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RAYNES PARK HIGH SCHOOL

"To each his need; from each his power"

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# SPURANA

Some may consider that our rarer — with a temporal rather than a qualitative implication — printly appearances are due to editorial apathy, but — need it be said? — a patriotic sacrifice on behalf of the always ill-fated Economy is, in fact, the primary cause. We can hardly increase our production when a niggardly allowance provides us with only two-fifths of our original space. We consequently creep into print at irregular intervals, conscious that our material is probably so outdated that, at least, factual errors may be perpetrated with gay abandon as the average memory is sufficiently unreliable to quibble about them.

Is it, however, due to the new spirit of sharing responsibility, the emphasis on humility and the 'after-you-please' attitude, or the soft-peddalling of outmoded words such as 'Captain' that, for the first time for many moons, some Houses decided to omit their customary exhortations or recriminations, some Societies aimed to keep secret their nefarious deeds, and individual contributors declined into their own limbo?

For two terms now we have experienced the fuller comprehensive joys, for the intake of 180, aided and abetted by the return for one reason or another of at least 85 per cent. of last year's fifth-formers helped us to amass a total of inmates only once exceeded in the School's history.

In order, on the one hand to avoid the 'non-nomenclature' of our forms with the disappearance of first and second years, and, on the other, no doubt, to fool the student about his status we had the innovation of Admission, Intermediate, and Examination years. Inspiration, however, then evaporated, and we have persevered in harbouring an illogical and unromantic Sixth form.

The Sixth received into its embraces the first C.S.E. candidates — from the 1971 Examination — who had secured sufficient first grades for this promotion. Eleven others returned to sample a change of atmosphere, though remaining in the Fifths, and began to inhale Ordinary Level. The other fifth-formers averaged just under five passes at Ordinary Level at the first time of asking, but those enjoying a second venture slip out statistically. Of the sixth-former leavers two-thirds went off to undertake degree courses in various types of institutions.

When tactically doubt exists, a popular military command has always been 'Move!' — whither not being the important factor. Similarly in education this injunction has recently been urged ad nauseam though, perhaps, Robert Frost saw through it all when he wrote 'Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favour.'

In order, at least, to avoid the present despicable word of 'reactionary' cheerfully cast about by the—more acceptable—'progressives', experiments naturally continue within our curricular walls. Two undoubtedly well-received innovations have been the classical link with Ricards Lodge and the weekly computerising escape to Merton Technical College. Inevitably mixed ability teaching has been receiving its sporadic baptism, and those who regard the old-style set homework as a torture no doubt feel happier for amongst the new jargon we now appreciate 'assignments' which are apparently essential replacements for traditional homeworks in the new conditions where the vagaries of individual capacity, temperament, and willingness are the prime considerations. The Mathematics Department have embarked on a new method of feeding in their skills — the Dining Canteen, which apparently is a more egalitarian word than 'Hall', is the site nowadays for ninety Admission Year students to be feverously digesting their calculations at their individual speeds.

Slightly more traditional methods continue to be used with those longer in the teeth, some of whom brought distinct colour to the drab academic scene following the annual Oxbridge foray. In fact one of the year's happiest features has been the award of three Open Exhibitions to A. J. Brown in Classics at Christ Church, Oxford; to A. P. Maguire in Classics at Worcester College, Oxford; and to S. K. Young in Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Only a short gown behind these achievements were the four places gained at Cambridge by R. Barford

(Sidney Sussex); J. G. Goldsmith (St. Catharine's) and at Oxford by K. Randall (Keble); and D. W. Evans (Jesus). To all these we extend belatedly, in print, heartiest congratulations on their successes.

Gourmets and abstainers have always been in conflict about the purpose and duration of the meridian interval, those in favour of telescoping the period being well supported by those who wish to be without the prison walls at the earliest possible. On Tuesdays this group, for a period, were pleased when the lunch-hour became that very length and their dismissal was brought forward so that the Staff might assemble in the Studio to learn from a television series about the panacea for all problems created by R.O.S.L.A.

For those with time to spare during the interval new activities have been promoted with the aid of Table-tennis equipment — a visit to the Great Wall in the offing? — and an Olympian Six-a-side Soccer Competition which has eroded the asphalt adjacent to the Technical Block, kept in business the First-Aiders, and blooded many in the techniques of modern football supporters.

Strikes in the public sector bring annual hope in these days of cheerful industrial co-operation of unscheduled holidays for those who regard their schooldays as unmitigated torture. Their hopes rose in the Spring term as the fuel supplies diminished and thermometers replaced writing weapons, but were soon lowered when Wednesdays and Saturdays were selected as our rationed days with the result that only one frigid labouring day was endured. Who will be their hibernal accomplices next year?

Other apparent anti-academic agents have successfully prolonged their efforts at the rear of the School as another faceless form has continued towards its, supposedly, functional completion. Sufferers in that area must now be well immunised against all that adds up to the cacophony of the modern construction world. Appearances may be deceptive, but the questions posed must be whether any natural light will be allowed within, whether anyone will be able to locate an entrance and, if any are, who will be the internees?

Troublesome tenders have delayed the start of the Redgra area by West Barnes Lane, but perhaps the real concern is to spread the noise ration so that we may have some summer entertainment.

More predictable drama has been available in the form of House Plays, adjudicated this year by an Old Boy author, Mr. Paul Vaughan; rehearsals for 'The Merchant of Venice' in which our own performers will be joined once again by Ricards Lodge, and in the second part, at least of the Christmas Musical entertainment. Incidentally in spite of

increasing fears about the lack of instrumentalists and trebles, the Director of Music found useful choral support on that occasion from the Admission Year.

Our A.T.C. Squadron, now under the command of Flt. Lt. C. Hooper, following the retirement after eight years' service of Flt. Lt. H. R. Jeffs, has been encouraged by the number of Admission Year recruits. Parents or friends are invited to offer their help as civilian instructors on aeronautical subjects.

The Parent Teachers Association held a Barbecue and Grand Raffle in the Autumn Term, as a result of which the School finances were stronger by £150.

The practice of inviting speakers to address the Sixth former has continued apart from an interval during the 'Mock' period, and the following are to be thanked for their help in coming to the School:

Mr. McKenna on Careers for Graduates.  
Mr. P. Middleton on The Work of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.  
Professor Tropp on Sociology.  
The Revd. Donald Reeves on Morden.  
Mr. K. Keith on The Pain of America.  
The Revd. Charles Berg on Jews and Persecution.  
Mr. John Hopkins on Writing for Television and Films.  
Canon Pearce Higgins on Spiritualism and E.S.P.  
Mrs. L. Crellin on Women's Liberation.  
Mr. D. Winton on Market Research.  
Mr. P. Timberlake on The Political Role of China.  
Rear-Admiral Easton on Defence.  
Dr. J. Davoll on Conservation of Resources.  
Chief-Inspector Ferguson on Police.

Reports follow on the various sporting activities which as yet only accidentally are pursued on a mixed ability basis although it is surely against all the modern practices to persevere with epithets such as First or Second ignoring all the social integration that would come from having Tom or Dick's Band and blending the masterly performer with the unskilful, unco-ordinated novice. We similarly show unfortunate taste in gloating often at Assemblies over our tally of silverware looted from less competitive establishments! With appalling conceit we therefore celebrate the following: the First Fifteen's fifteen victories in nineteen games; the Hockey team's undefeated-by-any-school record and its winning of the Merton Schools' Senior Cup and, for the third time, the London Schools Knock-Out Cup; the Hockey Under Fifteen's capture of the Merton Schools Cup; the sweeping of the Merton District Championship board by the three Cross-Country teams, and the Seniors' retaining of the Surrey

Schools Harriers' League Shield and the Judge Cup, their victory in the Herne Hill Harriers' School Race, and undefeated season in straight School matches.

The Hockey Eleven will again be carrying the banner on the Continent, with a mixed Under Fourteen and Fifteen team acting as their precursors.

Finally a few names must be mentioned. First comes Mr. Eryl Parry, who already anxious to escape from the clutches of his new institution, returned regularly to coach the First Fifteen with Mr. P. Nicholls. Then the following deserve particular congratulations on being selected for representative teams in various sports:

Surrey Under Fifteen XV: J. M. Adams.

London Schools Hockey XI: J. Marjoram, J. Kerse, A. Feist.

London Schools Under Sixteen Hockey XI: A. Feist, R. Weller,  
A. Haibatan, G. Philpott.

London Schools Under Fifteen Hockey XI: S. Curry, C. Devine,  
J. M. Adams, P. Amin, D. Barrow, P. Eager.

Surrey Under Nineteen Cross-Country Team: J. P. Goddard.

Surrey Under Fifteen Cross-Country Team: G. D. Shine.

Surrey Schools Badminton Squad: S. C. Jordan, C. L. Grylls.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The gloomy prognostications of the Director of Music proved, as usual, to be quite unfounded, and all those who had the good fortune to be present were treated to a musical extravaganza that was truly Saturnalian in its breadth and spirit and an experience that was both an entertainment and a celebration. Merely in the number of performers involved and the quantity and variety of performances, the concert was remarkable, but much more than that, there was a wealth of musical talent and an infectious enthusiasm which reflected both the energy of the conductor and the keen interest and persistent preparation of the Choir, Orchestra, and soloists. Clearly concerned to give everyone with musical talent the opportunity to display it in public Denis Aldersea used every conceivable combination and permutation of his choir and orchestra, and we had full choir, small choir, full orchestra, the wind quintet, the brass ensemble, recorders, and also many solo performances, all finely executed. Nor were the audience allowed simply to sit and listen, but invited to make their own active contribution to the festivities by joining in the singing of two carols.

The first, more serious, half of the concert consisted of a number of restive choral and orchestral items, interspersed with readings, both ancient and modern, sacred and secular. In a most moving arrangement of 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' that was perhaps the choral highlight of the evening, Alan Isaacson, reading, was accompanied by the choir, humming, while first and last verses were sung most effectively by Paul Sutton and David Chapman. Paul Sutton also gave us a fine rendering of 'Every Valley Shall be Exalted', and Christopher Higgins played two Roumanian Dances, accompanied by his younger brother Jonathan, who distinguished himself in the second half of the concert when playing Chopin's 'Black Key Study'.

After the interval the conductor, wishing to pay tribute to that spirit of exuberance which generally marks celebrations at this time of year, let his hair down and invited his musicians and the audience to do the same. A large number of items, not exclusively seasonal but all expressing the seasonal spirit, were performed by Choir and Orchestra or sections of them, and there were solo performances by Andrew Maguire and the Higgins brothers. From time to time the musical items were punctuated by a small number of jesters whose talent for buffoonery is well known, aided and abetted on this occasion by Richard Hirsch, and Kevin Quarmby showed a remarkable talent for metamorphosis as a performing flea, while Mark Pickstone added a new dimension to his comic gifts by appearing as a double-bass, played by the aforesaid performing flea. Other buffoons entertained us with talk about the Motor Show and contributed to the general euphoria.

The concert was brought to an end with 'O Come All Ye Faithful', in which everyone in the Hall took part, and this provided a very fitting conclusion to an evening which was without doubt a most joyful and uplifting experience for all who were present.

A.W.M

# RAYNES PARK HIGH SCHOOL — GEN

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1971.

1970	<b>Expenditure.</b>		
	Spur Magazine and Diary	213.60	
245	Less Receipts	27.78	
		185.82	
	Games	314.73	
304	Less Receipts	81.84	
		232.89	
	Educational Visits	230.39	
15	Less Receipts	180.12	
		50.27	
	Prizes	39.46	
12	Less Receipts	25.07	
		14.39	
	Minibus	103.56	
	Less Receipts	22.15	
		81.41	
	Houses	17.68	
6	Less Receipts	10.38	
		7.30	
64	Library Newspapers and Periodicals	45.53	
164	Oberon Refreshments	187.97	
49	Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees	65.82	
39	Films	14.12	
50	Sixth Form Common Room	23.86	
21	Honours Board Repairs and Renewals	15.00	
21	Donations	14.80	
16	A.T.C.	—	
4	Christian Union	2.60	
16	Bank Charges	17.23	
	Special Alteration to Doors, etc.	43.46	
25	Contribution to cost of Sculpture	—	
6	Sundries	23.82	
		1026.29	
1057			
	<b>Deduct General Receipts.</b>		
943	General School Fund Subscriptions	853.20	
—	Stage Receipts	182.85	
(-14	Less Expenditure	132.12	
		50.73	
	Spur Press Receipts	34.70	
(-23	Less Expenditure	23.49	
		11.21	
29	Deposit Account Interest	15.95	
—	Savings Bond Interest	.87	
		931.96	
122	Excess of Expenditure over Income of the year	94.33	
	<b>Exceptional Receipts and Expenditure.</b>		
58	Sum Recovered re 1968/69 Expenditure on Educational Visits	—	
(-19	Less Deficiency on Stage Fund at 31/8/69 written off	—	
		94.33	
83	Net Deficiency of Income for the year transferred to Balance Sheet	94.33	

# DL — GENERAL SCHOOL FUND

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1971

1970	Assets.		
50	Sundry Debtors ... ..		236.61
138	Cash at Bank—Current Account ... ..	1.56	
244	Deposit Account ... ..	40.15	
			<u>41.71</u>
432			278.32
27	Less Sundry Creditor ... ..		22.48
			<u>255.84</u>
405	Net Assets of all Funds at 31/8/71 ... ..		255.84
	<i>Deduct Earmarked Funds:</i>		
	Orchestra Fund as at 31/8/70 ... ..	27.76	
	Receipts ... ..	42.29	
		<u>70.05</u>	
28	Less Payments ... ..	69.76	.29
	Parents' Association as at 31/8/70 ... ..	126.69	
	Receipts ... ..	797.22	
		<u>923.91</u>	
127	Less Payments ... ..	824.08	99.83
25	Special Fund ... ..	25.00	
(-25)	Less Special Fund Investment ... ..	25.00	
			<u>100.12</u>
250	Net Assets of General School Fund at 31/8/71 ...		<u>155.72</u>
	Provided as to:		
	<b>General School Fund Account.</b>		
333	Balance as at 31/8/70 ... ..		250.05
83	Deduct Net Deficiency of Income for the year ...		94.33
			<u>155.72</u>
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### AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the books records and vouchers which have been produced to us and have received such information and explanations which we have required and in our opinion the above accounts for the year ended 31st August 1971 are in accordance therewith and reflect the Losses of the General School Fund of Raynes Park High School as at that date.

24th November 1971.

Chartered Accountant  
for Mitchell Rodrigues & Co.  
Auditors.

# HOUSE REPORTS

## COBBS

*House Captain:* M. E. Pickstone.

*House Deputy:* D. J. Norman.

At last we have made the forefront in the contests between the Houses. This year we have so far failed to sustain the ignominy of one fifth position and, indeed, one fourth, one third, four second and two first positions are acceptable results by anybody's standards. This is high praise but it is deserved because the House has put EFFORT and ENTHUSIASM into the activities for the first two terms of this academic year. Our overall position so far is second — two points behind Newsoms — most other houses seeming to have withdrawn from the race for Cock House.

In Hockey we came fourth (fourth in the 'A' year matches, fourth in the Seniors and second in the Intermediates) — all teams played with characteristic Cobbs gusto.

Third position in Chess was a better result than expected; many team members, however, failed to present themselves for vital matches and it is a varied team that must be congratulated, particularly on beating Gibbs.

Second positions were gained in:

*Rugby* — an exceptional result where lack of talent was compensated for by abundance of enthusiasm. Particular congratulations must go to the Intermediates.

*Basketball* — another of our pleasing results this year.

*Debating* — this Competition, although it involves only four people, is always entered enthusiastically.

*Drama* — this involves more effort than any other competition; skilful production and active determination proved to be in sufficient supply.

Our first positions were in:

*Gymnastics* — This competition has been our stronghold for many years, this year proving no exception with new blood being injected by Winters and Western of the Admission Year.

*Cross-Country* — This year's best surprise was our thrashing into the ground Newsoms, who have for so long held the Cup. The result is due more to the greater numbers turning out to qualify, than to ability alone.

Special thanks to I. Fordham who has organised or taken part in every competition and to the House Tutors and, above all, A.C.R. who have given their unfailing support and guidance.

## HALLIWELLS

*House Captain:* M. R. Szymanski.

*House Deputy:* D. J. Tupper.

This year seems as if it will end on a similar note to all the other years that I have been in the House, with Halliwells either fourth or fifth in the Cock House. To quote J. Leonard from last year: 'A solution to this ludicrous situation must be resolved before any success is tasted?'

This year, however, did produce one glimmer of hope: the Drama Cup. Thanks to an effort involving all years of the House and above all to Alan Isaacson, the Adjudicator recognised the superiority of our talents! I hope we can expect as much again next year.

As if to prove that Fate is fickle, we were for the second year running robbed of the Chess Cup we deserved; though this year, however, we did not even secure a half share in it. In Cross-Country we came third, a position which would be reasonable if it was obtained in a few more activities. The Debating Team tried hard, yet was unlucky in having its debates on consecutive days, and managed that indeterminate position called fourth — not last but nowhere near first.

As for the rest of the competitions little can be said, simply because little happened. Effort and/or turnout let us down.

I do not know how many people read the House Report, but those who did so last year were either few or unresponsive.

There are, however, still fair prospects for us this year in the Music, Cricket, and Tennis which still have to be completed, and Athletics just needs people to qualify! In Swimming — another competition that hinges on qualifying — we generally do well, and I am optimistic there.

## NEWSOMS

*House Captain:* J. P. Goddard.

*House Deputy:* N. Devine.

We are now so accustomed to winning the Cock House Trophy that, when we have to fight hard for it, and only have a slender lead of two points over our close rivals, Cobbs, it comes as something of a shock.

Despite this, it has been a successful two terms, in which we have taken three cups, and are now poised in a strong position for the year's remaining trophies.

The year started off with a disappointment for all of us, for, after working extremely hard on our play, "The Long and the Short, and the Tall," under the guidance of S. Gregory, we were placed a mere third with a fine production thought by most to have captured the first silver of the year.

Still, in true tradition, we picked ourselves up off the floor, and took the Rugby Cup in good style, owing mainly to our keen Admission Year squad, and to J. Francis who showed great enthusiasm in organising practices.

So we came into the Spring Term, in which every week was full of activities. Debating is certainly not our strongest point, but, after losing a high-class battle to the polished professionals of Gibbs, we gained a creditable third place.

Cross-Country, however, was not so praiseworthy, because, although we gained second place, we lost the Cup owing to deficient qualifying. This is something to be rectified next year.

The Basketball went as expected, and we took the Cup as a result of strength throughout the House, and especially of the keenness of our Admission Year.

Hockey was reasonably successful — we came third, but undoubtedly the success of the term was our winning of the Chess Cup, the result both of the organisation of C. Higgins, and of the skill of our players.

So, the first two terms have been very successful, and much of this success is due to the unfaltering enthusiasm of W.P.H., ably supported by J.G.F., J.G.S., M.M. and B.I.Y. I hope the remaining term goes as successfully so that we will set up a record of seven successive Cock House victories.

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[Those who believed that they were attached to Houses that, it would seem from these reports, do not exist, need not become too alarmed — appropriately armed with powerful goads they should approach those whom they, no doubt, respect as their elders and betters with the intention of persuading them to record for posterity their feelings and their performances. — Eds.]

# SOCIETIES

## CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union consists of a number of people who regularly come along to the meetings on Friday lunchtimes.

What, you may ask, have these meetings to do with you? First, we are not a 'closed shop' with dull irrelevant views. We do not even agree on everything among ourselves but we do have definite views on different topics which is why we have many topical discussions and invite outside speakers along to give us talks. This is where you have a good opportunity to come along and air your views. I do not say that we shall agree with you, but I am sure that by discussing different things we all stand to gain something. Of course you are quite welcome to come along and simply listen to others talking and find out a great deal about why we run the C.U.

If you wish to criticise the C.U., come along and do so, and we will try to justify our position, but, unless you have been to one or preferably more of our meetings, you cannot really know what they are like.

Anyway, now you have here an invitation to come along and see for yourself what the C.U. is all about, why not come along on Friday lunchtime to the History Room at 1.10 p.m. where you are certain of a welcome?

S. Gregory.

## THE SPUR PRESS

At the beginning of the year we held an 'Open Day' to which came many members of the Admission Year, of whom quite a few became members, so it can be considered to have been a success.

Apart from many letterheads and hand cards, the main orders recently were the House and School Play programmes. The House Play Programmes varied in degrees of complication — some being of inane simplicity, others holding more typographical satisfaction, the design being at the discretion of the producers, the wiser ones allowing themselves to be advised by us. It was a pity that the adjudicator could not take any more notice of them than to use them for his comments on the plays — I would like to remind people that a terrific amount of skilled work is involved in the production of a comparatively simple programme. The

various paraphernalia for the School Play (i.e. the handbills, the tickets, and the programmes) were of a higher quality than last year's — the result of greater co-operation between us and the producers.

We are still looking for a replacement treadle press as efforts so far have not been fruitful. Of the new members, great progress has been made by S. Gibson, G. Grant, and G. Mincher, who have been duly created Foremen.

Anyone wishing to join and become a skilled letterpress printer, or anyone who wants to enquire about an order, is welcome at the Printing Room in the Technical Wing any lunchtime. Outside orders should be addressed to the Secretary, The Spur Press, Raynes Park High School, Bushey Road, Raynes Park, S.W.20 0JL.

A. T. Isaacson.

## 565 SQUADRON A.T.C.

The beginning of the School Year brought several changes, and signs of a much needed revival of support for the squadron.

After the retirement of Flt. Lt. Jeffs, the command of the squadron was taken over by Flt. Lt. Hooper, who transferred on promotion from another squadron. Despite many setbacks during this period, several changes have already come about, and many more are in the 'pipeline'. Perhaps the best 'achievement' of this time is that permission has been granted by the Local Education Authority for the building of a Squadron hut. Provided that the Corps are satisfied, the hut should be built in the near future.

The intense recruiting drive, started during the summer term, was very successful and introduced about twenty new recruits, many of whom are still attending.

Activities since September have been quite varied and successful. Two weekend camping expeditions were carried out near Redhill Aerodrome, when cadets spent their weekend engaged in map-reading, initiative and other exercises.

The Aircraft Recognition Team, led by C. W. O. Ball, maintained a tradition by winning the team prize at the Surrey Wing Competition. C. W. O. Ball won the Individual Trophy for the fifth successive year and went on to take third place in the Corps Championships.

This period also saw the reintroduction of a flight system, the squadron being split into two, each section named after a famous aircraft. Cpls. Marsh and Saunders were promoted to the rank of Sergeant to lead

the flights, whilst Cadets Catlin, Evans and Amin, N. were promoted to Corporal. At this time Stirling Flight are in the lead in the Best Flight Competition, but the final result will not be known until September.

.22 shooting has suffered badly during this period owing to problems concerning the availability and serviceability of the rifles. These problems should be overcome in the near future. The squadron played two football matches against other units and clubs, losing one by 3 goals to 2, but winning the other by 21 to 2.

Two flying details at White Waltham proved successful, each allowing ten cadets a minimum of 30 minutes flying in a Chipmunk. Examinations connected with the training syllabus involved nearly every member of the Squadron at one level or another, and brought very pleasing results.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme saw a revival, although on a small scale. Eight cadets started work towards gaining their badges. Whilst some are receiving instruction in First-Aid, the others are assisting the Local Authorities at a National Cycling Proficiency centre.

To celebrate the successes of the period the cadets held a Christmas party on the last parade of term. The Annual Dinner, at which a presentation was to be made to Mr. Jeffs, had to be postponed when the School was closed during the period of the power cuts.

Unfortunately during these two terms, the Squadron has lost some of its more senior and experienced members. Cpl. Davies and Cdt. Davies both transferred to 561 squadron, when their family moved to Wales. Ft. Sgt. Metcalfe, who recently gained a Corps Blue for Rugby, resigned to commence training as an Officer Cadet at R.A.F. Henlow, after which he will be trained as a pilot. C.W.O. Ball, previously mentioned in connection with aircraft recognition, also started training at Henlow to enter the Ground Branches. Ft. Sgt. Pilkington, currently at London University, resigned as a cadet but transferred to the staff as an instructor.

During the Easter holidays twenty cadets under Ft. Lt. Hooper went to Scampton R.A.F. Base to take part in the Easter Camp held there. At the Camp the cadets were shown over the Vulcan Bombers. They also took part on the assault course, in shooting and visits to the Camp's various departments, which included Security, the R.A.F. Dogs, and the Chemical Biological Warfare Department. The Squadron was also greatly honoured by winning the "Best Squadron at Camp" award.

Over the last two terms the Squadron has shown but little of its potential, and it is hoped that this will be remedied in the following year.  
Sgt. Saunders.

# PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## HONESTY

*M. J. Clark, L6A.*

I must confess it: it was I! Spare my blushes! It was I who used the odd half penny in the coffee machine when I should have used a new penny; it was I, who, as an eleven-year-old juvenile delinquent, told my mother I had spent two shillings on sweets when I had, in fact, lost it. My other crimes, too numerous and heinous to list here, I shall confess to my confessor, pausing only to open up the book of my sins at the page headed 'MOST TERRIBLE' to reveal that, when qualifying points were most needed, I walked the Cross-Country course.

When reviewing my life until now, I can look back and see just how dishonest it has been. I am steeped in it. The shilling I picked up there, the essay I did not do here, and yet I do not hang my head in shame every time one of our flat-footed friends passes by. No. The truth is that we have a society whose whole framework is based on dishonesty, or one of its many synonyms. If George Washington said, 'I cannot tell a lie', he was certainly the last American President to find that paragon virtue natural, or even advisable: the last two or three Presidents have told lies about their aims in Vietnam; the President before told lies about the reasons for their hatred of Communism; President Roosevelt promised faithfully not to bring America into the Second World War. And there is, of course, no reason to assume that we are any better: Harold Wilson 'broke his promises'. He, after all, blamed the 'state of the country' on 'thirteen years of Tory misrule', and yet Harold Macmillan said 'You never had it so good'. They cannot both be right can they, for after all they were both referring to the same thing, the prosperity of the country, and the economy?

These two, seemingly conflicting, statements illustrate two points about society's general attitude to honesty. First, they both were right, and secondly, it does not matter two hoots whether they were right or wrong. If you were a Conservative at the time of Macmillan's famous television broadcast, you would have preened yourself, placed a self-satisfied air on your proud little body and said, 'I have done this: we are now prosperous and prospering, better than ever before, and I did it'. If you were a member of the Labour Party at the beginning of Mr. Wilson's government you agreed with him that the problems he had to face had been caused by the 'thirteen years of Tory misrule'. And nowadays, of course, it just does

not matter. We are too busy getting into Europe, trying to get out of Europe, win the next election, find jobs for a million unemployed, to bother about yesterday's lies.

Connected with this word 'honesty' are any number of phrases which have become so worn by people writing essays on 'Honesty' that I am loath to use them. Two are, 'Honesty is the best policy', and 'Crime doesn't pay'. So used and abused are these phrases that I tend towards the belief that they mean nothing at all, that to most people they are simply words to say when certain things happen (or to include in essays on 'Honesty'). 'Crime doesn't pay' in a capitalist society is just utter rubbish. It is like saying that 'I.C.I.' or 'Oh, Calcutta' doesn't pay: if it did not pay, people would not take the risks involved.

As for 'Honesty is the best policy', what is honesty? All standards are taken from what is considered correct at any particular time. The Victorian considered sex to be a savage instinct, so they established high moral standards, or rather they unconsciously, through public opinion, established high standards. In the same way, if Mr. Heath were to appear on television this evening to apologise for Mr. Macmillan's fatuous statements, he would be voted out of his job and sent to the nearest psychiatrist for nobody worries about what somebody said sixteen years ago today; honesty would certainly not be the best policy — it would waste valuable time. If the German Officers on trial at Nuremberg, instead of just saying, 'I was only taking orders', had said, 'Under the Nazi regime the sub-conscious sadism in most of us was brought to the surface, and so I not only did what I was told but there were times when I positively enjoyed what I did', the statement would have been a little too honest. The judges, and the officers, and the soldiers on both sides would have, perhaps, been forced to look at themselves, and, I am sure, many of them would have found that they had enjoyed much of their time in the Army, and why did they enjoy it?

Every layer of 'honesty' you strip off reveals another layer, which in turn can be stripped off to reveal another layer. Our legal system has progressed a great deal since the days of the Ten Commandments, and an autocratic despot meting out his own peculiar brand of law. Yet we still do not realise that the rigid, but simple, ideas which we have as to what honesty is, are not only blatantly incorrect but dishonest. There are very few of us who can say that we have never done anything which is dishonest; there are few of us who can say that we have consciously avoided doing things which are dishonest, legally or ethically. Why? Because nobody really knows what honesty is. We condemn crooks, yet we admire the cheek of individuals, notably comedians, and those who oppose the great 'machine' of the Local Authority, or Civil Service, or Census-boards — at worst we are indifferent. We really condemn them for the trouble they cause, the property they steal (which may, in the future, be

ours), and for their lack of self-control. They cannot go through the proper channels to make their money as we must; they simply grab what they see. It is not really any sense of honesty which makes us condemn them: it is jealousy and selfishness. Or do, in this particular case, those attitudes in all of us take the titles of justice and fairness?

*The above was an entry in the Headmaster's Essay Prize Competition.*

## EARLY MORNING IN A FISHING PORT

*A. Connell, L6Sc.*

In the east, across the North Sea, a lustrous band slowly materialised on the watery horizon. It expanded, heralding the birth of a new day; then, suddenly, the nucleus of the band exploded into full, rich, glowing sunlight. The light spread its lustrous tentacles across the water, crowning each wave with golden splendour. The spreading tide of brilliance washed on to the moon-clouded shore of South-East England, its diverging rays spreading into bays and inlets, blazing into the secret coves and bays, subtly tipping the church spire of Netherhaven with a halo of meteoric radiance. As if in response, the clock on the snow-white, bird-limed roof of the Town Hall sleepily, but sonorously, greeted the new dawn, chiming sepulchrally, once, twice, and twice again.

The first wave of brilliance washed over the rest of the port and rushed inland, leaving behind it a golden crystal sea of light. The drowsy windows of the jumbled houses which nestled under the chalky lip above the port were tinted with all the subtle glints and scintillations of the glistening combination of glass and light.

Below, the crazy streets, overshadowed by even crazier rows of irregular houses, were caught unadorned in the glow.

In the harbour, the sleek, dark waves were peaked with a coally shine as they lapped about the hulls of the small coasters, and trawlers, or gently rocked the multi-coloured dinghies at their moorings.

The frozen network of once-swinging masts and cranes stood out grimly above the hundreds of battered, orange fishboxes, the dew-shrouded ropes and the rusted, eternal chains that sank wearily into the depths.

Above the harbour area, upon the slopes of shops and houses, the stark, petrified cobbled streets were empty. In the clear, blue sky, only one single, solitary, grey and white speck rode the gentle, skin-creeping, dying, night breeze. The translucent, glowing shop windows displayed their goods, but in the silence and loneliness of dawn there was no-one to buy. The doors stayed shut, the curtains drawn, the windows half-open against the simmering, stifling, summer-night heat. There was no sound, no echo, just the tangible silence of the dawn; but, down in the fish-exuding harbour, the waves lapped around the barnacle-encrusted, doric-like columns of the pier.

The slick, viscous, oily waves lapped against the concrete harbour wall, the wooden jetty and the painted, sea-clean hulls of the jostling, tethered ships at their moorings.

There was a sudden splash. The sound radiated like the ripples it formed in the harbour. A red-and-brown float bobbed indolently among the tide-trapped sea-debris. A thin, invisible line reached up to the blue-serged figure on the pier. The shroud of mist drifted away from the rigging and masts, and was lost on the rising wind. A thin, blue curl of smoke rose from his gnarled briar pipe as he contemplated his float in the dying-dawn silence.

High above, in the yard of one of the jumbled houses, a dog barked. The spell was broken. The delicate, porcelain-like fragments of silence fell to be swept away in the rising gale of noise. In the bowels of the docks a diesel engine chugged and roared to life. The blood-like noise of the port pulsated and circulated as the port came to life. The oily waves were cleaved by the bows of a drifter heading out for the fishing grounds. The dinghies and houseboats thumped and jostled in the wash. A window slammed. A baby yelled. The crackle and bacon-smell of breakfasts drifted along the streets.

The figure on the pier ceased to contemplate his float. He reeled in his line and dismantled his rod. Then, relighting his pipe, he wandered off into the now bustling port, whistling a slow, and rather mournful version of 'Early one morning'.

Out to sea the sharp prow of the drifter 'Serenity' cut its path through the rising swell on its way to the fishing grounds.

# TWO POEMS

*K. M. A. Quarmby, L6A.*

## INDECISION

I sat, and watched, and waited.  
I breathed  
A breath of life,  
Of love.  
By the telephone  
I sat, and watched, and waited.  
The other night I met you,  
Met you;  
You were fine,  
Alive,  
Elegant.  
I sat, and watched, and waited.  
I couldn't speak to you;  
I was too nervous,  
Afraid  
Of being spurned.  
I sat, and watched, and waited.  
I dreamt,  
Dreamt I went over to you,  
Spoke to you;  
Showed my love.  
But dreams are personal,  
Private.  
I sat, and watched, and waited.  
I thought I gave you my phone number,  
But I hadn't;  
No, I hadn't.  
I sat, and watched, and waited.  
I'll always sit,  
    and watch,  
        and wait.

## REFLECTIONS

I look into a mirror, but I see  
Not quite myself, but images of me;  
But as I peer, I seem to think about  
The picture that I see, and know without  
A mirror, others know a face reversed;  
When I see love, they see that I am cursed  
With self-indulgence, and when I see truth,  
They look upon a liar, so uncouth  
And evil, that their faces turn away;  
So I am left alone, to look and pray  
For help from my Almighty Lord, to save  
Me from reflections, to which I am a slave.

# SPORT

## RUGBY

*Master-in-Charge:* P. E. Nicholls, Esq.

*Captain:* S. Young.

*Vice-Captain:* N. Holmes.

*Hon. Secretary:* C. Kelly.

### RESULTS

Opponents	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV
Oxted	34—0	—	—	32—16	—
Gunnersbury	0—14	6—0	—	—	—
Langley Park	21—4	3—24	—	0—68	—
Wimbledon C	12—6	0—34	—	6—46	—
Ottershaw	22—7	0—10	0—50	—	—
Purley	6—4	4—0	—	—	—
Shene	30—6	12—16	20—14	20—72	12—13
Sutton	19—0	17—7	—	0—68	—
Glyn	10—0	39—0	—	4—36	15—68
Morley G.S.,	6—24	—	—	—	3—18
John Fisher	26—14	—	—	—	—
Heathside	—	—	—	4—52	0—54
Carshalton	—	—	—	—	20—10
Thames Valley	69—3	—	—	12—3	18—6
Surbiton	7—8	8—39	—	—	—
Rutlish	16—15	20—12	—	21—10	18—4
Emanuel	0—63	3—39	—	—	—
Chiswick	12—6	8—12	—	6—16	16—10
St. Joseph's	17—12	50—0	—	—	—
Selhurst	11—3	18—14	—	—	—
Beverley	25—0	78—0	—	12—22	25—2
Old Boys	10—21	23—6	—	—	—

Results	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV
PLAYED .....	20	16	2	11	9
WON .....	15	9	1	3	5
DRAWN .....	0	0	0	0	0
LOST .....	5	7	1	8	4
POINTS FOR ...	363	289	20	117	127
POINTS AGAINST .....	210	213	64	409	205

## FIRST FIFTEEN

This season has been one of the most successful ever. Fifteen matches were won and only four were lost against other school sides.

The pack was the basis of the team's success; they never failed to win their share of possession at the set pieces and, in fact, often dominated in this area. The rucking however did not reach the standard that it should have done; rarely did all eight forwards arrive at the breakdown at the same time. Szanto and Mayer were our mainstays in the loose, the latter having an outstanding season, showing great improvement on previous form.

The backs rose above pre-season expectation and showed surprising flair and consistency. Feist, Seeley and Wood showed up well on occasions. Undoubtedly the strength was the half-back pairing of Hosier and Holmes, whilst Vipond at full-back had a very successful season.

There were excuses for the defeats at the hands of Gunnersbury, Emanuel and Morley (tourists from Yorkshire), but these remain disappointing. The best victories were achieved against Rutlish, and John Fisher. The match with Rutlish was won with great spirit, ending with a one-point difference. Hosier's kicking, which was of a very high standard all season, proved the match winner. Other pleasing victories were recorded over Langley Park, Wimbledon College, Chiswick and Beverley. The match against the Old Boys is also to be remembered for its high standard.

Mention must be made of S. Young, who was not only a tower of strength in the pack, but also an intelligent tactician and inspiring leader. The whole team would like to wish him every success at Cambridge University and with the London Welsh.

Practices were well attended and the rewards that these bring are apparent in the results. Mr. Parry must be thanked for providing the impetus last season and for the first half of this; he also managed to provide the services of two British Lions, T. G. Evans and J. Taylor. Mr. Nicholls took on the very difficult role of coach and came through with great success.

As usual Mr. Warner provided the team with pitches of a very high standard and supported it with gusto. Thanks are due to Mrs. Warner for the teas. Mention must be made of our loyal supporters, who turned out whatever the weather.

It will be difficult next year to reach this season's standards but with as many as ten of the team returning, hopes are high for another successful campaign.

The following represented the 1st XV: Young, Mayer, Francis, Holmes, Lovell, Rees, Seeley, Fordham, Marjoram, Szanto, Dodd, Hosier, Kelly, Vipond, Willcox, Wood, Gagen, Feist, Stephens, Murphy, Miles, Harrison.

Full Colours were awarded to: Young, Mayer, Holmes, Lovell, Seeley, Szanto, Dodd, Hosier, Kelly, Vipond, Willcox, Wood, Gagen.

C. Kelly.

It has been impossible to mention every man in the foregoing article, but I should like to include everybody who made my task relatively easy. The record was a fitting reward for a willing team. Everybody now realises that to obtain successful results, it is necessary to practise hard. This they did, and hopes are high for next season. I must finish by thanking S. Young and C. Kelly, who, as Captain and Secretary respectively, did a marvellous job.

P.E.N

## SECOND FIFTEEN

*Master-in-Charge:* B. W. James, Esq.

*Captain:* R. Lovett.

The season has been one of mixed fortunes in relation to results, but of comparative success overall. This can be the only conclusion when one considers that of nearly thirty boys who played at some time or other, fewer than half a dozen had previously been members of the Second team, yet the team recorded nine wins out of sixteen matches.

It is true that practices were not well attended on the whole, but nevertheless the effort given during the matches, when quite often the side was weak, was of a satisfyingly high degree and reflected considerable enthusiasm for the game.

As to the actual matches, a narrow but pleasing victory against Gunnersbury was rapidly followed by defeats at the hands of Langley Park, Wimbledon College, and Ottershaw. The last of these three not only robbed the school of two players for the rest of the season but also should have been won.

A single try in the match against Purley ended the losing run, but the success was short-lived as we slid back into defeat by the odd try in seven — all unconverted — at Shene, when we had led by two points at two stages, but then conceded the match with the last score.

This seemed, however, to increase the determination to win, and the next encounter — played amid pouring rain against Sutton Manor — was duly won, despite the absence of several key players owing to injury and first team requests. Victory against a weak Glyn side brought the School to half-term with a favourable balance of results.

It was several weeks before another game was played, and when it came about — against a strong Surbiton side — the lack of match practice was obvious, and with several injuries, led to a 8—39 defeat. Hard on its heels came the crucial match of the season, — against Rutlish — and rallying to calls for extra effort, the team crushed their rivals 24—12, though the score-line does not reflect the genuine superiority enjoyed.

First team calls and strong opposition led to defeat at the hands of Emanuel, while lack of effort allowed Chiswick to win by the odd try in five on the following Saturday.

From then on, to the end of term, victory followed victory as St. Joseph's, Beverley, Selhurst and the Old Boys were all beaten. The first two fielded sides that were below third-team standard and consequently points riots took place, with 50—0 and 78—0 scores recorded. Selhurst was not an easy match and produced the best team performance of the term when an 18—14 victory was achieved. Finally the Old Boys game — while being a personal triumph for the Captain, who survived after having been knocked out in the corresponding fixtures of the two previous years — was not a very hard match and the 26—3 score reflects the comparative ease of the win.

Congratulations must be extended to the following: Fordham and Miles for their assistance in helping me to run the team both on and off the field, and to Daley for his eleven tries during the season. Special mention must also be made of the following: Davies (1), Devine, Gaffney, Hays, Haibatan, Merton, Murphy, Pearson, Rees and particularly Marsh, whose efforts can only be held in the highest esteem in view of his having to make regular visits to the hospital throughout the season. I am sure that I speak for the rest of the squad when I say that I am proud to have played in the same team as he, and to have been in one that he supported so faithfully even when unable to play.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Warner for preparing Oberon and Drax for us throughout the term; Mr. James and Mr. Nicholls for the valuable time they have given up to make this season possible, and I hope they think it has been as worth their while to have done so, as it has been mine to lead the side. Finally thanks to C. Kelly for his work in preparing the fixture list.

R. Lovett.

## UNDER FIFTEEN FIFTEEN

*Master-in-Charge:* J. W. Davies, Esq.

*Captain:* J. Adams.

Previously being used to defeat at the start of the season, the team this year hopefully predicted a win against new opposition, Oxted. To everyone's delight the victory was by 32—16 points. The team's confidence suffered a setback however with a heavy defeat from Langley Park. Our next match, in which at times the team played extremely fine rugby, was against the strong Wimbledon College. Although we lost, this game was an example of how they played at other times without always gaining the result they wanted. As might be expected there were a few disappointing games, but generally the team kept their spirits high and did not lack effort and determination.

During the season M. Davies, our regular hooker, and N. Shaw, a useful and keen forward left the school. C. Amon filled the hooker's place and settled down quickly with valuable help from his front row colleagues, becoming a very successful replacement. C. Devine justified his regular place at full-back with safe handling and some fine, strong tackling, many times ruining the opposition's best chances. The threequarter line settled down and worked together well, frequently making good runs and passing the ball to the wings. The forwards also worked well, at times winning very valuable possession of which the 'threes' made effective use. R. Bradley was top scorer again.

The team was entered in the Merton and the Surrey Sevens. In the former competition we qualified for the Plate by losing our first game but we were knocked out by our closest rivals — Rutlish. This was a disappointing result for all as we had already beaten them in a full fifteen-a-side game. In the second Sevens we qualified, however, for the quarter-finals, playing at times some good Sevens rugby, considering our lack of experience and practice. Unfortunately we were beaten by Beverley.

This season has been fairly satisfactory, for we have won five games but lost eight. Our thanks must go to Mr. Davies who organised practices for the team and kept up the team's spirit.

Those who played were: J. Adams (capt.), T. Adams, C. Allen, C. Amon, P. Anthony, R. Bradley, M. Broughton, G. Burt, M. Davies, C. Devine, P. Eager, P. Jones, D. Keith, C. Leith, A. Lewcock, C. Lindsay, L. Masterman, T. Moore, P. Norton, P. Pike, S. Plumb, S. Port, D. Sainsbury, N. Shaw, D. Wright.

J. Adams.

## UNDER FOURTEEN FIFTEEN

*Master-in-Charge:* Mr. G. Dunman, Esq.

*Captain:* M. Medwin.

We started the season in high spirits, but lost our first two matches, the first closely against Shene, but the second by a heavier margin against Glyn. Following plenty of hard work in the Gym and on the field we won our third match — against Carshalton — by a comfortable ten points.

At half-term we entertained Morley — from Yorkshire — but played rather disappointingly, losing by fifteen. A heavy defeat by Heathside followed but this was the last for we beat Thames Valley convincingly and finally overpowered Rutlish in perhaps the most exciting game of the season. Against Chiswick we came from behind to win another hard-fought game, completing the season with a well deserved 25—22 victory over a strong Beverley team.

We thank Mr. Dunman for giving up his time to coach us and referee our games.

Our squad consisted of: G. Barnes, A. Cope, D. Dixon, G. Fall, D. Griffin, B. Grout, K. Isaac, R. McIntosh, M. Medwin, P. Moody, M. Munro, S. Pearson, S. Ramage, P. Scott, A. Sellers, R. Smart, C. Smith, A. Thornton, C. Town, G. Tugwell, N. Wells, P. Western.

# HOCKEY

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

*Captain:* T. I. Seeley.

*Secretary:* J. S. Marjoram.

*Vice-Captain:* N. A. Holmes.

The time has come around again to sing the praises of our favoured team game. Yes — for the umpteenth time in succession, I write that there has been further improvement in the standard of the First Eleven. However, it is becoming difficult to visualise how any subsequent First Eleven can do better or play better. The team has shown itself to be the equal of any schoolboy side we met, and I congratulate them on such a splendid season. T. Seeley has done an excellent job as captain to knit together the strengths of various players into a viable team unit where each one has played for and with the others. Our Secretary, J. Marjoram, has excelled in organisation, and I thank them both for all the work they have done and all the members of the squad for their unflinching loyalty.

Apart from the success of the First Eleven, who have been undefeated throughout the season by schoolboy sides, the other four teams have had their successes. The Second Eleven has done much better than last year's, and the Under Fifteen Eleven has equalled the record for the most matches won in their age group. All five school teams had at least a 50 per cent. success rate.

The pitches at Oberon this season have been extremely good and full size. It is a great pity that these county-standard pitches are to be destroyed for the siting of the new primary school. However great credit and thanks are due to John Warner for all his work and support and to Mrs. Warner for her unflinching assistance with refreshments. The Merton H.C. Umpires have not been as reliable as previously, but Chris Dent deserves our thanks for his valiant efforts in keeping us supplied.

*Trophies from Open Competition:*

- London Schools Senior Knock-out Cup.
- Merton Schools Senior Cup.
- Merton Schools U15 Cup.

*Colours:* Gagen, Miles, Mayer, Hosier, Holmes, Marjoram, Feist, Seeley, Vipond, Weller, Kerse.

*Half-Colours:* Bates, Dodd, Kelly, Lovell, Gaffney, Brown G., Wood, Willcox, Philpott, Haibatani, Harris, Hays, Russell, Cossey.

*County Representative Honours:*

London 1st XI: J. Marjoram, J. Kerse, A. Feist.

London U16 XI: A. Feist, R. Weller, A. Haibatan, G. Philpott.

London U15 XI: A. Curry, C. Devine, J. Adams, P. Amin, D.

Barrow, P. Eager.

M.J.S.

*Records of School Teams*

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
					For	Agst.
1st XI .....	18	11	6	1	58	14
2nd XI .....	14	7	1	6	31	21
3rd XI .....	10	4	2	4	23	23
U15 XI .....	14	7	3	4	57	17
U14 XI .....	10	4	2	4	28	19
TOTALS .....	66	33	14	19	197	94

*London Festival Results:*

1st XI

Group:

Hillcroft W 1—0

Q-Kynaston W 3—0

Tulse Hill W 3—0

Kilburn W 5—0

Final Pool:

Westminster L 0—2

Crown Woods W 4—0

Eltham Green W 2—1

Position: 2nd

U.15

Group:

Eltham Green W 5—0

Preston Manor W 1—0

Thames Valley W 2—0

Final Pool:

Westminster W 4—0

Owens D 1—1

Eastfields D 0—0

Position: 2nd

2nd XI

Group:

Preston Manor W 2—1

Owens 'B' D 0—0

Westminster L 0—1

Wallington D 0—0

Position: 5th equal

U.14

Group:

Westminster W 3—0

Salvatorian W 2—0

Forest Hill L 0—1

Seconds Pool:

Owens W 3—2

Cartfields W 1—0

Eastfields W 1—0

Position: 4th

**Surrey Festival Results:**

Senior Sixes

Festival Six D 0—0  
 Whitgift D 1—1  
 Dulwich D 0—0  
 Wallington W 1—0  
 Eastfields W 1—0  
 Play-off for 3rd/4th  
 Kingston D 1—1  
 Position: 3rd equal

U.15 Sixes

Kingston L 0—4  
 Wallington W 1—0  
 Trinity W 0—0 (on corners)  
 Epsom L 0—4  
 3rd in Pool

Position: 6th equal

**Merton Festival Results:**

U.15

Raynes Park 'B' W 4—1  
 Eastfields W 2—0  
 Pelham W 3—0

Position: 1st

U.14

Raynes Park 'B' W 4—0  
 Eastfields 'B' D 0—0  
 Eastfields 'A' L 0—1  
 Rutlish W 2—0

Position: 2nd

**Results of Inter-School Matches:**

	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	U.15 XI	U.14 XI
Crown Woods .....		0—1		6—0	2—2
Whitgift .....	0—0	1—2			
Owens .....	4—0	3—0	1—2	4—2	0—4
K.C.S. ....	1—1				
K.C.S. ....	1—0	3—0	2—2	0—4	0—4
Kingston .....			0—11		
Kingston .....	1—1	1—3	2—1	1—0	2—0
Trinity .....	1—0		1—3		
Rutlish .....		0—0	1—1		
Langley Park .....	0—0	1—3		0—2	0—3
Epsom College .....	4—0	3—2			
Windsor .....	0—0	5—0		0—0	
Royal Russell .....	4—0		1—2	5—0	4—0
Reigate .....	1—0	3—0		4—0	2—0
Westminster City .....				4—0	
Wallington .....		3—2			
Finchley .....		4—1	8—0		
Dulwich College .....		1—2	4—0	2—2	0—0
Watford .....				1—1	1—2
Staff .....	4—0	1—3	3—1		
Eastfields .....				1—2	2—0

**London Senior Knock-Out Cup:**

3rd Round — Thames Valley ..... D 1—1  
 Replay — Thames Valley ..... W 3—1  
 Semi-final — Southfields ..... W 3—1  
 Final — Eltham Green ..... W 1—0

## FIRST ELEVEN

*Goalscorers* (including Festivals): Weller 15, Kerse 11, Holmes 9, Seeley, Feist 6, Hosier 5, Mayer 3 Vipond 2, Marjoram.

This season has been the most successful yet for the Firsts; in fact, it has been an almost incredible season, and our unbeaten run in schoolboy competition has been extended to 30 games. Only one game was cancelled this season because of bad weather, and with all the Cup games and Six-a-side tournaments on Sundays, the team has been at full stretch throughout.

One match was lost against a much stronger and experienced Merton Hockey Club side who won rather flatteringly. Early in the season we drew with Whitgift and King's College, but a return match against King's College later in the season produced the success we wanted even though they proved very spirited opponents; K.C.S. were, in fact, the last school side to beat us some 12 months before. However, after winning the London Cup for the third year in succession by beating Eltham Green, we managed to gain only second place in the London Schools Festival. This was a disappointment but proved to be only a temporary setback; we easily won the Merton Schools Festival by defeating a rather poor Rutlish team 7—0 and finished the season with a dazzling team performance against the Staff. Some of our best and most fluent hockey was played while on tour in the Netherlands especially against Apeldoorn A1 who this season came second in the East Holland Youth Championships — we beat them 2—1 in a hard and fast game.

This season we have managed to field quite an experienced Six-a-side team which has done well in the Midland Bank and the Blackheath Invitation Tournaments despite little extra training. In the Surrey Inter-Schools Sixes, we managed to come quite an honourable third equal with Kingston, but behind Whitgift and St. George's.

Generally the team has played well and has shown remarkable consistency throughout the season. This has been due to the fine leadership of our captain, Trevor Seeley, the sound advice from M.J.S., and the experience of the senior members of the team. With a basic squad of twelve players throughout the season we have managed to keep the emphasis on teamwork rather than on individual players — our intricate short corner system demonstrating this. At the beginning of the season we played with a sweeper full-back and swivel centre-halves, but by the end we had changed the formation so that we had an orthodox centre-half and swivel full-backs.

The success of the team has been mainly due to Gagen for giving us a reliable last line of defence; to Mayer and Miles for providing a solid back pair; to Holmes and Vipond for dominating the mid-field with the aid of Marjoram, Hosier and, sometimes, Bates on their flanks; to Kerse and Seeley for their skill and speed down the wings; to Feist for his constant effort, and to Weller for putting the ball in the back of the net more than anyone else in the team.

The interest and enthusiasm being shown for the game throughout the School has grown rapidly over the past few years and this was shown at the end of term at the very successful Hockey Supper which was organised very competently by the officials.

The standard of the team has been outstanding this year, and, in the writer's humble opinion, we are now one of the best school senior teams in S.E. England. I am sure that the amount of effort and skill shown on the hockey field deserves more support on the side-lines than we have had this season, so next season it would be encouraging to see some more supporters, especially boys from the School, coming along to watch.

Finally, I should like to thank T. Seeley and N. Holmes for doing their jobs well, and especially Mr. Shaw for giving up so much time to the team; his organisation, leadership, and criticism were invaluable.

J. Marjoram.

## FIRST ELEVEN TOUR

*Record:* P6 W5 D1 L0 — Goals for 25 Against 4.

*Goalscorers:* Weller 11, Vipond 4, Hays 3, Holmes, Seeley 2, Kerse, Marjoram.

*Non-scoring Tourists:* Gagen, Miles, Mayer, Dodd, Feist.

### *Details*

Tuesday, 11th April: Left Raynes Park dead on 6.30 a.m. much to everyone's surprise — and arrived at Ramsgate in good time for hovercraft. Crossing was rough, but we all survived and managed to arrive safely at Nijlen Y.H. Riotous night there.

Wednesday, 12th: Visited diamond-cutting factory in Nijlen (apparently C.D. now has enough money to buy Frosts). Played 1st match — Apeldoorn A3, 0; School, 9. A jog-trot for most. Evening and first of three nights spent at Apeldoorn Y.H. Most of us attended disco in evening. However, failed to get R.W. to show us his 'skinhead' dance.

Thursday, 13th: Woke up to sounds of the Beach Boys over a VERY loudspeaker. Shopped in Apeldoorn. Watched 'veterans' play in afternoon (J.K. fancied the left-winger).

Apeldoorn A1, 1; School, 2. Great match — scored two goals in last eight minutes to 'snatch' victory. Eastfields were very impressed! T.S. made his one and only speech. Evening in clubhouse — the arrival of Ricards Lodge team at 10.0 drove everyone to drink, and we all regretted it (especially N.H., who received an electric shock).

Friday, 14th: Visited open-air museum and cemetery at Arnhem — very hot day. A.F. met a very cheeky waitress during lunch.

Wageningen 1—1. A fair result. Game was preceded by a chorus of 'Grimble, Gromble, Grope' (made a nice change from 'Zigger Zagger'). Evening in clubhouse, to C.M.'s delight.

Saturday, 15th: Travelled to Zwolle — shopped in morning.

Zwolle A1, 1; School, 5. A comfortable victory. Evening in clubhouse. Sleeping partners arranged by Nicky van de Griend — G.H. and R.W. happy again, but J.M. had to dance on his own. Left clubhouse at 10.0 to spend night with families; but most of us went out to a sleazy-looking joint in the town. T.S. and C.D. joined 'Groper's anonymous', C.V. was very faithful, but A.M. didn't get fixed up.

Zwolle A1 (last year), 1; School, 3. A great victory, in front of our biggest crowd of the season (mostly girls!). Evening spent quietly with families, or playing billiards.

Monday, 17th: Goodbyes in morning.

Arnhem, 0; School, 4. Final annihilation of the Dutch. Evening in clubhouse. A.F. in a mood, because last year's stuff wasn't there — but there were other twelve-year-olds! Conspiracy to get captain drunk (succeeded, of course). C.M. had beer-drinking race with fifteen-year-old: C.M. 2.7 seconds, Dutch boy 2.6 seconds ('but he didn't finish his froth', said the Baron). Merry night in Arnhem Y.H.

Tuesday, 18th: Making our way back. Lunch and shopping (more billiards) in Antwerp. Nostalgic meal out in evening. Night at Y.H.

Wednesday, 19th: Left hostel early (J.K. waved goodbye to the warden for the last time). Lunch in De Panne — poor soles! T.S. liked the hovercraft, so put down a deposit on it. N.H. said nothing all the way home.

Final score: A.G. 6, C.D. 4, the Rest 1.

Joking aside, the tour was a complete success both hockey-wise and socially. Some of the hockey we played was the best of the season; indeed, the two full-backs, A.M. and C.M. have never played better and C.V. nearly always ruled the midfield. Congratulations, too, to R.W. for banging in all those goals.

Many thanks to M.J.S. for leading us, and putting up with our warped humour for nine days.

Tour Pen-Portraits:

A.F.: Wanted to be best man, but came off second best (funny one).

A.M.: Now we know what Jesus Christ has in common with Biafra.

A.G.: Going yellow round the edges.

R.W.: Jilted.

G.H.: The goal was never open to him.

J.K.: Florence Nightingale comes again!

C.V.: Controlled the midfield, but not much else.

C.D.: Only there for the beer; but led the 'cheers' in Apeldorn.

N.H.: We wanted him to have a shower, but he couldn't pluck up enough courage.

Squire C.M.: Showed great restraint, but Jacqui didn't like it.

J.M.: Pity he had to tear himself away from the Netherlands.

T.S.: Some of his birds were a bit hard to 'Zwolle'.

T. Seeley.

## SECOND ELEVEN

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

*Captain:* C. Dodd.

*Goalscorers* (including Festivals): Brown G. 9, Willcox 7, Gaffney 5, McLachlan 3, Harris, Daley 2, Lovell, Wood, Hays.

The season did not start too well for the team as far as results were concerned, although the first two matches were lost only by a single goal. During these opening matches the team started to play together and were unlucky to lose to Whitgift, but in the third game an indication of the talent possessed by the team was shown when Owen's were soundly beaten 3—0, King's College were the next visitors, suffering a similar fate.

Owing to bad weather and pitches, a true indication of the team's potential could not be given in the following two matches, but, when the weather improved, so too did the standard of the play. Perhaps the finest performance shown occurred during the game against Epsom College, when one of the best sides of the season was assembled. The defence was firm, the attack resolute, and as a result we won 3—2 in a very entertaining and skilful game. Despite an unlucky defeat at Dulwich College, the team was able to round off the season with a hat-trick of victories against Windsor, Finchley Firsts and Reigate, when comfortable wins were recorded.

We were very fortunate in having a very solid defence, and owe much of this to Kelly, and the outstanding work done by Philpott, but particularly to Gaffney who kept the defence together at vital moments, despite suffering the inconvenience of opponents tripping over his stick. The forwards threw upon the strong defence and the consequent breaks started by it, and produced some 'stunning' attacks. Mention must go, however, to the individual skills and determination shown by the versatile Wood who was one of the most outstanding players in the team.

We were also very fortunate in having a talented inside-forward, G. Brown, who finished the season as top scorer: he was competently supported by Willcox, Daley, and Haibatan, who together formed an impressive forward line. Others who played — with enthusiasm — during the season were: Campbell, Chart, Cossey, Devine, Feist, Gagen, Harris, Hays, Lovell, Martin, McLachlan and Weller.

Thanks must go to W.P.H., who saw the team through a difficult early stage and supported it with ceaseless vigour throughout the season.

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Thanks, too, to Clive Dodd for his enthusiastic leadership and untiring efforts on and off the field: there was much experimentation with players and positions during the season, and that the right formula was found eventually is due to his unflinching interest.

W.P.H.

## THIRD ELEVEN

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

*Captain:* G. R. Hays.

*Goalscorers:* Hays 6, Russell 4, Daley, Cossey, Chart, Weller 3, McLachlan.

Although statistically we did not have a particularly outstanding season (even though we won as many games as we lost and eight matches, many of which we were expected to win, were cancelled) our record shows neither the skill we possessed in most departments, nor our tremendous team spirit.

We did struggle earlier in the season, when we drew games we should have won and lost games which should have at least finished even (the notable exception being a rather large defeat at the hands of Kingston!), but our spirit and determination were rewarded with fine wins over Dulwich, Finchley and of course, the Staff, when the team played exceptionally well.

Other highlights of the season were: playing on a pitch with four inches of grass and no markings; Szanto's save against Kingston; Russell's penalty-taking; oranges against Finchley.

Mention must be made of several members of the team who played consistently well. Chapman and Campbell played together excellently at full-back and could always be relied on. Frohnsdorff and Jordan marked opposing wingers out of the game time and again. Jones did a good job for the team on the right wing, while on the left Chart bemused both friend and foe with his "cackhanded" stickwork. Russell and Cossey proved both an inspiration to defence and attack, and much credit must be given to them for making this year's Third Eleven a very useful team.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Smith for the enthusiastic way he ran the team and the faith he had in us.

The following played: Brown G., Campbell, Chapman, Chart, Cossey, Daley, Devine, Dow, Frohnsdorff, Harris, Hays, Ishmael, Jones, Jordan, Kelly, Martin, McLachlan, Mugg, Philpott, Russell, Szanto, Weller.

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With his usual modesty Gary Hays has omitted his own valuable contribution to the success of the team. Apart from handling the difficulties that arise from an ever-changing team — we were unable to field the same side twice and were unable to field a selected side owing to the Senior teams' demands — he also managed to be the top goalscorer for the third year running.

J.G.S.

## UNDER FIFTEEN ELEVEN

*Master-in-Charge:* P. E. Nicholls, Esq.

*Captain:* C. Devine.

*Goalscorers* (including Festivals): Sainsbury 11, Allen, Curry 9, Amin P. 7, Broughton, Barrow 5, Eager 4, Devine 3, Pike 2, Adams T., Port.

We have enjoyed a very successful season. Only two matches were cancelled owing to bad weather and with all the festivals, the team has been kept very active.

Only four matches were lost, one of which was against K.C.S. when, after winning our three opening games very comfortably, we crashed 0—4. This was one of our worst performances. Shortly after we lost to a moderate Epsom College side, but the match was played on an uneven pitch. This game was the beginning of a slump as we first lost to Langley Park and then, in the most important match of the season, to our rivals, Eastfields.

Despite these defeats we managed to equal the record number of wins for an Under Fifteen side. The best result of the season was probably against Kingston, who, although they were an Under Fourteen team, proved very stiff opposition. We showed a great team effort with C. Allen putting the final touches with the only goal of the match.

The team's main weakness was getting started in the game as we often gave the opposition an early advantage. This was so in the match against Dulwich College who gained two first-half goals, but after the interval our superior skill showed up, and we drew the match 2—2.

The London Festival came at a convenient time when the team was just coming into true form. The day was snowy and cold, and we found we were drawn against Thames Valley, Eltham Green and Preston Manor. These matches were won, which meant that we were in the Winners' Group with Eastfields, Owens and Westminster City, but, as we won only one and drew the remaining two games, we were runners-up to Eastfields.

The following Thursday we gained our revenge when Eastfields were defeated 2—0 on our way to winning the Merton Festival.

On the Sunday following we came to the Surrey Sixes, but were not very successful as we finished third in the group.

Our goal tally was the highest for many years and this was helped by the sixteen goals in our first three matches.

The team after vital selection difficulties was soon settled. Special note should be made of J. Adams who was the most consistent player in the team, but mention must also be made of D. Sainsbury who started as a 'Rugby' style full-back and finished as the top scorer with eleven goals. By the end of the season the individual skills had developed considerably and the team spirit had maintained a high standard.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Nicholls for giving up so much of his time to coach and manage our team during a successful and enjoyable season.

The following played: Devine, Mason, Morgan, Adams J., Curry, Broughton, Adams T., Barrow, Eager, Allen, Amin, Sainsbury, Pike, Port, Amon, and Masterman.

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I should like to add my thanks to Devine who has shown himself to be a conscientious and industrious captain. He has captained the team well, moulding them into a very competent side.

P.E.N.

## UNDER FOURTEEN ELEVEN

*Master-in-Charge:* M. Malone, Esq.

*Captain:* B. Grout.

*Goalscorers* (including Festivals): Ashgar 10, Manasseh 5, Medwin 4, Scott P. 3, Tugwell, Western 2, Griffin, Briggs.

The season has been a success in two important respects. First, the results of the team have shown a steady improvement throughout the season and, secondly, a large number of boys have represented the team, reflecting a depth of talent which will be put to sound use in the future.

For the majority of the Admission Year hockey was a completely new game, and our early defeats can largely be explained by this lack of experience — a disadvantage which did not always apply to our opponents. This lack of experience and skill was usually more than counter-balanced by enthusiasm, but, unfortunately, and this is a major criticism, teamwork often suffered as a result of individual over-enthusiasm.

Many fine results were achieved during the season, but perhaps the most satisfying from many points of view were in the London Festival. It is, however, an unfortunate feature of Festival Hockey that the final placings do not always reflect a team's true position. As it was, despite having played some spirited hockey, the team finished fourth, though four of the five matches were won and the one defeat was 0—1 to the eventual winners.

Finally, it should be mentioned that three regular members of the team — B. Grout (captain), D. Griffin (full-back) and R. McIntosh (goalkeeper) — took part in the highly successful Junior tour of the Netherlands at Easter.

The following have represented the School: Grout, McIntosh, Griffin, Ashgar, Scott (M), Tugwell, Manasseh, Western, Haibatan J., Medwin, Campbell (M), Pearson, Scott (P), Daulby, Banks, Baillie, Rolfe, Isaac, Smith (P), Smith (C), Winters, Briggs, Bruce, Dixon.

## UNDER FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN TOUR TO HOLLAND

After the success of last year's combined tour party, another was arranged for the Easter holidays.

### *Diary*

29th March: Everyone assembled at School 6.30 a.m., except for P.E. who arrived amid female company at 6.40 a.m. After an uneventful journey to Ramsgate, a choppy crossing was experienced and survived! We continued our journey, stopping at a small French village for lunch where J.G.S. mistook a urinal for a bus stop and M.M. acquired his lunch from the rest of the party, paying particular attention to S.M. Arrived at Y.H. in Antwerp two hours early contrary to J.G.S.'s prediction.

30th March: Angry and humorous comments were made at 7 o'clock in the morning when all were awakened by jovial country folk music. After breakfast we made for Apeldoorn, arriving in time for lunch at Apeldoorn's answer-to-the-Ritz. Match against Apeldoorn B2 in afternoon, followed by meal out at a roadside cafe. Night in Apeldoorn Youth Hostel.

Apeldoorn B2, 0; School, 3.

In heavy drizzle on a bumpy pitch with long grass it was difficult to hit or stop the ball. After many fruitless efforts in the first half the team played well in the second, distribution in particular being very accurate and quick. As a result we soon overcame this fairly weak side with goals from Broughton, Barrow, and, finally, Amin who hammered the ball home with a first-time shot.

31st March: Following a typical Continental breakfast, we drove into Apeldoorn for shopping and sightseeing. To our surprise everyone received brown plastic monkeys as a gift with the midday meal. Played Apeldoorn B1 in the afternoon. At a most enjoyable party in the clubhouse afterwards, D.S. managed to be very sociable, and P.E. and C.D. also obtained female companions.

Apeldoorn B1, 2; School, 3.

In similar conditions as the previous day, the forwards lacked penetration in the first half, not commanding the midfield fully. We had most of the ball but did not let it do the work. Apeldoorn scored a soft goal just before half-time and again just afterwards. Although this demoralised the team, the defence pulled itself together and worked especially well with the wingers. The inside trio too played particularly well towards the end, Eager deserving a goal for his unceasing torment of the Apeldoorn defence. Amin drove high into the corner to pull one back, and it was Eager who equalised with a fine run through the middle and a shot low into the corner. Barrow scored the winner with a shot from close range.

1st April: Travelled to Zwolle where more 'souvenirs' were bought during the morning. Match v. Hattem B, in afternoon. Night as guests of club (C.D. gasped at the thought of being with D.S.).

Hattem B, 0; School, 0.

This was a hard game against the East of Holland champions, and an early goal was badly needed, but unfortunately it never came. Though several chances were created, the final touch was always missing. The defence was little exercised until after half-time when it was subject to severe pressure from an energetic side. Only excellent covering and stopping by Adams, who played brilliantly throughout, helped by the rest of the defence kept them out while Eager assisted by the other forwards caused some havoc in the Hattem goal area. However, because of missed chances it was a stalemate, and a draw was a fair result.

2nd April: Paid a visit to a sweet-smelling farm followed by early lunch nearby. A short trip to Zwolle clubhouse where the B2 team were played in the afternoon. Night as guests of Zwolle M.H.C.

Zwolle B2, 0; School, 7.

We dominated the first half, scoring four rapid goals and, generally, a weakened Zwolle team were outplayed. It was a similar story in the second half, when more goals followed, Eager and Curry finishing with three apiece. The captain sensibly followed up a flick from Eager and had the difficult task of scoring from just over one inch out!

3rd April: Toured Polderlands in Minibus with Dutch boys; then had lunch in restaurant on the Polderland, still below sea level. Returned to Zwolle clubhouse for match against B1 team. Take-away Chinese meal was encountered, but unfortunately not many were able to meet the challenge. A social occupied the evening, and the night was spent in the homes of Dutch families.

Zwolle B1, 1; School, 1.

The play in the first half was very even. An uneven surface made S.C. very moody, the spirit gradually spreading to other 'moodies' in the team and eventually the umpire joined in with the moody players! A goalkeeping error gave Zwolle the lead until five minutes from the end when Eager ploughed through Zwolle defenders to scramble the ball in the net. Altogether the game was spoilt by unpredictable umpiring interrupting the game so much that it ceased to be enjoyable.

4th April: Travelled to Arnhem for lunch and shopping. Match against Upward B1 in afternoon, followed by a very entertaining social evening. Nearly everyone found an attractive Dutch maiden to dance with — all that is except for S.C., P.A. and S.M. — not to mention M.M. who was well away with . . . (Chocomel drink!). S.P. had more than enough of everything (including Doris) M.J.S. and J.G.S. swung the night away with the more mature club females.

Arnhem Upward B1, 1; School, 1.

During the first half there were few attacking moves by either side. After the break, confusion in defence forced the goalkeeper to give away a penalty to Upward which was scored only after a fine effort by McIntosh to save it. Amin equalised with a low angled shot.

5th April: For S.P. it was the day after the night before. More shopping in Arnhem and then a match later on against Arnhem Velp B1. Supper in the Y.H. In the evening saw European Cup Semi-final at Club Chairman's house. Night in Arnhem Y.H.

Anhem Velp B1, 1; School, 5.

The game started with a midfield stalemate, but after ten minutes Curry scored from a short corner. Before half-time Velp equalised with a gift goal after hesitant play at the back. After the interval goals followed in fairly rapid succession, Curry flicking in two and Barrow adding another when he followed up on the goalkeeper to push home from close in. He was later cautioned for exercising his verbal talents to the opposition! Amin once again completed the scoring, hammering in an acute-angled shot.

6th April: A day of travelling to Bruges and the 'Stalag 13' type Y.H. Bruges suffered the Raynes Park Rebels for the evening.

7th April: Left to catch Hovercraft via De Panne, but on arrival at Calais, we were informed that they had all been cancelled owing to high winds in the Channel. Consequently an alternative crossing by boat was necessary. Three frustrating hours were endured at Calais Marine mostly in the embarkation shed. An undulating crossing by ship finally landed us at Dover where more sighs of relief were heard when we skipped through the Customs. Eventually fifteen leg-weary hockey players staggered out of the minibus at School at 2 a.m.

The minibus had proved to be invaluable, carrying a load of fourteen and luggage. Our thanks are due to M.M. and J.G.S. for their driving and M.J.S. whose chariot accompanied us, but particularly to J.G.S. for all the organising which made the tour so enjoyable for all concerned.

S. Curry and D. Barrow.

## CROSS COUNTRY

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

*Captain and Secretary:* I. S. Evans.

The success of the teams has continued undiminished, the Seniors having retained the Surrey Schools Harriers League Shield, the Judge Cup, and won the Herne Hill Harriers Schools Race. The Intermediates have been less successful, coming second in the Surrey Schools Harriers League, but they took by a clear margin the Kingston Relay Cup from Skinners and won the Herne Hill Harrier Schools Race convincingly. All members of the teams ran well during the season, and we maintained our hold on all three cups presented at the Merton Championships.

The Senior Team has had considerable changes of fortunes during the season, beating Wallington by wide margins in League races yet, in the later part of the season, beating them only by one point in the Judge Cup, and finally falling to them in the South London Harriers Densham Cup. It now remains unbeaten for 46 straight matches in a row.

The Intermediate Team has been less fortunate, being beaten twice by the extremely strong John Fisher team and once by Roan whose long and hilly course in Greenwich Park proved to be too tiring.

The two most important matches for the Seniors came in the first half of the season against Skinners and Wallington. Although Skinners are not in the League they are reckoned to be one of the best Cross-country schools in S.E. England. The team ran well and we won by a considerable margin. Our other main rivals, Wallington, were despatched with similar ease in both League matches.

The Merton District Championships were a success, with many of our runners going forward to represent Merton in the Surrey Championships. Special mention must be made of J. Goddard and G. Shine who ran well in their races and both carried on to represent Surrey in the National Championships.

The second half of the season started with the departure of David Evans and Kenneth Randall, both of whom have been leading runners for many years. The teams, though weakened, carried on however in the same successful fashion.

The first bitter fruits of defeat were tasted when the Seniors were beaten down to third place in the Ranelagh High Schools Race, to be followed later when the team took third place in the South London Harriers Schools Meeting.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank especially Mr. Gleed who has always inspired us, helped to raise our performances to a high degree, and organised the matches on Saturday mornings; Mr. Forrest who helped in our training and supported us with great vigour, and the intrepid band of markers who turned out in all weather to mark the course.

The following ran regularly:

Intermediates — M. Barry, S. Beasley, G. Catlin, P. Cope, G. Grant, S. Harper, P. Hann, C. Hill, A. Hutchinson, S. Males, A. Orr, S. O'Sullivan, M. Petrides, G. Shine, C. White, D. Wright.

Seniors — S. Baker, S. Brown, D. Evans, I. Evans, J. Goddard, C. Hughes, G. Ives, P. Males, M. Mannan I, M. Mannan II, S. Stone, S. Newton, K. Randall.

## Results

<i>Autumn Term</i>	Age Group	Result	Individuals
v Roan (H)	O15	Won 27/53	D. Evans 1st
	U15	Won 37/52	G. Catlin 1st
v Beverley (A)	O15	Won 21/63	
	U15	Won 28/56	Catlin, Orr, Wright 4th=
v John Fisher (A)	O15	Won 27/59	D. Evans, Newton 2nd=
	U15	Lost 64/22	Catlin 6th
v Glyn (A)	O15	Won 27/56	Newton 2nd
	U15	Won 36/42	Catlin, Orr 2nd=
v Skinners (H) and Tiffins (H)	O15	Won 35/65/85	Newton 2nd
	U15	Won 42/50/87	Catlin 2nd
v Herne Hill Harriers	Sen. O16	1st	Newton 1st
	Int. U16	1st	Stone 2nd
v Ranelagh Harriers (H)	H'cap	Won 127/202	Shine 1st
	Scr.	Lost 115/95	Newton 2nd
v Selhurst (H)	O15	Won 21/66	
	U15	Won 28/40	Wright 2nd
v Wallington (A)	U15	Won 26/54	Newton 1st
	U15	Won 32/46	Wright 1st
Merton District	O17	1st	
	U17	1st	Newton 2nd
	O15	1st	
v H.H.H.	O15	Won 14/33	Newton 2nd
<i>Winter Term:</i>			
v Glyn (H)	O15	Won 27/53	Newton 2nd
	U15	Won 33/46	Petrides, Wright 2nd
v Selhurst (A)	O15	Won 28/56	Evans I., Goddard 1st=
	U15	Won	
v John Fisher (H)	O15	Won 21/51	Goddard 2nd
	U15	Lost 48/38	Catlin 2nd
v Wallington (H)	O15	Won 29/49	Newton 1st
	U15	Won 29/54	Wright 1st
v Roan (A)	O15	Won 35/45	Goddard, Newton 2nd=
	U15	Lost 52/30	Catlin 2nd
Ranelagh H.S. Race	O15	3rd	Newton 3rd
Kingston Relay	U15	1st	Petrides—Fastest leg
v Tiffins (A)	O15	Won 28/51	Goddard 1st
	U15	Won 23/63	Wright 1st
v Surbiton v Trinity	O15	Won 20/48/86	Catlin 2nd
	U15	Won 24/63/90	Goddard 1st
v Kingston	O15	No match	
	U15	Won 29/52	Orr 1st
Judge Cup	U15	1st	Goddard 2nd
Densham Cup	O16	3rd	Goddard 4th
Lemon-Norris Cup	U16	4th	
Selhurst Relay	Open	2nd	

## *Inter-House Cross-Country*

### Pre-Race Qualifying:

1st Newsoms 739.  
2nd Cobbs 637.  
3rd Halliwells 571.  
4th Gibbs 421.  
5th Miltons 277.

#### 'A' Year Race

1st Cobbs 372  
2nd Newsoms 361  
3rd Halliwells 349  
4th Miltons 110  
5th Gibbs 103  
Individual winner  
G. Shine (H)

#### 'I' Year Race

1st Cobbs 398  
2nd Newsoms 350  
3rd Halliwells 347  
4th Gibbs 163  
5th Miltons 109  
Individual winner  
D. Wright (N)

#### Senior Race

1st Cobbs 405  
2nd Newsoms 260  
3rd Gibbs 225  
4th Halliwells 141  
5th Miltons 58  
J. Goddard (N)  
Individual winner

### Final Positions:

1st Cobbs ..... 1812  
2nd Newsoms ... 1710  
3rd Halliwells ... 1408  
4th Gibbs ..... 912  
5th Miltons ..... 554

## **BASKETBALL**

*Master-in-Charge:* P. E. Nicholls, Esq.

*Captain:* C. Vipond.

*Secretary:* A. Gagen.

## **UNDER NINETEEN SQUAD**

Although the season started well with an auspicious win over Eastfields, we then found ourselves in an unhappy state, suffering a spate of twelve consecutive losses. This was probably due largely to the lack of practice — the result of the demands of other sports. Towards the end of the season our morale improved with a much needed victory over Stode's when our defence of Kelly and Kensett proved especially valuable.

Other regular members of the team were S. A. Brown, A. Gagen, S. Wood, A. Daley, and M. Gaffney. A. Feist, R. Heath, S. Young, C. Mayer, N. Holmes, S. Arnold, M. Stephens, K. Ishmael, T. Adams, D. Wright, and C. Vipond were also called upon on various occasions.

## UNDER FIFTEEN SQUAD

### *Results:*

- v Garth, H — Won
- v Southborough, A — Won
- v Carshalton (Cup), H — Lost
- v Pelham, A — Lost
- v Riddlesdown, H — Won
- v Warlingham, H — Won
- v Royal Alexandra, A — Lost
- v Garth, A — Won
- v Southborough, H — Won
- v Pelham, H — Lost
- v Royal Alexandra, H — Won
- v Riddlesdown, A — Lost

This has been a fairly successful season for the team, who came third in the Surrey League. This is the first year that this team has played together and next year the team will be joining the U16 League. Under the able captaincy of seven different players we have progressed to great things, only two players having failed to be captain! Thanks go to P.E.N. for organising our team and refereeing the matches.

Those who played regularly were: T. Adams, D. Bray, R. Brudenell, C. Devine, L. Masterman, G. Nagle, M. Petrides, S. Port and D. Wright.

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