I hum to the lullaby tune, And I cannot hear the reports of the guns, Killing and wounding in the ceaseless war. I shut myself in And cannot know the fear of those who long With useless frenzy to shut the world out. I cannot hear or see or feel But the human misery exists, And while it exists, I cannot find rest or peace, Nor can I ignore those cries. No door or shutter thick enough, Nor any music loud enough, exists, To kill those cries of torment. A thousand minds silently pleading, Silently praying for rest. For a place to lie and mend Their war-shattered limbs. A place to live And a place to die without pain. The war is long into the distance Of the dark night sky. No-one is dying here from need, And then, am I such a fool to care? To worry about the troubles of complete unknowns? A young, short-sighted philanthropist Who looks never to his own shortcomings? Yet if I were thirsty: If I were lost in the maze of the world, To whom should I turn, in desperation, To call for help?

SORROW R. P. Myers, L6A.

The shades of night displace the smoke And darkness ends yet one more day And hides the bloody scene in a cloak Of black. Invisible, now, is the torn And bleeding flesh, unseen by those Who cannot see but not by those who mourn. The fire; the noise; the bombs of the foes; The screams; the pain; the bodies of the dead. The picture cannot be hidden, by darkness, From those who saw and from those who fled. They will never be blind to the horror. For they have lost their husbands or their wives, Their houses and their friends, and All knew those who lost their lives. No sermon, no coffin or any plaque Will mark the end of their existence. Only a hasty hole at the side of the track. But unseen sorrow and grief is not absent For those to whom death was untimely sent. Their lives have been forfeit and finished. But by some they are always remembered, for The darkness hides the horror and the truth Only from men who cannot see.

THE DEATH OF A KNEE-CAP P. Hanson, 4F.

That day was "The Day," to be known for ever afterwards as "Black Monday." I had eight hours to wait for the fatal hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The usual hospital routine was being followed: temperatures, no breakfast, temperatures, no lunch.

The hour was almost upon me, and my 'pre-med.' injection was given with relish, and, after the curtains had been drawn around my bed, I was left to meditate on "fluffed" passes in rugby, "ducks" at cricket, and my "back-to-the-wall" stand in squash. Will it ever be possible for me to beat G.J.A.?

After what had seemed hours, the curtains were drawn back and I was manhandled on to a trolley. On arrival in the anæsthetic room, I had to wait a few minutes until the anæsthetic was administered.

Awake again, I had nothing to see except a huge cradle over my knee. I turned my head slightly, and a nauseating feeling came over me as I beheld the cause of all the trouble, floating in a jar, something resembling an oyster—my knee-cap.

SOCIETY REPORTS CHRISTIAN UNION

This term was dominated by the Billy Graham Crusade, which took place from June 23rd-July 1st. Although many boys were concerned with examinations, a few went by a coach provided by a local church. During the examination period, meetings consisted of Bible Studies on Isaiah, and those who attended gained something profitable from these studies.

The two best attended meetings of the 'term were for the showing of the film "The Accuser," which was about a Christian Youth Hostel in Germany, and 'for a talk on drugs and their addiction, by a representative of the National Society on Drug Addiction. He told of the different types of drugs and the terrifying effect these can have. He also spoke about how some addicts were helped through their withdrawal period from the drug by a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

The Junior Christian Union is now meeting at a new time on Fridays—at half-past twelve in the General Science Laboratory, and since the change of time, attendance has increased. The programme has been as varied as ever, with short talks, discussion and quizzes. All members of the Junior School, especially First-formers, are welcome to attend these meetings.

So, finally, I make the age-old plea: if there are any boys in the School who profess to be, or think of themselves as Christians, or who just want to know what Christians really believe, I would suggest they come along to the meetings, and I am sure we will both benefit.

B. Green.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

This term has seen only one meeting of the Society—the 64th, in fact. At the meeting Leo Aylen's B.B.C. version of Plato's "Phaedo," "The Death of Socrates," was read.

The questions uppermost in Socrates' mind are whether his soul does in fact exist, and whether this soul exists immortally. In the last conversation with his friends he convinces himself of its immortal existence and, when the poison is administered, he accepts his death nobly with absolute faith in the next world.

M. J. Ridler.

SPUR MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

Attendance in the Summer Term is never high, as members are involved in various outdoor activities. Although this year was no exception, satisfactory progress was made with the scenic work at the Oberon end of the system, where the whole of the Gibbs farm area was recontoured, and a disused tunnel incorporated. The Permanent Way Department was not idle, a considerable length of the viaduct line having been laid by the end of term. The layout was on show on Open Night, when the additional rolling stock purchased for the occasion proved a useful asset.

During the term a trip was arranged by M. W. Baker to Waterloo signal box, and the five members involved had a very interesting afternoon. At the end of the term Mr. Nutton left after many years' service to the club. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the assistance he has given to the club over the years. Towards the end of the term Mr. Slater joined the club to help supervise our meetings. We hope he will find it both enjoyable and satisfying. We hope the First-formers will swell our numbers next term, and any new members from other Forms will be made very welcome at 7.30 on Wednesdays.

S. L. Buckingham.

BRIDGE

Master-in-Charge: W. P. Holmes, Esq.

Secretary: S. F. Silver. Treasurer: M. Bedford.

This term we extended the membership to include the Fourth and Fifth Forms, and we are glad to see a keen interest being shown. We started coaching so that we can give boys the opportunity of learning Bridge.

Owing to academic pre-occupation, this term we have played only one match, which we won; so that in our first year we played eight matches against other schools, three of which we won. We also entered for the Daily Mail Schools' Bridge Tournament, but failed to qualify for the finals. There was also a match between the School team and the Staff, represented by the Headmaster, Mr. Holmes, Mr. James and Mr. Wyatt — who were victors.

Next term we hope to have more matches and would like to see an interest in the club from the new Lower Sixth and Fourth-formers.

THE CHESS CLUB

Captain: P. Fischer.

Secretary: G. Brookes.

During the Summer Term there is not usually much Chess activity. This time, however, the Chess Club continued to meet.

At the beginning of the term we played against the Barton Green Youth Club, the result was a $2\frac{1}{2}$ each draw. Feline and Reeve, of the School, played for the Youth Club.

Towards the end of the term we played the Masters. The School won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. Horler achieved an unexpected and well-deserved draw against Fischer.

The Chess competition ran into this term. The Junior Competition proceeded slowly, with Couper the eventual winner, having beaten Lea in the final. The Senior Section was won by Fischer, who beat Peet in a three-hours' struggle.

The School Chess team consisted of: Fischer, Brookes, Peet, Haines, Chester, Rand, Marshall.

I should like to thank Mr. Innes for his invaluable sponsorship of the Chess Club during this term and over the past two years.

No. 565 AIR TRAINING CORPS

During the Easter holidays a party of cadets under Fg. Off. Gates went to camp at R.A.F. Wyton, in Huntingdonshire. The Squadron proved their worth at this camp, eventually winning the plaque for the most efficient Unit present.

The first major event this term was the Surrey Wing Athletics Championships in which the Squadron did moderately well, the Junior team taking first place in the Relay and Flt. Sgt. Richardson taking second place in the Triple Jump.

On July 2nd the athletes again showed their potential, when a team was entered for the Tanner's Marathon—a 30 miles hike to be completed in under ten hours. Several cadets completed the course within the time limit, the first home for the Squadron being Flt. Sqt. Richardson, in 7 hrs. 43 mins.

The Wing Shooting Competition was the only other event this term, and an inspired team from this Unit came 16th and 15th at two and three hundred yards respectively. However, the individual results were more satisfying, Sgt. Needle coming 4th equal at 'two hundred' with 29 out of a possible 35, and Cpl. Ball being well placed with a score of 21 at 'three hundred.'

Two cadets, Sgt. Flude and Cpl. Borrett, have completed Gliding Training this term and now hold the B.G.A.'s 'A' and B' Gliding Certificates. In the same connection, Fg. Off. Gates will be taking a party of twelve cadets to Kenley at the end of term for Air Experience Gliding. It is hoped that each cadet will fly at least three or four times during the Course.

Examination results this term were as follows: Cadets Humphreys (Distinction), Bond, Buckingham (Credits), Burns, Dudman, Harper, Hider and Adamson all passed the Senior Cadet Examinations; Cadets Pilkington (Distinction) and Young were successful in the Leading Cadet Examination.

Promotions were made this term as follows: Sgt. Richardson J. to Flight Sergeant, Cpl. Needle J. D. to Sergeant, S/Cdts, Ball S. M. and Humphreys J. J. to Corporal.

Finally, it was with deep regret that we said goodbye to Mr. Innes at the end of term. In his three years with the Squadron, Mr. Innes has been extremely active, notably in organising the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme within the Unit. All at 565 wish him the best of luck in his new job and extend an open invitation to him to visit the Unit at any time.

J. D. Needle.

CRICKET FIRST ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge: N. T. Poulter, Esq. Captain: A. R. W. Marsh.
Secretary: A. T. King.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
14	. 3	6	5

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Thames Valley, drawn; 125 (J. Murrell 60), 70-7.
- v. Heath Clark, lost; 29, 30-3.
- v. Hampton, won; 60-6, 59-9 dec. (P. Salter 4-26).
- v. Wimbledon College, lost; 42, 43-4.
- v. Wallington, lost; 48, 66 (J. Murrell 5-14).
- v. Bec, drawn; 105-8 (A. Ansari 47), 156-8 dec. (A. Marsh 5-56).
- v. Chiswick, drawn; 155-9 (P. Salter 78 n.o., A. Tickner 31), 167-6 dec.
- v. Purley, abandoned; -, 11-1.
- v. Surbiton, lost; 25, 84.
- v. Shene, won; 109-5 (A. Marsh 36 n.o.), 105.
- v. Old Boys, drawn; 132-9 (D. Naylor 40), 181-5 dec.
- v. Salesian Coll., Battersea, drawn ; 79–7, 81 (J. Murrell 5–28).
- v. Gentlemen of Staff, won; 59-6 (P. Salter 34), 58.
- v. Reigate, lost; 113, 114-5.

After the successes of last season, the 1st XI results have been greatly disappointing. The promise shown a year ago has not been realised, despite the fact that only two members of the team at the start of the season were new to 1st XI cricket. Pitches made difficult by wet weather early in the term unsettled us more than once, and several members of the original team were lost after examinations, but new members of the team quickly found their feet, and performances, in fact, improved in the second half of the season.

The batting, our great strength of 1966, swung unpredictably from the timid to the reckless and was largely to be blamed for early defeats. Although the wet wickets made stroke-play difficult against Heath Clark and Wimbledon College, the inability of players to put their heads down and dig themselves in firmly was responsible for very low scores. However, after the Bec match, Salter, in particular, Tickner, Marsh and Murrell began to score the much-needed runs. 'Salter nearly won the somewhat tedious 'Chiswick match with a brisk 78 n.o., and Naylor's 40 against the Old Boys helped us to a noble draw.

Throughout the year, the bowling has been strong. To bowl out a team such as Wallington for under 70 was no mean feat, but too ofter the bowlers' efforts were wasted by careless fielding. Murrell, coming from the Colts, has been most successful as an opening bowler and his natural swing into the right-hand bat has had all teams in trouble, while during the last few weeks Salter developed his off-breaks rewardingly.

As for the fielding there is little to praise other than Taylor's brilliance behind the stumps. His security against a fast bowler and his alacrity against a slow one have given him many victims, including three stumpings against Salesian College.

Next year the team should be little changed from this year's final composition, and the form shown against Chiswick, Shene and the Old Boys gives hopes of good, attractive cricket and greater success.

I should like to thank Mr. Poulter for his support and advice throughout the term, and for the giving of his time to umpire the majority of our fixtures. The hospitality received by all teams at Oberon has once again been first-class and we are extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John Warner for making home fixtures most enjoyable, and for their support to each member of the team.

Our thanks also go to Standish and Orr for scoring so competently.

AVERAGES

BATTIN	G					
	-	Innings	Runs	Not out	Highest Score	Average
Salter		11'3	199	9	7·8*	19.9
Murrell		11	155	_	60	14.1
Thomson	•••	11	96	3	28	12.0
Marsh	***	13	129	1	36*	10.75
			* Not o	nut.		
BOWLI	NC					
DO W LI	110	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Murrell		104	32	236	24	9.99
Salter		140	33	384	31	12.3
Marsh		137	41	325	24	43.3
King		42	·6	127	. 8	15.95

CATCHES

King

Taylor 14 (4 stumpings), Marsh 10, Malam 4, Murrell, Thomson, Ainger, 3.

COLOURS

Full colours were awarded to J. Murrell, D. Naylor, M. Taylor, P. Thomson; and re-awarded to A. T. King, A. R. W. Marsh, P. C. Salter.

Half-colours were awarded to S. Finch, D. Kaill, S. Potten, K. Rissen, A. Williams; and re-awarded to C. Ainger, G. Hopper.

The following played for the 1st XI: Marsh, King, Salter, Tickner, Naylor, Murrell, Thomson, Taylor, Ainger, Emerick, Henry, Potten, Finch, Rissen, Bellamy, Ansari, Howard, Williams, Hopper and Vincent.

In a game where psychological factors frequently count for more than sheer skill and talent, captaining a side that knows it is not living up to expectations is a very testing experience. A. R. W. Marsh deserves high praise for keeping a firm grip on the team in the field and for maintaining, no matter how great the disappointments and frustrations, a sense of direction towards producing the most creditable result possible in the circumstances. That the later matches revealed more of the players' potential is a just reward for his personal determination and his encouragement to others.

N.T.P.

SECOND ELEVEN

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

Captain: G. A. Hopper.

Played Won Drawn Lost 10 3 3 4

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Battersea, drawn: 60-6, 120.
- v. Hampton, won; 145-4, 144-8 dec. (Henry 72 n.o., Vincent 59).
- Wimbledon College, abandoned; 16–4, 91.
- v. Wallington, lost; 24, 63 (Kaill 7-25).
- v. Bec, won; 66-3, 62 (Kaill 7-26).
- v. Surbiton, lost; 83, 87-6.
- v. Staff XI, won; 123-6, 78 (Kaill 7-33).
- v. Old Boys, drawn; 115-7, 140-5 dec.
- v. Salesians, lost; 94, 107 (Abbott 7-26, Howard 46).
- v. Reigate, lost; 58, 152-6 dec.

This season has been one of mixed fortunes for the second eleven, with the team producing both excellent and dismal displays.

At the beginning of the season we had potentially a very strong team, but as the season progressed we lost players because of their leaving after examinations, and the demands of the first eleven, as a result of which we had to field extremely weakened teams.

Our finest moment was against Hampton when we were set the total of 144 runs to win in 110 minutes. After a bad start in which we lost three wickets for twenty runs, Henry and Vincent came to the wicket, and there they stayed for a partnership of 117 runs, ensuring our victory.

Kaill has been the most successful bowler of the season, taking seven wickets on three occasions.

In the batting, no-one has performed well consistently, but there have been individual feats by Vincent, Henry, Howard, Kaill, Simmons and Collins that have done them credit.

Those who played were: Hopper, Williams, Collins, Rissen, Potten, Abbott, Finch, Henry, Simmons, Taylor, Howard,, Ridler, Patrick, Vaughan, Miles, Parsons, Reeve, Stimpson, Metcalfe, Hanson, Brewer, Cocks, Bedford and Barrett.

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UNDER 15 ELEVEN

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

Captain: S. Parnham.

Played Won Drawn Lost 12 5 4 5

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Battersea, lost; 106-6 dec., 107-4.
- v. Hampton, lost; 46, 53.
- v. The Staff, won; 76-8, 75.
- v. Wimbledon College, lost; 67, 90.
- v. Wallington, drawn; 67-8 dec., 36-5.
- v. Bec, lost; 92, 93-3.
- v. Chiswick, won; 99, 73.
- v. Alleyn's, lost; 28, 32 (Ansari 9-11).
- v. Purley, match abandoned after 5 overs.
- v. Surbiton, won; 108, 97.
- v. Shene (20 overs match), won; 131-6, 59-2.
- v. Reigate, won; 210-8 dec., 150 (Bellamy 81, Pepperell 70).

Clearly we started badly with two defeats. Playing the Staff, we however won, and hoped for continuing success, but in the next three matches we finished disappointingly, losing two and drawing one. Winning against Chiswick gave us glimmers of hope for the next match against old rivals, Alleyn's. We started we'll and they were summarily dismissed for only 32. All congratulations must go to Ansari for his outstanding bowling feat. We however soon collapsed owing to fine bowling and finished four runs behind. Against Purley the match was abandoned, but we went on to meet Surbiton whom we narrowly beat. Against Shene, owing to a late start, we played a 20 overs match and won quite convincingly.

The last match was a true climax to the season. We batted first and scored 210-8 dec., and then dismissed Reigate for 150: congratulations must go to Bellamy.

UNDER FOURTEEN ELEVEN

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

Captain: R. Barford,

Played Won Drawn Lost 10 2 4 4

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Battersea, drawn; 101, 63-8 (Mayer 33).
- v. Hampton, lost; 69, 128-4 dec.
- v. Wallington, drawn; 67, 64-8 (Williamson 20).
- v. Bec, lost; 75, 83 (Lloyd 25, Bee 23).
- v. Chiswick, won: 75-4 dec., 61 (Mayer 45 and 5-3)
- v. Alleyns, lost; 44, 48-4.
- v. Surbiton, drawn; 51, 37-4.

- v. Thumes Valley, drawn; 65-6 dec., 34-8 (Bartlett 36 n.o., Meller 5-15).
- v. Salesians, won; 43-2, 42 (Bartlett 22, Mayer 5-16).
- v. Reigate, lost; 54, 106-7 dec. (Barford 5-29).

Although this is not a strong side, we have been unlucky in not managing to beat either Battersea or Thames Valley in the time left for us. We started the season with our first hundred, which was encouraging, and then were beaten by Hampton, despite a brave rearguard action by Shephard, Feist and Young. Against Wallington, where another few overs might have produced a result, Shephard, with help from Williamson and Bee, again made the total respectable. We were narrowly beaten by Bec, and then decisively beat Chiswick, thanks to some fine batting and bowling by Mayer. We were easily beaten by Alleyn's in a poor game for everyone. After a slow start we drew with Surbiton, and did the same against Thames Valley. We comfortably beat Salesians, and then were easily beaten by Reigate.

Mayer and Bartlett showed themselves to be fine batsmen, while Bee, who is extremely aggressive, scored only five runs which were not boundaries. Shephard and Williamson also proved their batting ability on several occasions, preventing collapses and improving totals.

Mayer, Meller and Bee all bowled well, though sometimes they were wayward in length and direction.

Most of the wicket-kee'ping has been taken by Lloyd. The fielding has been occasionally brilliant, with Bartlett taking some fine slip catches and Armsby seeming unable to drop anything in the deep.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Shaw, who has coached us, and Messrs. Pinnock, Feist, Bee, Bartlett, Lloyd and Williamson, who have often provided transport.

The team was selected from Barford, Bee, Bartlett, Mayer, Meller, Shephard, Williamson, Feist, Lloyd, Young, Armsby, Pinnock, Holden, Payne, Robinson, Leyden and Nicoll.

UNDER THIRTEEN ELEVEN

Master-in-Charge: G. J. Atkin, Esq. Captain: P. N. Russell.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	
g.	5	2	2	

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Battersea, lost; 36, 37 for 3.
- v. Wallington, drawn; 59-6, 78-3 dec. (West 28).
- v. Bec, drawn; 61-9, 83-7 dec. (Maguire 20).
- v. Chiswick, won; 66-5, 32-6 (West 20).
- v. Purley, won; 87-7, 33 (Russell 24, West 22, Miles 20).
- v. Surbiton, won; 66, 32 (Miles 22).
- v. Hampton, won; 74-7, 72 (Marjoram 25 n.o.).
- v. Wimbledon College, won; 47, 29 (Holmes 5-11)
- v. Reigate, lost; 68-7 dec., 72-4.

We learned much from our first match, against a strong team from Battersea, and later results have been more favourable.

In a side always looking for runs, several batsmen have played useful innings. Among these must be included West, Miles, Holmes, Russell, Marjoram and Maguire. A tendency to on-side play has led to loss of wickets by playing across the straight ball, but technique has undoubtedly improved in the course of the season.

Bowling at first was ragged, but this has now 'tightened-up' considerably. West, now 'tidier in length, is correspondingly more use'ful, but the greatest improvement has been in Holmes, who is now both quick and accurate. Russell still shows promise as an off-spinner, and Barrow, though temporarily lacking in power, should in time recover his former efficiency.

Fielding, in the main, has been sound, and fine catches were taken, by Miles and Arthur particularly. We were perhaps fortunate that hesitant running between wickets did not prove more costly. Behind the wicket, Orr, now less acrobatic, has gained in neatness and efficiency.

Captaincy was carried out quietly and capably by Russell, despite attempts at "assistance" by more assertive members of the team. Finally, a word of commendation is due to all who played for their unflagging spirit, and to those, Norman in particular, who were willing to take on the less popular rôles of twelfth man and scorer.

The following have played for the team this term: Russell, Miles, Holmes, West, Orr. Marjoram, Lovell, Kerse, Maguire, Brack, Devine, Barrow, Cossey, Arthur, Norman and Lovett.

G.I.A.

UNDER TWELVE ELEVEN

Captain: G. N. Brown.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
6	1	2	3

RESULTS (School's score first)

- v. Bec, lost; 40, 41-3.
- v. Chiswick, won; 47-3, 45 (Hosier 36 n.o., Vipond 6-6, Brown 4-16).
- v. Purley, drawn; 88-8 dec., 68-9 (Hosier 26, Vipond 25 n.o., Beckett 3-8).
- v. Hampton, lost: 55, 81-9 dec. (Hosier 30, Vipond 5-25).
- v. Wimbledon College, lost; 16, 18-1.
- v. Reigate, drawn; 98, 94-4 (Gaffney 57).

The results represent fairly the performance of the side on the day of particular matches but conceal many bright aspects of a determined, if inexperienced, eleven. They were admittedly outclassed by Wimbledon College, but in the other matches they gave a good account of themselves against schools with far more first-formers to draw on. The batting, particularly by Hosier, has been very spirited and the runs have usually come quickly for a junior team. Calling and running between the wickets has been, at best, uncertain, and frequently disastrous, but this is a common

fault with young players. The bowling has not been very penetrating but Vipond has sensibly concentrated on length and direction and has deservedly reaped a greater harvest of wickets than many of his contemporaries, who prefer aimless speed. Beckett, with his left-arm spinners, throws the ball well up to the batsman and promises to be a formidable bowler in the future. Brown G. has had no easy task in captaining an eleven many of whom were playing this term in a properly organised game for the first time, but his success can be judged from the fact that by the end of the season they did look a team with keen co-operation in the field.

The following represented the School during the season: Brown G. N., Kelly C., Hosier, Smith C., Gaffney, Vipond, Beckett, Humphreys, Baker, Willcox, Marsh, Saunders, Szymanski, Lucas, Elliott, Davies and Sharpe.

N.T.P.

STAFF ELEVEN

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	
9	2	Ť	6	

RESULTS (Staff first)

- v. Colts, lost: 75, 76-8 (S.E.L. 6-25).
- v. Chiswick Staff, won; 77-5 (D.F.A. 41 n.o.), 76 (L.R.K. 5-12).
- v. Heath Clark Staff, lost; 157 (L.R.K. 45), 222-3 dec.
- v. Wimbledon Staff, lost; 47, '141-9 dec.
- v. Rutlish Staff, drawn; 98-8 (D.F.A. 31, M.J.S. 31), 141-9 dec.
- v. Parents' XI, won; 178-6 dec. (MJIS. 73 ret., D.F.A. 43), 121 (D.F.A. 5-24).
- v. Shene Staff, lost; 66, 67-7 (D.F.A. 5-9).
- v. 2nd XI, lost; 78, 123-6 dec.
- v. 1st XI, lost; 58, 59-6.

The Staff Eleven has greatly suffered this season from the enforced absences of S.E.L. and J.S.W. and other members, so that many sides were well below strength.

On the more cheerful side, D.F.A, has shown his great all-round talents and L.R.K. has graduated as a stock bowler. A.R.P. kept wicket well towards the end of the season and the ground fielding was improved by the presence of R.J.B. and P.G. The majority of our matches have been of an enjoyable nature with after-match activities as a lure for many of the players. One of our two victories was over the Parents' XI; this provided us once again with a very enjoyable social occasion.

Nex't season we look forward, with the recovery of all afflicted colleagues, to greater stability and a more successful season.

M.J.S.

ATHLETICS

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

Captain: G. A. Hopper. Secretary: A. J. Cocks.

Once again the Athletics teams have fared extremely well in both open competitions and school matches. It is, however, sad to note that the Juniors have not achieved quite such praiseworthy results as the Intermediates and Seniors.

In the Merton District Meeting both the Seniors and the Intermediates scored victories over extremely tough opposition, and the Juniors gained third position with eleven very strong teams below them. From the performances in this competition was chosen the Borough team in which we had no less than twenty-three members.

For the second year running in the Surrey Grammar Schools' Sports, we excelled ourselves by winning the trophy for two-stream schools. 'Congratulations must go to Thomson who, in the Shot, gained our only first position of the meeting.

A few athletes deserve special mention for their performances this season. Lucas and Evans in the middle distance and Feist in the sprints are Juniors who have had an exceptional season, and in the Intermediate and Senior groups, Cocks and Butcher in the jumps, and Rissen and Thompson in the middle distance, had excellent records.

Probably the most outstanding achievement of the season was by Street in the pole vault. Only two weeks after learning this event, he raised the School record by eighteen inches in the School Sports, beating his rival and tutor, Parnham.

During the season there have been two training sessions a week which have been well-patronised by most of the team. For their invaluable help in training the teams, I should like to thank Mr. Alldridge and Mr. Gleed, without whom we could not have done nearly as well.

For his excellent work at Oberon, the team's thanks go to Mr. Warner, and I would like to thank the Staff in general for officiating at all our matches and making the season's proceedings run so smoothly.

Full colours were awarded to Naylor, Graham, Rissen, Thompson, McCubbin and Cocks, and re-awarded to Hopper, Thomson and Butcher.

Half-colours were awarded to Brewer and Milton.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL FIXTURES

- (A) Raynes Park (1st) v. Surbiton.
- (H) Raynes Park (2nd) v. Wimbledon College (1st). (Juniors only).
- (H) Raynes Park (2nd) v. Heath Clark (1st) and Strene (3rd). (Juniors only).
- (H) Raynes Park (1st) v. Wallington.
- (H) Raynes Park (2nd) v. Kingston G.S. (3rd) and Wimbledon (1st). Surrey Grammar School Two-stream Trophy: 1st.

Merton District Meeting: Seniors 1st, Intermediates 1st, Juniors 3rd.

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Thompson (G), 2m. 13.7s.; Ainger (H); Sealey (G); Brookes (G).

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Thompson (N), 4m. 54.2s.; Chester (H); Brookes (G); Nicholls (G).

120 yd. Hurdles (R.: Whittamore, 1966, 17.0s.)

Street (H), 20.7s.; Howard (N); Seeley (G); Tickner (C).

High Jump (R.: Mawer, 1963, 5ft. 9ins.)

'Clutterbuck (M), 5ft, 4ins.; Street (H); Nicholl (G); Elliott (C).

Long Jump (R.: Francis, 1956, 21ft. 2½ins.)

Butcher (M), 19ft. 42ins.; Hopper (N); Salter (N); Newman (M).

Triple Jump (R.: Eastwood, 1962, 43ft. 43ins.)

Butcher (M), 40ft. 10ins.; Salter (N); McCubbin (C); Ainger (H).

Javelin (R.: Emmerson, 1957, 162ft. 8ins.)

Cordey (M), 97ft. 32ins.; Graham (N); Fischer (H); Cook (G).

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

Hopper ((N), 104ft. 8ins.; Down (N); Whitter (H); Marsh (G).

Shot (R.: Thomson, 1967, 46ft. 72ins.)

Thomson, 42ft, 83ins.; Down (N); Patrick (M); Naylor (N).

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

Newsoms, Halliwells, Cobbs, Gibbs, Miltons.

Pole Vault (R.: Street, 1967, 9ft. 6ins.)

Street (H), 9ft. 6ins.; Parnham (N); Nicoll (C).

COLT

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

Brewer (G), 11.4s.; Beardsmore (N); Cocks (C); Healey (H).

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

Brewer (G), 25.7s.; Beardsmore (N); Healey (H); Richards (G).

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

Rissen (C), 56.3s.; Burgess (H); Farazmond (H); Newport (M).

880 yd. (R.: Miller, 1964, 2m., 10.9s.)

Marshall (G), 2m. 11s.; Cannons (N) and Mitchell (C); Murphy (H).

Mile (R.: Ainger, 1966, 4m. 45.0s.)

Milton (N), 4m. 58.3s.; Newport (M); Holme's (M); Ness (C).

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110 yd. Hurdles (R.: Whittamore, 1965, 15.9s.)
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Murphy (H), 16.5s.; Rissen (C); Marshall (G); Breeze (C).

High Jump (R.: Hopper, 1966, and Marsh, 1964, 5ft. 4ins.)

Rissen (C), 4ft. 10ins.; Carpenter (M); Warner (H); Richards (G). Long Jump (R.: Cocks, 1967, 19ft. 2ins.)

Cocks (C), 19ft. 12ins.; Murphy (H); Brewer (G); Russell (N).

Triple Jump (R.: Butcher, 1966, 40ft.)

Cocks (C), 38ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins.; Roberts (N); Beardsmore (N); Pepperell (C). Javelin (R.: Standish, 1965, 151ft. 9ins.)

Burgess (H), 87ft, 82ins, ; Murrell (M); Abbott (C).

Discus (R.: Davies, 1964, 152ft. 9ins.)

Williams (M), 103ft, 8ins.; Jones (H); Mitchell (C); Marshall (G). Shot (R.: Thomson, 1966, 47ft, 5ins.)

Williams (M), 33ft. 9½ins.; Dudman (G); Blakeburn (H); Newport (M). Relay (R.: Cobbs, 1964, 48.6s.)

Cobbs, 48.8s.; Halliwells; Newsoms; Miltons.

JUNIOR

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

Feist (G), 11.5s.; Roberts (N); Pinnock (N); Fagence (C).

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

Antonowicz (G), 27.4s.; Roberts (N); Pinnock (N); Loxton (C).

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

Robinson (H), 58.4s.); Robertson (C); Evans (N); Loxton (C).

880 yd. (R.: Evans, 1967, 2m. 17.2s.)

Nicoll (C), 2m. 26.4s.; Smith (C); Mayer (N); Shephard (N).

Mile (R.: Hall, 1964, 5m. 15s.)

*Evans (N), 4m, 55.1s.; Smith (C); Maunder (M); Hammett (C). 80 yd. Hurdles (R.: Marshafl, 1966, 11.9s.)

Robinson (H), 12.4s.; Antonowicz (G); Robertson (C); Bartlett (C). High Jump (R.: Hopper, 1964, 4ft. 11ins.)

*Nicoll i(C), 4ft. Illins.; Feist (G); Bartlett (C); Antonowicz (G).

Long Jump (R.: Meller, 1967, 16ft. 10ins.)

Smith (C), 16ft. 12ins.; Meller (N); Ward (H); Tuley (C).

Triple Jump (R.: Blakeburn, 1966, 35ft, 10ins.)

Mayer (N), 33ft, 4½ins.; Feist (G); Meller (N); Couper (C).

Javelin (R.: Feist, 1967, 130ft. 7ins.)

Bee (G), 102ft. 3ins.; Payne (M); Mayer (N); Brammall (G).

Discus (R.: Thomson, 1964, 119ft, 4ins.)

Robinson (H), 1014t. 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)ins.; Armsby (M):; Hammett (C):; Lloyd (N). Shot (R.: Thomson, 1964, 384t. 11ins.)

Armsby (M), 31ft. 5ins.; Hammett (C); Young (M); Couper (C). Relay (R.: Gibbs, 1964, 52.3s.)

Newsoms, 54.0s.; Cobbs; Gibbs; Halliwells.

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100 vd. (R.: Feist, 1966, 11.6s.)
    Marjoram (M), 13.0s.; Miles (H); Tupper (H); Newman (M).
220 yd. (R.: Feist, 1966, 26.3s.)
    Marjoram (M), 29.4s.; Miles (H); Newman (M); Russell (G).
440 vd. (R.: Feist, 1966, 61.2s.)
    Holmes (M), 64.4s.; Lucas (N); Patty (M); Goddard (N).
880 yd. (R.: Evans, 1966, 2m. 24s.)
    *Lucas (N), 2m. 21.2s.; Cossey (G); Goddard (N); Petley (H).
75 vd. Hurdles (R.: Robinson, 1966, 11.8s.)
    Holmes (M), 13.4s.; Petley (H); West (M); Barrow (N).
High Tump (R.: Feist, 1966, 4ft. 6ins.)
    Patty (M), 4ft, 0in.; Cossey (G); Tupper (H); Barrow (N).
Long Jump (R.: Robinson, 1966, 15ft. 32ins.)
    Maguire (G), 14ft, 8ins.; Holmes (M); Hayes (H); Barrow (N).
Tavelin (R.: Feist, 1966, 94ft. 2ins.)
    Marjoram (M), 71ft. 62ins.; Haynes (H); Greenyer (H); Wilson (C).
Discus (R.: Russell, 1965, 92ft, 1in.)
    Fordham (C), 60ft. 6ins.; Devine (N); McLachlan (N); Miles (H).
Shot (R.: Blakeburn, 1965, 33ft, 4ins.)
    Anstes (N), 27ft. lin.; Newman (M); Petley (H); Patty (M).
Relay (R.: Miltons, 1964, 56.5s.)
    Halliwells, 56,9s.; Miltons; Gibbs; Newsoms.
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100 yd. (R.: Feist, 1965, 12.5s.)
    Gagen (N), 13.6s.; Simmons (N); Cooper (G); Beckett (M).
220 yd. (R.: Feist, 1965, 28.0s.)
    'Simmons (N), 32.0s.; Cooper (G); Baker (G); Gagen (N).
440 vd. (R.: Parnham, 1964, 66.6s.)
    Szymanski (H), 74.4s.; Sole (H); Lucas (N); Baker (G).
75 yd. Hurdles (R.: Hosier, 1967, 13.4s.)
    Hosier (M), 13.6s.; Brown (N); Gaffney (C); Dodd (N).
High Jump (R.: Lovett, 1966, 4ft. 2ins.)
    Gaffney (C), 4ft. 1in.; Evans (N); Simmons (N); Humphreys (H)
        and Sharpe (M).
Long Jump (R.: Robinson, 1965, 15ft. 12ins.)
    Sharpe (M), 13ft. 12ins.; Hosier (M); Brown (N); Dodd (N).
Shot (R.: Feist, 1965, 32ft. 8ins.)
    Hosier (M), 25ft. 53ins.; Pearson (N); Parker (H); Quarmby (G).
Relay (R.: Halliwells, 1964, 59.5s.)
    Newsoms, 62.0s.; Miltons; Cobbs; Halliwells.
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FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS

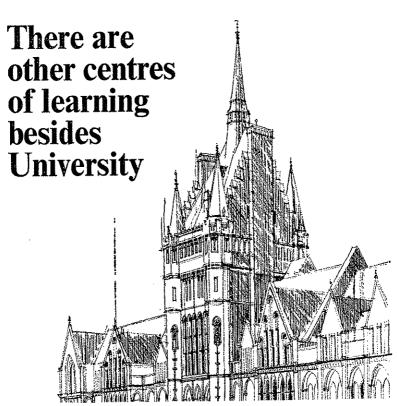
1st		Newsoms	 1546 pts.
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3rd		Miltons	 1106 pts.
4th	•••	Cobbs	 1078 pts.
5th		Gibbs	 1006 pts.

SWIMMING

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

The difficulties that we anticipated in last year's report materialised in full measure, and, as we were quite unable to obtain any swimming facilities on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons or at any time after school during the whole of the Winter and Spring Terms, all Senior and Colt training and qualifying was confined to the Summer Term. This was particularly hard on those Seniors who had to retire from the scene early in June to complete urgent unfinished business in respect of certain well-known Boards of Examiners. The last two Houses to be allocated an afternoon for Qualifying obviously suffered in this respect, and I was then involved in the invidious task of awarding compensating points to the Houses concerned. This was done by friendly agreement among the Housemasters and to the reasonable satisfaction of each. It was certainly agreed by all that it was preferable to patch up the Qualifying system just for this difficult year rather than to cancel it altogether. Now that the fine Morden Baths is functioning, things should be much better next year.

In the Wimbledon and District Sports the Middle School and Juniors performed well with Staines marking up a new School record for the Back Stroke. The Seniors, with some justification, felt unable to compete as none of the swimmers on whom we rely for the team had done any swimming since the previous Summer. I myself feel that we cannot hope to compete, particularly at Senior level, until not only are there some training facilities throughout the year but also a certain amount of specialisation so that the best swimmers may have priority for swimming even over the demands of Rugby, Hockey or-dare I mention it?-Cricket. This is, of course, a question of games policy. Under present conditions I see my main task as that of encouraging as many of you as possible to do some swimming throughout the year and to pay at least some attention to the standard of your swimming in the basic strokes. Well over half of you make some showing each year on the Qualifying lists. I should like to see the figure nearer 100%. Everybody should learn to swim and learn two or three basic strokes. The lower qualifying standard is within the capacity of all swimmers who are prepared to make an effort and to do some training when they visit the local baths instead of just playing around in the water.



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The Swimming Gala at the end of the Summer Term was not so intensely exciting as last year, as Newsoms very quickly took a commanding lead in the Gala points and Gibbs had virtually secured a second place on the basis of their Qualifying points, but the remaining places were keenly fought for and at issue almost to the end.

The Cray Cup was then presented to the Newsoms' swimming captain, G. A. Hopper, by Miss Woodhouse. It was particularly fitting that Miss Woodhouse should have presented the trophy on this occasion as it was one of her last functions before her retirement after long service as Secretary of the School. Here I would like to thank her for her keen support of the Swimming Gala for many years, for the work she has done and the help she has given so willingly in preparing the programmes on each occasion. I am sure we all wish her a happy retirement when it comes.

LRK.

RESULTS OF THE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS, 1967 Held at the Competition Baths, Wimbledon, on Monday, 17th July.

Free Style

Minor 1L.—R.: Russell (N) 1964, 19.1s.

Pearson (N) 235s., Ketchell (M), Saunders (H), Lee (C).

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

Anstes (N), Fordham (C), Maguire (G), Newman (M).

Colt 2L.-R.: Russell (N) 1966, 41.0s.

Russell (N) 42.3s., Nicoll (C), Marsh (H), Walton (G).

Senior 2L.-R.: Mallett (G) 1963, 41.9s.

Hopper (N) 43.0s., Stevens (G), Vahali (C), Jones (H).

Breast Stroke

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

Onraet (G) 33.6s., Ketchell (M), Szymanski (H), Elliott (C).

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

Patty (M) 27.7s., Devine (N), Lovell (C), Rees (G).

Colt 2L,-R.: Saunders (N) 1952, 51.7s.

Carpenter (M) 60.3s., Rand (H), Walton (G), Bolt (C).

Senior 2L.-R.: Robinson (H) 1963, 54.8s.

Flude (C) 52.4s. (New Record), Stevens (G), Hawley (M).

Back Stroke

Minor IL.—R.: Staines (N) 1964, 25.1s.

Pearce (M) 28.0s., Gagen (N), Kelley (G), Davies (H).

Junior 1L.-R.: Stevens (N) 1954, 24.6s.

Bates (H) 26.0s., Maguire (G), Devine (N), Petrides (C).

Colt 2L.—R.: Staines (N) 1967, 49.8s.

Staines (N) 49.9s., Harris (G), Hilton (H), Couper (C).

Senior 2L.-R.: Bennee (G) 1963, 50.1s.

Hopper (N) 54.9s., Mullens (G), Gilbert (H), Butcher (M).

Plunge

Open-R.: Betts (G) 1957, 67ft. 22ins.

Pearce (G) 56ft. 7in., Patrick (M), Nutton (N), Jones (H).

Diving

Open-Bolt (C), Anstes (N), Carpenter (M), Walton (G).

Butterfly

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

Anstes (N) 26.9s., Pearce (M).

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

Moss (H) 25.0s., Staines (N), Nicoll (C), Bee (G).

Senior 1L.-R.: Hill (N) 1963, 22.7s.

Flude (C) 23.8s., Gilbert (H), Newman (M), Currie (N).

Relays

Junior 3L, Medley-R.: Gibbs 1960, 75.4s.

Newsoms 79.2s., Miltons, Halliwells, Cobbs.

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

Halliwells 76.3s., Newsoms, Gibbs, Cobbs.

Senior 3L. Medley-R.: Gibbs 1961, 63.0s.

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

Newsoms 97.5s., Miltons, Halliwells, Gibbs.

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

Gibbs 90.5s., Cobbs, Halliwells, Miltons.

Senior 4L. Free Style—R.: Gibbs 1961, 17.0s. Cobbs 89.2s., Halliwells, Gibbs, Newsoms.

FINAL POSITIONS

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Points	·C	G	H	M	N	Total
Qualifying	362	438	276	346	383	1805
Gala	265	275	275	230	390	1435
Total	627	7:13	551	576	773	
	3rd	2nd	5th	4tH	1st	

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TENNIS

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RESULTS			1st VI	2nd VI	U.16 VI	UJI4 VI
Tiffin's			0-9		45	
Glastonbur	·y				6-3	-
Surbiton	•••	•••	6-3	*********	7–2	45
Glyn		2	3-6	54	4–5	36
Rutlish		***	5-4		3-6	
Reigate	• • •		4-5	p	name.	******
Shene	•••		3 5	*****		7-0 & 4-3
St. George	's					2-7
Parkside		***				54
Hampton			3-6	2-4	3–6	
Beverley		111			7-2	5-4
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Battersea			3 3			*********

FIRST SIX

Captain: P. Standish,

Hon. Secretary: S. J. Finch.

The 1st VI, this season, did not really come up to expectations, although the team was strong right down to the reserve pair, Hopper and Naylor.

After a crushing 9-0 defeat by Tiffin's, the team gradually began to build up strength and was possibly at its best in the last two matches—against Bec and Battersea. The first pair, Standish and Salter, was probably the best combination the School has seen: both players were capable of playing at a standard of tennis unrivalled by other schools. Mention, also, should be made of Marsh, whose admission as a cricketer into the team was disputed by the other players, but from the opening matches his game has gone from strength to strength. At the end of the season he, with Salter, represented the School in the Glastonbury Festival and in the Clark Cup at Wimbledon.

P. Fischer, R. Smith and C. Pottinger were the other regular players and were all invaluable to the team.

Besides entering the Surrey Schools' League, the six also entered the Rootham Shield and the Glanryl Cup. Unfortunately we were eliminated in the first round of both competitions: in the former in a close match against Mitcham and in the latter in a similar match against Epsom College with a team weakened by the fact that it was Cup Final day.

Next year we look forward to the return of A. Marsh and G. Hopper, but those who are leaving, I hope, will not give up tennis.

Those who have played in the team include: A. Cocks, S. Finch, P. Fischer, G. Hopper, A. Marsh, J. Murrell, D. Naylor, S. Potten, C. Pottinger, P. Salter, B. Smith and P. Standish.

UNDER SIXTEEN SIX

Captain: S. J. Finch.

This season's team was strong with boys fighting for places, despite a few of its best players missing owing to 'O' Levels. The whole team's consistent ability earne'd itself a position of third in its League of seven teams, just failing, therefore, to win a place in the Surrey Schools' finals. The matches which they did lose were well within their capabilities to win.

IS. Potten's ability and keenness to play, plus Cocks' ever-improving game, have been great assets to the Uli6 team, and next year their presence in the 1st VI will, I am sure, be worthy of the School. Mention, also, should be made of Bellamy—whose tennis has improved almost beyond recognition this year; of G. D. Roberts, whose ability has only just been discovered; and of Leyland and Bolt whose refusal to be beaten was an invaluable factor in the team's success and was the cause of frustration to the opposition.

The School was represented in the Glastonbury Festival by S. Finch and A. Cocks, and were again just deprived of a place in the finals by Tiffin's, but in the South of England Schools' Tournament at Wimbledon the team, represented by A. Cocks and J. Murrell, had less success, being eliminated in the early rounds of the Plate.

Those who have played in the team include: M. Bellamy, N. Bolt, J. Carpenter, A. Cocks, S. Finch, W. Jones, L. Leyland, J. Murrell, S. Potten, K. Reeve, D. Roberts, A. Williams, T. Williamson, A. Fields, R. Finch and C. Mayer.

S. J. Finch as Under Sixteen Captain and School Hon, Secretary must be congratulated on his own high standard of play and the hard work he has put into organising this season's fixtures so successfully.

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UNDER FOURTEEN SIX

Captain: R. Finch.

The year's performance by the U.14 VI was somewhat disappointing, only two of its League fixtures—against Beverley and Parkside—were won. The team was almost the same throughout the season, but the second and third pairs did not play up to their ability. The first pair, however, with R. Finch—who goes from strength to strength—and P. Russell—a young player who, I feel sure, has much success to come—was very successful, losing only two of its fifteen League matches. At the end of the season this pair represented the School in the Tennis Festival at Glastonbury and finished an easy first in their group. This, in turn, earned the players—playing with both consistency and ability, which were features maintained throughout the season—a place in the final, which, unfortunately, they lost to Parkside in a hard and dogged match.

Those who have played in the team include: Bartlett, Finch, Jensen, Kerse, Marjoram, Mayer, Russell and Williamson.

On behalf of all the tennis teams, I would like to thank Mr. Horler for the time he has given up to transport the players to and from matches and for his enthusiastic support.

S. Finch.

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