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## COLLEGE SECTION

### COLLEGE NOTES.

THERE are at present 356 pupils in the Technical School and 142 pupils in the Grammar School. During the year 1953-54 97 pupils entered the Technical School and 42 pupils entered the Grammar School.

In September, 1953 we welcomed the following members of staff to the Technical School :

Mr. P. J. Pearce, B.Sc.	Senior Science Master.
Mr. D. J. Staveley, B.A.	Geography.
Mr. J. Howard, B.Sc.	Mathematics.
Mr. E. A. Reynolds, B.A.	German and Music.
Mr. K. Lamming, A.T.D.	Art
Mr. N. Canty	Handicrafts
Miss B. Pattern, B.A.	English and Religious Instruction
Miss C. P. Charters	General Subjects

and to the Grammar School :

Mr. P. Bailey, M.A.	Geography
Mr. R. Norton	Physical Education
Miss T. Goodman	Physical Education

We shall be sorry to lose the following members of staff in July, 1954. We wish every success to :

- Mr. P. S. Kenyon, on his appointment as Second Master at Linten Village College
- Mr. K. Lamming, on his appointment as Art Master at Yarmouth Technical School

And every happiness to :

- Miss L. Dooler, on her marriage in August to Mr. R. Wyatt, of Peterborough
- Mr. K. Lamming, on his marriage in August to Miss J. Perrin, of Nottingham

We offer our congratulations to :

- Mr. and Mrs. Littlechild on the birth of their first daughter, Penelope, in August, 1953
- Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, on their marriage in September, 1953
- Mr. Mitchell, on gaining the Diploma in Education of London University, 1954
- Martin Collison and David Spinks, on being chosen to represent Norfolk Schools at the All-England Sports in 1953 and 1954 respectively
- Aubrey Hammond, captain of the first XI cricket team, on scoring the first two half-centuries for the College

## THE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

MR. KENYON.

A NEW venture this year is the establishment of a Senior Chapel Choir which we hope will eventually become a College Choral Society. The faithful Technical School Choir, members of the Grammar School and members of staff have combined to provide a splendid stimulus to our Sunday evening services. All the hymns are now sung in four-part harmony. A Choral Service shortly before Christmas included several items by this new choir. We are saying little about our future plans, as we wish these to come as a surprise. Suffice it to say that we have great ambitions.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE INTER-SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

MISS PATTERN.

IN March, 1954, a branch of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship was formed. There are similar groups in 150 Grammar Schools in the British Isles, but this is one of the first to take its members from both a Technical and Grammar School. The aims of the I.S.C.F. are to encourage among members:—(1) A personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; (2) Regular study of the Bible; (3) Practical Christian living. Each member belongs to the Scripture Union, and as a result of this we have formed our own S.U. group, of twenty members with Nancy Carman as Secretary.

Our main meetings have taken the form of Bible Study with the discussions led by different members in turn. In addition we saw a film dealing with the work of the Church Missionary Society among refugees. We decided to support this work in a practical way, and after several busy evenings sent a parcel of knitted baby clothes to the Arab Refugee Organisation. Other meetings planned include some "Fact and Faith" films, an "Any Questions" session, and a visit from Dr. Grace Griffiths who has worked among lepers in Northern Nigeria. For our missionary activity we are adopting an Indian child, to whom we shall write and send parcels.

We have included two visits to Norwich in our programme: one to a Rally of the Children's Special Service Mission, the other to an Exhibition of Bibles, where we saw some of the earliest manuscripts, together with the most recent translations into African and Chinese.

At the beginning of the Summer Term, Miss Sheila Bennett, Travelling Secretary of the I.S.C.F., visited the School. As a result of her visit, our Society became affiliated to the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, and we hope to send two delegates to the I.S.C.F. Conference at Christmas. Some of our members are

going to the Pioneer Camps in North Wales this summer, and we hope to make this, too, an annual event.

A committee was elected at the end of the Spring Term with Judith Harris as President, Joanne Rose as Secretary and Nancy Carman as Scripture Union Secretary. Our membership has been increasing since March, but we feel the boys are too heavily outnumbered. Congratulations to the two who have so gallantly represented the boys since the formation of the Society!

JUDITH HARRIS (VB Tech.)

### ART CLUB.

MR. LAMMING AND MRS. MITCHELL.

At the beginning of the Autumn term an Art Club was formed catering for the Seniors of both the Technical and Grammar schools.

The club offered its members a variety of Crafts, including Pottery, Puppetry, Bookbinding and Fabric Printing, as well as the "Fine Art" subjects—Painting, Drawing, and Design.

During this first Term the members numbered nearly forty, and the most popular crafts were Pottery and Puppetry, interest in the latter having been aroused by the IVth Form production of a series of small plays. The Bookbinding and Clay Modelling done during the Spring term was also particularly satisfying.

On Sunday, 28th March, the Art Club and Science Society combined for an interesting visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

The collection of paintings in this Gallery covers almost the entire history of the Art, ranging from the early Christian era to the present day. To those whose main interest is painting the time spent in Cambridge went all too quickly.

Not unnaturally, membership dropped during the Summer term, but the twenty-five members still remaining are rapidly reaching a stage where they can produce competent work in their craft.

At the end of this term it is hoped that the Club will join once more with the Science Society in a visit to the National Gallery, London, to conclude a most interesting and constructive year.

### GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

MR. BAILEY AND MR. STAVELEY.

With two new members of Staff, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Staveley, to guide the Society, a good start was made at the beginning of the year with strong support from pupils of both Schools, and we are now the largest Society in the College.

Talks and lectures by various members of the Staff and pupils were featured in the meetings of the first term, and one evening was devoted to films on Switzer-

land. A most interesting and much appreciated visit to Great Yarmouth's herring fishing industry was also arranged by Miss Charters. In the second term a meeting was held each week with film shows arranged for every other week and talks for the intervening dates. The film shows proved to be of great interest, depicting scenes from the famous limestone caverns at Padirac in Central France, to the manufacture of steel in England, and from the story of silk manufacture to the historic Death Valley of California.

It was necessary to look ahead to the approaching term when it would be possible to do more practical work in the lighter evenings and warmer weather. The suggested project of making a geographical film-strip of the surrounding country has been considered and with the help of members of the Society it should be completed by the end of this term. Two visits were arranged for the Summer term, one to Jarrold's printing works in Norwich, and the other to Francis Hinde's, the manufacturers of Norwich silk.

Another suggestion adopted was the presentation of a book each year to the library, to be paid for out of the Society's funds. This year, an outstanding German Atlas, only recently available in Britain, is to be presented, and it should be invaluable for future Sixth Form members of this College.

I. HIPPERSON (Tech. VA).

### COUNTRY DANCING CLUB.

MR. HUGHES.

EARLY in the Autumn Term 1953, a Country Dancing Club was formed. Its innovation was greeted with great enthusiasm, and membership became so great that two sessions each week had to be organised for fourth and fifth year forms respectively.

The objects of the club were simply the learning and enjoyment of country dancing, and very soon the members were quite familiar with the vigorous gyrations of the Circassian Circle and Eightsome Reel. A Wymondham College Square Eight was evolved, but this could only be tackled by those with great stamina (the girls!).

The success of the club in its early stages was due in no small measure to the enthusiasm and willingness of a team of Fourth Year girls who worked out, perfected and demonstrated each new dance, and to Miss Shephard who gave so much valuable assistance. The team consisted of Sylvia Caston, Valerie Cox, Pamela Wegg, Glenda Banham, Janet Carr, Dorothy Ducker, Doreen Wilkins and Joan Gibson—all of the Technical Fourth Year. We thank them for their efforts which were greatly appreciated.

The Club's activities for the year came to an end at the summer half term of 1954, and it is hoped that it will open again next year with renewed vigour and greatly increased membership.

## ATHLETIC CLUB

MR. NORTON AND MR. LITTLECHILD.

THE Athletic Club was formed by Mr. Norton and Mr. Littlechild at the beginning of the school year, and work was started on the Athletic training area outside the Gymnasium.

During the Spring Term members of the club attended a lecture at Norwich, given by Geoffrey Dyson, the Chief National Coach, and later, three members attended a week-end training course also supervised by Geoffrey Dyson.

As the result of increased working activities, both jumping pits were available for Sports Day, and a successful " Finals " Dance at the end of term was organised for the College, by the club, with the aid of Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Hughes.

Athletic instructional films have been shown, and will continue to be shown at intervals, together with films on other sports.

A small team of College athletes has already competed at the Norfolk A.A.A. Championships at Yarmouth, B. Winn gaining a County Medal in the Discus Throw (17-19 age group). In addition to the Norfolk Schools' Athletic meetings it is hoped to compete at several other local meetings before the end of term.

M. COLLISON (Gr. IV).

## COLLEGE SPORTS

## CRICKET (FIRST XI) 1953

THE Summer term of 1953 provided us with our first full season of cricket. An early start was made during the Spring term when the new pitch was prepared and a suitable site selected for the nets.

The beginning of every cricket season demands much net-practice, and the team, coached by Mr. Seeley, certainly did not ignore this fact. With a considerable amount of confidence we travelled to Thetford for our first match. We lost however, by the narrow margin of six runs! The rest of the season shows little in the way of major triumphs or defeats. Of the eleven matches played we won five, lost five and drew one.

Although the team as a whole cannot claim any outstanding successes some very fine individual performances were given. Throughout the season Hammond showed an all-round ability with his batting unrivalled. Of our bowlers, Leverett, with his off-spinners, claimed most victims. It is interesting to note that these two players achieved their best performances of the season in the same match. Playing against Unthank College at Eaton Park, Hammond reached his half-century in an innings well above the schoolboy class, and Leverett performed the almost impossible by taking 8 wickets for 5 runs.

Once again the Staff v. School match provided an entertaining afternoon for the whole school. Comment is tactfully withheld in the light of the scores—

Staff, 42 ; School, 113 for 5 !

Another match was arranged towards the end of term between a combined school and staff XI and the local club, Spooner Row. The match was limited to 20 overs each, and the game was open until the last over was bowled. The school and staff batted first and scored 52 for 6. Spooner Row replied with 55 for 8.

The team appreciates the time Mr. Seeley has given to coaching, and arranging the fixtures.

## RESULTS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
	11	5	1	5
v. Thetford G.S.				Lost by 6 runs
v. Downham G.S.				Won by 25 runs
v. Fakenham G.S.				Lost by 50 runs
v. Downham G.S.				Lost by 19 runs
v. Diss G.S.				Won by 8 wkts.
v. Unthank College				Match drawn
v. Fakenham				Lost by 14 runs
v. Unthank College				Won by 62 runs
v. Diss G.S.				Won by 5 wkts.

J. W. SMITH (Captain).

## CRICKET (Under 14 XI) 1953

THE season had many great moments. After a disappointing start against Thetford the team opened out towards the end of the season and played a good standard of cricket. The second match against Fakenham was a keen contest, and resulted in a narrow and exciting defeat by one run. The next visitors were Downham Market, and here the team with its vigorous attacking bowling won by four runs.

The two away matches which followed this narrow victory saw the team on better form. The rainy Diss match and the Swaffham match were won by six and seven wickets respectively. The match against Unthank College was also won by a comfortable margin.

Weather conditions were again troublesome in the Fakenham match, but were perhaps less unsettling to our team, who won by 70 runs. The last match of the season ended with a triumphant victory over Unthank College and proved a fitting climax to the season. We made 113 for 5 declared against Unthank's total of 73. Our opponents were troubled by our wide variety of bowling which proved deadly on this occasion.

The team throughout the season was selected from:—Eaton (Captain), Harvey, Forder, Cossey, Manley, Hardesty, Coppin, Dewing, Ward, Bentley, Purple and Homer. The team was coached by Mr. Baron.

## RESULTS.

Thetford G.S. (H)	Lost	Swaffham G.S. (A)	Won
Fakenham G.S. (H)	Lost	Unthank College (H)	Won
Downham G.S. (H)	Won	Fakenham G.S. (A)	Won
Diss G.S. (A)	Won	Unthank College (A)	Won

BRIAN TURNER (IVA).

## ATHLETICS 1953

THE new House system was introduced this year : their names, North, South, East and West. This gave a new spirit of competition to the School Sports which were won by West House.

The results enabled us to choose our teams to represent us at the Area Sports at Old Buckenham. The list is as follows (exclusive of the over-fifteen age-group which did not enter the competition until the County Sports at Cromer).

BOYS.	GIRLS.
90 yds. 11-13, P. Colk.	80 yds 11-13, A. Bilverstone.
100 yds. 13-15, P. Forrest	100 yds. 13-15, P. Coles.
220 yds 13-15, D. Spinks	150 yds. 13-15, A. Tagg.
440 yds. 13-15, B. Turner	Long Jump, 11-13, J. Spraggons.
Long Jump, 11-13, W. Wiskin.	Long Jump, 13-15, P. Basey.
Long Jump, 13-15, A. Chilvers.	High Jump, 11-13, D. Gosling.
High Jump, 11-13, J. Furness.	High Jump, 13-15, F. Newton.
High Jump, 13-15, I. McDowell.	Hurdles, 11-13, G. Angell.
Hurdles, 11-13, V. Kirk.	Hurdles, 13-15, E. Blunden.
Hurdles, 13-15, R. Ramm.	Discus, 13-15, D. Maidstone.
Shot, 13-15, H. Harbord.	Javelin, 13-15, H. Going.
Discus, 13-15, B. Westgate.	Relay, 11-13, V. Brown, G. Angell, A. Bilverstone, C. Fancy.
Javelin, 13-15, M. Harvey	Relay, 13-15, A. Tagg, P. Coles, P. Basey, E. Blunden.
Relay, 11-13, P. Colk, W. Wiskin, V. Womack, M. Hollis.	
Relay, 13-15, P. Forrest, C. Allen, W. Nichols, D. Spinks.	

The following competitors won their events at the Area Sports, and thus qualified for the County Sports at Cromer, together with the over-fifteen age-group. The two lists are :—

220 yds. 13-15, D. Spinks and Area Relay Team.  
Area Relay, 13-15, P. Forrest.  
Long Jump, 13-15, A. Chilvers.  
High Jump, 13-15, I. McDowell.  
Shot, 13-15, H. Harbord.  
100 yds., 13-15, P. Coles.  
150 yds., 13-15, A. Tagg.  
Area Relay, 13-15, E. Blunden.  
Long Jump, 13-15, P. Basey.  
High Jump, 13-15, F. Newton.

*Over-fifteens.*

BOYS.	GIRLS.
100 yds., A. Howe	100 yds., J. Daniels.
220 yds., A. Algate.	150 yds., P. Corke.
440 yds., J. Jackson.	Long Jump, C. Hurn.
880 yds., W. Sendell.	High Jump, M. Shipley.
Long Jump, M. Collison.	Discus, J. Williamson.
High Jump, I. Hipperson.	Hurdles, S. Chilvers.
Shot, A. Street.	Relay, J. Daniels, P. Corke, S. Chilvers, M. Arbour.
Discus, B. Winn.	
Relay, A. Howe, M. Collison, A. Algate.	

The following won their events at the County Sports and thus qualified for the Quadrangular at Yarmouth.

Relay team, 13-15, Spinks, Forrest.  
100 yds., 13-15, Angela Tagg.  
440 yds., 15+, Jackson.

Long Jump, 15+, Collison.  
 Shot, 15+, Street.  
 Discus, 15+, Winn.

Of the above, Spinks and Forrest won in their relay event, Collison and Street came first, and Collison proceeded to the All-England Sports at Uxbridge.

B. TURNER (IVA).

#### SOCCKER (Senior Team) 1953-54.

THE College had a moderate and enjoyable season. After an uncertain beginning at King's Lynn, they gradually found their form and began to play together as a team.

There were some heavy defeats, one of which was inflicted by Swaffham Grammar School; the College lost 9-2. However we had many good victories. One which aroused the College supporters was the game against Diss Grammar School. Losing 5-2 with twenty minutes to go, the College looked on the verge of defeat. But they found fresh energy and inspiration, and by a renewed and sustained attack, scored four more well-earned goals to win 6-5.

The climax of the season was reached with the Staff match. The staff, captained by Mr. Goman, had quite an imposing team, at least on paper! They started well and at the interval were leading 2-1. In the second half, however, youth and vigour showed its superiority and the College went on to win 3-2.

This sporting game concluded the season. I think all members of the team will agree that pre-match warming up brought results.

The team was coached by Mr. Goman to whom we are greatly indebted, and throughout the season was selected from:—Ash, MacDowall, Harbord, Bacon, Diggle, Handley, Westnott, Cope, Leverett, Hammond, Street, Howe, Crane, Goss.

	RESULTS.	
	HOME.	AWAY.
King's Lynn	—	Lost 1-5
Diss Gr. S.	Won 6-5	Drew 4-4
Paston Gr. S. (2nd XI)	Won 10-2	—
Fakenham Gr. S.	—	Lost 3-9
Downham Gr. S.	Won 9-1	Drew 2-2
Swaffham Gr. S.	Lost 5-6	Lost 2-9
Unthank College	Won 8-1	—
City College	—	Won 5-0
Thetford Gr. S.	Lost 2-8	—
Swaffham Gr. S.	Won 3-2	—

A. J. HAMMOND (Captain).

#### SOCCKER (Under 15 XI) 1953-54.

As our matches this season included games against First and Second XIs containing boys much older than ourselves, the results certainly do not disgrace us. The team played good, consistent football throughout. The rest of the fixtures were played against teams of our own age, and here we showed our superiority as the final results indicate:—

P. W. L. D. F. A.  
9 5 3 1 57 21

The season, however, began with a defeat : we lost by one goal to King's Lynn—a last minute fixture. Adequate compensation was provided by the 13—0 result of the Unthank College match. Then followed a trip to Norwich to play Bracondale 1st XI. After a tremendous struggle with grand football from both sides we were narrowly defeated.

The match of the season was probably that against Fakenham 2nd XI. Both teams were at their best in this keen struggle ; Anderson in goal made some wonderful saves. The match ended in a fair draw.

Our poorest display was against Diss 2nd XI. This was certainly one of our off-days as we were admittedly completely outplayed. The season ended, however, on a note of triumph with two decisive victories over Swaffham.

The team throughout the season was selected from the following :—Spinks (Captain), Anderson, Ward, Eaton, Bull, Turner, Harvey, Hardesty, Purple, Woods, Coppin, Norfolk, Manley and Homer. The team was coached by Mr. Littlechild.

## RESULTS.

King's Lynn 2nd XI (A)	Lost 2—3	Easton 2nd XI (II)	Won 11—0
Unthank College 2nd XI (H)	Won 13—0	Diss 2nd XI (A)	Lost 2—7
Bracondale 1st XI (A)	Lost 1—2	Swaffham Under-15 XI (H)	Won 9—1
Diss Grammar Under-15 XI (H)	Won 9—3	Swaffham Under-15 XI (A)	Won 6—1
Fakenham 2nd XI (A)	Draw 4—4		

B. W. TURNER (IV A).

## HOCKEY 1953—54.

DURING the season the Wymondham team suffered defeat all the time. However, the opposing teams did not always find it easy to gain their victories.

The best match of the season was played at Diss. Although the score was 4—0 in their favour they had a hard time trying to break through the Wymondham defence. The Wymondham forwards had several shots at the goal but all were unsuccessful. Throughout the season the two backs, A. Thornton and M. Seaton, and goalkeeper J. Emmerson played well. On many occasions they saved our defeat from being greater.

The forward line underwent several changes during the season, which on occasions appeared to unsettle the team. With help and encouragement from Mrs. Seeley and Miss Goodman they improved towards the end of the season, and were on the attack much more. The team felt the loss of last year's VIth Formers, especially M. Spooner who captained the first season's hockey team.

In seasons to come the school should find itself with a good team, as there are many promising players in the school. We all wish the hockey team luck and more successes in the future.

M. ARBOUR (Gr. V).

## NETBALL (Under 16 VII) 1953—54.

FOR the second year in succession the Senior VII have kept up their record, although it must be admitted we have played only three matches. The team was as follows :—

AUTUMN TERM.	SPRING TERM.
S Valerie Cox	Valerie Cox
A Jill Howes	Jill Howes
AC Joan Gibson (Captain)	Sylvia Caston
C Glenda Banham	Glenda Banham
DC Janet Carr	Joan Gibson (Captain)
D Dorothy Ducker	Jennifer Herring
GK Monica Baumber	Jill Taylor
Reserves : Sylvia Caston	Mary Main, Pamela Wegg

(Coached by Mrs. Seeley.)

The most enjoyable match of this very short season was that against Holt Hall. This match was played in very cold weather but this had no effect on the spectators, or the team, who had made up their minds to win. The 27—2 victory was certainly decisive. Holt played a very good game, and had as many chances as Wymondham but unfortunately their shooters were not up to the standard of Valerie or Jill. The team are to be congratulated on their creditable performance, and it is hoped that they will keep it up next season.

## RESULTS.

14th November. Fakenham (Away). Won 24—6.  
23rd January. Fakenham (Home). Won 27—9.  
17th February. Holt Hall (Home). Won 27—2.

JOAN GIBSON (IVc).

## NETBALL (Under 15 VII) 1953—54

THE season was a very successful one in every respect. Every game on the fixture list was won after excellent play by the whole team. Many of our successes were due to the excellent way in which the defence combined with the centre players to send the ball quickly up to the shooters, who achieved good, consistent results.

The team was as follows :—S., Moira Chapman; A., Janet Bean (Captain); A. C., Jean Parry; C., Eileen Blundon; D. C., Francis Willimott; D., Cicely Fancy; G. K., Jill Taylor. Reserve :—Diana Gosling.

The only alteration in the above was made in the home match against Fakenham where Mary Patten replaced Jill Taylor as goalkeeper.

The great disappointment of the season was the cancellation of the tournament at Dereham owing to bad weather.

The most enjoyable game took place at Fakenham Grammar School on 14th November, when we won by 20—4. In spite of the goals scored these were not won easily. Every goal had to be fought for. The team played well and deserved this victory. The Fakenham team were good losers and after the match entertained us well.

The last fixture was at home against Fakenham in which we were cheered on to a 20—12 victory by a large number of supporters.

The team are all looking forward to next season and hoping to maintain the high standards already achieved.

1953		RESULTS.	
14th November.	Junior VII v. Fakenham Grammar 2nd VII.	Won	20—4.
2nd December.	Junior VII v. Downham Grammar VII.	Won	35—7.
5th December.	Junior VII v. Diss Grammar VII.	Won	27—6.
12th December.	Junior VII v. Downham Grammar VII.	Won	33—5.
1954			
23rd January.	Junior VII v. Fakenham Grammar VII.	Won	20—12.

JANET BEAN (III A).

### ROUNDERS 1953.

THE 1953 Rounders season had very few fixtures. It was unfortunate that Downham Grammar School could not visit us at Wymondham, and that the Open Day gymnastic display prevented our matches against Diss Grammar School.

The "Under 15" team had a very successful season and won all three matches. Pat Basey captained the team until she became 15 and then played in the senior team. Joan Gibson captained in the last match of the three with Edith Ladell playing 3rd Deep.

The "Over 15" team was not so successful. They won only one of three matches, and that by a half-rounder from three no-balls. Brenda Chapman captained the team on two occasions, Maureen Arbour on the third with Michelle Howard at 1st Post. The "Over 15" team lost their two matches because of weak fielding and particularly inaccurate throwing. Rosemary Hughes was highest scorer with 4 rounders.

It is pleasing to notice that there are many more fixtures for both teams in the 1954 season, and, moreover, against a wide variety of schools.

The 1953 Rounders teams were as follows :

	UNDER-15 TEAM.	OVER-15 TEAM.
Bowler	Christine Beckett	Annette Blunt
Backstop	Janet Carr	Brenda Chapman
1st Post	Joan Gibson	Jacqueline Savage
2nd Post	Rita Hanner	Mary Hall
3rd Post	Rosemary Hughes	Jennifer Sayer
4th Post	Hilary Barker	Maureen Arbour
1st Deep	Jennifer Herring	Monica Baumber
2nd Deep	Pat Coles	Anne Thornton
3rd Deep	Pat Basey	Peggy Wright
Reserve	Edith Ladell	Maureen Spooner

### RESULTS.

UNDER-15 TEAM.	
Downham Grammar School (Away).	Won 2—0.
Fakenham Grammar School (Home).	Won 5½—2.
Fakenham Grammar School (Away).	Won 6½—2.
OVER-15 TEAM.	
Downham Grammar School (Away).	Won ½—0.
Fakenham Grammar School (Home).	Lost 4—5.
Fakenham Grammar School (Away).	Lost 2—3½.

## HOUSE NOTES

## NORTH HOUSE.

1953.

North House was unsuccessful in athletics at the school sports in May 1953. The over-15 Rounders and Cricket teams both reached the finals but neither of them was successful in winning the House Competition.

1954 *Hockey.*

North girls reached the final after beating West 3—0 in the semi-final (J. Hurn 2, M. Howard 1). The final was a very close game, for at half-time both sides had scored two goals. In the beginning of the second half, although attacking repeatedly, North forwards could not pierce East's defence, and towards the end of the game our opponents scored two snap goals and deserved their victory.

1954 *Football.*

In senior football we were very successful. In the semi-final we played West on a ground which was very bad owing to snow and ice, but we overcame these difficulties and won 3—2 (Goss 2, Robertson 1). In the final we won a very hard game against South 2—1 (Robertson 1, Goss 1). Team:—Frestone, Bacon, Brodie, Westnott, Daniels, Bentley, Cushion, Howe, Goss, Robertson, McNeill.

The Under-15s also reached the finals by beating South 2—1. But in the final they lost to East, 3—1. Team:—Eaton, Newman (Tech.), Newman (Gr.), Riseborough, Woodyard, Simms, Curry, Crawford, Watson, Welsh, Rogers.

J. HURN, K. WESTNOTT (House Captains).

## SOUTH HOUSE.

The House may be congratulated upon its achievements during the past year. The Football XI, which had to be picked from small numbers, did exceptionally well in its matches. It beat East in the eliminating round and played North in the final. The final produced a very spectacular game, and credit must be given to M. Stacey, who played a very fine game at left-half, and to N. Peacock in goal. We are particularly grateful to P. Hollis, who gave up part of his boxing training to play for the side, and who travelled specially to Wymondham for the match.

The Athletic Sports were entered into with great enthusiasm, and the House must be congratulated on gaining the most standards. Our representatives did their utmost in their events; special mention should be made of D. Spinks, who is in a class by himself. The House finished third, in a close contest.

The competitors did their best, and I am sure all the members of South House are grateful to them for the way in which they performed. But it is not only to the competitors that we owe our thanks; we are grateful also to those who

were unable to compete or who just failed to reach the required standards, yet who helped in many ways. Special mention must be made of Sadie Thompson, to whom we are most grateful for typing out many lists which were required for the running of the House in general.

We are now looking forward to a successful season of summer games.

A. HAMMOND (House Captain).

#### EAST HOUSE.

On the introduction of Houses into the College in 1953, John Hall and Fay Stowers were elected as House Captains at the first meeting, with Ivan Hipperson and Patricia Dack as Vice-Captains.

During most of the 1953 Athletic Sports Meeting, East House held one of the leading positions, but unfortunately as many of the Senior Boys were ineligible to compete in the events, the House fell back in position and finished in the third place. The Athletic Captains, William Sendall and Maureen Arbour, are to be congratulated on the success that they achieved through their personal encouragement to the competitors.

The Cricket season produced encouraging results, and we won all except one of the House matches played. The Senior team, captained by David Diggle, lost against West but were successful against South. The Junior team, with Roland Hardesty as Captain, was successful against West and South, and won the Junior competition. The Rounders team, under Annette Blunt, was successful in all the matches, and won the final in very cold, damp and slippery conditions.

In the new School year we welcomed Mr. Baron and Miss Wilkinson to our midst. Ivan Hipperson and Ann Thornton became House Captains, with David Diggle and Joanne Rose as their deputies.

Andrew Street (Captain) and his football team had a very close game against South, but were beaten during the last few minutes. Michael Anderson led the Under-15 Football team to victory in both their matches, while the Under-14 team, captained by Robert Syrett, was successful against North, and drew in its final match with West. We were sorry that the replay of this Junior match did not bring victory.

Our Netball has been the least successful of our activities, and we can only record one victory by the Under-14 team. On the other hand, the Hockey XI, under Maureen Arbour, won its matches by a very comfortable margin.

The 1954 Athletic Sports were held in the Spring Term, and we were justifiably proud of our success in winning at this meeting. Much encouragement was given by the Athletic Captains, William Sendall and Maureen Arbour, assisted by Andrew Street and Anne Thornton. We are proud because it was something in which the whole House took part, and thereby laid the foundation of victory by the attainment of a large number of standards by practically every member of the House.

I. HIPPERSON (House Captain).

## WEST HOUSE.

With the formation of School Houses in 1953, West House found a great leader in Mervyn Beck as House Captain, who was ably assisted by Vice-Captain Brenda Broughton. West House made an excellent start by winning the first Inter-House Sports, following this by victory in the Inter-House Cricket Tournament. The end of the 1952-53 School Year saw the departure of the Sixth Form stalwarts. New officers were elected at the opening of the new school year. Brian Leverett, of the Technical Vth, was elected House Captain, with Denise Tate of the Grammar Vth as Vice-Captain.

Previous successes in the field were not repeated, and a combination of bad weather and over confidence led to a disappointing performance in the Inter-House Football Tournament.

The girls did, however, carry off the laurels in the Netball Tournament ; most of the matches were played in most difficult weather conditions.

In the 1953-54 Inter-House Sports, West House took second place. Failure to win was mainly due to lack of standards among the boys and girls of the third and fourth years. This should be remedied next year if we are to give full support to our Athletics Team, whose performance at the sports we heartily applaud.

B. LEVERETT (House Captain).

## VISITS

## THE CAMBRIDGE CRICKET OUTING.

IN May a party in charge of Mr. Seeley visited Cambridge to see the touring team from Pakistan. Thirty-six boys from the fourth year travelled by 'bus via Thetford and Newmarket and arrived at Cambridge at 10.50. Our packed lunches were handed to us, and we went into the ground at our leisure, with forty minutes to spare before the start of play.

The ground was in fine condition as we later saw at the tea interval. It was certainly a batsman's wicket. Cambridge won the toss and went into bat first, making a stand of 97 runs before Bushby, the University captain, was caught. Silk, Parsons and Pretlove carried the score to 162, after which we saw some fine stroke playing by Lumsden.

The Pakistanis however had given a fine exhibition of fielding and bowling ; two of the Cambridge team were well caught on the boundary by Hussain, who dismissed Bushby. Cambridge had countered with a great attack against the Pakistanis' bowling, and were still batting, with the score 236 for 7, when we left at 6.20 p.m.

T. COPPIN (IVA Tech.).

## HOCKEY TRIAL MATCH.

ON Saturday, 20th February, 1954, Miss Goodman took a party of girls to the last of the hockey trials for the All-England team at Thorpe Recreation Grounds. The trials were played as a match, the North of England v. East of England.

On arriving we went straight to the pitch and waited for the players, who came out shortly after we arrived, dressed in brown and yellow, and purple, for East and North respectively.

During the first few minutes of the game the ball went up to the East's goal, but North never scored. After this exciting start East had complete control over the North team. Although we had hoped to see a good, all-round game, we were disappointed as there was little competition.

Although very much a one-sided match, I think we all learnt a considerable amount from the game; the speed, dodging, team-work, etc., which will be of great help in the coming season.

During the first half East scored four goals, and during the second they scored three, making a total of 7--0.

As the East team showed such excellent team-work, the majority of the vacant places in the England team were filled from this team. The most outstanding player was 19-year old Cynthia Vincent, from Norwich Training College.

After this exciting and most helpful match we hope for better success next season.

MICHELLE HOWARD (Gr. IV).

#### TRIP TO WEMBLEY.

ON April 3rd, 1954, a party of boys from the First and Second and Junior Football XIs went to see the Schoolboy International between England and Scotland at Wembley.

Before the match the party went to Chiswick Meadow to see the 100th Annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge.

The party arrived at the Empire Stadium, Wembley in good time, and before the match we were entertained by the Band of the Royal Marines (Portsmouth) and there was also community singing.

After formalities, which the teams went through, the game started. The decision was in doubt till the end, but England just won, 1--0.

The party arrived back at the college at about 9.15 p.m., and it was generally agreed that the trip was well worth while.

C. J. STEARMAN (Gr IVA).

#### BACH'S "ST. MATTHEW'S PASSION".

THIS performance by the combined Norfolk Choirs under Sidney Twemlow, the County Music Organiser, is becoming an annual event. This year because the date was 3rd April, the first day of the Easter holidays, we were unable to make an official visit, but over a dozen members of the College were among the appreciative audience (and one was on the stage) in St. Andrew's Hall.

C. P. C.

# TECHNICAL SCHOOL SECTION

## SCHOOL PREFECTS.

A. Hammond, VA	Margaret Sandford, VA
I. Hipperson, VA	Mary Hall, VA
R. Daniels, VA	Maureen Seaton VB
J. Bacon, VA	Rosamund Walker, VB
S. Handley, VB	Hazel Leveridge, VB
H. Harbord, VB	Madge Allard, VB
W. Nicholls, VB	Judith Harris, VB
B. Leverett, VB	Rae Fuller, VB

## FORM PRIZES, 1952-53.

Form IA	D. Burdett
Form IB	M. Stephenson
Form Ic	J. Beales
Form IIA	T. Briston
Form IIB	A. Rogers
Form IIc	D. Howard
Form IIIA	B. Turner
Form IIIB	D. Forder
Form IIIC	M. Roy
Form IVA	J. Cushion
Form IVB	M. Sandford
Form IVc	R. Reader

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

#### MR. PEARCE.

In the Autumn term of 1953 the Vice-Presidency was taken by Mr. Pearce on Mr. Appleyard's retirement from office. A meeting has been held each week for the past two terms. On the 3rd November the first lecture of the term was given by Mr. Pearce on the subject of "Explosives." There were practical demonstrations of the explosives discussed. The following week Mr. Hughes lectured on "Rubber," explaining where it is found, how it is obtained, and how it is converted from its natural state for everyday use. This was followed by Mr. Baron's lecture on "Fleas and Lice" (mainly in relation to animals and birds!). On 15th November we made a journey to see Mr. Patterson's herd of T.T. cows. We were shown his calves, given particulars of breeding and were present at milking time.

A series of films followed:—17th November: A film on malaria disease caused by the mosquito.

24th November: A film on the Tsetse fly which causes disease amongst cattle.

4th December: A film on the Red Poll Cow.

28th: February: Films on Atomic Theory of Electricity, the Electric Bell and Motor.

7th March : Films on conduction, convection and radiation.

14th March : Films on heat by electricity, domestic hot water and the electric circuit for a house.

On 21st March, Mr. Pearce lectured on microphones and loudspeakers, and explained with demonstrations how they worked.

Perhaps the most ambitious and most interesting occurrence was the trip to Cambridge on 30th March. We arrived at Cambridge at eleven o'clock. We walked through and admired the courts and gardens of Trinity College. We then sauntered over the river to King's College. It was early Spring and the harmony of natural beauty and the architectural splendour of the Colleges were gazed at with admiration by the Scientists no less than the members of the Art Society. After lunch the Societies separated ; the Art Society spent the whole afternoon among the paintings of the Fitzwilliam Museums, while the Science Society began its afternoon in the laboratories of the Leys School, and then proceeded to the Museum of the famous Cavendish laboratory. Here we saw some of the original apparatus used by C. J. R. Wilson, J. J. Thompson and Rutherford to inspire us.

Next year the school will have a Sixth Form and the Society should develop considerably. More lectures and visits will be organised by members and outside lecturers will be invited. The labs are extending rapidly, but so far it has not been very convenient to introduce individual experimenting and constructing. This is on the way and plans for an interesting project on electronic construction (television, magnetic tape recorder and an amplifier) are being made.

J. CUSHION (VA).

## THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL CHOIR.

MR. KENYON.

THE Technical School Choir has lost some of its members since our last issue, and more will be leaving school at the end of this term. We are sorry to lose these foundation members who helped so much in the difficult days when we began. We hope to gain some new recruits in September to replenish our numbers. New entrants, however, will have to show that they have it in them to rise to the high standard of singing achieved by the Choir in the three years of its existence.

The Choir's biggest activity since the last issue was the performance of Bach's "Peasant Cantata" at Open Day last July. This work was performed in stage version with some elaborate costumes. The music, though quite difficult, was performed by the Choir in a most creditable manner. But this is dealt with in detail in a separate article.

This year has not yielded the opportunity for a similar performance, but the Choir is rehearsing several two-part songs for a concert.

## JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

MISS PATTERN.

THE Society was formed in October, 1952, with members taken mainly from the First and Second Forms. The few third formers in the Society have taken an active part, and we should like to see their number increase.

During the Autumn term, members were divided into three groups, and the weekly programme consisted of mime, free drama, play readings and puppetry.

Since Christmas, we have been rehearsing "Toad of Toad Hall," which has provided scope for various talents of fifty budding actors and actresses. Rehearsals suffered a set-back during the Spring term when River Bankers and Wild Wooders alike paid repeated visits to "sick bay," and when even the irrepressible Toad was quarantined with measles. With the approach of summer, however, all animals emerged from their winter quarters and rehearsals proceeded apace.

We are indebted to those who are helping to stage the production which will take place at the end of this term. Final judgment must be suspended until our next report.

## THE HANDICRAFT CLUB.

MR. MULLINGER.

DURING the past year the woodwork club has extended its activities. An extra weekly meeting was organized to cater for additional members, and, even so, membership had to be restricted to pupils in the fourth and fifth years.

Time has been our greatest handicap this year as three-quarters of an hour is barely enough for a practical subject. The drop in attendance after the start was undoubtedly due to the slow rate of progress and consequent loss of interest caused by the shortness of the period.

The fourth year boys showed a keen interest at the start in woodcarving and marquetry. The size of the group made it difficult to give adequate individual attention, until the less persevering elements had dropped out and sought refuge where less personal effort was required. With the remainder lathework gradually came to the fore. It was from these boys that the four representatives were chosen to demonstrate wood-turning at the Norfolk Agricultural show this year.

The fifth year boys, both Grammar and Technical, kept up an excellent attendance. Although little new ground has been broken, considerable progress was made with individual school jobs, and many are at this moment much nearer completion owing to the considerable amount of time during school periods which has to be devoted to G.C.E. revision in this year. The latter came in for considerable use again for the turning of electric table lamps, rolling-pins and nut bowls.

In conclusion I would like to say that those who persevered despite the many difficulties and disappointments have undoubtedly gained in knowledge and experience for later years.

## FOURTH FORM METALWORK CLUB.

MR. CANTY.

THE Fourth Year Metalwork Club has met regularly on Friday evenings during the winter months. A keen band of stalwarts has shown great interest throughout, by coming along with a wealth of ideas on what to make. The range of work has thus been very wide, and the standard of finish exceptionally high.

Included in the large number of models that have been made are wrought iron table lamps by John Curry and Brian Turner, and brass toasting forks by John Alvey and Peter Shaay. John Rice has been busy making a sugar bowl, while Jim Long has made several small things one of which is a gadget he calls a "met." This, he claims, is used by Cromer fishermen for measuring the sizes of crabs.

Next year it is hoped that membership will increase. Boys who wish to further their metalwork skill and knowledge can be assured of working in an enjoyable and industrious atmosphere.

## FIFTH FORM METALWORK CLUB.

MR. SEELEY.

THE club meets each Monday evening after school from 4.15 to 5.15. Nearly all boys in the Fifth Form have attended, and most of them took the opportunity of continuing with their school jobs.

The lathes and the forge were the most popular pieces of equipment, the latter especially during the cold months of January and February. The standard of work was good, and those boys who tackled some Beaten Metalwork for the first time found great satisfaction in emulating the silversmith's art (but at the same time using a less expensive metal!).

John Bacon's bowl and Ivan Hipperson's casket were the outstanding examples of this class.

The Cricket Club is indebted to Hipperson for the fine job he made of the slip cradle. He had done no welding before, but after a little practice he was soon able to tackle the joints with confidence. The way in which it has stood up to the wear and tear of everyday use is surely a sufficient witness of the early value of the club's work.

## FENCING.

MR. BANHAM.

FENCING is an ancient art, and although much of its vocabulary was new to our half-dozen swordsmen, they have attacked the intricacies of the game with much gusto and occasional success.

We use the foil, which, being a light weapon, was used for practice in the days when fencing was a more serious occupation than it is to-day. Puncturing one's

opponent may no longer be the main purpose of the sport, but the gleam in his pupil's eyes often makes the instructor thankful that the foils are not pointed.

This year, membership of the club has been restricted to Fifth Formers, but the present Fourth Year will be welcome next term.

### CHESS CLUB.

MR. HOWARD AND MR. MITCHELL.

THE Club was formed in the Autumn Term of 1953. Owing to the extremely large membership it was found necessary to provide separate junior and senior sections.

Since most of the juniors were new to the game there is little to report on this section at the moment. A knock-out competition was organised for the seniors (won by J. Brown), and a chess "ladder" instituted. An outstanding event proved to be the 7-board Staff v. Pupils Match which ended in a decisive 6—I win for the pupils! During the year Mr. Howard and Mr. Mitchell have given several demonstration matches.

It is hoped that next year matches against other schools can be arranged.

A. J. ALGATE (VA).

### BIRD-WATCHERS' CLUB.

MR. BANHAM.

LAST year's Bird-watching club has survived the winter and been joined by a second. Some birds have also survived, and certainly none has gone unnoticed. This year there has unfortunately been a certain amount of apparently wilful damage, which I hope will not occur again. The culprits have not all been two-legged, however; a pair of stoats has accounted for a considerable number of sucked eggs and devoured nestlings.

We hope to produce a permanent record of nests found on the premises. I think the number of nests and variety of species will come as a surprise to many of the other inhabitants.

### PUPPETRY.

MR. LAMMING.

AT the end of the Autumn Term the IVth Form Art Group performed three short puppet plays. This was an entirely new venture, and one which called for a great deal of hard work and co-operation on the part of the members of the Group. They tackled their jobs with great enthusiasm which was well rewarded by a very successful production.

During that term twenty-four 12-inch marionettes were assembled, dressed

and strung, three plays were written, a stage was constructed (complete with lighting), several backcloths were painted, a gramophone was procured and installed, and each pupil given a certain job to do.

Very little time was left for rehearsals, and during the first few performances alterations were frequently made to the script by the performers themselves and by the authors!

It is fitting to mention here the help given to the Group by Mr. Baker, who wired the stage for lighting, and Messrs. Mullinger and Seeley, who very kindly provided much of the wood used in the making of the stage and puppets, and the tools with which to make them.

Since these plays were performed the stage has been widened, the lighting effects improved, and a whole new set of marionettes made, with the intention of producing "John Gilpin" and "The Enchanted Horse" at the end of this term. We are hoping that these plays will meet with as much success as the last.

### THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

MR. REYNOLDS.

It is hoped that a small, select group of pupils, at present members of Mr. Ward's violin classes, will form the basic string section of an orchestra when the next school term begins in September. This may seem a little ambitious to many who, on their journeys past Butler Hall, have only recently become acquainted with the curious inaccuracies which are possible for the young violinist. The initial aim of the group, however, is to play works of no greater difficulty than the typical Bach Chorale, to accompany hymns at school assemblies occasionally, and to acquire general experience of concerted music making which will enable us gradually to increase the size of the orchestra. If this last ambition is not realised for several years I think that the members of even such a small group will, meanwhile, derive considerable benefit and pleasure from playing together.

### PLAY-READING CIRCLE.

MISS CHARTERS.

A small group of IVc girls has been meeting weekly for informal play-reading. So far we have tackled only One-Act plays. These have included, "How the Weather is Made," "Mimi" and "Between the Soup and Savoury." We have had considerable fun out of the meetings, and other would-be members are cordially invited.

## VISITS AND DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS

## A VISIT TO PARIS.

ON the 20th of July last year a party left the college for Paris at 5 a.m., arriving there at 6.30 p.m.

On our first day there we spent the morning walking round the "Latin Quarter." During the afternoon we went to the top of the Eiffel Tower by lift. That and every other evening we had from 7.30 to 8.45 to go out by ourselves.

On Wednesday morning we went for a 'bus ride round Paris and stopped at Le Bourget aerodrome, where we saw 'planes from many countries landing and taking off. During the afternoon we visited the Louvre where we saw the famous painting "The Mona Lisa," and then went on to see the Arc de Triomphe.

The following day we had an early breakfast and went to the Palace of Versailles, where we saw the State Rooms, Marie Antoinette's cottage and the magnificent gardens. We did not arrive back at the Lycée Saint Louis (where we were staying) until the evening.

On Friday we went to Fontainebleau. During the morning we saw the Palace, and in the afternoon we went for a walk in the forest. It made a lovely outing.

On Saturday morning we took an enjoyable trip down the Seine by boat, and during the afternoon saw the Sainte Chapelle, which has some lovely stained glass windows. Later we climbed to the top of Notre Dame Cathedral. We rounded off the day by a visit to the circus!

On the last day of our holiday we went to the Zoo in the Bois de Vincennes, and in the afternoon to the bird market on the Ile de la Cite. We had the rest of the day to ourselves.

We returned on Monday arriving at the college at midnight after an enjoyable and crowded holiday.

PAT MARSH (III B).

## HOLIDAY IN GERMANY 1953.

WE started from the College on 27th July, a party of seventeen boys and girls, Miss Sheppard and Mr. Hughes, and travelled via Harwich and the Hook of Holland, arriving at Freiburg, in Germany, at 5 a.m. next day. We were met, at the station by two German schoolboys and their schoolmaster. The two boys were our guides throughout the fortnight.

From the station, we were taken to a Youth Hostel on the outskirts of the city, where we ate our first German meal. The food, on the whole, was very different from what we are used to. For breakfast we ate black bread, butter and

jam and coffee. The Germans are very fond of sausages and soup, but none of our party found these very appetising.

During the first day we visited the cathedral, the shopping centre of the city and a swimming pool; we took photographs and made our first attempts at climbing.

Next morning we went by train to the second of the four hostels we were to visit. This was on the outskirts of the town of Neustadt. We stayed there for four days, during which we visited a nearby lake, did a lot of walking and even went to the cinema to see the German film "Heidi."

On the Saturday, we started on the most energetic part of the holiday. Complete with ruck-sacks, we hiked to our next hostel, a distance of about 20 kilometres. We went over Feldberg, the highest point in the Black Forest. At this next hostel, at Schauinsland, we stayed with a party of about ninety German schoolgirls. Many of them made friends with us and we still write to them. We spent rather a quiet five days at Schauinsland; one thing which we did do, however, was to travel down to Freiburg by cable railway. It was a queer experience.

On the Thursday we went to Todtrauberg hostel, the last of the four. Todtrauberg was in the centre of some lovely scenery. Whilst we were there, we visited a waterfall and an open bathing pool; we also went to Basle, in Switzerland, for a day. We were all very impressed by the cleanliness and friendliness of the Swiss.

We began our journey home on the Sunday. On the way we stopped to see some motor racing. We came home via Harwich and The Hook. It was a lovely, warm day, and the sea was calm on the return journey, as a contrast to the rough crossing when we went. We arrived at Norwich at about 10.20 p.m. on the Monday evening, after a lovely fortnight which we all enjoyed.

CHLOE LEWIN (Gr. IV).

#### THEATRE AND CINEMA VISITS.

BEFORE the General Certificate Examination became imminent the seniors found time to see three plays. One was an excellent performance at Swaffham of Shaw's "Arms and the Man," to which we were kindly invited by the Headmaster of Hammond's Grammar School. The others were intriguing arena performances of "Macbeth" and "A Winter's Tale," given by the Conesford Players at Norwich. On 4th March the schools paid a visit to Wymondham to see that notable film, "The Conquest of Everest."

A. L. C.

## YARMOUTH FISHING INDUSTRY.

ON the 21st October a party went to see the Yarmouth Fishing Industry. We left the 'bus at the fish wharf, and watched the fish being unloaded from the boats.

The fishermen were very friendly. One told us that they had caught 150 crans of fish in the Smith's Knole area (a cran is a basket in which the fish are measured). When the boats come into the harbour, one member of the crew jumps ashore first, with a sample of fish which he takes to be auctioned, and the rest of the fish on board go at the same price. The average price that day per cran was about 85s. for kippers and 65s. for curers. After this the party saw the Scottish fishergirls gutting and cleaning the fish. They said they can gut up to fifty a minute. After the fish are gutted and cleaned, they are packed into barrels and salted.

In the canning factory the fish were being brought in on lorries. We saw the various machines for cleaning and packing linked by a system of conveyor belts. After their trip to the ovens the tins are labelled and stored for two or three months. They are then packed in boxes for distribution to many parts of the world.

The party left this factory and proceeded to the curing factory. The herrings are brought in on lorries and stored in big holds in the floor. They are then taken out and put into smoking rooms, where they are put on to rods and fixed in the roof. Wood shavings are burnt and the fish stay in there for three days and nights. When they are ready they are packed into boxes and sent overseas. None of these stay in Great Britain. They are too salty for the English people to eat!

P. HAZELL (IVc).

## FILM: "JULIUS CAESAR".

ON Friday, 7th May, Form IVc discovered that Shakespeare wrote thrillers! The hard classwork we have done on his play "Julius Caesar" helped us to enjoy the film which we saw in Norwich. Then the Romans, Cassius, with "the lean and hungry look"; Brutus, the Scholar; Caesar, the idol of the people; Antony, "that revels long o' nights," and all the other characters became real people speaking naturally to each other in words that we had previously found so difficult to understand. Some of us found ourselves hoping that they would remember

what to say next, and we were so pleased that they (and we) remembered!

We were left with the impression that not only is "Julius Caesar" a marvelous film, but that Shakespeare was a true genius to make such a difficult subject into a moving play.

C. P. C.

### "THE PEASANT CANTATA".

THIS was the second stage production by the Technical School Choir. With music by Bach arranged by Harry Baker, the version by J. Michael Diach was interspersed with dialogue by A. L. Chattaway. Colourful costumes were provided by Mrs. Johnson of Blakeney, and the stage setting was cunningly devised by Mr. Chattaway, and executed by various members of staff and school. The simple story deals with village rejoicings on the betrothal of the Lord of the Manor, with his steward as the villain of the piece. A romantic interest is supplied by Jack and Kitty. The parts of the villagers were performed by the girls of the choir. The cast was as follows :—

Kitty	...	...	...	Mrs. Mitchell
Jack	...	...	...	Mr. Littlechild
Town Crier		...	...	R. Reader
Jasper	...	...	...	S. Dow
Villagers	...	...	...	Stella Carman Glenda Angell Rosemary Holliday Betty Wykes
Lady Margaret Beauvil			...	Pat Dack
Nurse	...	...	...	Madge Allard
Attendant		...	...	Pat Robertson

The producer was Mr. Chattaway, the choirmaster and accompanist was Mr. Kenyon, and dancing was arranged by Mr. Littlechild.

Three performances in all were given, the final one on Open Day. In spite of great difficulties caused by our lack of a suitable hall with a good-sized stage, the cast acquitted themselves extraordinarily well. The singing was good throughout, and the Maypole Dance was performed with great spirit. We had appreciative audiences, and all concerned thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## HORTICULTURAL AND AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

MR. BARON.

LAST year's Horticultural and Agricultural Notes were perhaps little more than a catalogue of future objectives. The passing of another twelve months of gardening activity now makes it possible to claim the completion of at least some of our projects.

With the harvest of satisfactory crops last Autumn, and a second year's rotation following smoothly, the vegetable gardening side of the course may be said to have become established in a proven routine. At this point, however, honesty compels the confession that, as was common everywhere this spring, our broccoli and spring cabbage crops were almost completely ruined by frost.

In connection with the vegetable growing course the possession of a greenhouse has been an invaluable asset in permitting earlier sowing of tomatoes, cucumbers and melons. It has also given wider scope for the growing of flowers by allowing the introduction of a variety of pot plants, the forcing of spring bulbs, and the propagation of chrysanthemums and other soft wood cuttings. It is intended to make use of rooting preparations in this latter work, and thus to provide a practical demonstration of classroom work on hormones—just as demonstrations of inheritance carried on with maize (and latterly with radish) have illustrated classwork in genetics.

Before leaving this account of the vegetable and flower unit it must also be mentioned that the Dutch Light House has been lengthened by several spans, thus enabling us to grow more tomatoes and chrysanthemums. It can now be heated by oil burners. The foundations have also been laid for a potting shed.

One formidable task accomplished has been the bringing under cultivation of the orchard fallow. A cleaning crop of early potatoes yielded well, and now fruit trees have been planted including cordon and bush apples, pears, plums, cherries, nectarines and peaches. Broad beans, cauliflowers and potatoes have been set as intercrops, the main planting of potatoes having been laid out as a simple fertiliser trial.

Meanwhile a determined assault has been launched on the remaining half standards. Pruning saws and secateurs have been busily plied throughout the winter, and now winter and codlin moth, apple sawfly, mildew and scab are becoming familiar words as each month brings the appropriate enemy. However, the application of a routine spray programme should eventually reduce the present swarming population, and by the time the last half standards are replaced by the stock beds now being built up in the Beech Garden some improvement should be observable. Incidentally, as an indication of things to come, a few grafts have been

cut this year, though a late Easter and consequent late start to the term rather upset the timing of this operation.

On the stock-keeping side a respectable profit has been made on fattening pigs, but a first venture with a laying flock on deep litter has shown that castings will have to be examined very thoroughly, and selling prices carefully noted if this line is to be remunerative. Having gained breathing space however, it is hoped to come to grips with this problem next year.

In completing this account of the school stock it may be mentioned that two swarms of bees were established in hives last summer, bringing the total number of stocks to three. The smallest of them has died out, having failed to accept sufficient stores to survive the winter.

In conclusion, thanks must be given to our many helpers—to Mr. Bushall on whom falls the burden of the holiday work, to the Metalwork and Woodwork Staff for Dutch Lights, for barrows and for all the odd items which they cheerfully repair or replace, to Mr. Goman for overhauling the Iron Horse, to the Headmaster, the instigator of our building programmes and experimental work, and last, but not least, to the ever-ready band of volunteers who are always willing to turn out and put in a week-end on the land.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

MISS DOOLER, MISS FOX AND MISS WILKINSON.

THE activities of the Domestic Science Department over the last year have been many and various. September 1953 saw the completion of the second cookery room, and once we had both rooms in working order, we were able to supply quantities of jam, marmalade and chutney to the Dining Hall, using produce from the school garden. The new canning machine was used very successfully to preserve plums, peaches and tomatoes.

In December, we catered for the Senior Christmas parties, and made Christmas puddings which were eaten at the last lunch of the term, and much appreciated.

During the year we have offered instruction in Housecraft to the Fifth Form boys of both schools. The course of six lessons dealt with cookery, laundrywork and valeting. Interest was keen, and the boys applied themselves enthusiastically to cooking their own teas and pressing their trousers! In one cookery lesson they had a free choice of recipe and the resulting cherry cakes, shepherd's pies and humbugs were of a high standard. It had been suggested that a certificate be awarded at the end of the course, for it is felt that this might be of use in the future.

The practising room has been fully used by the cookery groups in the Fifth

Forms, who have very capably entertained staff and friends to lunch and afternoon tea.

The library has been well supplied with floral decoration grown by the school garden and artistically arranged by the First Form girls. There are several informative magazines which are of particular interest to our department, and these include "Good Housekeeping," "Vogue" and "Stitchcraft."

The library was used for an exhibition of the G.E.C. entries in practical needlework and embroidery.

The co-operation of the boys in buying both successful and questionable results of cookery classes has been much appreciated. May they have good health in the future!

#### COMMERCIAL COURSE—1952-53.

THE Commercial Course, 1952-53, wish to be remembered to all staff and members of Wymondham College. We would like to thank everyone for helping to make our year with you a most enjoyable one. We all feel it was very worth while.

Some of the pupils on the Course for that year passed five or six R.S.A. Examinations, and many secured credit certificates.

During our year at Wymondham College we all tried to enter into the activities of the main School. I think our greatest success was in Athletics, because we had in our form four athletes who practised hard and honoured us all by representing the College at the County Sports held at Cromer. Of course, there were more entrants from other classes in the school, but we were especially glad that the Commercial Course was able to be represented. The four girls were as follows:—

Jill Williamson. Discus thrower who came 1st.  
 Susan Chilvers. Hurdler who came 2nd.  
 Margaret Shipley. High Jumper, who came 3rd.  
 Pamela Corke. Sprinter who came 4th.

As Jill Williamson came first at the County Sports, she went on to represent the College at the Quadrangular Sports, where she gained second place.

We are all working now for firms and companies that range from Farmers and Contractors to Local Government, and from Fish Merchants to Insurance Companies.

We hope that all who leave Wymondham College after a first class training will be as happy in their positions as we are.

PAMELA CORKE.

# GRAMMAR SCHOOL SECTION

## SCHOOL PREFECTS.

Maureen Arbour, Margaret Brown, Mary Freestone, Doreen Rushbrooke, Ann Thornton.  
Allan Chilvers, Robert Collins, Graham Crane, Kevin Westnott.

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1953.

### PASSES AT ORDINARY LEVEL :

Public and Economic Affairs :—M. Beck, J. Smith, J. Hall, M. Murray.

Mathematics :—J. Smith, M. Beck.

Latin :—M. Murray.

Art :—J. Hall, T. Tilley.

### PASSES AT ORDINARY ALTERNATIVE LEVEL

English Literature :—M. Murray, M. Spooner.

History :—M. Murray, M. Spooner, J. Hall, F. Stowers.

Geography :—M. Beck, J. Smith.

Biology :—F. Stowers.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Grammar School children are members of the following Societies, which are listed in the Technical School Section :

SCIENCE SOCIETY, DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLUB, HANDICRAFT CLUB, FOURTH YEAR METALWORK CLUB, CHESS CLUB, BIRD-WATCHERS' CLUB.

### THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

THIS society was reformed in the October of 1953, by Mr. Hodgson, for the Fifth Formers, being a continuation of last year's Six Form Debating Society.

A new Committee was elected, and was composed of a Chairman—Allan Chilvers ; a secretary—Elizabeth Bunning, with Denise Tate and Kevin Westnott, aided and abetted by Miss Tebbutt, Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Garrard.

Several successful debates were held during the Christmas and Easter Terms. The first one made fun of scientists. The second was on woman's inferiority to man, and two others pulled to pieces " Norfolk " and " Sport " respectively. In the last meeting the members took part in a bout of " Any Questions ? " To one of these debates the Grammar School Fourth forms were invited, and to another the Technical School Fifth forms.

On all occasions members of staff acted as proposers and opposers to the motions, for which we are most indebted, and were seconded by the pupils. All the debates were thoroughly enjoyed, and there were some very good turnouts for them.

The most controversial of the debates proved to be the one on woman's inferiority, and it caused great hilarity, and went down well, quite apart from some

underhanded attempted on the part of some males present, who tried to prevent the motion being put to the vote. Our chairman, however, handled this matter most admirably.

As a result of this incident we now have a definite constitution, which was passed at the last meeting.

ELIZABETH BUNNING (V).

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

MR. GARRARD.

*"She Stoops to Conquer."*

IN the Christmas Term of 1953, the Grammar School Dramatic Society showed to the remainder of the college and to their parents their production of "She Stoops to Conquer." I was one of the lucky ones and had been given, with Anne Thornton, the part of Mrs. Hardcastle. At the end of the last performance I was rather amazed when someone thanked the cast for the hard work which they had put into the play; because I personally had had so much amusement and fun at the rehearsals that I had never looked upon it as any form of work, but rather as something to look forward to in my leisure hours. At the same time I do appreciate the work that was put into the play; for instance by Mr. Garrard, who unlike us was compelled to keep his eyes glued to the book of "She Stoops to Conquer" through each and every rehearsal; by Miss Tebbutt, who hired our costumes, and what she was unable to hire soon produced by sewing odd bits of material together, with excellent results; by Mr. Bailey, who composed the music, and coached certain members of the cast to sing; also by D. Dyble and B. Westgate, who would mysteriously lock themselves for hours on end in the Grammar School stock room, and would later return, after much toil and hammering, with a Georgian fireplace or a set of stage lights.

As the day for the first performance drew nearer, we all became more and more excited. Tomlinson Hall began to look like some film setting. Mr. Lamming and his assistants were busy arranging scenery, and the cast in period costume were desperately trying to rehearse amid piles of concrete, mortar and rubble from the stage, which was being extended by the college carpenters and bricklayers.

However, in spite of many last-minute rushes, everything was in order for the first performance on Thursday, 10th December. Thursday and the following three days were one hectic rush; we would have an early tea, and then hurry to

Tomlinson Hall to have our faces covered in various shades of stage make-up, and then to dress up in our silks or perhaps rags, whichever the case.

Sunday night brought the final performance of our play, and when the audience had at last dispersed, the stage seemed to lose its brightness, and resumed its more familiar appearance. I remember feeling rather sad that I would no longer become Mrs. Hardcastle in the evenings.

MARGARET P. BROWN (V).

### CRAFT CLUB.

MISS SHEPHEARD.

THE club, which started in September, meets on Tuesday evenings in the craft room. Already some members have made baskets while others are still working on articles in the basketry, lampshade and raffia-work groups of craft.

In the basket work group such things as work-baskets and teapot stands are made, and a wide range of cane textures are used. Lampshade-making involves painting the wire frames, making shaped panels and assembling the pieces by thonging. Raffia work includes articles which have been made from coiled and plaited raffia.

The club would like to thank Miss Shephard, who has spent a lot of time during the year, not only in reaching members to be "crafty," on Tuesday evenings, but also by ordering and collecting the required materials.

It is hoped that the club will continue next year, with some new enthusiasts and new types of craft.

CHLOE LEWIN (IV).

### BOYS' GYMNASIUM CLUB.

MR. NORTON.

THE club was formed at the beginning of the School Year, and a steady interest has been maintained by its fifteen members. Activities pursued at its weekly meeting have included Vaulting, Agility, Bacon Style Wrestling, Athletics and Indoor Ball Games.

To round off the winter session the Club attended the display given by the Touring Danish Gymnasts in Norwich. As a result of the exhilarating performance, enthusiasm was further stimulated, and it was decided to continue activities during the current term.

G. ASH (IV).

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHOIR.

MR. MITCHELL.

THE Madrigal group nucleus of last year was extended to form a four-part choir of some thirty-five members. In this its first year nothing elaborate has been attempted; the main object has been to accustom its members to singing fluently and reading with reasonable ease in harmony. Hymns and carols were our starting point, and a modest concert of the latter was held last Christmas. The ground-work has now been covered for more ambitious four-part singing next year.

## FREE DANCE SOCIETY.

MISS GOODMAN.

THE Free Dance Club started in September, 1953, and is now a flourishing group of about fifteen girls. Our club meets on Thursdays in the pre-lunch period, the group is under the leadership of Miss Goodman to whom the success of the club is owed.

The main aim of the club is to give enjoyment to its members, who try to express themselves through movement to music, and mime, using the eight basic free dance movements.

This dancing is not difficult after these basic movements have been learnt, and one can express oneself to suit the mood. Many of the girls felt self-conscious at first, but they hope to have overcome this difficulty and to be able to produce an original dance to the music of "The Glass Mountain," by the end of term.

HEATHER SMITH (Gr. IV).

## RECITAL OF MUSIC AND VERSE.

18th July, 1953.

AFTER several weeks of practice the school choir was ready to sing to an audience of the parents and friends who were here on Open Day.

Mr. Mitchell trained the choir in unison and part singing, and also the soloists, Kathleen Bailey and Mary Scott. Between the songs, representatives from every form in the school, including two Sixth Formers, John Hall and Maureen Spooner, read poems by well-known authors, selected by Mr. Garrard.

The performance was begun by "Creation's Hymn," and followed by some traditional melodies and various songs about Spring and about the sea. The performance ended with "Glory, Laud, and Honour" in part singing. The concert was loudly applauded, and was repeated to audiences of both schools.

MARIAN SAVAGE (IV).

## SCHOOL VISITS

## ART EXHIBITION.

ON Sunday, 28th March, the Fifth Form G.C.E. Art Group, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell, visited the Castle Museum in Norwich, where the chief attraction was the exhibition of French and Italian drawings from the Courtauld Collection.

The drawings cover the period between 1600 and 1800. The mediums used included pen and ink ; pencil and wash ; pastel and bistre. Where pen and bistre were used, the pen was used for detail and the bistre, which is a chalky wash, used for shadow effect.

Many of the drawings were either detailed parts of larger compositions, or rough sketches in preparation for a final composition. The subjects included landscapes, plant life and figure drawing. There were about fifty pieces of work on display.

A tour was then made of the permanent art collection in the Museum ; the Crome and Cotman galleries proved most popular. The Crome Gallery contained paintings by Crome, Stannard and Stark. A large proportion of the work was executed in oils, and we were struck by the amazing amount of detail in the larger compositions and the forceful use of colour. An outstanding feature in the Cotman Gallery—where the majority of work was in water-colour—was the work of Turner with its brilliant blue skies and wonderful effects of light.

In the smaller galleries we came across works by many of the artists we had recently been studying ; Rembrandt, Potter and Ruisdael to mention but a few. It was a most enjoyable and instructive visit.

MARGARET WRIGHT (V).

## “ KING LEAR.”

A PARTY from the Grammar School visited Saint Giles's Hall, Norwich on 29th May, 1954 to see Shakespeare's tragedy “ King Lear,” produced by Mr. Mitchley, and performed by the Conesford Players.

A party of both staff and pupils filled two buses, and we arrived outside the Hall at 7.15 p.m. Inside, the stage was in the centre of the room and at floor level. The seats were arranged around so that it represented the old arena stage.

It was an extraordinary experience for the people sitting in the front rows to have the actors come right up to them and stare as though not seeing them as they recited their lines ; also to see close-ups of scenes like the Duke of Gloucester having his eyes pulled out.

The performance, which had not been produced in Norfolk for seventeen

years, lasted three and a half hours, with a twenty minute interval, during which coffee could be obtained.

The general opinion of the performance was very high, especially that of the acting which was excellent.

We arrived back at the College at eleven o'clock, had supper and returned to the dormitories.

Jack Cassie (Gr. IV).

### “ SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER ”

ON Friday evening, 14th May, a party from the Grammar School Dramatic Society went to the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, to see a production of “ She Stoops to Conquer.” Included in the party was the cast from the Society’s own production of the play, which was performed at Christmas 1953. One of the purposes of the visit, therefore, was to compare this version with our own.

The general opinion of all who went was that, although the acting was very good, in our production the continuity of the scenes and the casting of the main comedy role (Tony Lumpkin), were better.

DAVID DYBLE (IV).

### DERBYSHIRE 1954.

DURING the first week of the Easter holidays a party of boys and girls from the Grammar School went on a trip to the Peak District. We hired a coach which stayed with us the whole week, taking us to the different places. We started the trip on the Monday after we broke up. The party consisted of twenty-eight boys and girls, Miss Tebbutt, Mr. Garrard, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson and James Hodgson, and we were joined there by Mr. Bailey. The sun was shining when we started, but at the Youth Hostel in Derbyshire it was snowing. At Lincoln on the way there we were shown round the Cathedral by Mr. Lamming. We arrived at Edale Youth Hostel at 6.30.

On the Tuesday morning we were taken to the Ladybower Reservoir, and we were shown round by a guide. It is the largest reservoir in the country, serving Derby, Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield with water. In the afternoon we were taken for a walk over Kinder Scout. Some of us went over the Peak with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Garrard, and the rest went an easier way. Kinder Scout is 2,088 ft. high, and it is a plateau with peat bogs which we had to jump over. The two unlucky people were Mr. Garrard who sprained his ankle and Alan Chilvers who went headlong into a peat bog. That day we arrived back at the Youth Hostel at 6.55 finding the other party there.

On the Wednesday morning we went to Haddon Hall where we were shown round. It is said to be the finest hall in England and is truly a very good place.

In the afternoon we went to the Derby Loco Works which was very interesting as some of us are loco spotters. We saw several new engines which are not yet in service.

On Thursday morning we took all our luggage with us to the coach, but most of us did not go in it as we went for a walk over Loose Hill, Back Tor and Mam Tor (1,700 ft.). We then went down the Blue John Mines for a look round. It was very interesting to see all the different coloured stones. We had our lunch at the Blue John Mines, and then moved on to Chatsworth House which is the home of the Duke of Devonshire. It is a marvellous house with some wonderful paintings, one of which is a famous painting of a violin which looks as if you could just go and pick it up. We left Chatsworth House at 4.45 making for our new Youth Hostel at Ilam Hall. We arrived there at 6.30 finding that it was an old mansion house with a big garden and a trout stream. Ilam Hall is just in Staffordshire.

On Friday morning we were given maps and told to find our own way to Ashbourne by a certain time. Some of us walked, some went by service bus and some went by train, the only ones that arrived there on time were the ones that went by train. On the way to Ashbourne some of us went up Thorpe Cloud (900 ft.). We got to Ashbourne by 12 noon. We then had our lunch in the Park. After that we made for Derby where the girls went round the Crown Derby Pottery Works, and the boys could go where they liked. We left Derby at about 5.30 getting back to the Houth Hostel at 6.30. Life in the Youth Hostel was great fun ; we all had to do our "chores" every day and the food was excellent.

On Saturday we went walking all day through Dovdale, a distance of about twelve miles. We started off by going along the river through Dovedale to Mill Dale about three and a half miles. At Mill Dale we had our lunch. From there we went across fields and hills and dales to Wetton. Before we got to Wetton we split up into two groups, one going a shorter way. At Wetton they have to pay for their drinking water, 6d. a churn, and in the winter they are usually cut off. From Wetton we went through the Manifold Valley where some of us went in Thors Cave. Soon after this we made for the Youth Hostel arriving there by 4.45 so we had to wait for it to open. As it was our last night of all we had a dance in the big common room.

On Sunday we all got up very late as we all forgot about the clocks being altered. We left the Youth Hostel for the last time at 10 a.m., the weather being wonderful as it had been the whole week. We struck southwards making for Burton-on-Trent. From Burton we went to Leicester, and the next big town was Peterborough. On the way to Peterborough we stopped for lunch at East Norton. From Peterborough we made for King's Lynn, from King's Lynn to Norwich, and from Norwich to the College, arriving there at 6.30, after a wonderful week enjoyed by everybody which I am sure no one will forget.

J. JENKINSON.

