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# EDITORIAL

We have just had our fifteenth birthday. Young we may be compared with the many famous schools in this country, but we can be justly proud of what we have achieved in such a short time. This seems as good an opportunity as any to say so.

We may not yet be able to boast of a Shakespeare or a Nelson or a Churchill among our former pupils, but did you know that two of them are now doctors of science? One of these came here in 1954 at 13 plus. He has thus been studying hard for twelve years and demonstrated the value of the opportunity presented to those coming here at thirteen. Quite a few others are studying for higher degrees. We have our first two old boys and one old girl at Cambridge and one old boy at Oxford at a time when competition for places there is keener than ever. We have had an old boy win two England rugger caps and another represent England at athletics. There may, indeed, be a future great one among our past or present pupils.

What has this fifteenth year in particular to commend it? Apart from the above we have many new academic landmarks. A record 80 pupils passed two or more subjects at Advanced Level, eleven of them being awarded Norfolk County Scholarships. To do this they had to have at least two "B" grades and one grade "A" among their passes. Two others who live outside the county also reached this standard. The average number of "O" Level passes of the 135 candidates was 5.3, which was a new high level and sounds even better when we remember that many had already passed English Language in the fourth form. Later we won our first Open Scholarship—to Southampton University.

We have had a notable year at sport, too, the girls in particular. The hockey first XI and Under-14 XI were undefeated, and the first XI beat not only the ladies of the University of East Anglia but also those of Cambridge University. The wealth of our resources of manpower is indicated by the fact that the rugby first XV had only one of last year's regular team available and still lost only two matches. And it was most gratifying to read a report in a local paper which spoke of the "excellent appointments" of our cricket ground. Is an annual match with the M.C.C. just around the corner?



The skyline of the College is changing again. We shall have almost everyone sleeping in the new blocks when the one now being built is opened in 1967. In other ways our horizons are widening. We have a new field cleared ready for the boys' use, and a squash court, to extend our sporting repertoire, and a small but devoted band of rowing enthusiasts have already had some measure of success.

We are developing very quickly in other ways, too. This year has seen our cadets achieve the status of a Combined Cadet Force. The Library has reached a total of 10,000 books. More pupils than ever are learning more instruments than ever, as was seen to advantage in our concert in March. Our senior choir gained four "firsts" in the recent Music Festival. All in all, then, we are making quite an impact, both locally and further afield.

One who has seen most of these fifteen years is tempted to make comparisons. The remark about the "excellent appointments", for instance, makes his thoughts turn to the pioneering work done in the early days, when stones had to be picked by hand from the former cricket field, and gangs of boys worked on Sunday afternoons to prepare the first athletics area. Times have changed indeed, but we hope a few worthy traditions have been established in the process.

The Battle of Waterloo is said to have been won on the playing fields of Eton, and only recently Old Etonians had a large share of the seats in the Cabinet. While wars are, we hope, a thing of the past, we would like to think of some major event of the future being decided on the playing fields of Wymondham.

R.J.G.

# **DE PERSONIS REBUSQUE SCHOLASTICIS**

#### COLLEGE

There have been 392 boys and 320 girls in the College this year, a total of 712 pupils, of whom 165 were in the Sixth Form. Nicola Chittock and Richard Simmons were the Head Girl and Boy. The Prefects were Kay Farrow, Valerie Head, Valerie Pyne, Elizabeth Savory, Linda Osborne, Linda Bunting, Linda Worsfold, Jane Marter, Trevor Wilson, Edward Walker, Paul Thain, Andrew Harper, Ian Palmer and John Masters.

#### LAST SUMMER

Miss Crofts arranged an orchestral concert for all those learning music in the school. The visiting musicians were very talented, and Mr. Ryder's performance on the clavichord, an instrument new to most of the audience, was particularly appreciated. Works by Scarlatti, Corelli and Baston were played.

The Upper Sixth Form, relieved of the tribulations of "A" Levels, left their mark on the College landscape by starting clearance of undergrowth in the park wood and continuing construction of new jumping pits.

The winners of last year's Speech Prize, held too late for publication, were Nicola Chittock and George Gawlinski.

Mervyn Boast (now at St. Luke's, Exeter) came second in the 200 yards low hurdles in the English Schools A.A.A. meeting at Watford in July. His time of 23.1 seconds in a heat is recognised as equalling the record for the event. He also represented the English Schools in a quadrangular international match at Brighton, and came second, beating his team-mate who had won at Watford. In the National Schools' Sailing Regatta in late July, a Wayfarer dinghy with Richard Batchelor as helmsman and John Tibbenham as crew won the Ellis Trophy for the Senior Handicap class. Batchelor was selected to attend a four-day sailing holiday at Cowes.

In the cricket match against the Old Boys, Myhill made 78 runs and Beech took 7 wickets for 32 runs. The College won.

In the annual match against the Staff, the College lost a very exciting match by 5 runs.

#### AUTUMN TERM

Work on the new hall of residence started in earnest, and a tall crane became a familiar feature of the skyline.

A squash court, the first of a pair, was begun as an addition to the Games Hall. This was opened for play just before the Summer half-term.

Interested visitors to the College were two German inspectors of schools, and Mr. Mhaiki, from Tanzania, who stayed some days and braved some freezing weather.

On the 25th October Mr. Anderson saw a red deer in the park. Venison did not appear on the College menus, and it is assumed that the deer returned to Thetford Chase.

At the beginning of the term, the R.A.F. section of the Combined Cadet Force became fully operative, and on the 19th October it was joined by the Navy section.

A NATO mobile exhibition was set up in Tomlinson Hall. All members of the College were able to visit it, listen to a lecture, and see films on NATO submarines and the Berlin Airlift.

The College production of "Iolanthe" was very well received. It was again produced by Mr. Garrard, with Mr. Berry, the new music master, directing the singing and the orchestra. It is reported fully later in the magazine.

Splash, a dog of character, died during the term. His biggest moment had been a hilarious appearance in a Sixth Form revue a few years ago.

#### SPRING TERM

During the second week in February the Swedish Institute for Cultural Relations mounted an exhibition at the College, which provided a valuable insight into some aspects of Sweden's cultural achievements. Of the many interesting displays the most impressive were those devoted to the raising of the 17th century warship, Vasa, a collection of delightful glass from the Orrefors region, and Sweden's imaginative approach to town planning. Subjects covered by the other sections included the work of leading Swedish authors, design award-winning publications, the city of Stockholm, and Lapp handicrafts; but, strangely, Swedish industry and everyday life was rather neglected. A variety of films about Sweden were shown in the evenings. We are most grateful to Mr. Warne and Mr. Rudin from the Institute for providing the exhibition and for answering innumerable questions about their country, and to Mr. Wilson for arranging the visit.

Kevin Hare was awarded an open exhibition in Chemistry at Southampton University.

Among numerous cultural and academic visits to Norwich were those to the Geographical Association and Engineering Society meetings, to St. Andrew's Hall to hear the Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra, and to the Maddermarket to see Shaw's "Saint Joan." The Sixth Form had the opportunity on 10th February to see the film, "The Importance of being Earnest," and French students saw another lighthearted film on 11th February.

This year all starters completed the cross-country run. At another sporting event, the three senior rugby teams all beat the girls at their own game, hockey.

On 12th March, the girls made their annual visit to Wembley to watch England beat Germany at hockey, 2—1. Another sporting expedition was made to Bedford, where, on 5th March, a party of interested spectators watched the school rowing VIII gaining experience in the Head of the River race.

A Penguin Book Exhibition was held in Tomlinson Hall, and during National Library Week, 12th—19th March, an impressive array of books was set up in the library.

The Post Office kindly lent us their mobile exhibition this term, showing how a modern automatic switchboard operates. A massive bulldozer also visited the College to level the ground around the water tower.

At the end of term, the school musicians gave a concert for orchestra, choirs, and solutits. It is reported fully elsewhere in the magazine.

#### SUMMER TERM

The 1st XV and the 1st XI both acquired mechanical aids during the year, trying their skills on a scrumming machine and a bowling machine respectively.

During the first week in May, the National Book League kindly provided us with an exhibition of books entitled "Liberal Education." It was made available to Sixth Formers in the library.

A group of Sixth Form girls became enthusiastic over flower arranging, and were given tuition on Sunday evenings for several weeks.

 $\overline{A}$  room for House Captains, who are also College Prefects, has been furnished in 32. It is also used for Prefects' meetings.

Expeditions of cultural interest have included a visit to Stratford-on-Avon by Scholarship Sixth Formers to see both parts of "Henry IV", and outings to the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company in Norwich, to the Hingham Musical Festival, and to hear Yehudi Menuhin at St. Andrew's Hall.

There have been two films for the Sixth Form this term—"The Mindbenders" and "The Loneliness of the Long-distance Runner". A film shown to the whole of the senior school was Laurence Olivier's "Richard III".

The whole College was photographed as a group on 2nd June, for the first time in nine years. The organisational powers of Mr. Bowman and the photographer were taxed to the utmost, but the final result was highly successful.

The College Guide Company reopened at the beginning of term under the leadership of Miss Lefevre and Miss Greenhill. The 3rd Wymondham Guides have at present 33 members, 20 of whom have had no previous experience. Their activities include life-line and rescue work for the older Guides, and basic test work and preparation for enrolment for the rest of the Company. The patrol leaders and seconds are hoping to camp at Costessey Park towards the end of term.

#### ILLUSTRATIONS

Except for some of the team photographs, the illustrations this year are the work of members of the College. We wish to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson especially for their unstinting efforts, and Judith Chambers, Margaret Cornwell

and Diane Sangway for the additions to our collection of silhouettes. The frontispiece was taken by Mr. Wilson during the match against King's School, Ely. T. Mason has also assisted with photographs.

#### STAFF

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Doughty and Mr. and Mrs. Tait on additions to their families during the year. The fourth Rutherford boy put off his arrival (like father, like son?) just long enough to miss a mention last year.

Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Wilson were both married during the year, and we take this opportunity of congratulating them and welcoming their wives to the College.

Seven members of the staff are leaving at the end of the term, and we wish success and happiness to the following: Mr. Davitte goes to the Mid-Gloucestershire Technical College; Mrs. Garrard, after teaching full-time before her marriage and part-time after it, now goes wholly over to domestic duties; Mr. Prescott takes over the English Department at Chester City Grammar School; Mr. M. Wood is taking a post in the Civil Service; Mr. Woodhouse becomes head of the Science Department at Kidlington Comprehensive School, Oxford; Mrs. Kearn is leaving for domestic reasons; Miss Sauvain is joining the English Department at Cheadle Hulme School.

In their places we shall be welcoming the following: Miss A. Howard (French) from Sir Thomas More's School, Wigan; Mr. King (Chemistry) from Hull University; Mrs. Norton, who is returning to teach Domestic Science; Mr. Parsons (English) who has been doing a post-graduate course at Exeter University after graduating from Oxford; Miss Porter (Mathematics) from the Frederick Gough Grammar School, Scunthorpe; Miss M. Robinson (Geography) from Barnsley High School; Miss Trim. who is transferring from the County Grammar School.

# **ROUND THE HOUSES**

# CANTERBURY

With a decidedly smaller Sixth Form than previously, Canterbury still lived up to the all-round standard of other years.

A successful year is measured by success on the games field and this year we have had our fair share. We reached the final of the senior rugby competition for the first time, and this was achieved against all odds. Four extremely exciting games were played, defeat finally coming at the hands of Durham, who won 6-3in the final. R. Moore, I. Watling and P. Hodgson played magnificently throughout, and Barnham and Finter put in some sterling work in the scrum. Hodgson as captain is to be commended for his brilliant play and the wonderful example which he set to the rest of the team.

The juniors won their tournament, winning a very exciting final by 6 points to 5. Cronin and Bowerin are to be singled out for their efforts.

The cross-country teams did not achieve the sweeping success of 1965, but fine individual performances came from P. Hodgson, A. George and Cronin.

Despite winning the standards competition with a fine all-round effort, we dropped to third place in the sports. Hodgson, Harper C., and Cronin in particular can be congratulated on very good performances.

A House party with Westminster was held during the Autumn Term and a surprise party with Wells took place at the end of the Spring Term. Both were immensely enjoyed and we are grateful to the efforts of all concerned.

Other points of interest included a rocket competition, sponsored by Mr. Anderson. Osborne won the 10/- prize in a highly professional style. Our matron, Mrs. Fish, left us at the end of the Spring Term after spending five years with the House. She was replaced by Miss Lefevre.

It has been a year when Canterbury have given of their best at all times and have often met with well-deserved success, making the year enjoyable for one and all.

ANDREW HARPER.



THE HEAD GIRL, NICOLA CHITTOCK



THE HEAD BOY, RICHARD SIMMONS

#### DURHAM

First we should like to congratulate Allen, Bradley and Willimott, of our last year's Sixth, on attaining County Scholarship standard at "A" level. Three from one House is pretty good.

Durham can be said to be on the upgrade this year. More people have represented the school on the games field and more people have been taking an active part in the running of various school activities than ever before. As a result, House spirit is at a higher level. Knights and LeGrice represented us on the Semi-circle Committee and Camroux led a fine election campaign as the Labour candidate in the mock election.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr. Peel to the House and "Sam" no relation to the founder of our block— settled quickly into the House routine. He even played in the Old Boys rugger match! A long and sometimes tedious Christmas Term provided us with no activities in which the House as a whole could take part. However, several individuals distinguished themselves on the games field. This year the House could proudly claim six members of the College 1st XV, constituting a record. We entered the Spring Term with high hopes of winning the senior rugby competition. After overcoming Norwich easily, we beat Canterbury in a hard fought final to capture the Gosling Cup. Special mention should be made of H. Bambridge, who crowned a fine season in the 1st XV by leading the House team to victory.

The junior teams did not fare so well; the Intermediates were weakened by calls to the senior side and the Juniors failed to consolidate an early lead taken against Gloucester in their first game.

As a climax to the Spring Term the Fifth and Sixth Formers entertained the girls of Westminster to a social evening which, despite the failure of certain would-be script writers to produce a sketch, was a great success. Mrs. Rackham deserves mention for organising the kitchen so well.

In contrast to the long Autumn Term, the Spring Term passed very quickly. Durham has never been known for its provess at athletics, but this year we distinguished ourselves with only a fortnight in which to get standards; we started last and pulled up to second place after a supreme combined effort. P. Melvin, A. Garland, J. Dyer and A. Bowcock obtained all their standards. A distinct lack of individuals, however, meant that we lost ground on Sports Day. The junior potential seemed to be a year behind for its age group but the seniors did obtain six individual firsts, P. Melvin contributing three.

The Summer Term has brought us little reward, with a reversal of last year's cricket fortunes and slender hopes of success in other fields. However, a great deal of effort is being put into the swimming. By and large the year has been a happy one and we have taken the rough with the smooth.

I would like to say that Mr. Worrall's garden is flourishing, and although Splash has died I can find no connection between the two.

EDWARD WALKER.

#### **GLOUCESTER**

Once again our efforts have been more concentrated on the sports field, although we have not always met with success. This applied especially to the House Rugby Competition, when all three teams reached their respective semifinals, but were unable to achieve a place in the finals.

After the somewhat disappointing rugby season came the inter-House Cross-Country Competition, which was met with more enthusiasm from the juniors than the seniors. This was reflected in the results, the junior team gaining a welldeserved win.

Eventually the athletics season brought us our long-awaited success, when we followed up a fourth place in the Standards Competition by winning on Sports Day. Notable performances came from C. Garner and P. Moore.

On a less energetic level we retained the inter-House Chess Shield for the third successive year, beating Salisbury in the final. K. Hare, who ably captained the team, won the deciding match of the final.

Last summer we won the Worsfold Cup for House swimming and are hoping to be victorious again this year. The senior cricket team have brought us a major success by winning the senior competition, beating Salisbury in the final. We are very grateful to J. Young, D. Digby and P. Turner, who have devoted much time and effort as sports captains. During the Autumn Term we invited Wells House to a party, which was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank the girls for the decorations and D. Jackson for his efficient organisation. Another party is to be held with Wells House this term.

We are grateful to Mr. Seeley, Mr. Wood, Mr. Fairhurst and Mr. Eyre for the help and support they give the House, taking an active interest in all we do. We would also like to thank Mrs. Seeley for those much-enjoyed suppers.

It is with regret, however, that we say farewell to Mrs. Frowen, our matron. She has been in the College now for fifteen years, working untiringly for the welfare of the House. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Either Mr. Fairhurst has at last passed his scooter test or else he has mislaid his "L" plates. General opinion seems to favour the latter!

PAUL THAIN.

# NORWICH

Despite the fact that one Third Former in the House developed an Eutychus complex (see Acts 20) the year has been comparatively uneventful for the House. However, there have been various sporting and recreational highlights.

With at least its fair share of luck, the House also enjoyed a measure of success on the sports field. In the inter-House "barbarian" cricket matches last summer, we gained second place and in the inter-House "barbarian" rugby matches we came first for the third consecutive year. With the enthusiastic encouragement of Crawford, we won the senior cross-country competition, Crawford himself obtaining second place in the run. We were a close second in the athletics tournament.

This year Mr. Millington was welcomed as a new House tutor. Mr. Wilson "bowed his nekke under that blisful yok of soveraynetee" this Spring and moved from the House to married quarters. We wish him and his wife every happiness for the future.

With encouragement from Mr. Woodhouse, and tradition, we formed a House choir at the end of the Autumn Term and spent a memorable evening carol singing to the other Houses. Perhaps the harmonies were not entirely mellifluous, but they were certainly in the Yule-tide mood. At the end of the same term we held a party with Winchester, which was obviously enjoyed with the right spirit.

This year there were only five Upper Sixth Formers in the House, and consequently some Prefects had to be drawn from the Lower Sixth. We have acquired a Prefects' room this term, which has been in continual use.

It is difficult to describe or to estimate such an abstract thing as "House spirit," but I think that this year it has, possibly, been more powerful than in any previous year. As I believe that the question of the year's accomplishments should mainly be based upon the spirit of the House, then this year has been a success.

TREVOR WILSON.

# SALISBURY

In many respects this year has been a transitional one for Salisbury. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr. Worley as our Housemaster and he has become popular with everyone. We welcomed Mr. Berry into the House and he has gained everyone's respect with his friendly nature. When Mr. Siviour left at the end of the Autumn Term he presented the House with a Constable painting

of Salisbury Cathedral. Mr. Siviour's jovial presence has been greatly missed in the House. We welcomed Mr. Noble in his place.

As happened last year, our achievements on the sports field have largely been due to individuals. Several promising juniors have entered the House and the Under-14 rugby team reached the final of their tournament, only to be beaten by an unlucky try scored in the last minute of the match. The intermediates won both their rugby and basketball tournaments and deserve congratulations. Oliver and Ireland broke several records in the athletics season and Shurety equalled one. The seniors have not been outstanding in sport this year except perhaps Ray and Rogers. The latter captained both the 2nd rugby XV and the 1st cricket XI. Unfortunately the House cricket team were beaten in the final by Gloucester. What the seniors have lacked in talent, however, they have certainly made up for in spirit.

Social activities have been very successful. Several coffee evenings have been enjoyed by the Upper Sixth with Winchester and Westminster, and some Sixth Formers entertained the House to a comical revue at the end of the Autumn Term. This was extremely well received. A House party with Worcester seniors proved a great success and was enjoyed by everyone.

We were narrowly beaten in the final of the Chess Tournament by Gloucester, when the match depended on a single game.

JOHN MASTERS.

# YORK

York continued in its tradition of producing good "O" and "A" Level results in last summer's examinations. We hear good reports of several members of the House in their subsequent courses and careers.

Fortunately each House has its turn on the games field, and after enjoying considerable success for the past few years York has had to relinquish its collection of trophies this year. However, there have been some notable achievements. The House provided four members of the first School Eight to compete on the river and the all-round contribution made by Latten to this sport has not gone unnoticed. As expected, York won the inter-House rowing competition. Although realising that it is the combined effort of the House which brings success, we feel that the honest endeavour of Drane in the junior cross-country also deserves mention.

On the social side we have had the usual enjoyable parties with Worcester and we extend our gratitude to the staff and pupils of that House. The first year in the House enjoyed a successful week-end camp with Mr. Davitte.

We look forward to the coming school year and trust that the junior members of the House will reveal the promise they have shown.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Doughty on their most recent addition to their family.

THOMAS HARRISON.

# WELLS

The first notable event of the year was a House carol evening held on the last Tuesday of the Christmas Term. The evening was arranged by Catherine Sadler and the highlights were solos sung by Eileen Forster and a well presented play by the First Formers, directed by Miss Bowles. During the course of the evening we sang the Carribean Carol, accompanied by Jennifer West on the guitar. Once again it was enthusiastically received and one of the distinguished guests requested an encore.

At the end of the Christmas Term Wells were invited to a party by Gloucester House. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and would like to take the opportunity to thank Gloucester for inviting us.

At the end of the Christmas Term we said goodbye to our Matron, Mrs. Woodman, who had been with us for two years. She generously gave the House a set of table-tennis bats as a farewell present, for which we are very grateful. Mrs. Woodman was replaced by Miss Le Fevre, who stayed with us for a term. We were very pleased to welcome, at the beginning of the Summer Term, our permanent Matron, Miss Greenhill. We sincerely hope her stay with us will be a long and happy one.

During the Easter Term we were pleased to win the girls' House run. The whole team did exceptionally well but Lynne Garton should be particularly commended for her outstanding performance and determination. Penelope Buck did an excellent job as our athletics captain during this term. Thanks to her leadership and encouragement the standard of athletics in the House was very high.

This year Wells entered a team in the Chess Tournament for the first time, and we hope this interest in the game will continue. We wish to thank Mrs. Bowman for judging our junior hobbies competition, in which Lesley Stone of the First Form was placed first.

We are pleased to have three form prize winners in the House this year, Janet Bartrum, Ann Wright and Rosemary Campling. Caroline Stubbings, who left at the end of the Christmas Term, was awarded a County Major for her three "A's" at advanced level.

We shall be sorry to say goodbye to Miss Trim at the end of this term, but we hope she will visit us frequently as Mrs. Lawson.

We feel that Wells House has given of its best throughout the year, and the House spirit during the athletics season was particularly pleasing. We hope that the G.C.E. results will show that this has been as successful academically as in previous years. VALERIE PYNE.

# WESTMINSTER

This year Westminster has had considerable academic success. In the literary sphere Bridget Flaxman was the winner of the Sixth Form Essay Prize and Christina Coller won the intermediate competition. The former also won the Sixth Form Speech Prize and Sandra Hathway won the Intermediate with Susan Watts gaining second place in the Senior Competition. The Shakespeare speaking competition was won by Nicola Chittock. We congratulate all of them on their successes.

More interest in music has developed in the House this year. The value of the noise of screeching violins, notes off key and warbles of "We are dainty little fairies" heard echoing through the House, has been shown by our success in this field. At Christmas we had two of the leading ladies in the operetta and the majority of the "fairies". In the concert, which took place in the Easter Term, all the girl soloists, Stephanie Johnson, Kathryn Oxley, Marian Adcock, Perdita Morgan and Mary George, were from Westminster House.

However, the whole House had a chance to exercise its vocal chords in the traditional carol singing at the end of the Christmas Term, and the juniors returned hoarse from carol singing in the village, having raised a considerable sum for charity.

The energies of the House were channelled effectively on to the games field by Bridget Flaxman, under whose captaincy we won both the tennis at the end of last year and the Hockey Tournament in the Autumn Term. The senior hockey team was particularly successful and gained maximum points. During this term we also attained second place in the House Netball Competition, led by Diana Langley. Our victory in the sports was a tribute to the House spirit and effort shown by everyone, but Jane Marter, Elizabeth Case, Hazel Skipper, Bridget Wright and Kathleen Gascoigne deserve particular commendation for their individual successes.

We have been fortunate in being invited to two House parties during the year. The first, held in the Autumn Term by Canterbury House, was an original affair with barbecued chicken being served. The social evening for Fifth and Sixth Formers held with Durham House was equally successful and was much enjoyed by everyone. At the beginning of the year the Upper Sixth Form introduced a new event to the school's social calendar with coffee evenings held after the dance on Saturday evenings. We have entertained several groups and would like to thank Miss Mair for her aid and delicious cooking.

The juniors, too, started a new tradition at the beginning of the Spring Term by constructing, outside the House, an enormous snowman christened "Tolliver Westminster". Determined never to be defeated by bad weather, they also showed great stamina during a Sunday afternoon snowball fight on the Park. One First Former, laden with a huge snowball, was seen relentlessly pursuing an Upper Sixth Former all afternoon.

KAY FARROW.

#### WINCHESTER

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Johnson to the House, and we would like to thank Mrs. Herrington for her help, although she has not been resident this year.

In the Autumn Term Norwich House invited us to a Hallow'een party, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Later on in the term the Upper Sixth Form invited Salisbury House Upper Sixth to a coffee evening one Saturday evening after the dance.

As well as activities outside the House, Winchester has shown that it is capable of providing its own entertainment. At the end of the Christmas Term the House had its own carol service, the success of which was due to the organisation and aid given by Miss Nicol, and at the end of the Spring Term the House displayed its numerous and varied talents in a concert. The hobbies competition was again held this year, this time in the form of picture making. We would like to thank Miss Colls for judging, and congratulate the winner, Sarah Hewitt.

So far this year the House has shown its ability on the sports field by winning the Standards Cup, the netball tournament and by gaining second place in the House run, the athletics, the swimming and the hockey, which we lost by a mere three points after an exciting tussle.

At the end of the Autumn Term we said goodbye to Carol Combe, who left to teach in India for six months, and, remembering her efforts for the House, we were very amused to hear that she is at the moment coaching a hockey team there.

There are still the tennis tournaments to be held this year and we hope to maintain the high standard that has previously been established in this event. We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Sauvain at the end of the year. She has done much for the House during her four years with us and we would like to wish her all the best in her new appointment. VALERIE HEAD.

# WORCESTER

At the beginning of the year Worcester House welcomed Miss Battye as Assistant Housemistress, and Miss Jackson, who is on the County Grammar School Staff, replacing Miss Read and Miss Harmer, who left at the end of last year.

In the Autumn Term York House invited us to a House party, which proved a great success. Keeping up the Worcester House tradition, the First and Second Formers visited Wicklewood Hospital with Miss Hawkyard at the end of this term, where they sang Christmas carols and chatted with the patients.

In the second half of the Spring Term two students from Bedford Training College visited the school and joined the girls P.E. department for a few weeks teaching practice. During their stay they joined in House activities. Also in the Spring Term the seniors enjoyed a party with the senior boys of Salisbury House, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them again.

This year has not proved very successful on the games field, as we have only attained fourth place in the House netball tournament and the athletics and third in the hockey. The juniors were much more successful than the seniors, who were handicapped by small numbers. The over-sixteen age group, in particular, suffered as the Sixth Form this year consisted of only five Lower Sixth and three Upper Sixth Formers.

To finish on a more cheerful note, Worcester House won the Inter-House Swimming Gala last year and we are hoping to repeat our success at the end of this term. LYNDA OSBORNE.

**HOUSE COMPETITIONS, 1965-66** CRICKET, 1965 Seniors York beat Durham by 9 wickets. Durham 56. York 59 for 1. York won the Hammond Bowl. Intermediates Canterbury beat Gloucester by 54 runs. Canterbury 137 for 4 dec. Gloucester 83. Juniors Canterbury beat Norwich by 2 wickets. Norwich 99 for 9 dec. Canterbury 101 for 8. Canterbury won the Goman Cup. SWIMMING, 1965 1 Gloucester 151 points. 2 Salisbury 117 points. 3 York 115 points. Gloucester won the Worsfold Cup. RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1965-66 Seniors Durham beat Canterbury, 6 points to 3. Durham won the Gosling Cup. **Intermediates** Salisbury beat York, 20 points to 3. Juniors Canterbury beat Salisbury, 6 points to 5. The House Sevens Tournament was cancelled.

# CROSS-COUNTRY RACES, 1966

Senior Cup

1 Norwich 180 points. 2 Canterbury 267 points. 3 Salisbury 283 points. Individual winner: P. Hodgson (Canterbury) 24 mins. 16 secs.

Intermediates

1 York 246 points. 2 Canterbury 253 points. 3 Gloucester 308 points. Individual winner: K. Ireland (Salisbury) 20 mins. 23 secs.

Juniors

1 Gloucester 216 points. 2 York 250 points. 3 Salisbury 287 points. Individual winner: J. Drane (York) 18 mins. 29 secs.

# ATHLETICS, 1966

Standards

1 Canterbury 100 points. 2 Durham 90 points. 3 Norwich 84 points. Canterbury won the Terry Cup.

Tournament

1 Gloucester 223 points. 2 Norwich 218 points. 3 Canterbury 215 points. Gloucester won the Old Wymondians' Trophy.

#### SATURDAY MATCHES

Tournaments arranged for those not selected for College teams are now well established and become the subject of fierce competition in unique style. Cricket, 1965

Results:

1 York. 2 Gloucester. 3 Durham.

Rugby, 1965-66

1 Norwich, 2 Durham, 3 York,

The Basketball Tournament was this year extended to the senior age group.

Results:

Seniors 1 Norwich. 2 Salisbury. 3 Durham. Intermediates 1 Salisbury. 2 Norwich. 3 Canterbury.



FRESH AT THE START-JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

# **PRIZE WINNERS, 1965**

Form Prizes:

I A John Ord Π A Francis Wright **B** Patricia Sparkes

C Sandra Arnold

- **B** Patricia Murrell
- C Rosemary Campling
- III A Ann Rutter
  - **B** Heather Brand
  - C Ann Wright
  - D Christina Coller
  - *E* Frances Ockleston
- - C Michael Thorne
  - D Janet Bartrum
  - E John Gant
- G.C.E. Prize: Roger Hayward, Susan Mlejnecky

# Subject Prizes:

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<i>R</i> . <i>E</i> .	George Gawlinski	Pure Maths	Diane Rogers			
German	Michael Rice	Applied Maths	Derek Allen			
French	Muriel Arnold	Metalwork	Richard Brown			
English	Peter Rogers	Woodwork	Richard Fuller			
Geography	Edgar Riches	Art	Angela Cornwell			
History	John Vaughan	Needlework	Jennifer Towson			
Chemistry	James Busby	Boys' P.E.	Timothy Myhill			
Physics	Graham Winn	Girls' P.E.	Mary Spooner			
Biology	Lorna Codner	Eng. Drawing	Jeremy Buck			
Music	Trevor Wilson	0 0	•			

Norwich Engineering Society Prize: Michael Wilcock

Foundation Prizes:

The Dean Acheson (Academic Achievement): Caroline Stubbings, Christopher Dodgshun.

The Alderman Wright (Service): Lorna Codner, William Kiddell. The Sam Peel Prize and Trophy (Service): Timothy Myhill.

Speech Prizes :			
Senior	D. Holloway		
Intermediate	Sandra Hathway		
Junior	Susan Daniel		

# **RESULTS OF ESSAY COMPETITION**

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Sixth Form:				
Winner:	Bridget Flaxman.			
Highly Commended:	Kay Farrow, T. Harrison, R. Hayward, Elizabeth Rath, P. Rogers.			
Commended:	C. Burdett, D. Digby, G. Doy, D. Eddy, C. Grant, R. Jarvis, A. Knights, V. Laird, P. Lynn, A. Marfleet, B. Maudsley, Mary Moore, Valery Pyne, C. Thatcher, P. Turner, Linda Worsfold.			
Senior :				
Winner:	Christopher Harper.			
Commended:	Gillian Bishop, Mary Metson, Timothy Strutt.			
Intermediate:				
Winner:	Christina Coller.			
Commended:	Joyce Dalrymple, John Elsegood, David Gregory.			
Junior:	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Winner:	Sally Furbank.			
Commended:	Maria Barton, Kathryn Oxley, Margaret Pearson.			

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  - **B** Alison Catley

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CAVELL AND FRY HOUSES BY NIGHT

#### CHAPEL NOTES

At the end of these notes we set out once again the list of preachers who have visited College Chapel throughout the year, Sunday by Sunday. The role which the Chapel plays in the life of the College, however, extends beyond the first day of the week. And this, of course, is as it should be, even if at first sight some of its influences do not appear to be specifically religious.

To begin with the Chapel is often making itself heard during the week. This is because its electronic organ is a constant lure to a small group of musicians who before and after school apply themselves to the keyboard. Although the sounds they make do not at first, or perhaps ever, engender holy thoughts, we are now not without some reserve organists who are capable of accompanying congregational singing when the need arises on the odd occasion. Aspiring trombonists have been known to claim right of sanctuary in the Chapel Vestry in order to practice scales although it must be candidly admitted that no use has been found for them—yet. The Dance Committee occasionally negotiates for the use of the Sixth Form Study to serve as pantry and cellar for their Saturday night celebration on condition that every trace is removed immediately afterwards. There are no puritanical reasons for this; it is simply that there is nothing quite like the revenge which a spurned piece of stale cheese and pineapple can take upon, say, the Advanced Level group. meeting in that same side-room later in the week to grapple with the North and South Galatia theory or the date of the Exodus.

The voices heard during the week in Chapel this year have varied and some unusual ones have been included. Lunch-time talks to County Grammar School Fifth Formers have been given by careers officers; Anthony Hopkins (in person) has talked to the musicians about music whilst the Archbishop of Canterbury (on tape) has talked to the Sixth Form sinners about saints.

After school the side-rooms may become the meeting place of the Junior Bible Study Group, a Post-Confirmation Course or of a confirmation candidate with his chaplain advisor. In this connection we have been encouraged by the real pastoral concern and interest which the four local clergymen have shown in the College community during their weekly visits. We warmly thank the Rev. B. P. Henharen, the Rev. E. H. Buck, the Rev. John Garfoot and Father Brophy for their help. We are also grateful to Miss Peterkin, who leaves us this term, for the help she has given in supervising the work of Roman Catholic pupils in both schools.

And so, to Sunday. We are indebted to the following preachers who during the year have visited us.

#### AUTUMN TERM

Rev. B. P. Henharen, Rev. C. J. H. Sanderson, Rev. D. Hustler, Rev. J. Lord, Rev. J. Gibbs, Rev. W. Stone, Rev. J. Tansley Thomas, Rev. S. Myers, Rev. L. G. Sturman and the Rev. J. R. McGowan.

# SPRING TERM

Rev. D. G. W. Green, Rev. D. Melville Jones (who also conducted the final Thanksgiving and Dedication Service), Mrs. Gee (representing the Deaf and Dumb Association), The Bishop of Thetford, Rev. R. H. Smart, Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Rev. H. Whitwham, The Bishop of Lynn and the Rev. John Garfoot.

#### SUMMER TERM

Dr. F. Lincoln Ralphs, Rev. J. Thorne, Rev. H. Lillingston, Rev. F. Willson, Rev. W. Butler, Rev. L. F. F. Webb, The Very Reverend Norman Hook, Rev. Canon R. A. Edwards.

D.J.A.

# "IOLANTHE"

A very great deal of hard work from a very large number of people had gone into the College production of "Iolanthe." It is one of the minor miracles of school life that annual plays, beset by every sort of difficulty in rehearsal and desperately short-lived, still appear so fresh and attractive in their brief flowering.

If that is true of school plays in general, it is even more true of musicals, operas and operettas. "Iolanthe," besides all the usual problems which face a producer, demands the co-ordination of choir and orchestral activity often involving those who are only part-time in the school or, perhaps, merely friends of the school who have come in to help on this special occasion. And on top of all this comes the fact that Wymondham College does not yet possess a building really suited to dramatic work of any kind. It has been commented that acting in Tomlinson Hall is rather like acting in a London underground tube station; acting in the Games Hall is rather like acting in an aircraft hanger and one, moreover, in which the

stage can only be available for rehearsals about three weeks before the actual production date.

In the light of all this, it must be said at once and without any qualification or hesitation that the production of "Iolanthe" was a real triumph. Of course, it could be faulted; it did not reach the standards of the best of amateur companies and was naturally far below those of professionals. But it was a first-class school production which reflected the greatest credit on all those concerned.

The scenery and stage décor were well designed and executed and careful attention had been paid to the smallest details. Properties were good, without ever being fussily so: costumes were delightfully fresh and attractive. Stage movement was well planned and well executed with a special word of praise for the dances which made skilful—and graceful—use of the available space. The choruses deployed with exactitude and precision. Perhaps they might have been better if they had been rather smaller; but that would have meant leaving out a number of people who enjoyed being there and benefited from it—a thing which, in a school play, has always to be borne in mind.

The orchestral playing had a vigour and attack which at times were almost professional. A scratch assembly of players had been blended into a remarkably well-knit unit. This was a real achievement by their conductor, Mr. Berry, who not only had very little time but was himself new to most of the players he could call upon. The singing was well trained and pleasant. If at times some of the voices were lost beneath the orchestra very few, except professionally trained and experienced voices, would ever be anything else in the hall in which they were working.

The acting, in general, was also very well trained in the D'Oyley Carte tradition. The Lord Chancellor had the right solemnity without which his dance, and indeed his whole part, must fail. Those who knew "Iolanthe" beforehand looked for and found the gestures and movements which tradition has hallowed: those who did not found a fresh pleasure to store in their memories. It should never be forgotten that a school play is designed for a young audience and that one of its main jobs is to widen the horizons of those who might otherwise never see worthwhile dramatic activity, and to introduce a new pleasure to them.

Trevor Wilson as Mountararat deserves a special word of praise. He had precisely the right smoothness and dignity of bearing, precisely the right bland charm. He also made admirable use of a voice which, not naturally very strong, rose to the occasion. Leo Barnes as Tolloller was not so good but worked hard as a foil to the other two. Private Willis (William Weston) had the right solid British impassivity and was not afraid to open his mouth and sing—a task which most middle-school boys find altogether too much for their own dignity. Philip Trett as Strephon had perhaps the hardest task of all. One does not feel that either Gilbert or Sullivan was really interested in him or gave him anything to do except act as a makeweight for more gloriously comic characters. He made the most of what he had and lived through the more difficult bits of his part without ever going wrong.

Of the girls, Eileen Forster as Phyllis had the heaviest burden to carry and carried it best. She sang with clarity, power and vigour and, once again, it was the fault of the hall if at times she overstrained her voice. Her stage manner and

<sup>(</sup>a) REHEARSING—MESSRS GARRARD, AND BERRY DIRECTING

<sup>(</sup>b) A PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS

<sup>(</sup>c) FAIRIES

<sup>(</sup>d) PEERS AND AN ARCADIAN SHEPHERDESS



presence were charming; she had a pleasant and attractive air of detachment from the whole business very well in keeping with one neither wholly mortal nor wholly fairy in her outlook on life. Bridget Flaxman and Nicola Chittock brought to the parts of the Queen and of Iolanthe dignity and pleasant voices; the latter, in particular, sang her chief song with real sweetness. The four fairies looked attractive and acted vivaciously.

The photographs in this magazine will give those who did not have the good fortune to see this production some idea of the scope, and of the success, of this production. It was a wholly enjoyable and memorable occasion which represents a real triumph for good teamwork and good producing. G.P.W.

CAST: The Lord Chancellor, Mr. M. Brand; Earl of Mountararat, Trevor Wilson; Earl Tolloller, Leo Barnes; Private Willis of the Grenadier Guards, William Weston; Strephon, an Arcadian Shepherd, Philip Trett; Queen of the Fairies, Bridget Flaxman; Iolanthe, a Fairy, Strephon's Mother, Nicola Chittock; Fairies, Celia, Thelma Worby; Delia, Carol Combe; Leila, Ruth Moss; Fleta, Christine Brown; Phyllis, an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery, Eileen Forster; Train-bearer to Lord Chancellor, Gerald Wynne; Chorus of Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts and Barons, Jeffrey Amis, John Carver, Derek Chown, Clive Crouch, Alan Dean, Adrian Dubock, David Eddy, Timothy Fitt, Alan George, Stephen Hazard, David Holloway, Peter Kemp, Andrew Latten, Adrian Marfleet, Hamish McLay, David Mobbs, Stephen Oliver, Ian Palmer, Gregory Powell, Theodore Stibbons, Clive Swetman, William Weston; Chorus of Fairies, Margaret Amberton, Margaret Barclay, Penelope Buck, Sarah Coggles, Jane Cordle, Margaret Cornwell, Anita Dorok, Elizabeth Emerson, Margaret George, Sally Howell, Penelope Jacobs, Christine Lawton, Perdita Morgan, Stephanie Randle, Catharine Sadler, Jane Stollery, Barbara Timbrell, Susan Watts, Hilary Weaver, Linda Worsfold.

Choirmaster: Mr. Berry. Produced by Mr. Garrard.

Ladies' Costumes designed by Miss Johnston, and made at the College by members of the cast, assisted by Miss Johnson, Miss Watson, Sarah Betts, Elizabeth Case, Linda Jarvis, and others.

Scenery constructed and erected under the direction of Mr. Mullenger and Mr. Moore.

Scenery designed by Miss Colls and Mr. Mullenger, and painted by Miss Colls, assisted by Nicholas Barton, Catherine Bowden, Judith Chambers, Alan Davies, Roger Hayward, Amanda Peace, Caroline Stubbings, John Whyte.

Make-up under the direction of Miss Bowles and Mr. Prescott, assisted by Linda Bunting, Judith Chambers, Christine Gavan, Judith Lord, Jane Mullenger, Priscilla Noon, Amanda Peace, Valery Pyne, Caroline Stubbings, Patricia Yeldon.

Dances arranged by Mrs. Herrington.

Lighting: David Clitheroe, Richard Fuller, Philip Harvey, Duncan Jones; Stage Manager: Mr. Prescott; House Managers: Mr. Staveley, Mr. Siviour, Mr. Fox. Programme Cover design by Margaret Cornwell.

# FROM THE WINGS

# (an essay by several "hands".)

An hour and a half before curtain-up, the hall is dull and grey, the stage looking like a cross between a Victorian park and a building-site. The Rec Room is empty, but for a few old tables and chairs. Gradually, bunches of nondescript schoolboys and girls drift into the room, adorned with towels, costumes, sweaters and comics. They wander around the Sports Hall playing the drums, the piano and anything else they can lay hands on.

An hour to go, and the beaming producer opens the dressing-rooms. In go school-children, out come strange beings in breeches and tights, or ballet-length clouds of white. Staggering under the burden of a huge cardboard box, a make-up girl is swooped upon by her colleagues, fighting and pushing in the scramble to get a kit. If she is lucky she can drop the box and retire before the onslaught. The fiends attacking her emerge one by one triumphantly clutching their respective kits. The make-up supervisor, a portly gentleman wearing a thick sweater and smoking a pipe, directs his band of girls with peak efficiency as they plaster grease, paint, lipstick and powder over their victims' faces. Complaints of brutality are ignored or passed off as being utterly unfounded.

The noise builds up—"Shut that door!"; "Bow, bow, ye lower middle classes!" in a thrilling soprano; "Will you please shut that door, you peers?";



A VERY SUSCEPTIBLE CHANCELLOR

"Sir, you've pinched my puff again!"; "Have you been done yet? No? Sit down!"; and behind it all the din of pirate radio stations. In the corner a fairy sits, knitting an indeterminate red object. The mini-peer is bouncing from group to group like the ball on a pin-table. An occasional burst of song is heard, a plea for a pin, a ripple of girlish giggles, and those doors are a constant menace. By now the dust is rising, and with it a strange smell of musty costumes, powder, paint, humanity and a pipeful of privet leaves.

The Lord Chancellor emerges from a side-door, resplendent in flowing robes and a grey curled wig. Five minutes before curtain-up the producer assembles the whole cast for a final briefing. The make-up girls, feeling a trifle shabby against gorgeous velvet cloaks and frothy white dresses, can scrutinise all the performers and add any final touches. There is invariably some minor crisis, like the peer who blew his nose too vigorously and wiped off half his "face".

The orchestra, casting bemused glances at the cast, file in to start the proceedings. A few final adjustments are made—"Your wings are cock-eyed"; "Where's my wand?"; "Has anybody got a pin?". At a given moment a rustle announces the arrival backstage of two dozen fairies, the overture ends, the lights come up, the curtains part, and—"You're on!". The last whispered instruction is "Smile!" and the fairies trip on—some almost literally.

Soon the Fairy Queen appears and commands a large lady in green to arise from the bottom of a rather uncomfortable stream. An impressive young shepherd introduces the first male influence, soon to be followed by the motley band of peers in gorgeous array. Some fall down the steps, but all goes smoothly, and the mini-peer again catches the eye.

Backstage, we wait anxiously for the first mistake, the first applause. Audience reaction means so much—"They're not bad," or "Lousy lot tonight," are the common comments. Once the opera has got off with a swing, everybody backstage is lively, chatting, reading, singing and laughing. The atmosphere is easy, everybody enjoying themselves. When the chorus descends from the stage, the make-up girl is besieged by demands for attention—" My nose is shining"; "I've sung all my lipstick off"; "Hey! I was first!" Any suggestions on how to hold powderpuffs, lipstick and greasepaint and still have one hand free to apply the stuff would be welcomed by future generations.

And so it went on, each performance the same, yet each somehow different. Once there was a rush to catch a fainting fairy, another time a wand was lost (we never did find it), the powder was spilt, wings were bent by sweaters and hurriedly straightened, and, almost before anyone noticed, the first act was over.

The interval is no rest for those who have to change costume, or, worse still, identity. An image of soldierly stolidity sits in stately scarlet as a moustache is fixed, a rifle provided, bearskin combed and then—on he goes, still impassive. For the make-up girls the interval is rather like being caught up in a hurricane. Not only does everybody need running repairs, but when Phyllis announces that her dress nearly fell off in the last scene, safety pins have to be found and attached strategically. TCP gargles and a liberal helping of aspirins are handed round to those in need.

On the stage there is even more activity—George Brown would have been delighted at the effort and efficiency, even if horrified by the lack of demarcation. The lighting boys and stagehands, who have previously occupied their time leering at the cast from the balcony, and generally doing nothing, have to justify their existence. A huge back-cloth must be removed, as well as a bridge and a leaden log, stage flats are turned, a rather ungainly sentry box has to be got on before the set is ready.

Opening with the impassive guard, the second act sees a distinct change. The cast are quieter and less lively. The stage-manager, in his armchair, sings less and smokes more. Many of us spend our time trying to uncover the identity of a mystery man who turns up at each performance, places himself backstage, and speaks to no one. Even the producer is baffled by his appearance. Majority decision has it that he is a spare fairy.

The opera moves on, and reaches a climax with the singing and dancing of the lordly trio. Applause and shouts of "Encore!" are hardly less ecstatic backstage than they are from the audience. After this, a lull, a gradual gathering of the whole cast, the fitting of wings on promoted mortals, a cry from the stage, the fairies singing their weird chant conducted by an aristocrat of the first water, and, at last, the finale. With a huge crash of sound, the opera ends.

In minutes, all the careful preparation of costumes, props, make-up is being discarded in the Rec Room. Those doors are being sworn at again, someone has lost her towel, someone else has lost his trousers. Mountains of dirty, grease-smeared tissues appear from nowhere. For about ten minutes chaos reigns supreme—towels and tissues, white dresses and grey skirts, doublets and trousers, cloaks and blazers fly everywhere, until the butterfly fairies and peers are once more restrained in the grey, uniform chrysalids.

A few forlorn figures sweep up the fragments, one by one the lights go out, the producer, still beaming though rather weary, locks the doors, and the whole building is once more grey and empty—till the next time!

VALERY PYNE and A. HARPER.

# THE LIBRARY—THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND

By the time these words appear in print, book number 10,000 will have been catalogued, stamped and made ready for use in the library. The writer hopes that he may accordingly be excused for setting down a few reminiscences and statistics that the passing of this milestone recalls.

For one thing, there are not really 10,000 books in the building, though the Librarian has made more than 10,000 entries in his stock books. This is not because we have "lost" many—less than a hundred in fourteen years. In 1959, however, when the classification system was changed, the opportunity was taken to remove some of the original books inherited from the Training College, and their numbers have not yet been

re-allocated. But new books entering the library in the next year or so are being given these numbers, before book number 10,001 appears.

It was in September, 1952, that we took over the library books left behind by the Training College. Some of these had had a long and varied career; many had been in Forces' war-time libraries, others had had several private owners. I wonder what life history those old, massive volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica have had? They date from the 1890's. Those that were suitable formed the basis of our library—3,373 in all. No catalogue could be found so we had to sort them into some sort of subject classification, and it took two years to re-catalogue them. A squad of boys in the fourth form—Elga Brodie, Martin Collison, Norman Daniels, David Dyble—spent much of their spare time at this. Examples of their penmanship may still be seen in the old stock book.

By the time the first of our original pupils were in the sixth form, in September, 1954, the library was ready to serve some of its present purposes, such as supplying learned books for staff and sixth form to borrow, and providing a place for the latter to study in their free periods. We had by then been able to purchase quite a few books ourselves, but now came the first upheaval. It was decided to move from Block 7, which the Training College had used as its library, to the present building, or rather to half of it. The present fiction and magazine room was an ordinary classroom, and the sixth form room was only a third of its present size.

We concentrated most of our early efforts on building up a collection of books such as were needed by a rapidly expanding sixth form. Only then could we give much thought to providing for the reading needs of more junior pupils. And if this seems unfair, you must remember that the County Library books we have on loan, and are now divided among the ten Houses, were then kept under the one roof, so juniors came to the library to borrow these.

Let me quote some figures to show the stages by which this present total of 10,000 has been achieved. As I have said, we took over 3,373 books from the Training College in 1952. By September, 1954, we had acquired another 463, making 3,836. By 1955 this rose to 4,006, in 1956 to 4,160, in 1957 to 4,550, in 1958 to 4,986 and in March, 1959, to 5,965.

Then came the second upheaval. Our library had outgrown its classification system, and we were faced with the prospect of re-numbering every book we had



THE LIBRARY, WITH THE REGULAR ASSISTANTS, DURING THE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK DISPLAY

on the Dewey system, which is the one most commonly used in this country. It was our own fault, for short-sightedness, but it is easy to be wise after the event. We could not have done it, though, without the help of Richard Bell, Lawrence Burdett and Jennifer Griffin, members of the Lower VI, who spent a week of the Easter holidays furiously stamping and marking and sorting books.

But back to the figures—by 1960 we had 6,608 books, by 1961 7,218, by 1962 7,739, by 1963 8,229, by 1964 8,917, by 1965 9,571, and to date we have 9,962, before the books ordered this April have arrived.

There are two other notable landmarks in the history of the library. The first was the appointment of Mrs. Worrall as Assistant Librarian in February, 1963. Before this a rota of sixth formers had had to cope with the massive daily inflow and outflow of books, muddles and mix-ups had been frequent, and the librarian was having nightmares about how to keep the well-used and popular books from falling apart. Now this is all changed. Books still show wear, of course, but Mrs. Worrall soon pounces on any such she sees and has it bound, re-lettered and covered before it can escape to the shelves. Believing that prevention is better than cure, we now cover every new book in transparent plastic, which is quite a skilled job.

The second landmark was the extension and redecoration of the building early in 1964. This has given us much more space, both for people to sit—there are 120 chairs—and for bookshelves. We have been able to set out the rooms more attractively. Notable in this has been the floral decoration, grown and supplied, first by Mr. Bushell, now by Mr. Parfitt, and arranged by Mrs. Worrall. But the brighter colour scheme, increased lighting and gay floor covering, all contribute to the "new look". The heating is vastly improved, too, by the electric wall units. Not so many years ago the only source of heat for the sixth form room was two paraffin stoves.

A final word about service. The library is there to provide a service, and most people use it fairly. But they should remember the voluntary help given in their spare time by so many over the years. I have mentioned some by name. I could name many more, who may well read these notes. Ronald Wilson is one such. He left in 1958, and would hardly recognise the building now. Angela Adamson, Elizabeth Emerson, Mary Houseago, Diane Hughes, Christine Keogh, Helen Legg, Catherine Ringer, Rosalyn Williams, Janet Williamson, Margaret Wharton, Joan Worby and Bridget Wright are names I see on the duty rota for this term.

Nor must I forget the Library Committee which watches over its business affairs. Mr. Dudley and Mr. Mullenger were with me at its first meeting in 1953. Mr. Boothroyd and Miss Mair have joined it since. Their wise counsels and general enthusiasm for books have contributed so much to make the library what it is now. But I wonder where we shall put the next 10,000 books . . .

R.J.G.

# MUSIC

#### EASTER CONCERT

Largely through the enthusiastic efforts of Mr. Berry and Miss Crofts, a concert covering the musical activities of the College in the past year was performed in the Games Hall on Friday 18th March, to the College and invited guests, and on the following Sunday to parents. It served a dual purpose; it helped to improve the ability of the performers, and it raised funds from the two performances for the purchase of additional musical instruments. We hope also that it gave pleasure

to the audiences. Commenting in general, one can say that the soloists gave the better performance in front of the staff, guests and pupils, whereas the choral and orchestral items improved for the Sunday matinee given for the parents.

There was wide variation in the items, illustrating the flourishing musical activities at present in the College. In the choral items, "Non nobis Domine" and Bach's setting of "King of Glory, King of Peace" were contrasted by the Czech and Hungarian folk-songs. The orchestra varied in style, from the march from Wagner's opera "The Mastersingers" to the overture from "The Pirates of Penzance". The most popular item was undoubtedly the Staff's hilarious rendering of Haydn's "Toy Symphony".

In the solo items, the variation in style was inevitably coupled with some variation in standards; outstanding performances were given by Mary George, Marion Adcock and Stephanie Johnson, and the piano duet of Perdita Morgan and Kathryn Oxley was delightfully performed.

The performance of the newly-formed Madrigal Group showed that it had made a promising beginning. The orchestra had improved greatly, and the "Radetsky March" by Strauss, and the "Dance of the Tumblers" by Rimsky-Korsakov were both of a good standard. The other items were trumpet solos by Robin Bambridge and Ian Palmer, a trio sonata for two violins and bassoon, a sonata for violin and piano played by William Weston and Trevor Wilson, and two negro spirituals sung by the Senior Choir. For the grand finale, both Choirs, the Orchestra and audience combined for Vaughan Williams Coronation setting of the "Old Hundredth" psalm.

The enthusiastic training of the choirs by Mr. Berry and of the orchestra by Miss Crofts ensured the great success of the concert, and we look forward to an even higher standard in the future.

D. EDDY (L6).

#### MADRIGAL GROUP

At the beginning of the Easter term it was decided that the musical activities. of the College should be extended to include a Madrigal Group. The idea was greeted with enthusiasm, and there was high competition for places, especially in the tenor and bass sections. After auditions of members of the senior choir the following were selected: *Soprano*: Eileen Forster, Thelma Worby, Barbara Timbrell, Susan Watts; *Alto*: Bridget Flaxman, Linda Worsfold, Catherine Sadler, Ruth Moss; *Tenor*: T. Wilson, L. Barnes, D. Chown; *Bass*: A. Dean, G. Powell, W. Weston.

Since its formation the group has achieved a great deal. In the space of eight weeks three madrigals were rehearsed and performed at the Easter Concert. Later, on 21st May, the group also performed at the Norfolk County Music Festival. For the future, as well as singing madrigals, it is hoped that the group will specialise in church music of the 16th and early 17th centuries.

We should like to thank Mr. Berry warmly for introducing us to a new aspect of singing, and for giving his time so generously.

W. WESTON (L6).

# OTHER MUSIC NEWS

The Junior Choir, report Stephanie Johnson and Pauline Vincent, has flourished this year and significant improvement has been apparent. Anthems have been sung to the Junior Chapel congregation on Sundays, and the year was

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highlighted by the successful outing to Mulbarton Carol Service and the small but particularly notable part played in the Easter Concert.

The Senior Choir is reported by Linda Worsfold to have extended its repertoire considerably during the year, and besides working for the opera and the concert, the choir sang at the annual Carol Service in St. Mary's Church, Attleborough, and attended the Norfolk County Festival of Music. Anthems have been sung in Senior Chapel, and it is hoped that they will become a regular feature of the Chapel Service. The standard of singing has been consistently high and the successes in the Norfolk Festival are more than a sufficient testimonial to this.

Thanks are offered by both choirs to Mr. Berry, who has made this an enjoyable year for all.

The orchestra has probably had its most ambitious year to date, in which a great variety of music has been attacked with vigour and confidence. The Concert and the County Festival were the main events of the year, and it became clear whilst working for these that the orchestra is lacking in the bass section, where there is only one 'cello, and that there is a need for more string players. William Weston has led the orchestra energetically, and outstanding playing has been heard from David Eddy, Trevor Wilson, Mary George and Robin Bambridge. At the Festival, although the adjudicator was able to praise the horn and piccolo playing, he criticized the intonation, and this must be the main object of improvement for the future. Despite this criticism, the orchestra feels it has improved vastly during the year, and most of the praise for this must go to Miss Crofts, who has given valuable advice and help, especially to the string players, making the year a great success.

Members of the orchestra: W. Weston, D. Eddy, V. Laird, A. Garfoot, Stephanie Johnson, Perdita Morgan, Elizabeth Emerson, Jane Cordle, Mary Furbank, Hilary Weaver, R. Emerson, A. Cook, Sandra Hathway, Barbara Timbrell, Hilary Neve, Mary George, Julia Yates, D. Holloway, Elizabeth Yates, Marion Adcock, C. Eddy, T. Wilson, C. Thatcher, J. Wainwright, R. Bambridge, I. Palmer, N. Tansley-Thomas, J. Ord, M. Crofts, M. Brayne, L. Meredith.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, the following have been successful in examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. The Board offers a series of eight Grade examinations and awards certificates at "pass", "merit" or "distinction" level.

Grade 8: Carol Combe (piano).

- Grade 7: W. Weston, merit (violin); T. Wilson, merit (piano).
- Grade 5: D. Eddy, Stephanie Johnson, Perdita Morgan (theory of music); J. Welfare (piano).
- Grade 4: Marion Adcock, merit (clarinet); Mary George, Sandra Hathway, David Holloway, merit, K. Riseborough, merit (piano); Mary George, distinction (flute); Mary Houseago (theory of music).
- Grade 3: C. Eddy, distinction (clarinet); Sandra Hathway (theory of music); Mary Houseago (piano).
- Grade 2: Alison Juby (piano).

Grade 1: D. Bowerin (violin).

The County Music Festival is held annually in May, individuals performing in the Assembly House, and groups in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich. It is not a competitive festival, but performances worthy of merit are awarded first, second or third class certificates, and in special cases the adjudicators may add a plus to the award. Results this year were as follows:

Piano solo: Kathryn Oxley (10-11 years), 1st class; Perdita Morgan (14-15), 2nd; T. Wilson (over 17), 2nd.

Bach-playing: T. Wilson, 3rd.

Piano duet: Kathryn Oxley, Louise Oxley (under 14), 3rd.

Orchestral woodwind instrument: Mary George (open), 1st.

Violin solo: Stephanie Johnson (14–15), 2nd+; D. Eddy (16–17), 1st; W. Weston (16–17), 2nd; D. Eddy (under 18), 2nd; W. Weston (under 18), 2nd.

Violin Sonata: W. Weston and T. Wilson, 2nd.

Violin duet: D. Eddy and W. Weston, 2nd.

School Orchestra: College, 2nd +.

Mixed Choirs: Senior Choir, 1st.

Hymn-singing: Senior Choir, 1st.

Psalm-singing: Senior Choir, 1st.

Plainsong: Senior Choir, 1st.

Elizabethan Madrigal: Madrigal Group, 2nd.

Trevor Wilson has obtained a place at the Royal Manchester College of Music. C. H. THATCHER.

#### **COMBINED CADET FORCE**

Since the last edition of the magazine the College Army Cadet Force has become a Combined Cadet Force. This has been largely through the efforts of Captain D. R. Staveley, who attained this rank on becoming Commanding Officer of the whole Force.

The contingent commanders are: Lt. E. A. Goss (late Captain R.A.) with 2nd Lt. D. Fox as second in command of the Army section, P/O. R. Reynolds of the Air Force and Sub-Lieut. G. Millington of the Navy.

The senior N.C.O.'s of the three contingents are: C.S.M. R. Fuller (Army), Sgt. R. Crouch (R.A.F.) and L/Seaman A. Marfleet (Navy).

The respective strengths are: Army 45, Air Force 35, Navy 25.

The Granting of C.C.F. status to the College by the Joint Council Executive has added to the prestige of the College, as very few new contingents are being formed.

Shortly after its formation the Force was inspected by the Headmaster, who complimented the cadets on their turn-out and discipline on parade.

With a numerical strength of 105 cadets there will, do doubt, be an increasingly broad programme of training and a greater number of ceremonial parades. More cadets will, however, be welcomed to all sections and it is hoped that the Force will go from strength to strength.

# ARMY CONTINGENT

Last year the annual camp was held at Lydd and the College was left richer in the form of a shield won by C.S.M. S. Griffin and S/Sgt. J. Amberton for their map-reading proficiency. The camp itself proved to be an extremely interesting one, two exercises being held in the surrounding countryside, a display by the Royal Corps of Signals, and a full-scale parade and inspection.

During the Easter vacation several cadets attended a leadership course which consisted mainly of three exercises. These exercises proved a real test of ability and endurance; the College did, however, emerge from it all with colours flying, if a little bedraggled.

One Sunday this year has been spent shooting at Horsford with the C.N.A. and it is proposed to hold a weekend exercise, including a shoot, before the magazine is in print.

Although there has been a great deal of activity outside the College itself, training has not been neglected. There has been an appreciable broadening of outlook this year and all cadets are becoming conversant with platoon movement and formation for the first time. In addition to this a miniature range is to be built on the College itself as soon as permission is received from the requisite authorities.

This year's camp will be held at Cultybraggan in the Scottish highlands near Stirling, and it should prove to be a good end to a year of progress.

R. FULLER (C.S.M.).

#### AIR FORCE CONTINGENT

The Royal Air Force contingent came into being in September with an establishment of 35 cadets, who can now look back with satisfaction at their year's achievements.

By Christmas four cadets had attempted "O" level proficiency and all of

them passed with distinction; another seven cadets will, it is hoped, jump the same hurdle in June.

The contingent has twice visited Marshall's Airport at Cambridge where, despite cold, unfavourable weather, everyone in the section had at least one try at flying Chipmunk aircraft and some people had their first taste of aerobatic flying. We are also grateful to R.A.F. Watton, who entertained us for the day on 13th May, giving cadets the opportunity of seeing operational aircraft, radio and safety equipment. Twelve cadets were also given a flight in Varsity aircraft.

One disappointment has been the lack of availability of gliding instruction during the year, although a course is now arranged for a week-end during the coming term. There is also a week's camp at R.A.F. Ousten, near Liverpool, during the Summer.

We offer our congratulations to Wheeler on gaining admission to Cranwell and wish him luck. The N.C.O.'s are to be congratulated on their difficult work as instructors both on the drill square and in the classroom.

P/O. R. REYNOLDS.

# NAVAL CONTINGENT

The Navy took its place alongside the other two contingents of the C.C.F. in January this year and in two terms it has proved itself to be an efficient and disciplined body. Under the guidance of Sub-Lieut. Millington and C.P.O. Sprake (an instructor from the Royal Navy) we have gained a great deal of knowledge



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about seamanship and naval life. Several senior members of the section were thus able to take their Able-Seaman's Test in the Summer Term.

At Easter Ordinary Seamen Corrigan, Green and Howard and Acting Leading Seaman Marfleet attended a seamanship course at H.M.S. Vernon in Portsmouth, where an interesting and enjoyable week was spent learning to sail 14-foot R.N.S.A. dinghies and 27-foot whalers, as well as crewing an M.F.V. for a day in Southampton waters. A day was also spent at sea aboard H.M.S. Wakeful, an anti-submarine frigate which was on speed trials at the time.

During the summer holidays four cadets will be spending a week on a warship cruising from Plymouth to Scotland, eleven more are going on a seamanship cruise at H.M.S. Vincent and four on a gunnery course at H.M.S. Excellent. We hope these courses will give the section a practical knowledge of naval life as well as giving the cadets specialised training which they will be able to pass on to less experienced members of the section next term.

#### A. S. MARFLEET (Leading Seaman).

# ARDUOUS TRAINING

During the afternoon of 21st April, ten cadets rendezvoused at the College in order to begin a week of arduous training in the Welsh mountains. The first hazard was an unexpected one; Captain Staveley had never driven a 3-ton truck before. However, he drove successfully to Donington, where Mr. Millington met us with a most welcome cup of tea. We drove on, looking for somewhere to spend the night, and eventually found a farm at Conway Falls, where the farmer unwisely directed us through a narrow gate, to the cost of his wall.

We reached our destination, Gwem-gof-Uchaf, the next day and after pitching camp in a near gale we managed to cook a hot meal. The same afternoon we climbed Tryfan by the North Ridge in order to survey some of the tracks taken by rock-climbers and to study the sort of thing we hoped to do later.

Our introduction to rock-climbing was, of necessity, not too ambitious, each of us climbing with a rope around our waist belayed to a rock in case we fell. Some of our number did, however, attempt the more difficult climbs on the east face of Tryfan.

On one day of the week we were instructed to try our skill at map and compass work, and having split into parties, each one had to negotiate about ten miles of mountainous terrain. The party of which I was part became enveloped in a cloud bank when we reached the top of Y-Cam and found that all our training in compass and map work was put to a very stiff test and most of our direction finding was aided by more than a little good luck. The cloud did, however, disperse and we found to our great delight that we could see first the Isle of Anglesey and later the Wicklow Hills of Eire. The day ended successfully, for at least we had our full complement of cadets.

We had all looked forward to climbing Snowdon, but when we arrived to climb the final 2,400 feet we were greeted by gale-force gusts of wind and later thick cloud. However, we trudged on and, comforted by Captain Staveley's promise that there was a café at the top, our intrepid company attained the summit. Captain Staveley then directed us to seek shelter away from the café, which was securely locked and barred.

For one night we set up camp at the foot of Tryfan, and here the expedition came near to disaster. The truck was left on a slope and it began to run backwards with Mr. Millington and myself vainly trying to halt its progress. Only when Sgt. Kerridge jumped into the cab and slammed the brakes on did it stop, much to our relief.

The week passed rapidly and all too soon it was time to break camp, and we started homewards. We slept that night in a barn in Lincolnshire and reached Wymondham at 3.30 p.m. the next day, a filthy-looking band of vagabonds.

A. LATTEN.

#### THE MOCK ELECTION

Spring fever took a new form this year when most of the school devoted their energies to politics during the hectic fortnight before polling day. Fifth and sixth forms only were allowed to vote but the whole school took an active interest in the proceedings. It was obvious, however, that some of the juniors merely stated political beliefs in order to gain favour in the eyes of those seniors holding positions of authority!

The Independents were the first to start campaigning and their efforts warmed the school up for the real battle between the two major parties. They were the only party to appeal to the electorate as teenagers and consequently their campaign included a number of "with-it" gimmicks. Initially they were successful but their following dwindled when the other campaigns were in full swing.

The Conservatives had won the previous school election and the electorate still seemed predominately Tory. Thus the Tories approached the campaign with confidence. Nobody showed more confidence than the Conservative candidate P. Rogers. Indeed, at certain stages of the campaign his confidence could justifiably be confused with indifference. Some colour was injected into the campaign, however, when blue feathers, presumably plucked from frozen chickens, found their way on to the lapels of numerous Tory supporters.

Unlike his Tory counterpart, Camroux, the Labour candidate, proved to be a dynamic campaigner. In view of the previous mock election result the Labour supporters felt somewhat at a disadvantage and this made their campaign very determined. They succeeded in converting many voters to their way of thinking and their fighting back was so successful that nobody could confidently predict the result of the election.

The Liberal Party started campaigning rather later than the other parties because they had difficulty in finding a candidate. This need was eventually met by M. Smith. The Liberal campaign lacked drive and it served merely to show the flag to the Liberals.

On polling day each of the four candidates made their final appeal to the College constituents. The voters heckled vigorously though often irrelevently and amusingly. M. Camroux gave a fine speech in that his delivery was unmistakably that of a politician. He was the only candidate who managed to better the hecklers, who sat down for fear of being further embarrassed. Rogers is an experienced speaker and he gave a competent speech. Masters and Smith were both inexperienced speakers and became victims of the hecklers. Masters, however, surprised the electorate, and probably himself, by giving a serious speech which was in complete contrast with his rather light-hearted campaign.

The results, including the votes of the County Grammar School, were as

: swollot	P. Rogers (Conservative)	-	-	-	123
	M. Camroux (Labour)	-	-	-	104
	M. Smith (Liberal)	-	-	-	47
	J. Masters (Independent)	-	-	-	14
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# SPORT

ATHLETICS-BOYS

# TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS

#### INTER-HOUSE TOURNAMENT, SPRING TERM, 1966

Results :

Over 16

Ralls (Y), Ray (S), Walker (D); 10.5 secs. 100 yds. 100 yds. Rais (1), Ray (3), Walker (D), 10.0 secs.
220 yds. Ray (S), Ralls (Y), Simmons (Y); 24.8 secs.
440 yds. Thain (G), Digby (G), Bambridge, H. (D); 56.3 secs.
880 yds. Hodgson (C), Digby (G), Lyons (N); 2 mins. 10.8 secs.
Mile. Hodgson (C), Crawford (N), Revell (S); 5 mins. 5 secs.
120 yds. Hurdles. Walker (D), Hodgson (C), Wade (N); 17.9 secs.
200 yds. Hurdles. Ray (S), Burdett (G), Bambridge, H. (D); 25.1 secs.
1500 metres Steeplechase. Hodgson (C), Crawford (N), Lyons (N); 4 mins. 50.3 secs.\*
High Jump. Melvin (D), Maudsley (Y), Webb (S); 4 ft. 9 ins.
Long Jump. Amis (G), Ralls (Y), Wade (N); 18 ft. 11 ins.
Triple Jump. Bambridge, H. (D), Burdett (G), Bambridge, R. (G); 37 ft. 3½ ins.
Discus. Bambridge, H. (D), Mathews (C); 38 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin. Melvin (D), Grant (D), Mathews (C); 38 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin. Melvin (D), Grant (D), Wade (N); 129 ft. 6 ins.
4 x 210 yds. Relay. Gloucester, Durham, Norwich; 1 min. 42.6 secs.
4 x 420 yds. Relay. Gloucester, Canterbury, York; 1 min. 44.4 secs. Ray (S), Ralls (Y), Simmons (Y); 24.8 secs. 220 yds.

#### **OPEN EVENTS**

2 Miles. Ireland, K. (S), Crawford (N), Clayton (G); 11 mins. 1.8 secs.\* Pole Vault. Melvin (D), Hodgson (C), Ray (S); 8 ft. 0 ins.

#### UNDER 16

INDER 16
100 yds. Thirtle (N), Corrigan, A. (N), Lynn (Y); 11.2 secs.
220 yds. Moore, P. (G), Corrigan, A. (N), Thirtle (N); 25.4 secs.
440 yds. Moore, P. (G), Ireland, K. (S), Scully; 55.6 secs.<sup>†</sup>
880 yds. Ireland, K. (S), Nash (N), Smith, J. (S); 2 mins. 13.2 secs.
Mile. George (C), Nash (N), Armsby (S); 5 mins. 5.5 secs.<sup>†</sup>
110 yds. Hurdles. Harper, C. (C), Armsby (S), Rowe (Y); 15.3 secs.<sup>\*</sup>
200 yds. Hurdles. Harper, C. (C), Lynn (Y), Moore, P. (G); 26.4 secs.<sup>\*</sup>
1000 metres Steeplechase. Ireland, K. (S), Armsby (S), Clayton (G); 3 mins. 6.8 secs.<sup>\*</sup>
1000 metres Steeplechase. Ireland, K. (S), Rowe (Y); 5 ft. 1<sup>‡</sup> ins.<sup>\*</sup>
Long Jump. Thirtle (N), Moore, P. (G), Baldry (C); 18 ft. 7 ins.<sup>\*</sup>
Triple Jump. Lynn (Y), Corrigan, A. (N), Thirtle (N); 38 ft. 9<sup>‡</sup> ins.<sup>\*</sup>
Discus. Oliver (S), Moore, R. (C), Smith-Evans (C); 126 ft. 6 ins.<sup>\*</sup>
Weight. Oliver (S), Ireland, K. (S), Moore, R. (C); 40 ft. 10 ins.<sup>\*</sup>
Javelin. Watling (C), Smith-Evans (C), Webb, R. (S); 118 ft. 1 in.
4 x 110 yds. Relay. Salisbury, Norwich, York; 50.5 secs.
4 x 440 yds. Relay. Canterbury, Durham; 1 min. 46.1 secs.
4 x 440 yds. Relay. Gloucester, Salisbury, Norwich; 1 min. 48.0 secs.

#### UNDER 14

100 yds. Grange (N), Corrigan, J. (N), Baker (G); 11.6 secs.<sup>†</sup> 440 yds. Grange (N), Corrigan, J. (N), Wright, F. (G); 61.1 secs.\*
480 yards. Cronin (C), Herring (S), Elsegood (Y); 2 mins. 24.8 secs. 33



Mile. Cronin (C), Herring (S), Wright, F. (G); 5 mins. 26.6 secs. 80 yds. Hurdles. Garner (G), Chaplin (Y), Dyer (D); 12.7 secs. High Jump. Shepheard (S), Baker (G), Dyer (D); 4 ft. 3 ins. Long Jump. Corrigan, J. (N), Grange (N), Frostick (D); 16 ft. 1 in.† Triple Jump. Corrigan, J. (N), Harvey (N), Chaplin (Y); 29 ft. 4 ins. Discus. Cronin (C), Payne (D), Dyer (D); 105 ft. 2 ins.\* Weight. Cronin (C), Baker (G), Randle (Y); 32 ft. 8 ins. Javelin. Garner (G), Izeland, M. (S), Randle (Y), 32 ft. o ins. Javelin. Garner (G), Ireland, M. (S), Randle (Y); 103 ft. 4 ins. 4 x 110 yds. Relay. Gloucester, Norwich, Canterbury; 55.2 secs.\* 4 x 220 yds. Relay. Gloucester, York, Durham; 1 min. 57.0 secs.\* 4 x 440 yds. Relay. Durham, Gloucester, Salisbury; 4 mins. 30.0 secs. Medley Relay. Norwich, York, Canterbury; 1 min. 48.0 secs.

UNDER 12

70 yds. Hurdles. Ashton (N), Wright, A. (G), Carvin (D); 13.3 secs. 100 yds. Shurety (S), Wright, A. (G), Edwards, A. (S); 13.0 secs.\* High Jump. Bowcock (D), Powell (N), Sharpe (S); 3 ft. 9 ins.

Long Jump. Edwards (S), Shurety (S), Gilyead (C); 13 ft. Cricket Ball. Hewitt (D), Ashton (N), Farman (G); 187 ft. 9 ins.\* \* New Record. † Equals Rec † Equals Record.

Result:

HOUSE TOURNAMENT-OLD WYMONDIANS' CUP

	Gloucester	•	•		223 pts.
- 2	Norwich	•	•	•	218 pts.
3	Canterbury	•	•	•	215 pts.
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STANDARDS COMPETITION-TERRY CUP

Won by Canterbury.

SUMMER TERM

College won the annual match with King Edward VII School, King's Lynn, by the narrow margin of 11 events to 10.

After the Norfolk Schools' Championships had been held at Lakenham the following were selected to represent Norfolk in the English Schools' Championships at Blackburn in July:--

A. Catley, Intermediate Girls 80 metres Hurdles.

R. Grange, Junior Boys 440 yds.

K. Ireland, Intermediate Boys 880 yds.

C. Harper, Intermediate Boys 110 yds. Hurdles.

I. Ray, Senior Boys 200 yards. Low Hurdles.

#### ATHLETICS--GIRLS

We were fortunate this year to have fine weather for the greater part of the athletics season. The competition between the Houses for the Standards Cup was the keenest it has been for several years. Winchester, Wells and Westminster all gained 100 points, which when scaled down resulted in Winchester taking first place with Westminster a very close second.

SPORTS DAY. Sports Day was held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1966. The weather remained wet for the whole of the afternoon yet, in spite of a head wind, ten girls' records were broken, a commendable performance under these conditions.

Results:

#### RESULTS

Over 16

Javelin. 1 V. Pyne (Wl), 2 V. Head (Wi), 3 B. Flaxman (We); 93 ft. 1 in. Discus. 1 V. Pyne (Wl), 2 S. Randle (We), 3 K. Gascoigne (We); 91 ft. 2 ins.\* High Jump. 1 K. Gascoigne (We), 2 P. Buck (Wl), 3 P. Yeldon (Wi); 4 ft. 1 in.\* Long Jump. 1 E. Case (We), 2 A. Wilson (We), 3 J. Cordle (Wi); 15 ft. 3 ins.\* 100 yds. 1 E. Case (We), 2 J. Marter (We), 3 J. Cordle (Wi); 12.4 secs.
220 yds. 1 E. Case (We), 2 J. Marter (We), 3 L. Osborne (Wo); 29.6 secs.
80 metres Hurdles. 1 K. Gascoigne (We), 2 E. Emerson (Wi), 3 A. Vockins (WI); 13.2 secs.
#### UNDER 16

Discus. 1 S. Trett (Wo), 2 G. Wilson (Wl), 3 C. Lillywhite (Wo); 82 ft. 6 ins.\* Javelin. 1 S. Smyth (We), 2 G. Jarrett (We), 3 G. Wilson (Wl); 72 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.\* High Jump. 1 S. Wall (Wl), 2 A. Rutter (Wi), 3 J. Younger (Wl); 4 ft. 3 ins. Long Jump. 1 H. Starck (Wo), 2 A. Catley (Wi), 3 P. Trigg (Wo); 14 ft.  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ins. 100 yds. 1 L. Garton (Wl), 2 A. Rutter (Wi), 3 A. Mack (Wl); 13.3 secs. 220 yds. 1 A. Catley (Wi), 2 J. Younger (Wl), 3 H. Starck (Wo); 30.8 secs. 80 metres Hurdles. 1 A. Catley (Wi), 2 S. Wall (Wl), 3 P. Morgan (We); 14.4 secs.

#### UNDER 14

Javelin. 1 A. Wright (Wl), 2 H. Medlar (Wi), 3 B. Ferguson (Wi); 63 ft. 3 ins. Long Jump. 1 B. Wright (We), 2 P. Thurston (Wi), 3 M. Stallard (Wi); 13 ft.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. High Jump. 1 R. Pearson (Wl), 2 J. Claxton (Wi), 3 D. Wyer (We); 3 ft. 11 ins.\* 100 yds. 1 B. Wright (We), 2 K. Gray (Wi), 3 D. Wyer (We); 12.5 secs.\* 150 yds. 1 K. Gray (Wi), 2 B. Wright (We), 3 D. Wyer (We); 18.9 secs.\* 80 yds. Hurdles. 1 N. Darbishire (We), 2 J. Rollings (Wo), 3 B. Ferguson (Wi); 14.3 secs.

#### UNDER 12

Rounders Ball. 1 H. Skipper (We), 2 H. Cook (Wl), 3 F. Galloway (Wi); 114 ft. 4 ins. Long Jump. 1 H. Skipper (We), 2 H. Barrow (Wi), 3 M. Pocock (Wo); 11 ft. 10½ ins.\* High Jump. 1 F. Barrow (Wi), 2 K. Large (Wl), 3 H. Langley (We); 3 ft. 4 ins. 80 yds. 1 P. Murrell (Wo), 2 F. Galloway (Wi), 3 P. Cross (Wl); 10.9 secs.\* 70 yds. Hurdles. 1 D. Curnish (Wi), 2 P. Murrell (Wo), 3 H. Randle (We); 14.6 secs. 120 yds. 1 H. Skipper (We), 2 F. Galloway (Wi), 3 P. Cross (Wl); 16.6 secs.

#### OPEN

440 vds. 1 A. Wilson (We), 2 K. Gascoigne (We), 3 A. Vockins (WI); 70.3 secs.

#### RELAYS

Open Medley. 1 Winchester, 2 Westminster, 3 Wells; 2 mins. 69 secs. Under 14 4 x 110. 1 Westminster, 2 Winchester, 3 Wells; 58.6 secs. Under 12 4 x 110. 1 Westminster, 2 Worcester, 3 Winchester. Over 16 4 x 110. 1 Westminster, 2 Winchester, 3 Wells. Under 16 4 x 110. 1 Winchester, 2 Wells, 3 Westminster; 57.9 secs.

#### FINAL POSITIONS:

Westminster			230 pts.
Winchester			205 pts.
Wells			188 pts.
Worcester			117 pts.
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\* Indicates a new school record.

## INDIVIDUAL ATHLETICS

This year in this event each House entered two competitors for the four age groups. Competition was keen and some good individual performances were achieved, including one by Hazel Skipper, who broke the school under 12 long jump record by one inch. Unfortunately, injury prevented some girls from competing in all the events, but despite this there was a general improvement on the standard of the previous year. Results :

Winners of each age group:

Over 16:	Kathleen Gascoigne, 72 points (Westminister).
Under 16:	Alison Catley, 56 points (Winchester).
Under 14:	Bridget Wright, 41 points (Westminster).
Under 12:	Hazel Skipper, 52 points (Westminster).

Overall Results:

lst:	Kathleen Gascoigne, 90% (Westminster).
2nd :	Jane Marter, 87.5% (Westminster).
3rd :	Hazel Skipper, 86.6% (Westminster).
4th :	Felicity Galloway, 83.3% (Winchester).

## THE HOUSE RUN

On the warm, sunny afternoon of Saturday, 5th March, the Inter-House run was held for the year 1966. This season the seniors returned to the Morley village circuit (3 miles) while the juniors took a shorter, interior circuit of approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles

In the over 16 age group, Bridget Flaxman of Westminster House was the first home with a very encouraging time of 25 mins. 34 secs. Elizabeth Emerson of Winchester House and Lynda Osborne of Worcester House were second and third respectively. The first House back was Winchester, with Valerie Head fourth, Christina Riches fifth and Joy Battleday sixth, all of whom are to be congratulated on a very good team effort which won this section for them.

Lynne Garton of Wells House, running in the Under 16 race, completed the circuit in 26 mins. 32 secs., with her team mates, Aileen Mack and Joy Bunnett taking second and third positions. This was another very good team effort, although it was Worcester who gained the additional points for being the first complete team home, thus winning this section.

Taking the interior circuit, Judith Linden-Ball of Worcester House was the winner of the Under 14 age group, completing the course in 13 mins. 42 secs. Another member of her team, Janice McAvoy, was second and Pamela Watling of Westminster House third. Wells House was the first complete team home and the section winners.

In the Under 12's race, the winner was Felicity Galloway of Winchester with a commendable time of 13 mins. 9 secs. Kathryn Oxley of Westminster House was second with Sheridan Jeary of Wells House third. The winning team in this section was Winchester House, once again the first team home.

It is interesting to note that it was not until the very last runner was in that it could be judged which the winning team would be, as the final decision rested completely on her finishing the circuit. If she had not finished then the final result would have been quite different.

The final results were as follows:---

Wells	165 pts.
Winchester	160 pts.
Worcester	159 pts.
Westminster	132 pts.

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The following girls were chosen to represent South-East Norfolk at the County Sports after competing at the Area Secondary Schools' Sports held at Loddon Secondary Modern School on

Under 17: H. Starck, 150 yds. and long jump; S. Trett, discus; A. Catley, 80 yds. hurdles; J. Dalrymple, javelin. Relay team: L. Garton, A. Mack, H. Starck, A. Catley. Also: J. Cordle, long jump. Under 15: K. Gray, 150 yds.; A. Wright, javelin.

## THE QUADRANGULAR SPORTS

In the Norfolk Schools' Championships, held at Lakenham on 18th June, six girls represented the Norfolk County Schools. In the 17–20 age group, K. Gascoigne was placed first in the 80 metres hurdles with a time of 12.9 secs. H. Starck was placed second in the long jump (15 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.), in the Under 17 age group and Alison Catley gained first place in the 80 metres hurdles with a time of 12.9 secs. S. Trett, also in this age group, was placed third in the discus with a throw of 77 ft. 9 ins. In the Under 15 age group, A. Wright was third in the javelin with a throw of 65 ft. 9 ins. and K. Gray was placed sixth in the 150 yds.

## **CRICKET**, 1966

### 1st XI

Educationalists who advocate changes in the arrangements of the school year can have little interest on the effect such changes will have on cricket in schools.

After some valuable indoor practice during the latter half of the Spring Term, all potential 1st XI members were raring to go. For once the early summer weather was co-operative and the wicket and outfield, now beautifully cut with the new mower, looked in first class condition.

Against Ingham, Rogers and Riches gave the team the first of many excellent partnerships. The middle order batsmen failed to consolidate on a good start and 134 proved to be an inadequate total and a strong Ingham side were not unduly extended.

Batting first at Colchester the College seemed in trouble when they were bowled out in two hours for 112. Rogers played a trump card by opening with slow off-spin and Comber obliged by getting a wicket with his first ball. Both he and Burdett bowled well on a helpful wicket and Colchester were dismissed for 77.

Once again Norfolk County Cricket Club paid the College the compliment of sending a strong but young Club and Ground side captained by the experienced P. G. Powell. The College bowling was untidy and Goodley, the former Gresham's batsman, scored 50 in 33 minutes, and Wilton of Paston G.S. played a sound innings. After a disastrous start the latter College batsmen played with much purpose and an honourable draw was achieved.

Norwich School came with a great reputation for run getting. When the College were bowled out for 114 the position seemed bleak. However, by accurate bowling and good cricket Norwich were dismissed for 98 on a wicket which could only be described as good.



Rarely has cricket been played in more appalling conditions than during the match against R.A.F. Watton. The service team were keen to play, and the College, on winning the toss, batted in a steady downpour. Rogers, 82, and Young, 62, took advantage of some loose bowling and the 200 was scored in 123 minutes. Conditions had improved when the College fielded and although the R.A.F. batted with purpose they were all out for 140.

King Edward VII from Sheffield had poor results on their Norfolk tour. Against the College they batted like a side completely out of form and with the lack of confidence which results. Nobbs, making his debut for the 1st XI, bowled tidily to take 4 for 34. With Rogers by now in fine fettle the College had little difficulty in making the runs for the loss of four wickets.

The match against King's Lynn was disappointing. Riches for the first time realised his full potential and his 77 runs were scored with shots all round the wicket. The College scored 189 for 7 declared, in two hours twenty-five minutes. Lynn, left with slightly less time, gave up the chase as soon as Sharpe, their captain, was dismissed and the match ended in a tame draw.

Poor batting against the University of East Anglia resulted in the College being all out for 90. Rogers was the only one to perform creditably with the bat and he scored more than half the runs. The University, helped by poor catching and intolerable throwing, scored the runs required in 23 overs. How different the result could have been if chances offered had been taken.

Rogers opened the batting in an aggressive manner at Woolverstone but some timid middle order batting resulted in 8 wickets being down for 104 runs. Barnham restored sanity to the situation with some good blows and the College eventually totalled 145. Woolverstone batted with aggression to reach 112 for 3, but Barnham, who will remember this as his match, came back to take two wickets in one over and Woolverstone were very soon all out for 124, Burdett polishing off the tail.

The eagerly awaited clash with Gresham's School produced the best finish of the season, and once again the College team showed how well they could fight. An opening partnership of 85 by Rogers and Riches paved the way for a large total. Rogers battled on aware that once he was out the rest of the batting was very brittle. Some strong driving by Stibbons and Barnham gave the scoreboard an air of respectability and Gresham's began their innings needing 163 to win in 2 hours 25 minutes.

After a brief attempt by the middle order batsmen to force the pace and with the score at 117 for 5 with 30 minutes left a draw seemed inevitable. Rogers constantly changed the bowling and when Young was called upon to bowl the last over the score was 127 for 8. He bowled Hood with the fourth ball and Henderson walked slowly to the wicket. With the fielders clustered round, Henderson played well outside an in-swinger and was bowled. Revenge for the debacle at Holt last year was sweet indeed.

What of the future. It must be bright while we have such enthusiasm amongst both staff and boys. This enthusiasm, allied to the specialised knowledge of Mr. Montgomery and the excellent wickets produced by Mr. Snelling, should make success in the future a reality. If our teams can combine a sound defence with a natural desire to attack they will enjoy the game to the full.

### Results

College 134. Ingham 136 for 4 wickets (A. Seeley 58 not out).

College lost by 6 wickets.

College 112. Colchester 77 (Comber 6 for 26).

College won by 35 runs.

Norfolk Club and Ground 185 for 6 wickets dec. (Wilton 52 not out, Goodley 54). College 121 for 9.

Match drawn.

College 114. Norwich School 98 (Burdett 3 for 9).

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College won by 16 runs. College 200 for 4 dec. (Rogers 82, Young 64). R.A.F. Watton 140 (Comber 4 for 41). College won by 6 wickets.

King Edward VII, Sheffield 103 (Nobbs 4 for 34). College 104 for 4 (Rogers 59 not out). College won by 6 wickets. College 189 for 7 dec. (Riches 77). King Edward VII, King's Lynn 126 for 6 wickets.

Match drawn.

College 90 (Rogers 53). University of East Anglia 91 for 4. University of East Anglia won by 6 wickets.

College 145 (Rogers 48). Woolverstone Hall 124 (Barnham 4 for 14).

College won by 21 runs. Horsham Touring XI 144 (Knight 53, C. Little 5 for 55). College Combined XI 83 (K. Rutherford 35 not out). Horsham won by 61 runs.

College 162 (Rogers 71). Gresham's School 127 (Terry 3 for 17, Young 3 for 13). College won by 35 runs.



#### THE FIRST ELEVEN

BACK ROW: MR. MONTGOMERY, C. BURDETT, I. WATLING, M. COMBER, T. STIBBONS, S. TERRY, K. NOBBS, T. WILDING (SCORER), MR. SEELEY. FRONT ROW: J. THIRTLE, J. YOUNG, P. ROGERS (CAPTAIN), I. RICHES, M. BARNHAM, E. WALKER.

## 2nd XI

Five matches were played by the 2nd XI up to the time of going to press. The first game was played against Colchester, and although Jackson, the captain, and the rest of the team were obviously finding their feet, they rallied round well and deservedly finished as winners.

Quite convincing victories were obtained in the next three games against St. Josephs, Norwich School and Woolverstone Hall, but the record book was marred by a narrow defeat in the last game at Gresham's.

The strength of the side lay in its bowling and its fielding. Harper (15 wickets for 106 runs) and Blackwell (13 wickets for 98 runs) were the main wicket takers and both bowled well throughout. Bambridge, Barton and Smith also made useful contributions with the ball.

The fielding was of a high standard, with Jackson and Bambridge—a very good cover point—particularly oustanding. Ten of the regular eleven took one or more catches, which is perhaps indicative of the all-round strength when in the field. The batting, however, was somewhat suspect. Although Whyte, Tibbenham, Jackson, Hodgson, Bambridge and Mason made useful scores on one or more occasions, there was a certain lack of technique in almost the whole of the team which caused many innings to be terminated just when it was thought that they might flourish, and to be often terminated by the bad ball.

It would be unfair, however, to finish this report on a somewhat dull note, for, in spite of their batting deficiencies, the team strove hard to succeed. They played well as a unit and can be fairly well satisfied with the results that they achieved.

Results

v. Colchester R.G.S. (home)

College 115 (Bambridge 31). Colchester 90 (Harper 6 for 33). College won by 25 runs.

v. St. Joseph's College (home)

College 186 (Tibbenham 39, Jackson 36). St. Joseph's 94. College won by 92 runs.

v. Norwich School (away). College 94. Norwich School 24 (Barnham 5 for 8). College won by 70 runs.

v. Woolverstone Hall (home)

Woolverstone 43 (Blackwell 5 for 22). College 44 for 2. College won by 8 wickets.

v. Gresham's School (away) Gresham's 92 (Harper 4 for 22). College 79. College lost by 13 runs.

The team was selected in the main from the following: Jackson (Captain), Bambridge, Barton, Blackwell, Hare, Harper, Hodgson, LeGrice, Mason, Palmer, Smith, Tibbenham and Whyte.

We once again thank Mobbs for his efficient scoring.

K.W.R.

## 3rd XI

This has been a year of very mixed fortunes. Having played four games so far we have achieved two good wins against Colchester and the N.S.A. and sustained a heavy defeat at the hands of Royal Hospital School 2nd XI. The side has not really had a chance to settle down because of calls from higher spheres and examinations. The new regular pair of opening bowlers, Wade and Richardson, both have some excellent analyses to show for their toils and there has been no shortage of capable change bowlers. On the batting side there have been no outstanding innings, our scores being most of a team effort.

The one disconcerting feature of our play this year has been the number of catches dropped, the Framlingham match having been the greatest disaster when, in one afternoon, no fewer than thirteen chances were put down. It has been a great pity really because the standard of ground fielding and throwing has been quite commendable. However, an enjoyable season seems to have been had by all.

Team: Harper A. (Captain), Fitt, Hart, Hines, Matthews I., Melvin P., Richardson, Smith M., Taylor, Wade, Wright. J.H.

Results

v. R.G.S. Colchester (home)

Colchester 64. College 65 for 4.

College won by 6 wickets. v. Royal Hospital School (away)

- College 39. Royal Hospital School 43 for 3. College lost by 7 wickets.
- v. Framlingham (away)

Framlingham 108. College 47 for 8. Match drawn.

v. Norfolk School of Agriculture (home) College 104. Norfolk School of Agriculture 46 (Wade 8 for 13). College won by 58 runs.

## Under 16 XI

At the time of writing, the side, with only two remaining matches, is undefeated, and of the games played two have been against School 1st XI's. The morale of the side under Watling's (and later Simmons') captaincy has been high and this has helped to overcome some of the individual weaknesses in technique. Early successes by Watling with the bat (58 not out v. Diss; 103 v. Norwich School) and Nobbs with the ball (5 for 20 v. Norwich School, 7 for 43 v. Framlingham College) led to their being called to higher service with the 1st XI, where they are still performing creditably.

Simmons, Stone and Riseborough have all batted well at times, while Jacklin, Riseborough and Nobbs, as bowlers, have frequently proved far too penetrating for the opposition. Matthews with his leg breaks and King with his off breaks have had little to do, but both could develop into valuable cricketers. The fielding has always been tidy, if not inspired—no small contributing factor to the success of the side. R.F.N.

Results

v. Diss Grammar School 1st XI (home)

Diss Grammar School 128 for 4 dec. College 105 for 6 (Watling 58 not out). Match drawn.

v. Norwich School (home)

College 200 for 7 dec. (Watling 103). Norwich School 46 (Nobbs 5 for 20). College won by 154 runs.

v. Framlingham (away)

- Framlingham 82 (Nobbs 7 for 43). College 53 for 7. Match drawn.
- v. Badingham College 1st XI (home) Badingham 50 (Jacklin 6 for 15). College 51 for 5. College won by 5 wickets.
- v. Gresham's School (home) Gresham's School 93. College 94 for 6.

College won by 4 wickets.

Team from: Watling, Simmons, Stone, Riseborough, High, Smith, Jacklin, Culy, King, Matthews, Nobbs, Wright, Jones, Lynn, Armsby, Smith-Evans.

## Under 15 XI

This year the potential strength of the team has been in its batting ability, but as so often happens no player has been consistent enough to raise the confidence of the whole side. There has, however, been a steady improvement in technique, Corrigan and Harris having played some attractive innings.

Fortunately our trio of bowlers, Wade, Baldry and Corrigan, have been too good for most opposing batsmen, claiming 64 wickets between them for a mere 6 runs apiece. A large part of our success may be credited to the captaincy of Corrigan. He has proved to be a capable skipper, being most alert in the field to opponents' weaknesses, whilst keeping his fielders awake and on their toes. (By no means easy with some of them!)

In all, the team has played 7 games with 5 convincing wins against Colchester R.G.S., King Edward VII G.S., Framlingham College, Woolverstone Hall and Gresham's School. One game was lost against Culford and one drawn against Norwich School.

The weather during the season has been most favourable for cricket and it is a pity that the quality of wickets encountered in away matches has been so poor compared with those played on at home. The fact that Corrigan, Wade, Baldry and Harris were all selected at the County trials to play for Norfolk Under 15 XI against Northants Under 15 XI is a fair indication of the standard of cricket being played by the College. Further games against Leicestershire and Suffolk should be a most useful experience for them, playing against strong opposition on first class grounds.

It is essential that all events in a cricket match be accurately and neatly recorded. Jones C. has proved to be a most efficient scorer and his efforts have been rewarded by being chosen to act in this capacity for the County Under 15 XI.

Fewer grey hairs have appeared on the umpire's head this season despite some agonising moments, and most boys who have played will be able to recall with satisfaction their efforts which have helped to make this a successful season.

R.E.H.

## Results

Colchester R.G.S. 44. College 45 for 5 wickets.

College won by 5 wickets.

College 147 (Corrigan 53). Norwich School 120 for 8 wickets.

Match drawn. King Edward VII G.S., King's Lynn 85 (Baldry 9 for 30). College 86 for 2 wickets (Harris 47 not out).

College won by 8 wickets. Framlingham College 51 (Wade 6 for 24). College 55 for 6.

College won by 4 wickets.

College 178 (Green 42). Woolverstone Hall 39 (Wade 6 for 20).

College won by 139 runs. Culford 90 (Corrigan 5 for 29). College 62.

College lost by 28 runs.

College 104 (Corrigan 44). Gresham's 58 (Corrigan 8 for 23).

College won by 46 runs.

## Under 14 XI

To date the Under 14 XI have played five games, winning two, losing two and drawing one.

The most encouraging thing one can say about this side is that the batting was consistent, and it is a fact that they never failed to score at least 80 runs. The recognised batsmen, and here I am thinking of Herring, Johnson, Corrigan, Bowerin and Painter, all play correctly, and later on in the school they should score plenty of runs. However, at this stage, playing straight can often come off second best to a crossbat technique coupled with a good eye. Both games we lost were due to the fact that the opposition had one or two boys who cared little about playing behind the line, but scored most of their runs through the mid wicket area irrespective of where the ball pitched.

We were always a difficult side to put out but I'm afraid we took too long to score our runs.

Cronin was our most successful bowler, producing pace quite rare for an under-14 player. However, he was often erratic and both he and Quinney will benefit next year by keeping the ball well up to the bat.

The fielding and catching against Colchester and Woolverstone was appalling. The Woolverstone boy who scored 87 runs without producing a stroke from the MCC coaching book was dropped no less than seven times.

When our batsmen gain the size and strength to make real forcing shots, and above all, when the side is capable of two or three hours concentration in the field, determined to snap up every chance that is going, this will become a very effective combination. J.C.L.

### Results

v. Colchester R.G.S.

Colchester 201. College 87.

v. St. Joseph's

College 97 for 5 (Corrigan 39). St. Joseph's 73.

v. Royal Hospital School

College 96. Royal Hospital School 44 (Quinney 6 for 10).

v. Woolverstone

Woolverstone 181 (Younger 5 for 41). College 91 (Johnson 34). v. Culford

Culford 87 (Cronin 6 for 39). College 71 for 7.

Players selected from: Bowerin (Captain), Cronin, Corrigan, Johnson, Herring, Painter, Randall, Quinney, Younger, Long, Purvis, Musgrave, Humphries P.

## Under 13 XI

The team was chosen from the following: Hutton, Horrex, Ireland, Humphreys D., Greenwood, Byers, Kelly, Hedley, Nash, Wells, Williamson, Mason, Bott.

Unfortunately Mason fractured his ankle when three or four boys went for one ball, and he had to change from wicketkeeper to scorer—rather a severe lesson in "calling for the ball".

The first game was against the Royal Hospital School, who batted first and were all out for 78, Byers doing the damage with 8 wickets for 28. The College, though batting very slowly, got the runs for 6 wickets, Horrex contributing 26 and Ireland 27 not out.

The next match, against Norwich School, was won easily by 7 wickets, Byers again bowling well and Hutton winning the match with two fours and keeping wicket brilliantly.

King's Lynn, however, played very different cricket the following week, amassing 168 for 6 with some unorthodox hitting. The reply of the College took some time, but amounted in the end to only 20 runs. Against Culford School we lost an exciting game by 6 runs. They made 99, their opener getting 57 of these, and Bott took 6 for 13. It has been an interesting season, and I am very pleased with the way the boys have curbed their tribal instincts to slash at the ball, and I am sure they will benefit by this in the future. Hutton continues to improve as captain and has tremendous potential if he learns to apply himself more. He has had a hundred per cent. effort from the team, and I am sure they will all give the College good service in years to come.

R.J.M.

### HOCKEY

## 1st XI

As we staggered off the pitch at Girton, having beaten Cambridge University by 1-0, the predominent comment was "Thank goodness that's over," for although we all enjoyed the season, we discovered that the struggle to retain our unbeaten record was not always conducive to the playing of good hockey.

It was a relatively experienced side which began the season, and we quickly settled down to playing in earnest. Our first, and one of the best-played games, was against King's Lynn High School, and the game, played on a pitch immaculately prepared as always, provided a pleasing opening to the season. The forwards worked fluently, the defence were unhurried and secure, ably led then and for the rest of the season by Valerie



Head, and it was a pity that the high standard of teamwork was not seen again in the next few matches. The score of 5--0, though well-deserved, did not do justice to the spirit of the High School team, and the victory had added savour when we later learnt that seven of our opponents gained county honours.

Our next match was against our old friends and rivals Downham Market. We won comfortably, but not coherently, as the score of 4-0 does not reveal the inadequacies of the team at this stage. There were large gaps mid-field, the forward line was non-existent, and the defence showed a distressing reluctance to mark their opponents. The next day we travelled to Norwich to play the Blyth School, winning by 10 goals to 2, and, not quite exhausted, we travelled to Felixstowe two days later to play our closest match of the season against the Grammar School. More accurate shooting from the left and a shorter bus journey might have made a difference to the score of 4-4, but for the first and last time there was an appreciable lack of tenacity, and the team as a whole did not make as much use of Elizabeth Case's devastating sprints down the right wing, or Elizabeth Rath's fine ball distribution as in later games.

Our game against Fakenham G.S. was, as usual, slightly on the "hard" side. Margaret Flint and Penny Buck were the only players to maintain their reliable game, for not only did they work extremely hard in defence, but they also managed to stand whilst others sat on a pitch which bore a great deal of resemblance to an ice-rink.

The match against the University of East Anglia was slightly disappointing. We look forward to the time when their hockey-playing strength is increased. The match itself is recorded elsewhere, and at this time we also started publishing our campaigns in the local newspaper!

Against St. Felix, Southwold (5-2) and the Gilberd School, Colchester (5-0), Tina Riches and Elizabeth Emerson combined well to score a number of goals, and formed a formidable spearhead to our attack. As a team, our last match of

the term was against North Walsham Ladies' Hockey Club, when our practices against the Staff team reaped their reward, as our opponents played a different brand of hockey to that which we were normally used to. In an extremely hard and slightly belligerent game Ann Willson is to be congratulated on making many fine saves to hard shots. We did hear her mutter something about "Monday practices . . . . used to it . . . ."

Next half term, strongly fortified by Christmas pudding and other good things, we made the long struggle back to fitness only to discover that the weather was creating havoc with the fixtures. We eventually got "on the ball" against St. Felix, Southwold, but whether we were suffering from the mystery disease which had practically rid the school of juniors, or some other ailment, we were a goal down in less than a minute. Sound teamwork and determination (Judy Lord being particularly noteworthy for this and her usual ability to participate in attack and defence) eventually gave us a 5-3 victory.

In our penultimate match against Lowestoft Grammar School, Kathleen Gascoigne, who freely admits preferring to play elsewhere, gave a fine performance in the difficult position of left wing. In future seasons it is hoped that the College will not have to fit a round peg in a square hole where this position is concerned. The result, 5—0, was sweet revenge for our defeat by this team last year; once again, determination and stamina paid dividends, even if over-enthusiasm did cause us to mistake clumps of white feathers for the ball on several occasions! Our last match, against Cambridge University, is also reported elsewhere. Suffice to say that we went quaking in our boots, and returned almost silenced with relief.

Although it may not be obvious, there has been a great deal of method in our madness this year. We relied considerably upon lightning raids on the right wing, which materialised into goals from the cross-passes. The halves backed up the attack; in return the inners were expected to defend. The centre-half played the rôle of "pivot", and was responsible for ball distribution, along with the right back. The defence had a highly-evolved but highly successful method of covering, which a mere forward cannot hope to translate, and last, but not least, there was the ever-ready goalkeeper, with steady hand and hefty boot, although on occasions of real emergency, smaller members of the team, and the gonk, were seen to creep behind the goal-line. Above all, we discovered that stamina, determination and knowledge of basic skills can succeed against stylish and more experienced opponents.

Our success this season was achieved not only through talent(!) and hard practice but also through certain training aids. One of these was the old enemy, circuit training, and once a week we subjected ourselves to the instruments of torture in the gymnasium, to the amusement of the 1st XV. As a result of this, we did find ourselves much fitter than many of our opponents, so the moans of pain and threats of mutiny were only half serious.

Another invaluable "aid", and a more enjoyable one, was the matches against the Staff XI. Although we never overcame this team when the male content was higher than 63.6%, we sincerely thank Mr. Taylor and the XI for all the time and assistance they gave us. We learnt to cope with stronger opponents and lost our tendency to play over-cautiously, although we must say in our defence that we had nothing to do with the incident in which a member of staff broke his collar bone!

We also played the "1st XV XI", and once again we were not responsible for injuries to thumbs or ankles. In this victory of brawn over brain, the "gentlemen" won by 4 goals to 2 (a last minute attempt from the girls to score a try was foiled) for we ignored our opponents disrespect for the rules, and being ladies, conceded defeat to flatter their ego. The next day a party of penitents tried to repair Mr. Snelling's pitch.

We were considerably disappointed when our hockey tournament was cancelled owing to bad weather. It is rather annoying that an event of this nature should be left without an emergency date, and we hope that this will be rectified in future. However, the shield was quickly taken back where it had come from . . .

This has been the most successful season for a College 1st XI so far. For the staticians 13 matches were played, 12 won and 1 drawn. We scored 64 goals and conceded 16, as opposed to last year, when 16 matches were played, 12 being won, 1 drawn and 3 lost. 69 goals had been scored for and 28 goals against us. Both on and off the field, we may have lacked style but not character, and many stories could be told of left-footed players, injuries and intellectual conversations held during coach journeys. However, I must restrict myself to saying that the team deserves congratulations for the spirit and effort which it has put into its hockey, and we would like to thank Miss Mackenzie, whose goading and expert coaching made success almost inevitable, and under her guidance I am sure future 1st XI's will be as successful as we have been and, more important, will enjoy their hockey as much as we have done.



The Hockey First Eleven, Unbeaten This Year Back Row: Christine Riches, Kathleen Gascoigne, Ann Willson, Elizabeth Rath, Penelope Buck: Middle Row; Judith Lord, Valerie Head, Bridget Flaxman (captain), Elizabeth Emerson; Front Row: Elizabeth Case, Margaret Flint.

The following people played in the 1st XI: Bridget Flaxman (Captain), Valerie Head (Vice-Captain), Elizabeth Case, Judy Lord, Elizabeth Emerson, Kathleen Gascoigne, Penny Buck, Margaret Flint, Christina Riches, Elizabeth Rath, Ann Willson.

The following people were awarded Colours:

Full Colours: Bridget Flaxman (re-award), Valerie Head (re-award), Elizabeth Case, Judith Lord, Elizabeth Emerson.

Half Colours: Kathleen Gascoigne (re-award), Penny Buck, Lynda Osborne (Captain, 2nd XI).

Matches played 13	Won 12	Drawn 1 Lost	0	
Results				
King's Lynn High School	W 50	St. Felix, Southwold	••	7—2
Downham Market G.S.	W 4—0	Gilberd School, Colchester	•••	50
Blyth School	W 10-2	North Walsham Ladies' H.C	• ••	42
Felixstowe G.S.	D 4-4	St. Felix, Southwold		53
Fakenham G.S.	W 41	Lowestoft G.S.		5—0
University of East Anglia	W 6—0	Cambridge University	W	10

BRIDGET FLAXMAN.

## 1st XI UNIVERSITY MATCHES

# THE UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA. 27th October, 1965.

As the result of some fast exhilarating play, College gained a decisive victory over the University. This game was among the best played during the season, showing great cohesion, especially among the forwards.

The team made a great start and after a short spell of clean, accurate passing, the centre forward shot a clean, hard goal. Play continued at a fast pace and hitting was hard and accurate with everyone combining well.

It was good to see the forwards keeping up the pressure in the circle. This was helped in great measure by the University defence crowding round the goal, which was a handicap to their goalkeeper. This resulted in two goals being scored by the right inner.

In the second half the opponents' attack opened up more and had a few breaks but no goals resulted. In the clearances it was noted that the right back found the right wing very effectively with accurate passes. The right wing and right inner worked well and combined cleverly, but generally play was more scrappy and many short corners occurred. Although these were taken accurately no goals materialised. During one muddle the centre half scored, and shortly after this another goal was added by the left inner, who showed that a neat flick can be just as effective as a hard hit. The final goal was scored by the centre forward.

Pressure was well sustained but in the closing stages it was noted that the halves were not backing up so well and one or two chances were missed.

M.M.

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. 16th February, 1966.

This match marked the culmination of the season and therefore it was imperative to maintain success. Such were the thoughts and hopes of the entire team in their first encounter with Cambridge University.

The pitch at Girton, despite its fine appearance, had a few bumps which made play somewhat tricky.

Defences dominated throughout the game and marking was close and strong with many interceptions being made. The clearances by our defence were not improved by the failure of the forwards to drop back for the ball. Towards the end of the first half the right wing, the left wing and the left inner began to make amends.

Play was hard and fast but the close marking did not permit many clear shots in the circle. The left inner managed to score from a quick, hard shot and this did much to hearten the team. The opposing defence adopted an attacking role but were unsuccessful in their attempts to score.

In the second half the game became more open with play swinging from side to side of the pitch as well as from end to end.

The forwards helped the defence more in this period as there were moments when both sides were subjected to pressure, showing the urgency for either side to score at this stage. However, the forwards did not produce any more goals, and it was very pleasing to finish the season with a win in such a tough match.

This victory in the final match highlighted the very successful and enjoyable season. Throughout the year the team played constructively and with great spirit and determination, and much of this success can be attributed to the excellent captaincy of Bridget Flaxman.

### 2nd XI

The second team had a fairly successful season, playing nine matches, winning six, drawing one and losing two. The two defeats were in matches played against ladies' clubs, not schools, the greater experience and superior stickwork of Fakenham Evergreens and North Walsham Ladies proving too much for us.

The team remained unchanged for most of the season, except for the game against All Hallows, when there was a mixture of third and second teams, and a draw resulted.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Herrington for her advice and encouragement throughout the season. The team was selected from the following:

Dorothy Hewitt, Judith Winsor, Anthea Woods, Susan Keeling, Christine Lawton, Eileen Forster, Lynda Osborne, Alison Catley, Janet Younger, Rosemary Robinson, Jane Cordle, Stephanie Randle.

Lynda Osborne (*Captain*).

Results

King's Lynn H.S.	(h)	W 20—1	St. Felix, Southwold	(h)	W	62
Downham Market	(a)	W 18—1	Fakenham Evergreens	(h)	L	7—2
Blyth School	(a)	W 9—0	All Hallows School	(h)	D	2—2
Felixstowe G.S.	(a)	W 63	North Walsham L.H.C.	(a)	L	6—0
Fakenham G.S.	(a)	W 7—1				

## 3rd XI

Owing to bad weather and the fact that not many schools are able to field a third eleven, we were not able to play many games this season, and those played were against the 1st and 2nd XI's of other schools. However, we did enjoy some measure of success, scoring good victories over the Hewett School and East Dereham High School.

The following played in the team: Nicola Chittock (Captain), Kay Farrow (Vice-Captain), Jane Marter, Julia Owen, Margaret Amberton, Angela Stevens, Marion Rix, Susan Watts, Edith Clarke, Shirley Wall, Helen Woods, Stephanie Randle.

Matches played 5 Won 3 Lost 2

NICOLA CHITTOCK.

M.M.

## UNDER 15 XI

Of all the teams we played throughout the season, Felixstowe Grammar proved our greatest rivals. It was against them that the speed of our forwards was really put to the test and the strength of our defence most needed. The first time we played them we were able to secure a 3-1 win, but in the return match at home, our determination wavered, while theirs seemed to increase as the game continued under wet and muddy conditions. Nevertheless, we managed a 1-1 draw.

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In contrast to this match, the next game we played was against a strong wind and on a flat although rather large pitch at St. Felix School, Southwold. These two factors made the game very fast and extremely exhausting. But we found we could hold our own against them, and after we had learnt to adjust our passes with the wind, we played as a team, with the final score 4—2 in our favour.

Our defeat of the season was the last match we played—it was against Lowestoft, who beat us 4—2. This again was due to lack of determination during the first half, which was regained after encouragement from our coach, Mr. Herrington, at half time.

Thanks to the tireless instruction of Mr. Herrington throughout our games lessons and practices, our season was, on the whole, successful, and our standard of play improved.

The following played for the team: Mary Cameron, Pamela Doy, Rosalind Smyth, Catherine Ringer, Mary Metson, Helen Legg, Anne Rutter, Susan Bradley (Captain), Jane Stollery, Nancy Howell, Lynne Garton, Heather Brand, Allyson Sweeney, Patricia Trigg.

ANNE RUTTER and SUSAN BRADLEY.

## UNDER 14 XI

Our season started very well when we played King's Lynn High School. Before the match we were rather apprehensive as to our chances of success, but at the finish we found encouragement in the fact that we had won 22-0.

In our match against St. Felix, Southwold, there was a very strong wind and the ball rose dangerously several times. It was a very rough game, but we came away victorious. Unfortunately for the St. Felix team, however, eight of the original team were ill.

Our hardest match was against Downham Market Grammar School. Janice McAvoy played a good game, clearing the ball from our circle at the vital moments. It was a very close game and it was determination that brought us victory with the score 4—3. We found following up especially necessary in this game as there was a good goalkeeper against us, and Linsey Rockingham did very well in doing this. It was our last match of the season and we were all very relieved when the whistle blew and we realised we had won all ten of our matches, having a total score of 95 goals with 6 goals scored against us.

Throughout the season the team concentrated on following up and good team work and, thanks to Miss Sauvain's coaching, these points were improved considerably.

The following played for the team: Mary Cameron, Pamela Doy, Rosalind Pearson, Janice McAvoy, Pat Sparkes, Alleyne Wright, Stephanie Johnson, Kathleen Gray, Dorothy Wyer, Linsey Rockingham, Hazel Medlar and Helen Durham.



THE UNDER 14 HOCKEY ELEVEN—ALL MATCHES WON; GOALS FOR, 94; AGAINST, 6. BACK ROW: ALLEYNE WRIGHT, PAT SPARKES, HAZEL MEDLER, ROSALIND PEARSON, DOROTHY WYER, HELEN DURHAM, PAMELA DOY, FRONT ROW: JANICE MCAVOY, MARY CAMERON, STEPHANIE JOHNSON, KATHLEEN GRAY, LINSEY ROCKINGHAM

Results

King's Lynn High	W 22-0	St. Felix, Southwold	W 7-1
Felixstowe Grammar	W 6-0	King's Lynn High	W 14-0
St. Felix, Southwold	W 6-0	Blyth School	W 6-1
Felixstowe Grammar	W 10-1	Colchester Gilberd	W 13-0
Downham Market	W 4-3	Lowestoft Grammar	W 7-0
		STEPHANIE JOHNSON	(Captain).

## UNDER 13 XI

We had a very successful season after having some of our matches cancelled owing to bad weather. We played three matches and won them all, having no goals scored against us.

The standard of play was high, thanks to the careful coaching of Mrs. Herrington.

The first match was against King's Lynn High School. This we played with great determination, and as our goalkeeper let in no goals, we won by 15 goals to 0, giving us the confidence we needed for the next matches. In this match Judith Linden-Ball, Elizabeth Mlejnecky, Jane Clark and Sarah Hewitt all played well.

The hardest match of the season was against the Hewett School Under 15 team. They were good players, and although the game was hard fought, we

nevertheless won 4 goals to 0. This pleased us as we were playing a team two years older than ourselves.

Our next and last match was against Downham Market. From what we had heard their eleven was good, which made us determined that we were not going to lose, and after a hard game on a muddy and rather uneven pitch, we beat them 11-0. After refreshments we returned home on the bus in the knowledge that we had had an exciting and successful season.

The following played for the Under 13 XI: Heather Ramsay, Felicity Galloway, Sharon Skea, Pamela Watling (Captain), Sarah Hewitt, Barbara Ferguson, Jacqueline Gibbs, Jane Clark, Elizabeth Mlejnecky, Judith Linden-Ball, Gillian Osborne.

PAMELA WATLING.

## UNDER 12 XI

Excitement was high as we climbed into the coach waiting outside Admin, at lunch time on Wednesday, 9th February. We were going to the High School at King's Lynn to play in the College's first ever Under 12 hockey match. Unfortunately it was the only match we played this season as other fixtures had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

Enthusiasm made up for lack of size and skill, and as the game progressed the play became more open. The College were on top throughout, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes and finally winning by six goals to two.

We shall remember our first school match and the enjoyable journey back to the College, when we were able to sit back and relax.

The following girls made up the team: Carol Rudd, Margaret Cockburn, Helen Cook, Mary Hamerton, Louise Craven, Kathryn Oxley, Angela McAvoy, Melanie Pocock (Captain), Hilary Randle, Deborah Cornish, Hazel Skipper.

MELANIE POCOCK.

## HOUSE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The result of this year's competition could not have been closer, for the outcome depended upon the last two matches between the Middle School teams. Westminster had to draw at least with Wells to retain the cup, whilst Winchester had to beat Worcester, and Wells beat Westminster before Winchester could win. Therefore, all eyes were on the last two matches, and even the least "sporty" members of the Houses were induced to show some interest, whilst House hockey captains were as notable for the discouragements they heaped upon other captains as for the encouragements they gave their team. Eventually, Westminster made sure of the cup by drawing 1-1 with Wells.

The following teams are to be congratulated on obtaining maximum points in their sections: Senior "A" team: Westminster; Middle School team: Winchester; Junior School team: Worcester.

It is interesting to notice that the winning House was only a very poor third on goal average.

Final Result:

1st Westminster, 38 points, 24 goals. 2nd Winchester, 35 points, 45 goals. 3rd Worcester, 26 points, 27 goals. 4th Wells, 18 points, 19 goals.

BRIDGET FLAXMAN

## NETBALL

## **INTER-HOUSE TOURNAMENT**

			Points	Goals
First :	Winchester		71	98
Second :	Westminster		67	86
Third :	Wells .		27	62
Fourth:	Worcester		21	46

A different system was used this year for the House Netball Tournament. Each House produced one team from each year. Although this is not the major winter game, it was interesting to note the enthusiasm throughout all age groups and the pleasing standard of play. The latter was particularly surprising since little time had been devoted to practising prior to the tournament. The teams appeared to be evenly matched and the games were played at a fast pace.

Enthusiasm and enjoyment was experienced by both the players and spectators and our thanks are due to Miss Mackenzie and Mrs. Herrington for organising and umpiring this tournament. DIANA LANGLEY.

## ROWING

The first term of this year was taken up by the arduous, but enjoyable, task of teaching the new members to row. By the second term, however, with three of the more experienced oarsmen released from rugby teams, we had created a College VIII. The VIII was made up of four oarsmen and four newcomers, which at first made the rowing difficult. But with practice and the sustained effort of the crew, progress was made. This was helped by the purchase of a shell VIII, in which we started to row during February, even though she was holed on her third outing!

During this term some of the "mock" Head of River results at Whitlingham have been promising, but the crew have often been disappointed. This was more noticeable at Bedford Head of River in March, where the crew did not do as well as they had hoped. With practice and the realisation that physical fitness plays a large part in rowing, some good results could be achieved.

All through the year enthusiasm has never waned and the rowing has been enjoyable. We are grateful to Mr. Staveley, who has made this possible. Special thanks go to Mr. Davitte, who has taken us to Whitlingham on Sundays, and has taken a keen and active part in our activities.

#### Results :

End of 1965 season.

At Peterborough Regatta the 1st IV lost to Burton Leander by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. At Huntingdon Regatta the 1st IV in the first round beat Lincoln Read School by one length. In the second round they beat Norwich School by a half length. In the semi-final they lost to Bedford Modern A, the eventual winners, by two lengths.

1st IV crew: Bow, Skipper K.; 2, Hawker G. M.; 3, Grant C.; Stroke, Finter N.; Cox, Doy G.

In a challenge match against the Norwich Amateur Rowing Association the College VIII won by one length.

At Cambridge Regatta the 1st IV lost to Fitzwilliam House by 7 seconds. The 2nd IV lost to Star Club by 25 seconds. WYMONDHAM COLLEGE MAGAZINE



THE EIGHT ON THE YARE AT WHITLINGHAM R. CROUCH, BOW; R. SIMMONS, 2; R. TURNER, 3; N. FINTER, 4; M. BRAYNE, 5; I. MATTHEWS, 6; C. GRANT, 7; A. LATTEN, STROKE; R. HAYWARD, COX

Crew: 1st IV—Bow, Skipper K; 2, Hawker G. M.; 3, Grant C.; Stroke, Finter N.; Cox, Doy G.

Crew: 2nd IV—Bow, Latten A.; 2, Simmons R.; 3, Busby D.; Stroke, Harrison T.; Cox, Yaxley F.

This year, at Bedford Head of River, the College VIII came 45th.

A. LATTEN (Captain).

# WHY ROW?

(We are indebted to Sir Herbert Thompson, distinguished oarsman and rowing correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, for this article.)

Why push a boat by your own sweaty and (literally) bloody efforts when an engine will do it for you? And why go backwards? Particularly if you are a lone sculler and may find yourself surfacing in the middle of an angry swan you have just run into. But then why take enormous trouble to plant a football over a chalk line, when by getting up early in the morning you can put it there without opposition? John Ruskin asked that silly question—he would.

The answer to all such questions is the same. Man loves to have the satisfaction of conquering obstacles from Everest down to the common cold. And games simulate the seriousness of vital struggles without their tragedies.

Unlike any other game rowing is an engineering problem from first to last. The body is a marvellous machine of working levers. To propel a boat an oarsman uses a huge lever—an oar some 12 to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet in length. The levers of the body

in descending order of length are first the back, next the thighs and then the legs. Unexpectedly the arms are not used as levers of propulsion; they are just the means thoughtfully provided by Providence for the attachment of the oar to the human body and for its manipulation. The enormous muscles of the three great levers do all the work necessary, but every muscle of the whole body plays its part. That's the fun and fulfilment of rowing.

The object is not to pull the oar through the water but to drop it in and apply muscle and weight so quickly—it is really sleight of hand—that the oar blade can catch the fluid and compress it into a lump before it can slide away. Pulling against that lump the oarsman pulls his boat past it. In a crew, and notably in an eight, the best results are got if the eight men do this in complete unison. Imagine the Tiller Girls or the Television Toppers trying to do their precision acts wielding a 12 foot oar and putting every ounce they've got into it forty times a minute. And all that effort in perfect unity. It has been calculated that in the  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles from Putney to Mortlake in the Boat Race a Blue exerts enough energy to lift a double decker bus twice above his head. No, the Tiller Girls aren't in it for precision. And only when you can do that in perfect unity and rhythm with the rest of the crew is the pure joy of rowing revealed. Once you have felt that and the boat singing underneath you, you are a galley-slave for life.

As usual Britain has taught another sport—rowing—to the world. It is said that the first eight ever was rowed in AD 973 by eight vassal kings (Kenneth of Scotland stroked and Hywel of Wales rowed bow) with their overlord, King Edgar, coxing. However, that may be, the first two Rowing Olympics in 1908 and 1912 were won by British crews, the runners-up in the 1912 Eights being an Oxford College stroked by the Boat Race stroke. We have not won the eights since, mainly because we dissipate our oarsmen into hundreds of club crews, but also because we have taught so many other nations one more of our games.

But meanwhile we are building up in sheer numbers. The Tideway Head of the River Race attracted 325 eights last March. At nine men to each "eight" (for people tend to forget the cox) that meant that nearly 3000 men were on the water together and that the first crew to start had finished before the last one started  $4\frac{1}{4}$  miles away. The rest were strung out in an endless chain all the way from Mortlake to Putney. Some day our quality will distil out of such quantity and start winning all the world cups again.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1965-66

Captain: T. Mason

## FIRST XV

Secretary: J. Young

With only one regular member of the successful 1964-65 side in the team, the College 1st XV which took the field against R. T. Marney's XV to begin the '65-'66 season was an entirely new combination. The pack had a certain amount of experience mostly from playing in the 2nd XV, but the backs were very much untried in senior school football. What we could expect from this side, and indeed what we got, was an excellent team spirit and a determination to prove themselves capable of holding a first team place.

The tackling, backing up and covering of the College XV was first class in a game which, because of wet weather, never really produced much open rugby.



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The first real test came against St. Joseph's XV, which contained no less than 13 of last season's side. The sun shone and the ball was dry, ideal conditions for a rather light but very mobile College eight. In fact, the College side gave a most encouraging display of fast open rugby with forwards and backs handling the ball to good effect. Five tries were scored by the Wymondham threes in this first school game of this season and as St. Joseph's are usually considered to be one of our tougher opponents things augured well for the future.

Although the College then went on to win their next eight games, it must be said that they never really made as much use of the opportunities as they had done against the St. Joseph's side. As a unit the backs must be criticised for much inept handling and here, I think, the inability to concentrate on basic skills was at the root of their problem. Many times following a good quick loose heel by the forwards to start a secondphase attack, the ball had merely to travel to the wing for a certain score; but somewhere en route the ball was dropped. Taking the eye off the ball and lining up too shallow so that passing in front was difficult, were two aspects which contributed in no small degree to our failure in this phase of the game.

Throughout this period the forwards gave a very sound display. Ably led by skipper Mason, who always seemed to be directing his pack from the front the only place, if one is to be effective—they never really lost a duel (even at Millfield, where the score might suggest they were over-run). In the set scrums we were often giving away a stone or two but considering that Dubock was a



#### THE FIRST FIFTEEN

BACK ROW; D. MOBBS (touch judge), P. MELVIN, D. DIGBY, E. WALKER, H. BAMBRIDGE, P. THAIN, P. DODGSHUN, MR. J. LITTLE. MIDDLE ROW; B. DYER, C. RALLS, J. YOUNG, T. MASON (CAPTAIN), P. HODGSON, A. DUBOCK, A. KNIGHTS. FRONT ROW; D. JACKSON K. IRELAND member of last year's under fifteen side, he hooked reasonably well and we got perhaps just less than a fair share of the ball throughout the season.

What we lost in the set scrums we more than made up for in the line-out and here the work of Bambridge as our main jumper was outstanding. Not unusually tall for a line-out man, Bambridge's enormous success was due to his ability to concentrate 100% at every line and time his jump to near perfection. The ability to concentrate during every phase of the game by every member of the side is so important that it cannot be stressed enough.

Often Bambridge was on his way to possession before his opposite number had prepared himself for the jump. Mention must also be made of Knights, who threw the ball into the line for the College with an accuracy which was essential if our line-out work was to succeed. I hope that both Bambridge and Knights now consider all that time spent early on in the season to perfect this partnership was worthwhile. Space will not permit a comment on each member of the pack but Dodgshun, Thain, Walker and Digby all made invaluable contributions to the side and it is a fact that the pack played unchanged for the whole of the season.

Several games stand out, and perhaps worth mentioning, a 30 point win over Colchester R.G.S. was very satisfying, as was a 21 points to 11 victory over St. Mary's Hospital School XV. This St. Mary's fixture is excellent, they play open rugby at all costs and as the side invariably contains several 1st XV members they can always teach us a thing or two. We went to Gresham's on the 17th November, and what an interesting encounter this was. Both sides were hitherto undefeated and we were away from home with only Messrs. Worrall and Taylor to lend support as opposed to hundreds of enthusiastic home side supporters. In appalling conditions the College never really looked in danger of losing and the score 9–0 could easily have been doubled in our favour. The manner in which Greshams accepted defeat was very sporting.

Norwich School gave us the usual hard game and the fact that we ran out winners 12—3 was thanks to a fine display by our eight and a very solid game by scrum-half Young. Young's courage, kicking ability and accuracy of pass are unquestioned but he must realise more than anyone the need for a real sense of urgency at the base of the scrum. I have the feeling that "Tommy" will never know what it is like to have a stomach ulcer.

And so on to Millfield. Two quotes from Ross Salmon, Sunday Telegraph correspondent, sums up this game: "The Wymondham forwards put up a splendid performance... time and time again they swept down in the opponents' 25 but many opportunities were wasted by a lack of determined running by their three-quarters." "It was only in the last quarter when the College forwards tired that the Millfield backs gained enough possession to show how brilliantly they can play."

Twenty-two points in twelve minutes was the extent of their brilliance—this was the best display of running and handling I think I have ever witnessed. It must have taught the College backs a real lesson in precision passing and real determination to unmercifully punch holes in a tiring defence. Up to this game Hodgson had displayed real generalship and this was the game when we desperately needed it. Unfortunately he had an unhappy start to the game, missing several drop shots from easy scoring positions, and thereafter he never regained his confidence. Nevertheless, the contribution Hodgson made to the team throughout the season must not be overlooked. The fact that he scored 88 points—only 24 from conversions—speaks for itself. He often displayed the penetration as an individual that the three's as a unit lacked.

Following the disappointment of having 30 points notched against them, the side then went to Framlingham and lost, by a penalty goal to nil, a game in which they conceded 23 penalties. However, had the backs made the most of the opportunities afforded to them by the pack, the side could have won comfortably.

The last school game of the season was the hardest fought, most exciting schoolboy game I have seen for a long time. Woolverstone, determined to keep their unbeaten record intact before their own supporters, and the College, so anxious to restore their prestige, gave a fine display of fast open rugby. Wymondham were 8 points down before half the side had shaken off the effects of the coach journey but a snap drop goal by Hodgson put them back in the picture and slowly they began to get on top. Playing with the wind in the second half the College then took over and before long were in a 3 point lead. A try by Mason after the forwards had gone virtually the length of the field was typical of what this pack was capable of when it went on to the rampage. With a mere two minutes to full time, victory seemed ours, but alas, the side were to taste another bitter pill and again it was a lack of concentration that enabled the home side to draw level. A penalty was awarded to Woolverstone about 10 yards out from the College line and half-way between posts and touch. The College side immediately assumed that a shot would be taken at goal and half the side turned its back on the ball. The quick-thinking Woolverstone skipper took a short penalty, the ball was grounded behind our line and we now looked like losing. The team sighed with relief as the kick was muffed and the whistle went with the score 11-11.

Of individuals not yet mentioned, Jackson fielded and kicked soundly; he lacks pace but can make up for this if he develops his anticipation. Melvin gave some sound performances as link man at outside half, his handling in particular was good but he seemed to lack self confidence when the pressure was really on him.

Ireland's potential is unquestioned and I hope this season has matured him so that next September he will emerge a real match-winner. Ralls was our only winger who showed any real pace off the mark and perhaps next year a few extra pounds will make him less vunerable. Dyer is pleased to be moving into the pack, where he could be most effective next year.

A satisfactory season really, but we have a long way to go as yet, as I am sure the players realise. With boys like Watling and Oliver emerging from the Under 16's and if we take full advantage of all the encouragement we have handed out to us at Wymondham College we can look forward to a rewarding 66-67 season and take further steps towards making the Wymondham College XV an attractive and efficient side.

1st XV Record:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts. for	Pts. against	
17	11	2	4	209	98	
						J.C.L.
Results :						
R. T. Marney's XV	(h) Drawn	0—0	Norwic	h School	(h) Wo	n 12—3
St. Joseph's	(h) Won	17—3	Millfield	d	(a) Los	t 3—30
Northgate G.S.	(h) Won	199	Framlin	Igham	(a) Los	t 0—3
C.N.S.	(a) Won	60	Woolve	rstone Ha	ull (a) Drawn	1 11—11
King's School, Ely	(ĥ) Won	22-3	Old Bo	ys	(h) Wor	1 9—3
St. Mary's Hospital	(h) Won	21-11	Norwic	h Lions	(h) Los	t 06
Colchester R.G.S.	(h) Won	313	Norwic	h Union	(h) Wo	n 14—9
Cambridgeshire H.S.	(h) Won	183	West N	lorfolk	(h) Los	t 3—9
Gresham's School	(a) Won	9—0				

### SECOND XV

The 2nd XV was most successful this season when the side was prepared to throw the ball about. Although the pack were mobile and worked hard throughout the season, they rarely dominated a game completely. The real strength of the side lay in the backs, who ran hard and tackled well. The greatest weakness of the side was our lack of a consistent goal-kicker; in fact, less than one-tenth of the side's points were scored by kicks.

The defensive record of the side speaks for itself, indeed only two school sides crossed our line throughout the season. At Gresham's this close marking and hard tackling paid dividends. The side, playing in thick mud, covered excellently in the first half when playing against the wind. Both tries came from faulty defence work on the part of the Gresham's side, but equally both were the result of good following up by the College. Against Woolverstone the same held true, both College tries were the result of good backing up and Woolverstone were held only by the most determined efforts of the whole side.

No side we met was fitter than ourselves, indeed, most were less fit. For this we must thank Mr. Little and Mr. Boothroyd. In addition our thanks go to Mr. Boothroyd, whose helpful criticism and good humour ensured that the season would be not only successful but enjoyable.

The following were regular members of the team: Amis, Barnham, Batchelor, Burdett, Condor, Finter, LeGrice, Marfleet, Ray, Rogers (captain), Simmons, Smith C., Tibbenham, Wade, Wheeler. The following also played: Banham, Jackson D. J., Jackson D. L., Oliver, Palmer, Watling, Whyte.

Results:

Felixstowe G.S.	Wo
St. Joseph's College	Wo
Northgate G.S.	Wo
City of Norwich School	Wo
Colchester R.G.S.	Wo
Cambridgeshire H.S.	Wo
Gresham's School	Wo

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## THIRD XV

The team started the season this year with few people who had previously played for school teams. In spite of this, everybody worked hard and a team was soon sorted out. It was necessary for some people to play in positions to which they were unaccustomed but most of them, for example Halford at full-back, settled down and played quite well. After a few games Palmer came to us from the second team to take up his position at full-back and was a solid, reliable defender. At the same time Wade joined the second team. This was a great loss as he had proved to be a very elusive fly-half and had made many tries. Whyte played fly-half for the remainder of the season and he must be commended for his achievements in his new position. Bridges at scrum-half, in spite of some discomfort in travelling, gave a reasonable service all season from the base of the scrum. The three-quarter line was a hard-running combination. Lusher proved a good find on the wing and he played well with Taylor and Jarvis, who were noted for hard tackling and evasive running respectively.

The front row consisted of Williamson, Cook and Boxall, who all played hard against the opposing packs and with their own brand of humour ensured that the game was played in the right spirit. Richardson took Williamson's place

P. ROGERS.

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at prop half-way through the season and also filled a gap as a place-kicker. Jackson and Smith played in the second row for most of the season. Jackson, the pack-leader, gave constant fire to the forwards and he himself played aggressively and well at all times. During Jackson's illness at the end of the season, Matthews played in his position and was noted for his energetic play in the loose mauls. Busby took over as pack-leader and played well at wing-forward. Batchelor was a keen and prominent lock-forward and was colourfully noted for his frequent nose-bleeds during the game.

The key match of the season, against Woolverstone Hall, was disappointing. We were ten points up in as many minutes but our opponents slowly evened up the score and in the last minute of the match they scored the final try to win by one point.

The team wish to convey their thanks to Mr. Woodhouse for his enthusiastic support and encouragement throughout the season.

The team was picked from the following: Matthews, Busby, Richardson, Harvey, Jackson, Smith, Batchelor, Halford, Williamson, Bridges, Whyte, Lusher, Bambridge (captain), Taylor, Jarvis, Fitt, Cook, Boxall, Palmer, Wade and Banham. R. A. BAMBRIDGE.

Results :

St. Joseph's College	(a)	Won	410	Woolverstone Hall	(h)	Lost 13-14
Ipswich School	(h)	Won	21—0	Eccles Hall	(a)	Won 28–6
Culford School	(a)	Lost	0-13	Badingham College	(h)	Won 220
Colchester R.G.S.	(a)	Won	20—9	Yarmouth T.H.S.	(a)	Lost 13-14
Badingham College	(a)	Lost	5—8			<u>_</u>
Bishop's Stortford	(h)	Won	9—6			178 73
Framlingham College	(h)	Won	6—3			

## SENIOR COLTS XV

There was a feeling of apprehension at the start of the season, for the team had lost several of last year's players, two of them having gone to the 1st XV. However, these places were soon adequately filled, and Mr. Rutherford put new confidence into the team by introducing us to some neat moves, and we went into our first match feeling that we had quite a strong, though perhaps inexperienced side.

Moore, our fast winger from last year, was ill for the first few games and Hood and Head played on the wings during this period. The moves in the backs were operated well by Clayton, Jacklin and Thirtle at this stage and often gave us the desired gap or overlap, but the line lacked real punch and had a suspect defence. These facts were brought home when we lost badly to a strong Cambridge Grammar School 1st XV side, though it was obvious that this school, which has more boys than our own, is now ready to play against one of our older College sides. It was after this game that Oliver was moved to outside centre, Riches to fly-half, Clayton to the wing, and Smith was brought in at scrum-half. This proved a much more formidable combination. Smith's pass was accurate, Riches proved dependable and Thirtle elusive, often providing a gap for the hard-running Oliver. Behind the line, Riseborough had good hands and a strong kick.

Thatcher filled Oliver's place at lock and played well. His place at wing forward was taken by Ludkin who, though lacking experience, improved as the season progressed. The power-house of the pack was Harper and Stibbons, who were rarely out-jumped in the line-out, and gave the backs a very good supply of the ball. Armsby improved rapidly as hooker and was well supported by Woodcock and Crawshaw. This was a very successful season, thanks mainly to Mr. Rutherford's coaching, and we enjoyed our rugger immensely. Our only real disappointment was that of having the Millfield match abandoned after only twenty minutes, when we felt we were well on top.

The team was chosen from: Armsby, Crawshaw, Clayton, Crouch, Harper, Head, Hood, Jacklin, Ludkin, Moore, Oliver, Riches, Riseborough, Smith, Stibbons, Thatcher, Thirtle, Trett, Watling and Woodcock.

#### Results:

I. WATLING.

St. Joseph's College (a) Badingham C. 1st XV (h)	Won 143 Won 210	Gresham's School Bishop's Stortford	(h) Won (h) Won	48—8
Cambridge G.S. 1st XV (a)	Lost 3-34	Millfield School	(a) Aband.	00
Earsham Hall 1st XV (h)	Won 180		· · ·	
Ipswich School (h)	Won 48—0		2	14 64
Colchester R.G.S. (a)	Won 3313		_	

This report could not be considered complete without special mention being made of Watling, the captain of the team. His leadership, both on and off the field, was of the highest standard. His own efforts in the loose were magnificent and set an excellent example for the rest of the team to follow. Well played, Watling! Well played, Under 16's! I thoroughly enjoyed acting as your coach and will long remember season 1965-66.

K.W.R.

## COLTS XV

At the beginning of the season the side seemed unbalanced, especially in the pack, and the early matches were lost through lack of cohesion. After changes had been made and a certain amount of reshuffling had been completed the team settled down, gained experience and tried to play good attacking rugby. The turning point came when, away to Cambridgeshire H.S., Baldry went over in the corner after a handling movement right along the line during the closing minutes of a very exciting second half.

Now that this group has begun to play with confidence it should be able to exploit its talents next season. Two newcomers to the College, Moore R. and Green, quickly established themselves in the forwards. Owen hooked well, whilst Wade played intelligently behind the scrum, although he was not always given the protection he needs. Clarke's kicking relieved the situation on many occasions, and he is becoming aware of the necessity to play the ball to his centres as quickly as possible. Both Corrigan and Nash have penetrative powers which have yet to be fully developed, while on the wings both Oldman and Baldry are deceptive and elusive runners when given the chance.

All this adds up to bright playing prospects for the future if the team settles down early and uses the experience gained during the latter half of the season.

The team was selected from—Forwards: Barrett, Rees, Moore, Green, Garland, Thorne, Rowe, Owen, Wood; Backs: Corrigan A. (captain), Wade, Clarke, Baldry, Oldman, Hogger, Nash.

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Results:

City of Norwich School Lost 8—18 Colchester R.G.S. Lost 8— Perse School Won 29—0 King's School, Ely Won 24—		Lost Lost	8—16 6—29 8—18		Drawn Lost Lost	8—10
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## JUNIOR COLTS XV

The team made a most disappointing start to the season against two heavier, faster and more polished sides. These defeats spurred the members on to improve their game so that later in the season we saw some quite promising performances from the back division and some good open play from the forwards.

Garner, Cronin and Corrigan in the half-backs and three-quarters always looked dangerous when in possession. Bowerin at scrum-half improved his service and was often most elusive. The forwards, who often appeared to be lighter than their opponents, gave a good account of themselves, particularly Payne, a powerful and hardworking pack leader, and Quinney, Humphries, Younger and Elsegood, whose performances improved with every game.

The most disappointing game was against Norwich School when, after a hard-earned lead at half-time, a dispirited display in the second half lost the game. At Colchester the College team reaped the benefit of its training and practices by defeating a competent side in a very good open game.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Davitte whose encouragement and coaching contributed to the marked improvement shown in the general standard of play throughout the season.

The team was selected from: Herring, Chaplin, Garner, Cronin (captain), Randle, Corrigan, Bowerin, Payne, Quinney, Humphries, Elsegood, Baker, Harvey, Worsfold, Younger, Musgrave and Painter.

Results:

Woolverstone Hall	(a)	Lost	0-25	Cambridgeshire H.S.	(a)	Lost 3-23
St. Joseph's College	(a)	Lost	3—32	Norwich School	(a)	Lost 9-14
Cambridge G.S.	(a)	Won	33—6	Colchester R.G.S.	(a)	Won 19–9
City of Norwich School	(h)	Won	47—0	Northgate G.S.	(a)	Won 30—3
Culford School	(h)	Won	38—5			
Earsham Hall 2nd XV	(h)	Won	34—0			227 120
Perse School	(h)	Won	113			·

## UNDER 13 XV

This season the Under 13 team suffered a lack of weight forward and of speed outside the scrum. While the overall record of the side does not look impressive, it has done quite well in relation to its playing strength.

In its matches with Woolverstone Hall and St. Joseph's College the inadequacies of the team's three-quarters against their sturdier and faster opponents was cruelly revealed. However, a good team spirit was maintained and against Norwich School the side showed that it could have moments of inspiration, although much of the team's success in this and other victories stemmed from two players—Ireland and Dyer.

Ireland, much improved this year, kicked well both to score points and in defence. While Dyer is perhaps too slow off the mark to remain in the halves,

he used his strength and determination to good effect. Powell hooked most promisingly and was always prominent in the loose. The side has yet to find a full back.

The team was selected from: Ireland, Dyer (captain), Greenwood, Williamson, Ord, Humphreys, Amberton, Cullingham, Hedley, Mason, Nash, Seeley, Edwards, Surety, Booth, Byers, Kelly, Wells, Powell, Horrex.

J.H.W.

Results:

## SWIMMING SPORTS, 1965

These results were too late for inclusion in last year's magazine. The over-all results were as follows:

Gloucester, 151 pts.; Salisbury, 117 pts.; York, 115 pts.

Results:

UNDER 12 40 yds. Freestyle: Gilson (G), Cunningham (S), Drane (Y); 27.4 secs.

40 yds. Breast Stroke: Cunningham (S), Williamson (G), Wincott (C); 38.7 secs. 40 yds. Back Stroke: Amberton D. (Y), Gilson (G), Ord (N); 32.5 secs.

3 x 20 yds. Individual Relay: Gilson (G), Amberton D. (Y), Cunningham (S).

UNDER 13

60 yds. Freestyle: Cronin (C), Baker (G), Younger (D); 39.5 secs. 60 yds. Breast Stroke: Chaplin (Y), Worsfold (G), Powell (N); 54.0 secs.

60 yds. Breast Stroke: Cronin (C), Worstold (G), 1900 (G), 54.0 secs. 3 x 20 yds. Individual Relay: Cronin (C), Chaplin (Y), Worsfold (G); 47.5 secs. 3 x 20 yds. Medley Relay: Gloucester, York, Salisbury; 40.6 secs. 4 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: York, Gloucester, Durham; 51.4 secs.

UNDER 14

<sup>14</sup> 60 yds. Freestyle: Clayton B. (G), Wood (Y), Webb (S); 41.5 secs.
60 yds. Breast Stroke: Williamson (G), Nobbs D. (C), Delaney (Y); 52.2 secs.
60 yds. Back Stroke: Corrigan A. (N), Powles (S), Osborne (C); 54.2 secs.
40 yds. Butterfly Stroke: Harris (G), Rees (S), Wood (Y); 33.0 secs.
4 x 20 yds. Individual Relay: Wake (N), Williamson (G), Nobbs D. (C); 79.0 secs.
3 x 40 yds. Medley Relay: Salisbury, Gloucester, York; 96.5 secs.
4 x 40 yds. Freestyle Relay: Gloucester, Salisbury, Norwich; 1 min. 55.2 secs.

UNDER 15

100 yds. Freestyle: Oliver (S), Watling (C), Clayton C. (G); 69.2 secs.

100 yds. Breast Stroke: Powell (N), Jermyn (S), Thatcher (D); 98.2 secs. 100 yds. Back Stroke: Ashton (G), Woodcock (N), Dubock (D); 89.5 secs.

40 yds. Butterfly Stroke: Woodcock (N), Oliver (S), Kirk (G); 30.5 secs. 4 x 20 yds. Individual Relay: Oliver (S), Woodcock (N), Watling (C); 67.3 secs. 3 x 40 yds. Medley Relay: Salisbury, Gloucester, Canterbury; 86.2 secs. 4 x 40 yds. Freestyle Relay: Gloucester, Salisbury, Norwich, 1 min. 51.6 secs.

UNDER 16

100 yds. Freestyle: Webb (S), Hadfield (N), Hood (G); 72.2 secs.
100 yds. Breast Stroke: Turner K. (Y), Batchelor R. (D), Ray (S); 83.5 secs.
100 yds. Back Stroke: Barton (Y), Batchelor R. (D), Webb (S); 80.0 secs.
40 yds. Butterfly Stroke: Hadfield (N), Barton (Y), Fulcher (G); 31.4 secs.
4 x. 40 yds. Individual Relay: Batchelor R. (D), Webb (S), Barton (Y); 2 mins. 27.9 secs.
3 x 40 yds. Medley Relay: York, Durham, Salisbury; 83.0 secs.
4 x 40 yds. Freestyle Relay: York, Norwich, Durham; 1 min, 41.9 secs,

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100 yds. Freestyle: Amberton M. (Y), Dodgshun C. (G), Wilson (N); 66.9 secs.

100 yds. Breast Stroke: Turner P. (G), Finter (C), Rutter (N); 79.5 secs.

100 yds. Back Stroke: Rutter (N), Dodgshun C. (G); Maudsley (Y); 76.7 secs.

60 yds. Butterfly Stroke: Turner P. (G), Amberton M. (Y), Finter (C); 42.9 secs. 4 x 40 yds. Individual Relay: Amberton M. (Y), Turner P. (G), Rutter (N);

2 mins. 12.2 secs.

4 x 40 yds. Medley Relay: Norwich, Gloucester, Durham; 1 min. 53.5 secs. 4 x 40 yds. Freestyle Relay: Norwich, Durham, Gloucester; 1 min. 39.5 secs. Open 200 yds. Freestyle: Amberton M. (Y), Turner P. (G), Oliver (S); 2 mins. 43.6 secs.

### MATCHES

College lost to Norwich School 69 points to 66. College beat Gresham's School 82 points to 64.

## SWIMMING-GIRLS

**RESULTS OF HOUSE SWIMMING GALA** 

1st YEAR

20 yds. Back Crawl: 1 F. Barrow (Wi), 2 M. Pocock (Wo), 3 H. Randle (Wr). 20 yds. Freestyle: 1 F. Barrow (Wi), 2 H. Randle (Wr), 3 B. Sharp (Wo). 20 yds Breast Stroke: 1 P. Stephens (Ws), 2 D. Helmn (Wi), 3 C. Shanks (Wr). 4 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Worcester, 3 Westminster. 3 x 20 yds. Medley Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Westminster, 3 Worcester.

2nd YEAR

20 yds. Breast Stroke: 1 B. Ferguson (Wi), 2 E. Monk (Wo), 3 R. Campling (Ws). 20 yds. Back Crawl: 1 E. Mlejnecky (Wo), 2 F. Spencer (Ws), 3 P. Watling (Wr). 20 yds Freestyle: 1 P. Adamson (Wi), 2 E. Mlejnecky (Wo), 3 R. Campling (Ws). 4 x 20 yds. Medley Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Worcester, 3 Westminster.

4 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Worcester, 3 Westminster.

3rd YEAR

40 yds. Freestyle: 1 B. Ockmore (Wi), 2 K. Pincott (Wo), 3 J. Handoll (Ws). 40 yds. Breast Stroke: 1 B. Wright (Wr), 2 N. Darbishire (Ws), 3 H. Douglas (Wo). 40 yds. Back Crawl: 1 B. Ockmore (Wi), 2 J. Handoll (Ws), 3 J. Pincott (Wo).

4 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: 1 Wells, 2 Westminster, 3, Worcester.

4 x 20 yds. Medley Relay: 1 Wells, 2 Worcester, 3 Westminster.

4th YEAR

60 yds. Back Crawl: 1 L. Garton (Ws), 2 P. Trigg (Wo), 3 A. Rutter (Wi).

60 yds, Back Clawi, T.E. Garton (Ws), 2 P. Trigg (Wo), 3 A. Kutter (Wi),
60 yds, Freestyle: 1 S. Anderton (Wo), 2 M. Metson (Ws), 3 K. Handoll (Wr).
20 yds, Dolphin: 1 L. Garton (Ws), 2 P. Sweeny (Wo), 3 S. Smythe (Wr).
60 yds, Breast Stroke: 1 P. Morgan (Wr), 2 P. Trigg (Wo), 3 M. Metson (Ws).
4 x 20 yds, Medley Relay: 1 Worcester, 2 Westminster, 3 Wells.
4 x 20 yds, Freestyle Relay: 1 Worcester, 2 Wells, 3 Westminster.

5th and 6th YEARS

20 yds. Dolphin: 1 M. Amberton (Wo), 2 A. Crawford (Wi), 3 C. Lawton (Wr), 60 yds. Breast Stroke: 1 E. Mlejnecky (Wo), 2 J. Windsor (Wi), 3 C. Lawton (Wr), 60 yds. Back Crawl: 1 A. Vockins (Ws), 2 J. Windsor (Wi), 3 S. Coggles (Wr). 60 yds. Freestyle: 1 A. Vockins (Ws), 2 L. Pocock (Wo), 3 S. Randle (Wr). 6 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Worcester, 3 Westminster. 4 x 20 yds. Medley Relay: 1 Winchester, 2 Worcester, 3 Wells.

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40 yds. Life Saving: 1 G. Bishop (Wo), 2 C. Lawton (Wr), 3 H. Woods (Wi). 60 yds. Individual Medley: 1 A. Vockins (Ws), 2 B. Ockmore (Wi), 3 K. Handoll (Wr). 6 x 20 yds. Freestyle Relay: 1 Worcester, 2 Wells, 3 Winchester.

#### FINAL RESULTS

Worcester	-	-	-	121 points
Winchester	-	-	-	109 points
Wells -	-	-	-	95 points
Westminster	-	-	-	85 points

The standard of swimming this year and the enthusiasm for it has greatly improved, especially amongst the juniors, one member being a county swimmer. This was to our advantage in the gala against Norwich High School held on Saturday, 14th May, when the College had close competition from several Swan Swimming Club members. The final result was a victory for the College, 108 points to 90 points.

On Friday, 17th June, a triangular match was held with the County Grammar and the Blyth School. At the beginning of the match the College team went well into the lead but as the Blyth School gained confidence the competition was keen. However, the lead they then gained on the College was narrowed at the end of the match as a result of some very exciting relays.

The County Grammar School put up a good show and we were glad of the extra competition. The final score was:—

Blyth School, 99 points; College, 95 points; C.G.S., 63 points.

Once again the inter-House Gala was received with keen rivalry and excitement by spectators and competitors alike. The heat was tremendous but it was undoubtedly this excitement which prevented spectators suffering from any ill effects from the temperature. The final open relay was the deciding event and one of the most keenly contested. This was narrowly won by Worcester, thus ensuring their victory for the second year in succession; following a spirited struggle with Winchester.

HELEN WOODS.

### TENNIS

## 1st VI

So far this season the 1st VI has been more successful than we had anticipated, having won six of our eight matches and losing 6-3 to Norwich High School on the other two occasions. The second of these matches was the second round of the Marriott Cup, when we travelled to Norwich to play, somewhat apprehensively, on grass courts. Despite the first couple winning three sets, we were not steady enough as a team to clinch a final victory, and we returned ignominiously but not downheartedly to a long and luxurious high tea, toasting the future success of the 1st VI in this event with cold milk.



The team this season was very much a team started from scratch. Mr. Ferrier having left the county, we were for half a year without a coach, until we were fortunate enough to be taken under the wing of Mr. A. V. Woodbridge, who, besides coaching just the team players, has had three groups of junior girls each week this term. Then we found ourselves progressing at a remarkable rate, and as we thank him we hope he finds his efforts justified by our results. In an effort to raise our general standard, we played a match against a staff team and found the practice against hard-hitting opponents invaluable, although the eccentricities of the grass courts were somewhat inhibiting.

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As with the hockey, so it is with the tennis; the College teams are gradually entering higher standards of play, and we must not be too despondent if success does not come immediately. However, I think that the team can be justifiably pleased with the results, especially with the wins over Runton Hill and the Perse School, undefeated by previous College teams, the latter a particularly good team, who made us play above ourselves to obtain the victory of 6 sets to 3 sets. We hope that with Mr. Woodbridge's coaching and Mrs. Herrington's constant goading and heartening encouragement, we will maintain the present high standard when we meet Felixstowe Grammar School and St. Felix later this term. To do this we must survive not only the matches, but the damage which the courts are doing to our feet through our ravaged plimsolls.

As the only "retiring" member of the team, I would like to thank my teammates for making this an enjoyable season. Although not a great team, we are at least a companionable one, as we have to be, five members previously belonging to the 1st XI. I wish the team every success next year, when I am sure the results will be even more pleasing, but I must warn them that with the rising standard, their places in next year's 1st VI will be strongly challenged for by members of this year's Under 15 team, which is a tribute to the hard work of Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Woodbridge and also Mrs. Herrington and Miss Mackenzie.



THE TENNIS TEAM JUDITH LORD, DIANA LANGLEY, ELIZABETH RATH, ANN WILLSON. CHRISTINA RICHES, BRIDGET FLAXMAN (CAPTAIN)

Results		
Opponents	Sets for	Sets against
Downham Market Grammar School	7	2
Norwich High School	3	6
East Dereham High School	8	1
King's Lynn High School (Marriott Cup)	8	1
King's Lynn High School	5	4
Norwich High School (Marriott Cup)	3	6
Runton Hill	5	4
Perse School	6	3

The following girls played in the 1st VI: Bridget Flaxman (Captain) and Christina Riches, Elizabeth Rath and Ann Willson, Judith Lord and Diana Langley. BRIDGET FLAXMAN.

#### 2nd VI

So far this season the second tennis team has played five matches, winning three of them. In the match against King's Lynn, although we were not used to playing on grass courts, we managed to adjust quickly to the surface and went on to win 9–0. We did the same against Runton Hill. Against All Hallows we found that we were well matched but in that match we also had the wind to contend with. We were narrowly defeated here, as we were in the match against the Perse School. It is encouraging to note that in our matches this season, the margin when we have lost has been very narrow but we have always won convincingly, and we hope that this standard will continue to the end of the season, as we still have to meet Felixstowe Grammar School, St. Felix and Thetford Grammar School 1st VI.

Results		
Opponents	Sets for	Sets against
Norwich High School	5	4
All Hallows	4	5
King's Lynn High School	9	0
Runton Hill	9	0
Perse School	4	5

The team was chosen from the following: V. Head (Captain), E. Emerson, M. Amberton, R. Robinson, E. Case, S. Coggles, S. Keeling, J. Windsor.

VALERIE HEAD.

## 3rd VI

Continued interest and enthusiasm among the senior girls this year has led to keen competition for places in the 3rd VI. The team has enjoyed a short but rewarding season. Having played only two matches so far, it is difficult to assess the true capabilities of the team. However, it can be said that with constant practice and coaching the standard of play has been quite good and we hope to continue with successful results when we play against the Old Students and Thetford Grammar School 2nd VI later this term.

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Norwich High School	6 3	
East Dereham High School 2nd VI	9 0	

The team was chosen from the following: Elizabeth Case (Captain), Sarah Betts, Alison Catley, Angela Stevens, Penny Buck, Jane Mullenger, Sarah Coggles. ELIZABETH CASE.

## Under 15 VI

The team started off the season well, having played six matches and lost only one. Two of these matches have seen us into the semi-finals of the "Youngs Cup." We hope to repeat the performance of last year's Under 15 team, who won this tournament. Our most enjoyable match was against Perse School. Each game was close but eventually the score was in their favour. This was rather disappointing after last year's success, as we had hoped for a better win this year. We would like to thank Miss Mackenzie and Mr. Woodbridge for helping us to achieve our results.

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	Opponents		Sets for	Sets against
	Downham Market		7	2
	East Dereham		6	3
	King's Lynn		9	0
	Perse School		4	5
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The team was chosen from the following: S. Smyth (Captain), A. Rutter, K. Handoll, L. Garton, S. Bradley, H. Legg, N. Howell, M. Nelson.

#### SALLY SMYTH.

## Under 14 VI

This year the Under 14 team had only two matches, as unfortunately two others were cancelled. We beat King's Lynn High School away, on grass courts which luckily were hard and flat. Their team was weakened by the fact that one of their first pair did not turn up, and they had to play a substitute, but it probably did not affect the result very much. We had not expected to do so well against the Perse School, and it turned out to be a very hard match in spite of the size of the score in our favour.

Results

Opponents Sets for	Sets against
King's Lynn High School 7	2
Perse School, Cambridge 7	2

The following played for the team: Diana Hughes (Captain), Janice McAvoy, Janet Adams, Hazel Medler, Bridget Wright and Beverley Pollock.

DIANA HUGHES.

## HOUSE TENNIS AND SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

Both the hockey and the tennis House Tournaments have been keenly fought, with the same House, Westminster, eventually being the winner. This year Westminster put in an extremely late challenge, winning thirteen matches on the last day of the competition to give them a two set advantage over Winchester, with Wells third and Worcester fourth. I would like to thank Mrs. Herrington for organising the tournament; the progress of each House could be seen at every stage and the checking and double checking ensured accuracy, allowing one extremely relieved, grey-haired captain to relinquish her post by the results board!

The following girls are to be recommended on their performance in the House Tournament:

Senior "A" team: C. Riches, J. Windsor, Winchester.

Senior "B" team: E. Case, S. Betts, Westminster.

4th year team: A. Rutter, S. Bradley, Winchester.

3rd year team: D. Hughes, J. Adams, Westminster.

1st and 2nd year team: M. George, P. Watling, Westminster.

FINAL RESULT:

1st Westminster, 77 points (Captain, B. Flaxman).
2nd Winchester, 75 points (Captain, C. Riches).
3rd Wells, 58 points (Captain, J. Chambers).
4th Worcester, 44 points (Captain, A. Stevens).

There has been great enthusiasm for the School tournaments, especially among the junior girls. The winners have had to fight tough matches at every stage and are to be congratulated on their victories.

Results

BRIDGET FLAXMAN.

Senior Singles: S. Smyth beat B. Flaxman 6-5, 6-3.

Senior Doubles: B. Flaxman and S. Smyth beat C. Riches and J. Windsor 6-3, 6-4.

Junior Singles: J. McAvoy beat L. Rockingham 6-0, 6-4.

Junior Doubles: B. Wright and B. Pollock beat E. Monk and E. Mlejnecky 6-2.

6th Year Singles: B. Flaxman beat A. Willson 6-4, 6-4.

6th Year Doubles: D. Langley and E. Rath beat B. Flaxman and A. Willson 6-3, 6-5.

5th Year Singles: C. Riches beat M. Amberton 6-2.

5th Year Doubles: C. Riches and J. Windsor beat A. Stevens and A. Catley 6-1.

4th Year Singles: S. Smyth beat A. Rutter 6-2, 6-1.

4th Year Doubles: S. Smyth and A. Rutter beat S. Bradley and H. Legg 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

3rd Year Singles: J. McAvoy beat D. Hughes 6-4.

3rd Year Doubles: J. McAvoy and D. Hughes beat H. Medler and L. Helm 6-1, 5-6, 6-5.

2nd Year Singles: S. Hewitt beat M. George 6-5, 6-1.

2nd Year Doubles: E. Monk and E. Mlejnecky beat P. Watling and M. George 6-2, 6-1. 1st Year Singles: L. Craven beat J. Ryder 6-3, 6-4.

1st Year Doubles: H. Skipper and D. Langley beat P. Cross and J. Ryder 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

# **CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

# **BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

This year the school society has become affiliated to the Association of School Natural History Societies. Although the initial attendances were small, a recruiting drive, instigated by Miss Watson, raised the numbers to thirty-five.

The activities of the society this year included such diverse occupations as taxidermy, skeleton reconstruction and dissection, of which the last proved to be most popular. In addition the upkeep and attempted breeding of our mice and guinea pigs has proved both interesting and time consuming.

Fieldwork has not been neglected this year; much work has been done in the local ponds and woods and a field trip to Thetford Chase proved most interesting. The informative and interesting films available from the Petroleum and I.C.I. Film Bureaux provided three very well-attended film shows.

Finally, our thanks must go to Miss Watson, who has made an invaluable contribution to the society this year.

G. ZAJICEK (U6).

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## CHESS CLUB

This has been a moderately successful season for the two College teams. The senior team finished half-way up and the junior team came third in the Norfolk and Norwich Schools' Chess League. In the Sunday Times National Tournament the College team won its way through the first two rounds, to be beaten  $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$  in the third round by the eventual zone winners.

Eddy, Hare, Glew, Comeche and Baker took part in the Norfolk and Norwich Schools' Chess Congress, which was opened by our old ally Mr. Parker. All five of these played either for Norfolk or for Rural Norfolk during the season.

The House Chess Plaque was won by Gloucester, for the third successive year, when they narrowly beat Salisbury 4—2 in a play-off. This year two girls' Houses played in the competition, Wells and Westminster, the former finishing half-way in the table; an extremely encouraging result.

Thanks are due to Mr. Fox and Mr. Fairhurst, who took over from Mr. Parker, and who have made a comfortable start in helping to organise the club.

Regular members of College teams were:

Senior: Eddy, Hare (Captain), Human (Secretary), Glew.

Junior: Gomeche (Captain), Baker, Wilkinson, Ellis, Williamson P.

Also played: Rogers, Brown, Wright S., Holloway, Lyons, Hayden.

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v.	Watton	Won	4—1	Won	5—0
v.	Hewett	Drawn	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	Lost	$1\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
v.	Fakenham Grammar School	Won	- 3Ž	Won	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
۰.	Thorpe Grammar School	Won	3—2		
	Langley	Won	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$		
	Sir John Leman	Drawn	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$		
	Yarmouth Technical	Lost	23		
	C.N.S.	Lost	0—5	Lost	1—4
	Dereham Secondary Modern	Won	32	Lost	14
	Hospital School	Drawn	$2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$		
	Hellesdon	-	_	Won	5—0
	Terrington	-		Lost	$9\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Thetford	-		Lost	$5\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$
Su	NDAY TIMES TOURNAMENT:				
	v. King's Lyn	n	Won 4–2		
	v. Terrington	St. Clement	Won 6—0		
	v. Yarmouth	Grammar	Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$		
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#### ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The Engineering Society has been outstandingly successful this year, there being a total of seventy-one full members who were not deterred by the slight increase in the membership fee.

Six guest speakers were invited, and they attracted large audiences, including many pupils from neighbouring schools who were interested enough to come to the open meetings.

Mr. Boddy, from Hawker-Siddeley Aviation, Hatfield, gave a lecture on their aircraft, the Trident, and concluded his talk with a spectacular film. Later, Mr.



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Hughes, the systems adviser for I.C.I., had the unenviable job of outlining the operation, programming and control of a modern computer. At the end of his talk even the non-scientifically minded members of his audience claimed to understand a little about critical-path planning and other aspects of computer work.

Mr. Donaldson, a Naval Architect from Brooke Marine, Lowestoft, gave a talk on the finer points of shipbuilding. Although on such a specialised topic, the talk proved absorbingly interesting and was much appreciated by the society.

This year the society has reached a high standard; for this our grateful thanks must go to Mr. Goman for his guidance and assistance.

I. RAY (Secretary) (L6).



MADE IN THE COLLEGE WORKSHOPS A WROUGHT-IRON BOOTSCRAPER, BY R. JEFFREY (4B), AND A BRASS TRIVET INCORPORATING THE COLLEGE CREST, BY R. OWEN (4C)

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#### FILM SOCIETY

Last September Mr. Wood took charge of the society and under his guidance we claim to have transformed ourselves into the most hard-working society in the school.

Our base has been moved from 23 to 14, and the better premises have made it possible to keep the room in some semblance of order. Official projectionists' cards have been issued and these have proved useful in gaining access to the projection consoles of various cinemas in Norfolk. Largely because of our work for the society several of us have been offered part-time jobs during the summer holidays in cinemas at Fakenham, Diss and Norwich.

During the Swedish exhibition week, held here in February, twenty films were screened, most of them twice. The society worked over 40 man-hours during this week, all of which were out of normal school hours. This we consider to be an achievement in itself.

The acquisition of a new Bell and Howell 642 projector has made our life somewhat easier as we are now assured of having a projector standing by at all times. Unfortunately this machine was not in operation until the beginning of the summer term, the term in which our equipment is least used.

At the end of this term we are planning to show "Lawrence of Arabia", which has only just been released in 16 m.m. colour. We shall probably be the first people in England to see the 16 m.m. version. We have made plans for next year, which include the most-ambitious-ever programme of films in the college. These include "Dr. No" and "A Hard Day's Night", probably including some double-feature programmes.

The team of projectionists was: A. Dean, T. Wilson, R. Fuller, D. Mobbs, C. Swetman, D. Clitheroe, P. Harvey, D. Chown, to whom we are indebted for this article.

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We were sorry to lose the leadership of Mr. Siviour at the beginning of this year, but Mr. Wilson took over from him, and with the guidance of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taylor the club has gone from strength to strength.

At the beginning of the year only two of last year's members were back and therefore there was an influx of new members, including girls for the first time in our history. Another event, possibly connected with the last, was the cleaning out of the darkroom even to the extent of scrubbing the floor. Our glazer, which looked somewhat the worse for wear, was overhauled at the beginning of the year and is no longer used as a dish warmer as we have acquired the right instrument for this purpose. Other new equipment includes measuring cylinders, developing tanks, dishes and a supply of thermometers. However, we are still awaiting the arrival of the new 35 m.m. enlarger to bring our complement up to three, which will make a second darkroom a necessity. The final innovation, a most welcome one, is the supply of photographic paper which we pay for as we use.

The society notice board outside 31 has been the subject of much study this year and exhibits which have drawn the crowds include rugby, the cross-countries, rowing, and the Headmaster's inspection of the C.C.F.

A most encouraging sign has been the enthusiasm shown by many juniors and it is hoped that the new darkroom will provide the opportunity to establish a junior photographic society under the supervision of the senior members.

The society is indebted to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson for their work throughout the year on our behalf. T. J. MASON.

#### WYMONDHAM COLLEGE MAGAZINE



A STUART HIGH-SPEED STEAM ENGINE, MADE IN THE WORKSHOPS BY C. SIMMONS (5A)

#### RADIO CLUB

This year has been one of many changes for the club and also a most successful one. The club membership is now running at the largest permitted by club premises, and we have been joined this year by two girls, a significant event for us. A pleasing sign is the way the junior members of the club are asking the senior members pertinent, sometimes awkward questions.

Stephen Hazard, one of our senior members, has been asked to set up an amateur receiving station at the College since his admittance to the Radio Society of Great Britain this year. If our finances are sufficient and the authorities have no objections, the station, call sign A 5017, could be a reality in the coming year.

Accidents, happily, have been few and far between but we have had one or two incidents. One member (who shall remain nameless) knocked over a valuable set when he received a small shock while repairing it. Another member discovered an ominous blue discharge in the oscilloscope, which, after much research, was discovered to be merely a dud connection.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the club, Mr. Goman, who has given us a working(!) television set. Mr. Wood has given us much help and guidance from

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his position as Chairman of the club and we are very grateful to him in particular, and to the whole of the physics staff who have been so patient with us.

P. D. HARVEY (Secretary).

#### **RAILWAY SOCIETY**

This year has been an uneventful one for the society, chiefly because it has lacked the support necessary for any great advances to be made.

Our only outing this year has been to Spronces Lane level-crossing, where the new automatic half-barriers are in operation. They are a most impressive innovation, cutting down the time needed for operation to 16 seconds as compared with the several minutes previously required.

We have had two film shows this year, and in addition to our own films one on the history of the steam locomotive was shown by Mr. Davitte in one of his programmes of history films.

We are, at the time of writing, organising an outing to see the Midland and Great Northern Joint Railway at Weybourne, which is being restored by one of the local railway preservation societies. This trip should have materialised by the time this magazine is published.

We are very grateful to Mr. Anderson, who has taken the chair of the society this year and has proved an invaluable adviser. We were very sorry to lose Mr. Siviour at the end of the autumn term to take up a teaching post abroad, and we would like to thank him for his work on behalf of the society and the displays of photographs and slides he has given us.

A. H. DEAN.

#### THE SEMI-CIRCLE SOCIETY



This year the meetings of the Semi-Circle have been varied, although the emphasis has been on light-hearted topics. This was due to the lack of co-operation of members in suggesting topics for debate and their apparent shyness in speaking. Many were, however, willing to attend meetings in order to be entertained. However, the Chairman, Peter Rogers, and his committee, Nicola Chittock, Adrian Knights, Peter LeGrice and Colin Burdett, with considerable guidance from Mr. Garrard, managed to produce a programme which gave wide interest.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term it was decided that Room 20 was unsuitable for meetings and the Recreation Room was subsequently made available every Friday afternoon. For ateful

this we are very grateful.

The two outstanding meetings of the year were during the Spring Term when we welcomed two outside speakers, Paul Hawkins, M.P., and Mr. C. W. Butler, editor of the "Norwich Mercury" series of newspapers. Mr. Hawkins delivered a most interesting speech based on his impressions of the House of Commons as a "new boy." He then explained some of his duties and answered general questions from the floor. Mr. Butler again spoke in general terms about life as a journalist, basing his talk on his own career from apprentice to editor.

Perhaps the most interesting debate was "This House believes in Comprehensive Education," proposed by Martin Camroux and Andrew Harper and strongly opposed by Peter Rogers and Peter LeGrice. The motion was finally defeated, but most significant was the small number who attended when the topic was of such direct interest.

"This House believes that American Policy is a threat to World Peace" was successfully proposed by Martin Camroux and William Weston against Timothy Mason and Kenneth Baker.

Staff speakers appeared in two debates, the first being "This House believes in Racial Segregation," proposed by Mr. Hibbert and opposed by Mr. Fox, seconded by Christopher Thatcher and Howard Bambridge respectively. Later the society decided that it "Would not fight for Queen and Country," led by Mr. Davitte and opposed by Mr. Millington, seconded by Peter Rogers and Christopher Thatcher respectively.

The main emphasis was, however, on light-hearted material and the year opened with "This House believes that rugby is a Barbaric Sport," proposed by Jon Banham and Bridget Flaxman and opposed by Howard Bambridge and Adrian Knights. Other topics were "This House believes that women should rule the world," "The pond should be moved to the park," and "This House would rather be dead than wed." Speakers were Jayne Stevens, Anne Willson, Edward Walker, Jon Banham, Brian Wheeler, Lynda Osborne, Nicola Chittock, Adrian Knights, Bridget Flaxman and Richard Simmons.

"One Minute, Please," proved to be a popular item, when contestants were required to speak for a minute on such varied topics as " $H_2O=CaCO_3$ " and "Going Steady." The first contest held was between an Upper Sixth Form team of Nicola Chittock, Caroline Stubbings, E. Walker and R. Simmons and a Lower Sixth Form team of Eileen Forster, Penny Buck, P. LeGrice and C. Burdett. A few weeks later the society was treated to a display of verbal wit by four members of Staff, Miss Mair, Miss Bowles, Mr. S. Wood and Mr. Millington, who beat the Sixth Form team of Bridget Flaxman, Jayne Stevens, A. Knights and R. Halford. Later a Parachute Debate was held in which Elizabeth Savoury, Eileen Forster, N. Finter, M. Boxall, R. Batchelor, J. Whyte and I. Ray took on various guises.

During the last two weeks of the Easter Term, in view of the forthcoming General Election, a Mock Election was held. Peter Rogers stood as the Tory candidate, Martin Camroux as the Socialist, M. Smith for the Liberal Party and J. Masters as an Independent. Fifth Formers were invited to vote and election speeches were made in Butler after a week of intensive campaigning. Each candidate made a speech, attempting to show he had come to grips with the policy of his party. Peter Rogers was ultimately elected, securing 127 votes to the 104 received by Martin Camroux, who came second.

We have to thank the tea-girls who have carried food for us every week, and Mrs. Pooley, who has never failed to provide our tea. Also those girls who produced the posters deserve our thanks for their magnificent work. Above all, however, we owe our thanks to Mr. Garrard, who has given so much of his time to provide us with invaluable help and guidance.

MARY FURBANK (Secretary)

#### EXPEDITIONS

#### FRENCH TOUR TO PARIS AND SOUILLAC-EASTER, 1966

For six months we had waited excitedly, earnestly consulting our atlas or guide to Paris, gradually convincing ourselves that our spoken French was, at the worst, adequate and, at the best, excellent. Often of an evening images of exotic French dishes passed before our wondering eyes.

The final preparations were made. At four in the morning on Saturday, the 26th of March, we were aroused from a restless sleep. The weather was very British—cold, wet and windy; a copy of the "Guardian", hastily consulted in the coach en route for Dover, revealed that sea conditions were very rough indeed.

At Dover the grey skies and driving rain began to encroach upon our more colourful dreams. A glimpse of huge waves rolling into the harbour induced a state of mild horror in some minds but, fortified by memories of Drake and Nelson, to say nothing of Miss Battye's travel sickness pills, the party of twentyseven boys and girls made the crossing in good spirits. Some days later the return journey was to be made over a particularly calm sea.

We arrived in Paris towards six in the evening, having decided that French trains, though punctual, are decidedly less comfortable than their English equivalents. A ready supply of drinking water would be a great advantage. A coach met us at the Gare du Nord and made a tour of the city before taking us to the "Pension Orfila" for dinner and then on to the Gare d'Austerlitz for our six hour journey to the South.

Souillac is a picturesque small town situated in the fertile valley of the Dordogne. Here, comfortably installed in the "Hôtel du Périgord" under the attentive eye of Madame Boutoux, we felt very much at home. Shopping proved to be decidedly less troublesome than we had imagined and those of us who talked with the local people were delighted to find ourselves understood.

From Souillac the party made several excursions to visit the villages, chateaux and limestone caverns of the region. An introductory excursion took the party down the valley of the Dordogne to the chateaux of Beynac and Castelnaud, rich in memories of the Hundred Years War and the Wars of Religion. On our way we passed through La Roque-Gageac, one of the most unusual villages in France, with its houses built in terraces against the cliff face.

A second excursion took us to the Rouffignac cave and the "Grotte du Grand Roc". The former is one of the largest decorated caves in the world, with almost two hundred drawings visible in the six miles of its length. These drawings, in monochrome, are over fifteen thousand years old and depict the ibex, the chamois, the mammoth and the horse. The "Grotte du Grand Roc", situated half way up the vertical face of a cliff, contained an astonishing collection of delicate rock formations.

Probably the most memorable visit was to the grottoes of Lacave, famous for the richness and variety of their rock formations and their underground lakes. One of the caverns is over two hundred feet high and the reflection of the stalactites in the still water gives a wonderful impression of a village dominated by tall church spires.

We left Souillac with some regret. The days had been fine, the hotel comfortable and the food plentiful. Ahead lay Paris, briefly viewed a few days earlier, now to be enjoyed at leisure. In Paris our party stayed in the "Hôtel de la Paix" in the student district near the boulevard Saint-Michel. When not on foot we used the underground system and soon became very competent in finding our way around the capital. Our first visit was to Notre Dame, situated on an island in the river; here we found the stained glass windows particularly attractive and the "rose" windows of outstanding beauty. A visit to the Louvre museum we found equally entertaining; here our interest was caught by the Egyptian antiquities, the statue of Venus and the painting that is so well known throughout the world, the "Mona Lisa". The latter work produced varied reactions within our party, some of us having previously formed an entirely wrong impression of the work.

Our stay in Paris reached a climax with a trip in a large river steamer. In brilliant sunshine we were able to sit on the open deck admiring the most beautiful views of Paris. Having previously walked in the Champs Elysées and visited the basilica of Sacré Coeur, we now felt that the city had left a lasting impression on our minds.

We returned to College without accident or disturbing incident. New friendships had been formed, new ideas generated. Two feelings were uppermost in our minds, the first of gratitude to parents and teachers who had made this tour possible, the second of excitement at the prospect of further visits.

MARION ADCOCK (IIc).

LORELIE KENTISH (IIa).

#### TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MAST

"All hands aboy!" Not a very popular order to give at some unmentionable hour of the night. Unfortunately I had to obey it many times at all hours of the day, either to hoist sails, lower sails, reef sails, lower anchor, hoist anchor, or to do innumerable other necessary duties which had to be performed on the Sail Training Schooner, "Sir Winston Churchill". I was privileged to crew on her during this year's Easter holiday, with about forty other boys, on her second voyage.

Setting sail from Portsmouth Harbour, I experienced in two weeks many of the hardships and adventures which seamen had to suffer on the now obsolete sailing ships of past centuries.

During hot, sunny days, in which we were all but becalmed; foggy days in which visibility was less than fifty yards and all was still except for the fog-horns of other ships sounding almost on top of our tiny three-hundred ton schooner; howling gales and snow storms in which the ship rolled in excess of forty degrees, we sailed the English Channel, rousing admiration in the amazed crews of other ships.

Aching arms, backs, legs and especially hands from pulling on the hundreds of ropes; pride, as one watched the beautiful fore-and-aft rigged schooner with all sails set; gratitude, as one sank into a hammock after four hours of trying to keep the ship on course at the wheel; awe and fear as one climbed the ninety-foot mainmast; and last but not least, seasickness, which completely put one off the appetising meals the cook had gone through so much trouble to prepare; all resulted in our experiencing the life of an ancient mariner in a mere two weeks. The experiences gained from this voyage were not merely in seamanship, but

The experiences gained from this voyage were not merely in seamanship, but I also learnt a great deal about other people, as the crew ranged from boys from the top public schools to factory workers and even a butcher's boy. These were sponsored in various ways and I personally was fortunate in obtaining a grant from the Norfolk Education Committee. Even in this mixed community it is surprising how one learns to compromise, and I was amazed by the way all members of the crew fell in together. One also learns to respect authority, mainly in the form of the master, mate and bosun, and from this one learns self-discipline. I went on board as a landlubber, and came off as a reasonably able seaman.

A. S. MARFLEET (L6).

#### MEISENHEIM

Situated off the beaten track in one of the poorer districts of Germany, Meisenheim is hardly an example of a town that is modern and up-to-date, and there appears to be no movement towards making it that way. The people still cling to the old ways of life, working diligently to earn a scanty living from hillside farming. Most cannot find work in Meisenheim itself; there is a small industry on the edge of the town and, of course, the town brewery, but during the day the population of nearly three thousand seems to disappear completely, leaving the town deserted. Only at weekends does this muddle of quaint old buildings seem to come to life, when everyone suddenly emerges to go to church or to receive the onslaught of Sunday traffic.

In the afternoons, however, the pupils who attend the Paul Schneider Gymnasium disrupt this peace for a short while. As is customary on the Continent, school begins at 8.0 a.m., ending at 1.0 p.m., thus leaving the afternoon free, or for clubs, tutorials and sport. Sport is now included in the curriculum, and tournaments in football and handball are also arranged for the afternoons. Out of more than 300 pupils who attend the Gymnasium about 120 are boarders, many of whom travel to school from as far away as Bonn. There is no half-term holiday for these boarders, but they are allowed home once a month at weekends. I was lucky enough to be invited to spend a weekend in Mainz, where I learned what is was like to live in a German family as well as in a German school.

At the Gymnasium, I attended most lessons before working to a set timetable. But doing the cosine rule in German did not help my already shaky mathematics —that was one lesson not destined for my timetable! Work was on the whole carried out at a leisurely pace; that is, when it was done! The teachers are not held in as high esteem as in English schools, although they work efficiently and steadily. They also do not take as prominent a part in the running of the school as in England. Much is organised by prefects, and usually very successfully. Clubs and societies are almost all managed without the aid of the staff—except for the brass band!

Every year a form takes itself off for a few days on a "Wanderung", or a "Klassenfahrt", and although I did not participate in a "Wanderung", I had the very good fortune to go on a "Klassenfahrt". The form with whom I went paid all my travelling and accommodation expenses (in Youth Hostels), and through their extremely kind generosity I saw the cities of Aachen, Cologne and Bonn. This three-day trip seemed modest in comparison with that of the "Oberprima", who made their annual "Klassenfahrt" to Berlin for one week.

Of course, the main purpose for my visit must not be forgotten—to learn German. In this respect Meisenheim was for me the ideal town. The people patiently listen while you struggle to communicate, frequently helping you on and giving the confidence so often lacking in an Englishman abroad. When the time came to leave Meisenheim, I felt I had benefited enormously linguistically. Five weeks soon flies past when there is much to see and learn, and all too soon I had to return to England. But those five weeks provided me with a worthwhile experience and a much greater understanding of the Germans, their customs, and their language, in an interesting and thoroughly enjoyable way.

C. H. THATCHER (U6).

#### GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD TRIP TO NORTHERN IRELAND

The annual College field trip during the Easter holidays was made this year to Northern Ireland, and in particular to Londonderry. Arrangements were originally made by Mr. Fox to travel by British Rail, but after an increase in ferry fares, difficulties over party rates and general indecisiveness on the part of the company, negotiations were broken off and the party travelled via Liverpool to Belfast on an Irish company's ferry.

The crossing was fairly rough but was weathered well, and after a tour of Belfast and the surrounding countryside we travelled to Magee University College, Londonderry, which was to be our headquarters. On the way we saw an ancient round tower at one time used by Celtic monks for defence, and had a glimpse of Lough Neagh, the largest lake in the British Isles.

The following day we started serious work. We went south from Londonderry through Strabane to Newtown Stewart, where we disembarked from the coach to have a better view of a vast moraine field near Harry Avery's castle. Later the tour took us to the Gortin Gap and a very wet walk across moorland in poor visibility. That evening Mr. Hibbert gave us a colourful talk on the fundamentals of geology affecting the area.

The next day's work took us along the north coast of Ulster as far east as the Giant's Causeway, which is sometimes over-glamourised, sometimes underrated. It was undoubtedly impressive, but much smaller than most of us had imagined. That evening a member of the Northern Irish Ministry of Agriculture gave a talk on the agriculture of the Magee region.

On the Friday we were joined by Dr. Roberts, a geologist at Magee University, who accompanied us on our tour of the Innishowen Peninsula. Many of the party found that they learned more geology in this one day than during a whole term at school and, indeed, the impression I got from the whole tour was that so much more can be learned when one is in the field. This day contained an arduous walk over the Gap of Mamore, made very pleasant by the bracing weather. Detailed surveys of Londonderry were made by groups of students on the

Detailed surveys of Londonderry were made by groups of students on the following day. Shops, houses, hotels and factories were individually surveyed, and executives interviewed on how their factories worked. It was quite surprising that a large number of factories were reputedly working a five-day week—with people still working on a Saturday but unwilling to give information because it was a five-day week! That evening a complete map of Londonderry was coloured to distinguish the uses of the different buildings.

So the trip continued. On the Sunday we went to Donegal and saw some of the most rugged, beautiful and spectacular scenery of the whole tour. The remoteness of the area was demonstrated when a deer was sighted less than a hundred yards away from the road, which itself was mainly unsurfaced. We climbed 1,300 feet to admire the view, which included a blue speck—our coach three or four miles away, to which we had to find our own way across the fells.

Regretfully we started home the next morning, leaving Belfast in an everincreasing wind. Those who had thought the first crossing rough had a rude awakening as the ship pitched, rolled and shuddered through the stormy night. The final coach ride to Norfolk was lost in a haze of sleep and sudden awakenings, as a dog ran into the road or the bus stopped at the traffic lights.

It had all been thoroughly worthwhile and instructive; geographically we had learnt much without ever having been bored. One unfortunate sequel was that the map of Londonderry so laboriously prepared had by the "I-thought-you-hadbrought-it" sort of misunderstanding been left on the ferry. Even this, however, provided pleasant memories, for we have coloured in another copy in our spare time.

**P.** Lynn (L6).

#### NORWICH TO ROUEN BY WAY OF RUGBY

The good ship "Villandry" ploughed nobly through the briny. The stiff sea-breeze in our faces brought to us the realisation of the great sea-faring nation that we are. The comforting thought lingered in the back of our minds that Mr. Pat Lane was after all on the level, and not a confidence trickster. Mason, Hodgson, Watling and myself were just four of the thirty-five who had received letters inviting us to join the party representing Norwich schoolboys in the annual rugby fixture against Rouen, Norwich's twin city in France. We had also been informed, "Train leaves Norwich 6.30 a.m., 21 April—let's see the colour of your money by 1st April." (Was there some connection?)

The invasion of Thorpe Station took place as planned, the only opposition being a camera. Did I say only? Being conscious at 6.10 a.m. was no mean feat of human endurance, let alone trying to smile for a photograph. Apart from the temporary loss (and a few gains) of one or two members en route to Newhaven, the first phase of the journey was accomplished without any real problem. Attempts at sleep on the boat were mainly frustrated by engine vibrations, and we disembarked at Dieppe feeling nicely neurotic. From there we had a pleasant train journey to Rouen through a farming area which only differed from Britain in that the cows mooed with French accents.

The next day found us at En, about 30 km. from Rouen, standing ankle-deep in water on a rugby pitch. The "B" team lost by 6—5, a match that should have been won. The defeat was put down to the garlic that the opposition forwards had had with their lunch. The "A" team played well to win 13—3, Hodgson being stimulated to excellent form. The day was rounded off nicely with a slapstick comedy, laughingly called a meal, with our hosts. We went to bed that night with the rousing choruses of traditional rugby songs still ringing in our ears.

The following day we were taken to the stadium in Rouen to play off our other fixture against Rouen. The "B" team playing first had the benefit of a dry ground, and played a fast open match to win by 12—0. Mason had a very good game at centre, and we are still trying to think what came over him. The "A" team, however, playing most of their game in rain, fought hard against a strong side but lost by a penalty goal. Each team received a cup after the matches, and these trophies were put to excellent use during that final evening in France.

All the excitement was not yet over, however, for the next day at the station a French family turned up to report their guest—not from the College, I hasten to add—as missing. Amidst the jubilation he turned up, and consequently we were even more down-hearted when we boarded the out-going train. In addition the magic of the sea gripped us afresh on the return journey, Hodgson especially, for he spent most of it leaning on the rail with vacant gaze and tartan complexion. He would not join us for a snack of stew and chips and a sort of cold cocoa (not a good year) to wash it down with. At the end of the journey Thorpe Station resounded to the strains of "Bronco's a jolly good fellow," which really did have feeling behind them, and the four College team members returned to Wymondham with their usual gaiety and vigour.

**J.** YOUNG (U6).

#### LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

(The three contributions following are all on the same subject. They are the winning essay and two others from the best six written for the Sixth Form Essay Competition. This year it was held under new conditions; 180 Sixth Formers were immured in Tomlinson Hall for one and a half hours on a Saturday morning and given a choice of five subjects on which to write. The resulting compositions were judged by the English staff of seven—who found the general standard gratifyingly high—and were reduced first to twenty-three (commended) and then to six worthy of high commendation

The varying approach to the same subject of the following three essays is interesting, and it is worth bearing in mind that they were written impromptu under examination conditions in an hour and a half.)

#### THE CLOCK

"We have no time to stand and stare" is more true of twentieth century life than of any other period of history or prehistory. The clock has become, not a useful mechanism giving dispassionate information, but one of the gods behind our lives, and, like all good gods, it has become part of us. The intricate machinery is embedded in that most intricate part of us, the soul, and it will take more than a little effort for us to rid ourselves of the clock-watching mentality. Moreover, the effort becomes ever harder to make as we become more involved with life and humanity.

The Romans had little use for what primitive time-keeping methods were available to them. Their "clock" was the sun—strange that throughout man's history the chief timekeeper has always been a god. They got up when it became light, and went to bed when it became dark, with the exception of the rich and decadent. Their lives were organised, yet not minutely so; their days, although planned, were free from the stringent time tables which now dominate our existence. The Roman attitude saw beyond the immediate and trivial to the ultimate and important, thus placing time in its proper perspective.

After the Roman Empire came the disorganised Middle Ages, where once again people's chief concern was with the present; petty kings and their petty kingdoms remained isolated in their own struggle of day to day living, but ordinary people were aware of the time only in that it measured lives.

With the voyages of discovery in the 16th to 18th centuries, "clocks" again became of major importance, mainly for measuring out days. However, the clock by this time had begun to develop. Italian and Swiss clock-makers modified the pendulum into toys for the rich, and thus, as with so many other things, what was to become a necessary evil began as a useful toy.

The beginning of industry marks the biggest leap of importance in the history of the clock. Suddenly men, women and children were hurrying to mines and factories to begin their "shifts", the stress of which was only alleviated by the few minutes given to them in which to snatch some food, if they could afford it. From then onwards the people at the top of the economic scale forced awareness of the clock on those beneath—so much coal must be quarried by the end of the day, so much cloth has to be woven—and this state of affairs has continued to the present day, and now involves all of us.

Modern industry probably represents the greatest and most blatant clockwatching unit of society. A workman who begins his shift at 8.30 a.m. will have his break immediately the large hand of his small god reaches 10.30 a.m. He will also stop for lunch at 12.30 no matter how involved and delicate the job on which he is concerned. Having had first-hand experience of this attitude, I cannot forget the effect it had on me. And yet, in one sense, how can the workers be blamed? So many of the jobs which facilitate the clock-watching mentality are boring, repetitive and mechanical. For example, one may have nothing to do but shuffle the boxes, drop a few eggs, and watch the red hand sweep majestically and imperturbably round, and round. As well as this, people who do exceed the time of their allotted shifts are looked upon with disfavour by more loyal "brothers". "Strike" is muttered around the factory, and before long the mechanism has broken down, and yet another example of the greatest waste of precious time, money, man-and-machine-power, begins.

Thus industry shows the clock as the breeder of intolerance. It has many more children, but this is one of the most important. The intolerance of the clock was perhaps forced upon us when we were infants; perhaps—and for my generation it is likely—our mothers belonged to the feed-baby-regularly-every-"n"-hours school, and my goodness, we were fed whether we wanted the food or not. As we became older, the clock, intolerantly, did not allow us to dawdle to school. Retribution followed those who were not incarcerated by the ninth peal of the ninth hour. In later years, after we had heard with glee that we were to be admitted to Wymondham College, we really discovered what it was to be ruled by the clock. But here the clock is, as in industry, a very necessary evil. It is not easy to organise the lives of a community of over a thousand, where the majority are the responsibility of the minority. Gradually our own version of the twentyfour hour day is evolved, governed by our own clocks, and often it has been recorded, though not announced, that when it was 12 p.m. G.M.T. it was 12.05 p.m. or 11.55 a.m. W.C. time. The same kind of intolerance which we find that the clock possesses at school-waking us at 7.10 precisely, interrupting our lesson or conversation at any one of eight intervals during the day-we find the clock possesses outside. Buses and trains do not wait for lost gloves and broken shoelaces, but the conclusion must be drawn that the clock is necessarily intolerant because it is inhuman, therefore impersonal and devoid of emotion.

This factor leads me on to probably the major point. Should we allow this impersonal thing to govern our lives to such an extent? The Romans showed that it was possible to be organised, and yet remain undominated by the clock. Later historical incidents and our own experience show us the effect which the clock has upon us—a nation of shopkeepers and clock-watchers—and still we do nothing about it. We struggle through life trying "to beat the clock" in everything and anything, only to find at sixty-five, or whatever our retiring age may be, that the god whom we have served so faithfully for so long has rejected us; we no longer serve him by rushing to catch the early bus or the punctual meal. We are left with twenty years of ease—and discomfort. "Surely there is something I should be doing?"

Yet as the chances of the four-hour working day increase, we must learn to rid ourselves of obedience to the clock in order to learn how to spend our leisure time more profitably. The problem of what to do in retirement is present to a certain extent in our leisure moments here and now. Those people whose lives are ruled most definitely by the clock are at an utter loss when left to their own devices. Their routine is disturbed, they feel uncomfortable. What should have been a relaxing holiday becomes a worry of "how can we spend the next hour?" Our lives are governed by the clock, and we dare not waste a moment.

We can only break away from the mad rush of twentieth century timekeeping by consciously breaking the timekeeping habit ourselves. I believe that we must do this by entirely rejecting the clock for at least two weeks of the year, so that we can renew the attack against its encroachment of our liberties in the remaining fifty weeks. As I have stated, our lives are governed by the clock; its soft, insistent ticking welcomes us into the world, the insidious noise keeps pace with our hearts; but unlike the faithful grandfather clock of the song, it does not stop when we die, therefore we must ignore it in some measure as it ignores us.

And now, my own clock, which I have been watching so carefully for the past one and a half hours, says that in all good conscience I may stop writing, and that to write one more word would be breaking union rules.

BRIDGET FLAXMAN (Schol. 6)

#### THE CLOCK

It was a routine day for everybody else. Through the windows I could see the blue-uniformed figures streaming endlessly along the concrete path, only interrupted occasionally by black gowns demanding passage. But not for me. I sat in the small bare room, sealed off from the outside world. In front of me, a desk with pen, pencils, white paper; opposite, another desk as bare as the room containing it.

The master entered; no words were spoken, but a rueful grin was exchanged for one of reassurance. In one hand he held a blue printed sheet, in the other a clock, symbolic perhaps of my future. He placed the clock carefully in the centre of the table and outlined its face with his finger.

"Your time will be taken from this clock—it keeps time well. Regular as clockwork, you might say." I think I was meant to laugh; I did not. My thoughts were focussed on one thing, the paper he had now placed on my desk. The teacher coughed, and in his official voice declared, "You may turn over the paper when the clock reaches the hour."

My thoughts transferred to the clock. Three minutes. The clock itself seemed worthy of its owner's (or was it servant's) pride. It was surrounded by an aura of self-confidence. And why not. It was capable of measuring a dimension not completely comprehended by the master, whether doctor of science or not. Two minutes. What would he do if I turned the paper over now? Report me to the University? Rip up the paper? Make me finish early? He would never dare. What could he do? Hypothetical situations arose, arguments between tutors, examiners, teachers. Lies, scandal, newspaper headlines. The steady ticking calmed the frantic mind, so full of facts that imagination was the only route of escape.

The hour! The black print of the paper stared up. Four questions, just four questions. It was like the start of a race with each question as a hurdle. The pen flew over the paper, the facts seemed to drain out of my brain through my hand. My thoughts cleared, the nervousness gone. I was relaxed, assured after the first

two jumps. The hour again. The face of the clock smiled benignly, appearing as the face of an indulgent mother. Halfway there.

The next question was cleared, again the clock was consulted. With time to spare, I read through the paper. Another question, please, another question. Just one hope glimmers from the paper, one shaft of light from the quickly gathering clouds.

"What was that equation?" Thoughts filled my brain and were discarded. I remembered the lesson; it was a Wednesday, a warm day, the sun was shining. I remember I was watching it. "Do you understand that?" I had nodded lazily. Liar. Why hadn't the day been misty? What was that equation?

The regular ticking of the clock gradually permeated my frantic recollections to remind me of the time. Twenty-five minutes. Again I raced through my imaginary books. No luck. Think, think, think. The clock now beats out, think, think.

"Why doesn't that damned clock stop?"

"Stop, stop, stop," it replied quietly, relentlessly.

"Can't that stupid man see his precious clock is wrong? It nearly shows the hour again. Look, you man, look! It's wrong, wrong." Rancour fills my brain. I am being ruined by the infernal machine. I shall not beg for time, humble myself to it.

If I should fail? What then? My life has been planned, carefully, every detail maticulously accounted for, by friends, parents, teachers. Will you destroy that, damned clock? My life passes before my eyes as at approaching death. Not death! Those days to be spent at college, the job, my family, senility, but not death.

The faces of friends appear, and then become the face of the clock. Five minutes. I can see nothing but the face of the clock, leering maliciously. The ticking fades and then bursts as if all the sound were being reflected and converged upon me. I can stand no more.

"Stop writing now, please."

The face of the clock again becomes concerned, maternal. Uncontrollably, I warm to it. "What was half an hour, compared to the weeks, now, of waiting?"

ELIZABETH RATH (U6).

#### THE CLOCK

There it sat looking down at the world with its unseeing gaze. It was not an ordinary clock, in as much as it did not tell the time; in fact, it had only one hand, and this did not register hours, minutes or seconds. Why should it? Why should it register time in units that were totally impracticable anyway? Twenty-four hours one day, sixty minutes one hour—how confusing. Surely a decimal system would be more efficient.

There it sat on the top of this tall scaffolding, with a lot of other cumbersome junk. If it could see, and register what it saw, it would have discovered that this scaffolding rose perpendicularly against the stark blue sky, the only other object of interest in the wilderness of yellow and blue beside that blinding patch of light called the sun. All around, the sea of sand stretched away till it became a mere quivering shadow in the heat. Somewhere in that everchanging pattern the blue expanse of sky began, but it was impossible to distinguish where—and there, way up there, hung that scorching mass of light.

This clock was not even in motion; its gears, ratchet wheels, pawls and sprockets had never uttered a sound, or turned a fraction of a degree. It had been

assembled to serve no purpose, so it seemed, other than to endure the heat. Its works had been carefully designed and machined, no assembly line had seen this clock's parts stamped out of sheets of metal with ten thousand others. Yet its mechanism had received the heritage of hundreds of years of watch-making, of the evolution of anti-this and anti-that devices. Hundreds of years—and yet what did this mean—that the planet earth had orbited that source of this almost audible heat some hundreds of times? What was a hundred years in the evolution of the human race? What was the evolution of the human race in the life of this planet? What was the life of this planet in the life of our galaxy, of the universe? No human-made clock could measure in such terms—but this clock remained imperturbable, motionless in a wilderness of lifelessness.

Still the sun hung there in the sky. Still it blinded, flashed and scorched. Everywhere the paintwork was blistered and peeling. How long had the clock been there, this clock that did not measure time? How should it know? Why should it be concerned with time, that illusion of man? It must have been put there with a purpose, for everything the human race did had a purpose, though this was seldom fulfilled. How did man know what he was doing? He could not see his actions in the correct perspective except through the clarifying medium of timepast, which gave purposes and results their proper proportions. The human race was like a stream, though it rarely followed the obvious contours of the land.

The clock remained inanimate, enduring patiently the furnace of the nightangible heat. Again, man knew nothing of heat. He could not begin to conceive the magnitude of the heat of the sun, although he told himself he knew exactly what it was like, and wrote down figures in books to measure the heat and to reassure himself that the human race could conquer all—all but its own stupidity.

At last a reaction, something to break the monotony. An electrical impulse. The clock was set in motion, every minute part functioning perfectly. Its single hand moved round the dial. The clock broke the silence with its motion. The hand moved round the dial, its speed related to nothing measurable in this wilderness. It moved neither slowly nor fast, but it moved. It ticked neither loudly nor softly, but it ticked. It ticked away time, man's ever-present enemy of his own making, it ticked away the peace of mind of the human race. The hand was half-way round the dial; it had only to make one revolution—and it was half-way there. The clock had done half its job perfectly.

Now the clock had nearly finished its task; the hand approached the end of its journey. It ticked away the last units of an age. The ticking stopped; and a heat never before known to man was generated, a noise previously unconceived in its magnitude, a sight awesome and terrifying, were born. The first atomic bomb had been detonated. The atomic age had started; the beginning of an end, unrealised by man not seeing his actions in their full light, had been initiated. The clock had served unfailingly its purpose.

R. HAYWARD (L6).

#### PENNY FOR A SOUL

(An exercise in which the first and last sentences were obligatory produced the following short story.)

"I cannot pretend," said Aunt Maud, "that I am satisfied with Francis."

"I must admit," said the Reverend Charles More, in his out-of-church voice, that he has erred and strayed a little, as one might say."

"But," continued Aunt Maud plaintively, "he's such a strange child. The things he gets up to. Going out at the dead of night to the lord knows where-I beg your pardon, Charles. I dread to think what might happen to him. And every time he's out we have those frightful thunderstorms."

"Yes, I really must talk to the little chap," said the vicar.

On the other side of the thick study door Francis, listening, tapped lightly on the floor with his hoof, felt the two little horns that were pushing through his hair, and chuckled a small devilish chuckle.

"It just cannot go on like this," said Maud. "I'm afraid, Charles, that if he is not sent home to wherever he lives I will be forced to leave. I'm most disturbed by his behaviour," she complained.

"Oh no, you mustn't leave, Maud. What would Esmeralda say?"

"Your wife," said Aunt Maud, "will be most upset to see me go."

Francis, with his pointed ear to the door, swished his tail meditatively and thought that Aunt Maud was becoming a nuisance. She would have to go. Besides. if he could get her soul as well as the Vicar's he would be well on his way to "A" class devil status.

"I'll call Francis," said the Reverend More, "and tell him when he's to leave." He rose from his armchair as Francis walked in and said, with the usual cherubic smile on his innocent countenance, "Did you call for me, sir?"

"Uncanny," muttered Aunt Maud.

"Er, well, yes-I was just about to," said the Reverend More in some confusion. "Francis, since you are now eight I have decided to send you away to school . . . . "

Later that day, when he had finished packing, Francis put on an earnest look (one of several he had) and began to talk to Aunt Maud in a simple childlike way about religion.

'Do you believe in the devil, Aunt Maud?" he asked.

"Well, yes, I think I do," said Aunt Maud.

"We play a game at home called 'selling souls,' where we put our names in a book pretending that we've sold our souls to the devil, and we give a penny to the devil-person and he has to come and catch us. Would you like to play it with me?"

"Yes, all right," said Aunt Maud, to humour the strange little lad.

"Sign the book then and give me a penny," said Francis eagerly, "and then go away and hide and I will try to catch you. If you're caught I keep the penny."

He produced a small black notebook and opened it for Aunt Maud. She saw a few other names as the pages flipped over. Francis handed her a pen and she wrote, according to his direction, in thick red ink, "I hereby will my soul to the devil for one penny." Aunt Maud felt a little uneasy, but she signed and handed Francis the penny. "Good," said Francis; "and cheap at the price." He and Aunt Maud dis-

solved in a cloud of fiery smoke.

Later, when the Vicar, his wife and some neighbours were searching the Vicarage and grounds calling anxiously for "Maud" and, "Mrs. Brown," Francis entered the gate tossing a penny in his hand.

"Have you seen Aunt Maud?" asked the Vicar.

"No," replied Francis, and then he began to laugh. He laughed and laughed, though nobody else could see that there was anything to laugh about.

D. GREGORY (4D).

#### WYMONDHAM COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The last General Meeting of the Association was held at the College on 10th July, 1965. The officers elected at that meeting to serve for the year 1965/66, were as follows: Chairman, M. Taylor; Secretary, S. J. Nurse, New Inn Lane, Scarning, Dereham, Norfolk; Assistant Secretary, D. Hanwell, 9 Fellowes Road, Honingham; Treasurer, A. Hammond; Sports Secretary, M. Sargent, Eccles Hall School, Quidenham, Norfolk (Male); Miss P. Culling, 17 Croft Road, Caister-on-Sea (Female); Committee Members, M. Sands and C. K. Catchpole; Staff Members, Mr. D. Fox and Mr. D. Anderson.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The notable feature this year from the Chairman's point of view has been the poor attendance at Committee meetings. In each case only the Secretary and Treasurer have arrived apart from those members who live on the site. Occasionally there has been a letter of apology for absence.

There was the usual last minute panic to complete the rugger team, which again lost (3--9) due to lack of cohesion (and fitness?). The cricketers also lost, this time by 26 runs. College 142, Beales 4 for 27; Old Boys 116.

The hockey and tennis teams were similarly unsuccessful by 2—4 and 3—6 respectively, but it was pleasing that the teams consisted entirely of Old Girls for a change. M. N. TAYLOR (*Chairman*).



#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

At present the membership of the Association stands at 434. Unfortunately, about 150 members are more than two years in arrears with subscriptions and are therefore ineligible for a magazine. Of the remaining members, a fair number still owe for 1965/66, but I hope they will rectify this at the A.G.M. on 2nd July.

The 1965 Reunion was the 10th Anniversary of the Association and was very successful, about 250 people attending the dance in the evening. Regrettably, at the A.G.M., a decision had to be taken to increase the subscription to 10/- per annum owing to the increased cost of administration.

The re-designed Association Tie is now available at Bonds of Norwich, and we are considering the adoption of the College Sixth Form scarf.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Metcalfe and his staff for the help and co-operation given to us throughout the year and for allowing us to disrupt the smooth running of the College.

S. J. NURSE (Secretary).

#### ACADEMIC

R. L. Tonge has gained his Diploma in Technology, in Instrument and Control Engineering, at Northampton College, London.

D. J. G. Wright has gained his Higher National Diploma in Production Engineering at Lanchester College of Technology, Coventry. M. L. Reynolds having obtained his B.Sc. in Physics, has been engaged on

M. L. Reynolds having obtained his B.Sc. in Physics, has been engaged on research into the infra-red luminescence of materials, and has written a thesis on "The Infra-Red Emission and Related Optical Characteristics of Transition Metal Impurities in Crystals."

B. H. Wright gained a General Degree, Div. II, in Zoology and Chemistry (B.Sc.) at the University of Durham, in June, 1965.

G. Cawston has gained an Upper Second (B.Sc.) Degree in Zoology at the University of Leicester.G. G. Gunton has gained an Upper Second Class Joint Honours Degree in

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We have news of the following who have gone on to higher education, and would be glad to hear from any others so that we can give information about them next year.

At Universities—D. Allen, studying Mathematics at Nottingham; T. Bradley, Physics at Sussex; J. Busby, Chemistry at Liverpool; P. Claxton, Civil Engineering at Southampton; Lorna Codner, Zoology at Girton College, Cambridge; P. Dubock, Electronics at Southampton; P. Flattery, Philosophy at Bangor; J. Gathercole, Dentistry at Birmingham (we hear he has been hurdling for the U.A.U.); W. Gowing at Liverpool; M. Graveling, Chemistry at the East Anglia; C. Hatton, Bio-chemistry at Liverpool; A. Hodgkiss at Reading; R. Jarvis at Johannisburgh; W. Kiddell, Social Sciences at Leicester; B. Perry, Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh; P. Rutter, Chemistry at Leeds; M. Rice, Classics at Oxford; M. Seaman at Leeds; G. Smith, Medicine at Liverpool; K. Skipper, Geology at Reading; R. Vincent, Engineering at Cambridge; S. Watts, at the Imperial College, London; G. Winn, Electronics at Southampton. At Colleges of Further Education—D. Bennett, Art at Coventry; M. Boast, P.E. at St. Luke's; B. Corless and T. Corless at Saltley; R. Cole at Loughborough; Pauline Gyton, Goldsmith's College, London; S. James at Coventry; Elizabeth Knights at Stafford; T. Myhill at St. Luke's; Glenis Milligan, Leicester; J. Postle, Loughborough (he has played a number of games for their 1st XV); R. Postle, Birmingham; J. Robinson, Brunel C.A.T.; J. Savage, West Ham C.A.T.; Kathleen Stevens, Leicester College of Domestic Science; P. Willimott, Bradford C.A.T., studying statistics; S. Hammond, Shoreditch; D. Brown, Loughborough; D. Church, Loughborough; Angela Cornwell, Norwich Art School; Margaret Hannant, Bath College of Domestic Science.

#### OTHER NEWS

- A. Blake, S. Griffin and B. Wheeler are at Cranwell.
- M. Amberton and A. Dyson are at Dartmouth.
- J. Amberton is at Sandhurst.
- M. Sargent and A. Smith are teaching, and M. Perry is supply teaching.
- Mary Bennett and Jennifer Towson are at Librarian Colleges.
- Suzanne Milligan, Joy Hammond, Edith Clark and M. Hammond are working in banks.
- M. Nelson works for Cox & Wyman.
- J. Banham is with Wimpeys.
- Eileen Codling was the Beauty Queen at Diss Carnival.
- R. Goodwin is bowling faster than ever and was again selected for Norfolk County C.C.
- J. Robb works for the Bata Shoe Company.
- P. Bonsol is in the Navy, and H. Atkins in the Merchant Navy.
- **R**. Trett is quantity surveying.
- D. Hegarty is a civil servant and races motor cycles as a hobby.
- D. Preece is employed by the Gas Board.
- J. Elmer works for London Transport.
- D. Child is doing clerical work.
- J. Elflett is a chicken farmer and a man of leisure.
- B. Orford is studying to become a quantity surveyor.
- Sheila Payne, Joy Reynolds, Trudy Bevier and C. Wardale have married since our last issue.
- J. Gaze married Linda Harris.
- R. Stone is engaged.
- G. Gawlinski is engaged to Jean Spathaky.
- T. Duffy and D. Hubbard have both obtained Higher National Diplomas and are employed by English Electric.
- A. Watson has been appointed to the chemistry post at the International School, Ibadan, Nigeria.
- E. Riches is working for Barclays. Currently he is an overseas probationer doing a year's initial training in local banks. After a year in London and passes in the Institute of Bankers examinations, he hopes to be selected for overseas duties.
- Clive Simmonds and his wife Margaret have recently had an exhibition of decorative ceramic panels at the Assembly House in Norwich. He is giving up teaching to concentrate on their production.

Carol Combe, who left at Christmas to teach at the M.G.D. School, Rajasthan, India, wrote in February to give some interesting information about her new life. "The school has 480 girls, half of whom are boarders. Many are aristocrats, with a few princesses, and the headmistress will not allow any punishment! Little work is done, and there are frequent holidays for religious festivals—yet this is a good school by Indian standards. I teach 9–12 year-olds, and coach some girls in English. Since other members of the staff speak English very badly, this is proving very difficult. I am learning Urdu. I also coach hockey(!), but am waiting impatiently for the swimming season, for although the weather is like an English summer now, it is nevertheless too cold for the Indian girls to swim."

#### "FRENCH WHERE SHE IS SPOKE"

[By Trudy Stevenson, née Bevier, who is now in her 4th year at Reading University]

For anyone who is at all interested in languages, the opportunity to study a language at a university in the country concerned is not one to be ignored. This is the quickest and most effective way of learning a language, and your interest will be doubled or trebled when you are actually living where it is spoken. I thought that you might like to know something about the two universities I attended last year, since both Grenoble and Perugia offer courses for people with "A" levels, as well as for university students.

Grenoble is an extremely progressive city in south-eastern France, happily situated in the Isène Valley, and surrounded by the towering Alps. What more could one wish for, during the winter, than to be in the midst of a ski-ing region living "à la francaise" and studying French?

At the Université de Grenoble, the Comité de Patronage pour les Etudiants Etrangers organises courses for foreign students, which vary according to one's proficiency in French. You can start from scratch, or follow the intermediate or advanced course. Although I attended the normal lectures for French students, I was also enrolled for the Cours Supérieur, and found it a most useful basis for more advanced studies. The course comprises of lectures on a number of aspects of France, and although the emphasis is on language and literature, the lectures on geography, philosophy, history, politics and art are extremely interesting, and help towards a deeper understanding of France.

The Comité de Patronage, having dealt with foreign students for a number of years, realises that the organisation of courses is not in itself sufficient, hence it also sees to the welfare of its students. Thus you are helped in finding somewhere to live, you are entitled to eat at the excellent student restaurants at incredibly low cost, social and sporting activities are arranged, and so on. In conjunction with this, the Accueil Familial arranges for foreign students to visit the homes of French families. This, I think, is an excellent idea, since you become acquainted with family life there, and often build up a lasting friendship with these families.

The Università per Stranieri, at Perugia, is, as opposed to the section within the university at Grenoble, a university in its own right. Here again, there are three courses, according to proficiency, and, again, the Corso Superiore offers lectures on all aspects of Italian life and culture. Of the more general lectures, the ones on art are by far the best, and excursions are arranged by the art lecturer to a number of places of great artistic interest.



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Perugia itself is a fairly small medieval city, quite the opposite to Grenoble in many ways. The oldest quarter is at the very top of a hill, and the city has spread downhill over the centuries. The Etruscan gates and city walls still survive, and within these the ancient centre is crowded together in a most fascinating manner. Not far away is the celebrated town of Assisi, home of the Franciscan Order, and both Florence and Rome are only two hours away by train.

Grenoble and Perugia are only two of the many places which offer courses for foreigners, but I hope that my own experience and information will persuade some of you to attempt to study abroad when you leave school. Quite apart from the progress you will make by studying a language in this way, a period of time abroad will teach you a good deal about life. The time to travel is when you are still young, when you are eager to experience and learn, so don't fall into that famous rut too soon!

#### TEACHING IN AFRICA

## [Jennifer Griffin is at Swaneng Hill School, Bechuanaland, and sent the following account of of her life there to Mr. Metcalfe.]

Winter is just about ending and the weather is gradually getting warmer. Things are, of course, very dry and the rains won't come until late September--October. Everywhere is fantastically overgrazed, and looking out of the window there is very little grass to be seen. Here we have tried to fence in our land and stop too much grazing. This has worked quite well and when we do get a full-time farm manager obviously this will be something to be tackled fully. As in many parts of the country last year was about the third bad year running, famine is already a problem in some parts. We don't see much of this side of life, as it is the people in the remoter areas who suffer and those in Serowe seem better off than people in small villages.

Life at Swaneng still moves at a pretty rapid rate and life is always exciting. We now have about 135 students and have a fourth form who will take the overseas Cambridge exam next year. How many students we take next year depends on whether the government manages to give us any money or not. At present it would appear that we shall take only 40 first year's.

Most of the staff will be staying another year and we have quite a number of new people coming out during the next month. There is one family with four children and there are tentative plans for a nursery school.

Our dam is now being made into a really huge one (makes our work with picks and shovels last year seem a bit futile). The government sent some men and then the money ran out and after a week or two of mad panic, Oxfam sent some money and work is going on and with luck it should hold water for some time, but of course it will be a number of years before it is a proper dam.

Have just managed to get out the second number of the school magazine. Actually, I try to have as little to do with it as possible as I think that it is good for the students to do as much as possible towards the production. We even had some illustrations in this one and the cover design was terrific. It is very difficult to get the students to write and draw, etc., using their imaginations. They are imaginative but have rather strange ideas about what is acceptable. For instance.



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most of the other school magazines in the country have shields on the cover, so when we wanted a cover design, this at first was all we got. However, at last we managed to break this down. It is the same with writing. I can get exciting essays during the term but articles for the school mag and things like "Education in Bechuanaland" are all one can get. We even managed to get a few traders to advertise and so almost covered the costs of production.

I've spent the first week of the holiday laying tiles on the library floor. It really was a messy job and I don't think that my finger nails will ever be clean again! The library is still in chaos but I think that there is some sort of order appearing at last. Finding suitable books is always a problem, as many books which are easy enough are too childish in content. To find a few books which are written in simple language, are interesting and are not too remote, is always a problem. So many books assume a cultural background entirely different from the students' own. It would be nice if examiners would also remember this when selecting books for the Junior Certificate exam!

We now have film shows every Saturday evening and these are very popular. We also get a number of educational films from various places and manage to have a week-night film about every two weeks. This means that many students (and adults for that matter) have some idea of what the sea looks like and they can visualise snow, etc., which makes teaching much easier.

The curriculum here has never been only academic and the boys have always had a practical building course. It is now possible to give the girls a similar course, although more feminine in interest. We have had a recent addition to the staff, Grace Seame, who is a trained house-craft teacher and has also been on a short course to Israel. Grace and our very competent matron have devised a course of dress-making and home crafts. This is good, not only from the practical point of view of teaching the girls something, but also helps to make the girls feel that they are part of the school. Although this is gradually breaking down, there is still a fairly strong feeling that it is a waste of time educating girls. Women are still very much in the background and this comes out in class discussions, not only by what is said but by the fact that the girls are rather shy about voicing opinions in class.

I'm going on holiday at the week-end, and although this is a very good place to be, it is always good to get out into the outside world for a short time. The thought of shopping and coping with traffic in a big city is rather terrifying. There are shops in Serowe but nothing very wonderful. There is little traffic and no tarred roads. The roads aren't even straight, but winding in between the small groups of huts; each group of rondavals is surrounded by a sort of green rubbery plant which causes eye diseases but is the only thing that the goats don't eat! These animals are a menace and eat anything—cement bags being their favourite food.

Most of the new teachers for next year have already arrived or will be arriving within the next week or two. As the building of the houses for married staff has not gone quite according to plan this will mean a little over-crowding.

There is tentative talk of early rain, which will be fine if the dam is finished and if we manage to get the brick field moved in time! Already there are signs of life as the trees put out buds in anticipation of the rain.



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#### **ICELAND—LAND OF FROST AND FIRE**

(A. Lawrence, who sent this to us, is now at Cranwell)

With the four Griffon engines of the Shackleton monotonously roaring on hour after hour, the seemingly endless stone-grey sea slipped silently below us. The destination was Keflavik, Iceland: the purpose was climbing and walking on some of the ice caps . . . .

The first sight of Iceland was a tall plume of smoke, dust and steam slowly rising high into the darkening sky and merging with the clouds. This was the tiny volcanic island of Surtsey. As the breeze blew the column away, it trailed a curtain of debris in the air, which formed a dirty layer on the water surface to the lee of the island. This minute, impudent island jutting out of the calm expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, spasmodically spewing forth molten rock and hurling large boulders high into the air, was a unique and awe-inspiring spectacle.

The aim was selected: initially to cross the Eyafallajökull and then to cross the sister glacier Myrdalsjökull. So, a 'bus was taken, across endless miles of lava flows, wide mature valley floors and vast ash deserts, to Mulacot, the last village before the foothills are reached.

With a fine view of the goal on the following sunny morning, the journey on foot began by a long march across a vast plain, dissected by a score of deep and swift channels of a braided river. Excellent progress was made on to the first shoulder of the range, despite the heavy packs and treacherously loose volcanic debris which was being climbed. That evening camp was set up just below the snout of the glacier, the water of which was used for cooking. The first night under canvas was comparatively comfortable.

Progress on the ice was aided by strapping crampons, ten pointed claws, on to boots, as walking on the glacier proper began next day. It was hot, almost unbearably so, on the ice during the first day, until a "white-out" unexpectedly clamped down. This deterioration in the weather on the ice is very dangerous, since sense of direction is easily lost and the diffused light casts no shadows, thus making all objects, including crevasses, invisible when walking. Camp was set up in this weather, since it was now late in the day.

Progress on the next two days was limited, except for half-mile "hops" in the brighter periods during the day. But, having crossed a field of dark, eerie and frightening crevasses, the top of an extinct volcano was reached, high above cloud level. A magnificent view was revealed, and though about 50 miles away, a thin wisp of smoke from Surtsey rose undaunted into the darkening sky. As night fell "Aurora Borealis" in all its splendour was unveiled as a fitting finish to the day.

The following day began by "hopping," but suddenly in the thick, clinging mist, the leader stopped—as though by intuition—only a few steps short of a dark abyss, large enough to contain a cathedral. While waiting for a break in the weather, blocks of ice were cut to keep warm and to construct a wall for shelter. As the day wore on the walls increased, till late in the day it were merely a matter of fitting a roof to complete a snug "ig-house." Despite the continually dripping roof, it was warm in this novel shelter. The weather next day was notably worse and the comfort of the newly-made house was kept. The temperature dropped: the roof stopped dripping, and a real Oates-type blizzard raged outside. Joking, cooking and singing kept up morale for three days . . . .

The fourth day, when a warm wind blew in from the sea, a strategic withdrawal was effected since the safety of snow bridges was feared for. Ropework was tested twice only, however, and nothing but frayed tempers resulted. Then . . . terra firma, at last . . . a thrilling scree slope dash down to a barn for a final



night of roughing it, and then back to England via Keflavik. The only disappointment in an exhilarating fortnight: Icelandic hostelries have no draught bitter . . . .

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CAMBRIDGE

(We are grateful to Lorna Codner for this article)

Traffic and tourists are the first things which any visitor to Cambridge will encounter on a fine day. Hundreds of bicycles in all states of disrepair, each with its identifying mark showing to which college the owner belongs, make crossing any road or entering any alleyway a perilous undertaking. The streets are medieval in width as well as architecture, so that travelling in Cambridge is always hazardous, although students are rarely allowed to keep cars.

So, one's first impression of Cambridge is not necessarily an idyllic one, although there is no doubt that Cambridge is an incredibly beautiful place. Along the river from Magdalene to Silver Street lies college after college, each with its own ancient ornamental bridge, its flowering trees and willows and its expanses of smooth lawn. Occasionally, to complete the picture, a Don appears in full academic dress and walks firmly across the forbidden grass.

Only the architecture in Cambridge is quaint and tranquil; the academic life is anything but calm, and for eight weeks of the term pressure is intense. Not only is the pressure of work itself great, as essay crisis follows essay crisis, but there are so many other things to do too—so many plays of all standards of competence to see or act in, so many concerts, films, society lectures on every kind of topic, so many people canvassing for support for their particular project, and, of course, the inevitable sport, that the choice is sometimes bewildering.

Regarding the tradition and medieval architecture, one might tend to assume that academically Cambridge lies behind other universities; it has been a common criticism that Cambridge is "only living on its name." Contrary to expectation, progressive thought, not conservatism, is the intrinsic factor in the education system. This is especially true in the Natural Science faculty, where advanced training techniques and modern equipment are combined to form the basis of an entirely new course, which provides a more modern and relevant approach to today's biology.

The old buildings in the colleges have none of the museum-like quality of stately homes. The white reinforced concrete of New Hall, reminiscent of the set of a science-fiction film, or the red Victorian Girton, are all places to live and work in. Girtonians in their splendid isolation are perhaps less fortunate than other students in that they begin each day with a three-mile bicycle ride into Cambridge, which would make all but the most hearty flinch.

For most people there is a special pattern of life. The mornings are for lectures and supervisions, and the afternoons for practicals. Formal hall is at seven, and the procedure is reminiscent of Wymondham; similarly, college food is generally bad. After hall, one pursues one's own interests or works, and the college tends to buzz with activity until at least 1 a.m. Generally, student life tends to be a mixture of extravagance and squalor—beautiful old rooms and dingy furnishings, exotic prints and cheap kettles from Woolworths go together on the same shopping list, although crumpets and paperbacks must be the articles most frequently purchased.

By the end of term, most people are exhausted, either by their busy academic or social life, and are glad to leave the town to the admiration of the tourists, while they go home to catch up on some of the sleep or reading that simply could not be fitted into the statutory fifty-nine nights of residence.

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