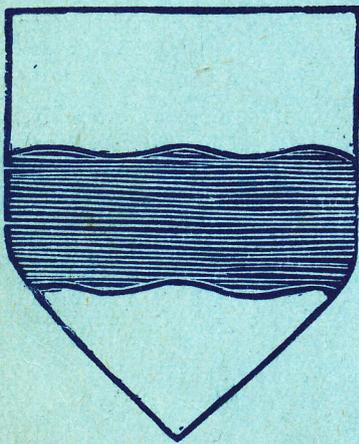


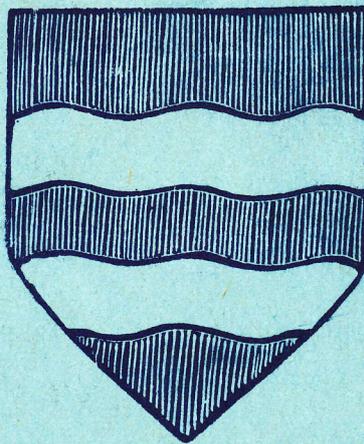
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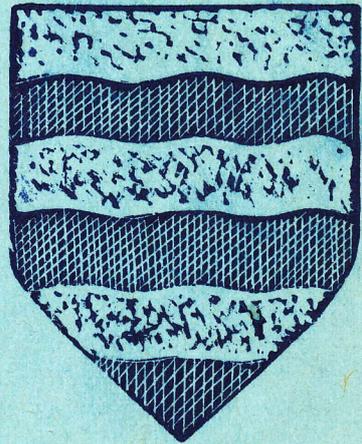
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## Editorial

This is the third Editorial that the County Grammar School Magazine has put before its readers. Looking back at its two predecessors, one notes that, as was inevitable, their theme has been experiment and development and pioneer effort. "We can justly take pride in a good job well started"—this was the concluding sentence of what our predecessors wrote in 1965.

What has the past School year to add to this? Has the development continued unchecked and are new horizons constantly opening before this young and hopeful community? Optimism is, or should be, a condition of youth: can we be optimistic about what is, or will be, happening to something which has come to mean a perhaps surprisingly great deal to many of us?

It would be nice to answer with a confident "Yes". Unhappily, we cannot, at least without qualification. Our school now has a creditable past and a lively present; we hope to have an assured future. But there does not seem at present any definite prospect of our developing as an independent entity and the plans of those who control our destinies have been made all the more uncertain by recent Government decisions. We seem to have reached the chrysalis stage but we do not know what insect, beautiful or repulsive, will emerge. We would like to have a new school, of course, but it is clearly not sensible to build one only for it to be handed over to a different authority when the Boundary Commission grinds finally to a decision. On top of this, the future of every Grammar School in the country is overshadowed by Circular 10/66 on Comprehensive schooling. We sometimes wonder whether the Government realises what that well-meaning document can imply for a section of the community which is of some importance to the nation.

We do not want this editorial to be a grumble or a tedious harping on grievances. We are not unaware of the advantages we enjoy, one of which, we hope, is this Magazine. Another is the site to which we travel daily. It is a long and a labourious journey for many of us, day after day, especially in the winter with a mound of homework before one. (There are those of us who regularly work a ten hour day, or more—when will the schoolchildren's Union take note?) But, when we are here, the site is a lovely one and the amenities in many ways admirable. We might be much less fortunate and we know that some of our contemporaries are.

But the site is not ours and the School not ours. We are here as guests and we know that the best-loved of guests can outstay their welcome. Over the future of communities such as ours everywhere in the nation at the moment there hangs a question mark. And if not to be comprehensive is to be apprehensive, then the doubt and the uncertainty and, at times, the frustration may all be more acute in our situation than in that of those who have a long-established past and traditional buildings in which to enshrine it.

## School Notes

The third issue of the first volume of the County Grammar School's annual magazine does not greatly differ in appearance and in size from the second. But the material which it contains has changed considerably. We have reduced the reports on School Societies which took up a great deal of space in the two previous magazines ; in consequence, we have been able to enlarge the Literary Section, which we have always wanted to do, and to include a new feature, Letters to the Editor.

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During 1965-66 the infant House system has grown vigorously, and separate reports on each of our three houses are printed elsewhere. Presentation shields for each department of house activities, each bearing the C.G.S. crest, now exist and will be awarded for the first time at the end of this term. We are sorry that, because the design reached us too late, we are not able to reproduce the new crest in this magazine, but it will certainly be a feature of the next.

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Essay and Verse-speaking Competitions, each with its own set of three prizes, have now become traditional and are reported elsewhere in the magazine. This year, however, we combined our own Essay Competition with a National Competition run during National Library Week and submitted the three essays which won our own competitions accompanied by illustrations drawn by Anne Cox, Snelling and Symonds. We did not win the National Competition but we congratulate those who worked hard for it.

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" Arms and the Man ", this year's School Play, was a polished and successful performance which reflected the greatest credit on the small, but very hard-worked, cast who took part in it. Audiences, however, were again rather disappointing. Perhaps some parents are deterred by the distances they must travel in December weather, and future School Plays would be better supported if held in the Easter Term.

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Parents' Days have again been held during the year and there can be no parent who has not had the opportunity, at least once during the year, to discuss his or her child's problems with the Headmaster and the Staff.

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One afternoon every term is regularly used for the showing of an educational film of note. In the Autumn Term, 1965, it was " Henry V ", Spring, 1966 " The Importance of Being Earnest ", Summer 1966 " Richard III ". Perhaps surprisingly Richard III was the most popular : Bosworth Field seems to have been a better battle than Agincourt.

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Athletic activities of all sorts have flourished. Once again, the outstanding achievements have been in the Area Sports and there are good prospects for the Quadrangular and County Sports. The Rugby XV has made great strides and is a really useful side : cricket, however, still languishes comparatively though we offer warm congratulations to Stephen Terry who has become the regular opening bowler—but for the College 1st XI, not the C.G.S.

The School Societies which used to be held in the "Hobbies' period" on Friday afternoons have had to be discontinued because of timetable pressure. This does not mean, however, that all such activities have ceased. The Sailing Club runs enthusiastically and efficiently on Saturday mornings, the Motor Club after School, the IV Form Society also after school, and the Chess Club at lunch time. All four are very much alive, and there are others, also, reported elsewhere in the magazine.

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A most successful introduction of the past year has been a series of Quiz programmes usually run as inter-House competitions after School before an audience of those who have been able to overcome the transport difficulties. Mr. Cox and Mr. Hilton, supported (and sometimes distracted) by other members of the staff, have presided skilfully over a formidable array of electrical gadgets in the provision of which the Physics department has demonstrated its technological virtuosity.

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Though school expeditions and visits have not been quite as far-reaching as in 1965, the past year has seen a school party in Paris as well as various more local trips which are commented on elsewhere in the magazine. Several more are in prospect, including a party to Switzerland.

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Almost all of the present VIth form has by now settled its future career or training. Of course, definite decisions are, in many cases, dependent on 'A' level results, but every single one of the fourteen who have constituted the Upper VIth during the past year is planning to go on either to University or to Training College and every one has a place, either provisional or definite. Over 70% of the present Vth form plans to stay on into next year's Lower VIth.

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The present Vth took one 'O' level subject at Christmas, English Language, in order to reduce the pressure in the summer. In the two Vth forms combined there were 46 candidates. 45 passed the examination, three with Grade One passes, seven with Grade Two, and ten with Grade Three. This is a really unusual achievement in an 'O' level examination and we warmly congratulate the candidates and their teachers.

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Three VIth form candidates took the 'Use of English' paper in March, for the first time in the School's history. This is a special examination taken early and some Universities insist that potential entrants must hold a pass in it. All three passed.

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The School now has its own Careers Room, and it has been the scene of much activity in the past year. The Careers Staff (Miss Norman and Mr. Cox) write as follows:—"The success of the Careers Department has from the beginning depended to a very large extent on the enthusiasm shown by the pupils of the School. In the first year Jane Jordan and Susan Basey gave unstintingly of their time to help build an ordered room with displays, easily accessible literature, and a filing system, from a mass of pamphlets and miscellaneous information. They quickly slipped into the role of secretaries and we were so impressed by their competence that we left the selection of this year's Careers Monitors to them. Their choice of Ann Huggins, Margaret Boore, and Josephine Baker has provided us with three people well able to keep up the standards they have set. This enthusiastic nucleus has given a lead to the whole School".

News of the staff since the publication of the last magazine has included the following:—Miss Aitken, who teaches Religious Knowledge, was married to Mr. A. W. Anderson, brother of the Wymondham College Head of the Religious Education Department. We congratulate her warmly and are very glad that she is still with us as a teacher. Mrs. Forshaw, who taught Biology in the School, left us when her husband was transferred to another part of the country and her place was taken by Mr. R. Reynolds. We also welcomed Miss Trim to teach Physics in place of Mr. Doughty who had transferred to the College staff on his appointment as Housemaster. Miss Rosemary Jackson took over the Physical Education of the girls from Miss McKenzie, who also joined the College staff. Miss Jacqueline Parkinson left the Art Department to go overseas to live in Nairobi and her place was taken by Mr. D. Lewis.

Sadly, we also have to record a rather large number of impending departures at the end of the present term. These are:—Mr. Cox, who has been appointed to the staff of the City of Norwich School: Miss Peterkin, who is going to teach overseas: Mrs. Preece, who is leaving us for Bristol on her husband's transfer to the University staff there: Mr. Reynolds, who is getting married and going to work in St. Albans: Miss Trim, who is getting married to Mr. Lawson of the Wymondham College staff and will be teaching part-time on the College staff in future: and Mr. Warner, who has been appointed Warden of Eversley College Folkestone. It will be hard to replace them all and we feel that we are losing a large part of those who have grown up with us and with whom we have grown up.

Once again we should like to thank all contributors to the magazine whether or not, in an agony of decision, we have been able to print their work; those who have helped with typing, especially Mrs. Banham and Miss Jackson, or with the dreary labour of collecting and verifying information, especially Miss Warne, who has attempted the herculean task of keeping in touch with leavers; Mr. Banham who, as usual, has helped in every practical way and read all the proofs for us to check our errors; and the Headmaster, without whose financial support the whole project of this magazine would be an impossibility.

### Obituary

With deep regret we record the death of David Barber, pupil of the School in Form IVG. He died, as the result of an illness, on February 22nd, 1966. We offer our deep sympathies to his parents and his many friends.

## School Appointments

Head Boy.	Autumn Term, 1965.	Antony Balding
	Spring Term, 1966.	Kenneth Brown
	Summer Term, 1966.	Michael Nunn
Head Girl.	1965-1966.	Miranda Carrick
House Captains.	Bure.	Paul Barker. Mary Schofield.
	Yare.	Michael Nunn. Miranda Carrick.
	Wensum.	Antony Balding. Primrose Bristow.
Full School Prefects.	Balding.	Primrose Bristow.
	Brown.	Miranda Carrick.
	Nunn.	Carol Hinchliff
	Smith A. J.	Julie Howard.
		Diane Robinson.
	Mary Schofield.	

Sub-Prefects. Wendy Leamon.  
 Gwynneth Smith.  
 Lesley Woods  
 (Lower VIth). Dorothy Cameron. Boore.  
 Anne Cox. Freeman.  
 Matthews.  
 Woollam.

## School Prizes

The following prizes were awarded in the School for the year ending July, 1965.

### FORM PRIZES

1.F.	Michael Boast	1.G.	Richard Pilch
2.F.	Elizabeth Palmer	2.G.	Senga Taylor
3.F.	Roy Hinchliff	3.G.	Reginald Breeze
4.F.	Alan Smalls	3.H.	Anne Cushing
4.G.	Neville Howes		

G.C.E. Prize—Helen Sapsworth  
 Senior Essay Prize—Anita Baines  
 Intermediate Essay Prize—Joanna Rouse  
 Junior Essay Prize—Senga Taylor  
 Senior Verse-speaking Prize—Helen Sapsworth  
 Intermediate Verse-speaking Prize—James Baxter  
 Junior Verse-speaking Prize—Valerie Dye

We print below two lists of 'Ordinary' level successes in the General Certificate of Education. 'Advanced' level examinations are being taken this summer for the first time in the school's history but the results are, of course, not yet available.

### GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ORDINARY LEVEL SUMMER, 1965

ANDREWS, Jane—History, Biology.  
 BAINES, Anita—English Literature, Geography.  
 BARKER, Paul—History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Art.  
 BILSLAND, Ian—French, Mathematics, Physics.  
 BOORE, Trevor—History, French, Mathematics.  
 BRYANT, Barry—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics.  
 CAMERON, Dorothy—English Literature, History, Mathematics, Biology.  
 CARRICK, Miranda—English Literature, Art.  
 CHINA, Daniel—Bible Knowledge, History, Geography, Mathematics, General Science, Art.  
 COLEMAN, Stephen—English Language, History, Mathematics, General Science, Woodwork  
 COX, Anne—English Language, Bible Knowledge, History.  
 DAINES, Brenda—English Language.  
 DUFFIELD, Edith—English Language, Bible Knowledge, History.  
 FIDDY, Steven—English Language, Geography, General Science, Art.

FREEMAN, Jeremy—English Language, History, Geography, French, General Science, Woodwork.  
 FROST, Michael—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 GARROD, Elizabeth—English Language, Bible Knowledge, History, Art.  
 HARDEN, Robert—French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 HARRISON, Susan—English Literature, History, Geography, French.  
 HARROLD, Katharine—Geography, Biology.  
 HILDER, Jennifer—History, Mathematics.  
 HOUSEAGO, Brian—English Language, History, Geography, French, Mathematics  
 HOWARD, Lorain—French.  
 JERMY, Margaret—French, Mathematics, Biology, Art.  
 LEAMON, Wendy—English Literature.  
 MANSELL, Susan—English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 MATTHEWS, Philip—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Biology.  
 NUNN, John—English Literature.  
 ROUSE, Joanna—English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 SAPSWORTH, Helen—English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 SAVILL, John—English Literature, History, French, Mathematics, Chemistry.  
 SHERMAN, Neville—English Language, History, Mathematics.  
 STOKES, Vivien—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.  
 THURTELL, John—English Language, Woodwork.  
 TURNER, Pauline—English Literature, History, French, Chemistry.  
 WEBSTER, Philip—English Literature, History, Geography, Latin, French, Mathematics.  
 WERRY, Christopher—English Language, French, Chemistry.  
 WILCOCK, Susan—Art.  
 WILKINSON, Linda—English Literature, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry  
 WOODHOUSE, Colin—English Language, History, General Science, Woodwork.  
 WOODS, Lesley—Geography.  
 WOOLLAM, Alan—English Literature, History, Geography, Biology, Art.

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ATTREE, Diane—English Language  
 BASEY, Susan E.—English Language  
 BEASLEY, Richard D.—English Language  
 BENNETT, David J.—English Language  
 BILLINGTON, Angela—English Language  
 BOVINGDON, Beryl I.—English Language  
 BURROWS, Malcolm A.—English Language  
 CAMERON, Dorothy—French, Physics  
 CHINA, Daniel A.—English Language  
 COATES, Judith—English Language  
 DACK, June A.—English Language  
 DOUBLEDAY, Peggy M.—English Language  
 FRAZER, Stephen—English Language  
 GARFOOT, John A.—English Language, Mathematics  
 GARROD, Elizabeth J.—Geography  
 GENT, Kathleen B.—English Language  
 GOUGH, Eric E.—English Language

GOULD, Michael W.—English Language  
 GRIFFITHS, James—English Language  
 HAYLETT, Michael G.—English Language  
 HOLDEN, Paula J.—English Language  
 HOLLAND, Delma—English Language  
 HOWARD, Lorain J.—Mathematics  
 HOWES, Nigel J.—English Language  
 JORDAN, Janie K.—English Language  
 KIRCHEN, Joan—English Language  
 LIVICK, Diane C.—English Language  
 MATTHEWS, Philip G.—Chemistry  
 McGEE, Graham R.—English Language  
 NAYLOR, June R.—English Language  
 NEVILLE, David A.—English Language  
 NEWING, Rodney J.—English Language  
 NIXON, Brian J.—English Language  
 PALMER, Christopher J.—English Language  
 PARSONS, Neil—English Language  
 PERRY, Edmund G.—English Language  
 SAUNDERS, Linda A.—English Language  
 SAVILL, John A.—Geography, Latin  
 SMALLS, Alan D.—English Language  
 SMITH, Lionel K.—English Language  
 SMITH, Shirley J.—English Language  
 SPARKES, Elizabeth R. M.—English Language  
 SPRINGALL, Robin C.—English Language  
 TERRY, Stephen C.—English Language  
 THIRKETTLE, John N.—English Language  
 TURNER, Roger C.—English Language  
 URBANIAK-HEDLEY, Kazimiera J.—English Language  
 WARNER, Patrick J.—English Language  
 WHITTAKER, Janet A.—English Language  
 WILKINS, Joyce M.—English Language  
 WOODS, Lesley Y.—Mathematics  
 WORMAN, Jill M.—English Language  
 WOOLTORTON, John E. P.—English Language  
 WYETT, Susan A.—English Language

## School Leavers

The following have left the school since the publication of the last magazine.  
 We wish them all success :—

Jane Andrews  
 Saman Asif  
 Anita Baines  
 Brenda Daines  
 Edith Duffield  
 Christine Dutch

Colin Baird  
 Ian Bilsland  
 Stephen Coleman  
 Richard Davison  
 Brian Houseago  
 Neville Sherman

Susan Harrison  
Katherine Harrold  
Christine Hemming  
Alison Hewitt  
Jennifer Hilder  
Margaret Jermy  
Susan Mansell  
Joanna Rouse  
Pauline Turner  
Susan Wilcock  
Linda Wilkinson  
Vivien Worrall

John Thurtell  
Colin Woodhouse

## **Old Students' Association**

Last July saw the first anniversary of the Society, the event being marked by a reunion at Wymondham held jointly with the present Vth and VIth formers. The programme included tennis and basketball against the school followed by an informal dance in the Recreation Room.

The increased membership in September encouraged us to put the Association on a firmer footing by the introduction of a termly subscription. Larger numbers have also meant an added administrative problem. In order to cope with this a Committee of five members has been elected. It is hoped that all members will support them in their endeavours to find a more satisfactory meeting place and to widen the activities of the Society.

There have been four meetings during the year, a group also visiting the School Play. One valiant soul also braved the elements on Sports Day — as a spectator, we hasten to add. Plans are well in hand for a second reunion at Wymondham in July.

Old students' examination successes at 'O' level include :—

Roy Bargewell and David Goode—English Language  
John Child and Pauline Turner—Mathematics  
Vivien Worrall—French

In addition, three old students have completed their secretarial training and Julie Worman is now working for the Norfolk Education Committee in the department of education for the deaf, Susan Gifford for the County Council and Christine Ong at the University of East Anglia. Finally, our best wishes go to Steven Fiddy who is at the Norwich School of Art studying for 'A' levels.

## **Bure House**

This is the first complete year of the new House system. We feel it has worked very well and there has definitely been a spirit of increased competition and enthusiasm.

Bure House is run by two Captains and two Vice-captains and we also have representatives from the first and second, third and fourth, and fifth forms. These representatives have been very efficient in their jobs and have helped in the smooth running of the House.

As far as the girls' sports are concerned, we have not done so well this year. In the hockey and the netball matches we hoped to do better but our failure was not due to lack of enthusiasm. Congratulations go to Dorothy Cameron and

Sandra Beckett for their performances in the Senior netball team. We only achieved second place, but it was a very close thing. The girls came top of the athletics standards but unfortunately the boys did not, so that our overall position was not very good and this put us back a lot on Sports Day. However, quite a number of people did extremely well on Sports Day. Dorothy Cameron, the Sports Captain, entered four events and won them all. Doris Hughes also did well in her events, achieving firsts and seconds. Heather Ireland and Beverley Wade are also very worthy of mention.

The boys' sporting activities were, on the whole, more successful than the girls'. The Rugby Team came second and played extremely well despite several injuries. In the Cross Country the Senior Team came second and special congratulations go to Terry who came first with a faster time than the College winner of the previous day over the same course. Werry and Webster, who came third and fourth respectively, also deserve mention. The Junior team came first and all ran well, especially the first and second formers. Although Sports Day itself was disappointing several boys did well, especially Turner who had only just recovered from a broken collar-bone. The 1965 Cricket team came second and put up a good performance which we hope will be bettered this year. In last year's Swimming match we came first equal with Yare.

The House has excelled itself in various other inter-house activities. In the two fifth and sixth form quizzes we obtained first and second places respectively. Special congratulations go to Wendy Leamon, Julie Howard and A. J. Smith for their splendid efforts. Quite a number of points were gained, also, by entries in the Essay Competitions. Catherine White won the Junior Competition and receives our special congratulations. M. J. Humphrey designed the County Grammar School Christmas Card and Penny Turner won the Intermediate Verse-speaking Competition.

As far as work is concerned we have done reasonably well and in fact we came first in the Autumn Term. Our detentions have also decreased throughout the year, which is most pleasing. Congratulations go to Beryl Bovingdon, Susan Walton and R. Hill who have achieved a great number of work points. However, we still feel that more people should be helping with these points. We seem to rely on the same people each time so that we hope there will be a great improvement next year.

Next year's Captains, by unanimous election, will be Dorothy Cameron and Trevor Boore; their deputies will be appointed later.

It only remains now to thank the house masters and mistresses, Miss Norman, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Peterkin, Mr. Stone and Mr. Reynolds for their unfailing help and the tremendous enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year.

Mary Schofield,  
Paul Barker, Captains.

Julie Howard,  
Trevor Boore, Vice-captains.

## **Wensum House**

Over the past two years the County Grammar School has seen a great development in the enthusiasm for, and the importance of the House system. This year Wensum House has seen some good results in all spheres of a wide-ranging competition.

In general, we have had a very successful year in sporting activities. Both the Senior and the Junior Hockey were won and both teams played with real enthusiasm. We should like to congratulate them both with an especial mention

of Janette Roper as the outstanding player. We were also pleased to see the Junior Netball team win their competition.

The boys were unfortunate in not retaining their Rugby supremacy of the previous two years: they valiantly lost two fine games in which the whole team played with real effort. In Cross County running, however, we took first place in the Senior and second in the Junior event. Fine performances came from Freeman and Atkins in the senior run and from Walton and Marrable in the Junior.

The Athletics season was another success for Wensum. We won the Athletics Match whose result turned on the very last event the senior boys' Relay Race. Our success was due to a combined and determined effort by both boys and girls and we should like to thank both competitors and spectators for their enthusiasm.

The first inter-House quizzes were held this year. They were popular and they proved to be exciting. From our point of view they were not astonishingly successful but we hope to do better next year. The important point about this sort of activity is that it gives the non-athletic members of the house something to aspire to.

Wensum had a good entry for the verse-speaking competition with a win in the Senior section by Elizabeth Garrod. Many members have contributed to their house by earning points for work and loyalty and we should like to thank them: however we have never held a very good position in house points for this side of the competition and this will be one thing to work for in future.

We should like to thank our House Captains, Primrose Bristow and Antony Balding, for their work during the past year. To them and all others leaving from the Vth and VIth forms we send our good wishes.

At the end of this year Mrs. Preece and Mr. Cox will be leaving the School. We should like to thank them both, on behalf of the whole house, not only for their work in the house but for all they have done for the school. All our good wishes go to them for all happiness and success in the future.

## Yare House

This year has seen the new house system work extremely well. It has meant that everyone in the house can play an active part whether it be in sport or work.

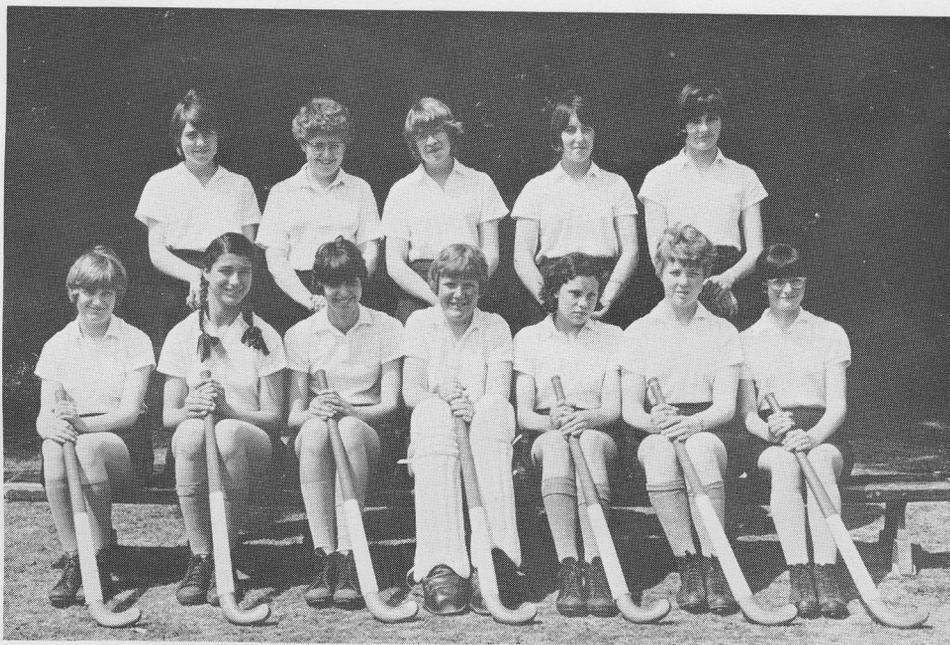
Last September Miranda Carrick and Kenneth Brown were elected House Captains and Diane Robinson and Michael Nunn as their deputies. Unfortunately, Brown left us at Easter and Nunn was rightfully appointed in his place. The whole house would like to thank these four members for the excellent work they have done. Thanks also go to House representatives who have religiously gathered points from the members of their age groups—not the most pleasant of jobs but vitally important.

Yare has done very well this year in both work and sport. The boys won both Rugby House Matches. The game against Bure was harder than we expected, though we managed to beat them, but our match against Wensum was really a battle of wits and it was only after a tremendous fight that we won. Everyone in the team made a fine effort and outstanding players in the two matches were Brown, Nunn, Haylett, Nixon and Devlin.

Not to be outdone by the boys' good wins the girls did very well in the netball matches. Both the juniors and the seniors won their games, Mandy Carrick and Diane Attree particularly distinguished themselves. In the hockey we came



*The School's first full Prefects.*



*Under 14 Hockey Team.*



*"Arms and the Man" Act I*



*Act II*

second to Wensum after beating Bure: our game with Wensum itself was drawn but Wensum were declared winners on goal average.

Next came a shattering defeat in the Cross Country in which we came last in both senior and junior runs. Nevertheless, there was quite a good house effort, especially by Claxton, Bage and Wooltorton. We soon made up for our loss and (dare I say it ?) wounded pride by doing particularly well in the Essay Competition. Diane Robinson won the Senior Competition and R. Hinchcliff the Intermediate. R. Neave was commended and a total of 16 points was won between them. Well done, also, the other 29 who entered !

Our next win came in the Senior House Quiz, devised by Mr. Cox (Wensum). The house was able to use the ' fiendish box of tricks '—that's what Mr. Cox called it—made by Matthews and Bryant (Wensum ). I hasten to add that this relay box was not rigged in either Wensum's or Yare's favour. We won after at one stage trailing by 100 marks. Here our thanks go to Brown who won 150 marks in the space of 10 minutes and put us 50 in the lead. For this success we gained 20 House points.

In the athletics we came second to Wensum who beat us by 1 point. Good efforts were made by all who entered, especially Haylett, Smith A., Nunn and Claxton among the boys and Rosalind Clarke, Sheena Bray and Miranda Carrick among the girls.

Valerie Dye won the junior section of the Verse-speaking competition, for the second successive year, for us. Congratulations to all who were brave enough to enter. The cricket and the tennis have not yet been played but we hope to do well. For the past three years Yare have been undefeated in the Swimming gala, though last year we tied with Bure. This time we hope to produce another convincing win over the other houses.

Commendable efforts have been made by the following boys and girls in work and loyalty: M. Smith, R. Hinchcliff, S. Elliot-Hunter, Claxton, Metcalfe, Bradstreet, Diane Attree, Rosemary Warner, Rosalind Clarke, Anne Dawson, Diane King and Sharon Shelley. Very few members of the house have been put into detention this year. This has meant that we were able to win the work and loyalty shields in both the Autumn and Spring terms.

As can be seen from this report, Yare has done extremely well. We have won the Rugby, the netball, two sections of the Essay Competition, the Senior House Quiz and the work and loyalty trophies for two terms. We have also come second in the Athletics and the Hockey. We could not have achieved this without the joint effort of the whole house nor without the help of the staff, especially Mr. Hilton to whom we should like to express our gratitude through the pages of this magazine.

## **School Activities**

### **The School Play**

The County Grammar School presented " Arms and the Man " by George Bernard Shaw on Tuesday, December 14th and Wednesday December 15th, 1965 in Tomlinson Hall, Wymondham College. Those who took part were as follows :-

Raina	...	...	...	...	Helen Sapsworth
Catherine	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Garrod
Louka	...	...	...	...	Anne Cox
Bluntschli	...	...	...	...	James Baxter
A Russian Officer	...	...	...	...	Philip Matthews
Nikola	...	...	...	...	John Savill

Petkoff	...	...	...	Edmund Perry
Sergius	...	...	...	Patrick Warner
The Chief Understudy	...	...	...	Alan Smith
The Prompter	...	...	...	Miranda Carrick
Curtain Maids	...	...	...	Clare Banham, Rosemary Warner
The Stage Technicians	...	...	...	Anthony Balding, John Nunn, Trevor Boore, Daniel China
The Stage Painters	...	...	...	Alan Woollam, Lionel Smith, Primrose Bristow, Lesley Woods and many other members of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth forms
The Chief Ushers	...	...	...	Wendy Leamon, Kenneth Brown
The following members of staff were especially associated with the production :				
The Wardrobe Mistresses	...	...	...	Miss Susan Warne, Miss Janice Norman
The Make-up Artist	...	...	...	Mrs. Sheila Preece
The Chief Painter and Designer	...	...	...	Miss Jacqueline Parkinson
The Business Manager	...	...	...	Mr. H. A. Stone
The Chief Carpenter	...	...	...	Mr. R. E. Herrington
The Stage Manager	...	...	...	Mr. P. R. Banham
The Assistant Producer	...	...	...	Mrs. Esther Cooke
The Producer	...	...	...	Mr. G. P. Warner

The audiences on both nights were entertained to coffee and refreshments by the Headmaster and Governors after the conclusion of the play.

The review of the production which follows was written for us, for the second year, by Mr. C. C. H. Worrall, to whom we are very grateful.

### “ ARMS AND THE MAN ”

On a dirty November night I was visiting Admin at about 5.45. It was dark, wet and windy, no time to be hanging about ; yet the group of boys and girls that I passed was gay and talkative. They were seminal actors and actresses, would-be Thespians, waiting after a rehearsal with Mr. Warner for the bus that would deposit them eventually somewhere near their homes. After they arrived there they had the prospect of three preps to slog at before they could call it a day, and as I walked on, turning coat-collar against the blast, I wished them luck, reckoning they deserved a really successful production, and all the fun, excitement and sense of achievement this would mean.

How pleasant it is to be able to record, about three weeks later, that their performance gave great enjoyment to their audiences, that it was of a high standard, and that it must have seemed worth every minute of the hard work put into it. One of the most notable things about the production as I saw it was the pleasure evidently derived by the players from their acting. I do not mean that they appeared complacent or self-satisfied, but that once the play was properly launched their own pleasure in being on the stage was subtly conveyed to the audience and enhanced their appreciation also. This, I am sure, was promoted by the thorough attention that had been paid to minor details—the antlered head on the wall, for instance—by the excellence of the scenery designed by Miss Parkinson, the good standard of make-up, and the colourful stylish costumes.

One of the challenging aspects of this play is that although it has only eight characters, seven of them have some weight, only the Russian officer being insignificant. In this part Philip Matthews did all that was required of him—he made his point and departed. Edmund Perry as Petkoff used a fruity voice, a

drooping moustache and a military presence to give the right impression of pompous mediocrity—all very nicely done—and the Sergius of Patrick Warner brought out the contradictions of the character with a capital sense of timing. John Savill was a clear-spoken Nikola, though perhaps not quite servile enough before his superiors.

The Raina of Helen Sapsworth was not entirely convincing, but it is very difficult for a young actress to convey the gushing romanticism of this Edwardian mixture of schemer and idealist. Her diction was clear and her movement graceful. Elizabeth Garrod as Catherine, Raina's mother, was diminutive and rather youthful-looking for the part, but she demonstrated a pleasing stage personality, lively expression and a clear voice, all of which she employed effectively in her manipulation of daughter, prospective sons-in-law, and husband. But I think the main honours were shared by Anne Cox as Louka and James Baxter as Bluntschli. The latter tended to throw away some of his lines as a result of his somewhat off-beat interpretation of the character, but this was compensated by his keen appreciation of the really important ones. Anne Cox has the makings of an accomplished actress, for she feels her part, puts real energy into it, and uses her voice and powers of facial expression with genuine effect. When she was on the stage there was urgency in the playing.

Mr. Warner is to be congratulated on mastering the limitations of the Tomlinson Hall stage. Even with the awkward business of drawing the curtains he acted on the principle of "if you're stuck with it, make something of it", and the two charmingly dressed juniors added a pleasant touch to the evening. Another small but important point in this play—the off-stage noises were realistic.

Having written a review of your play last year, I feel qualified to make comparisons, and have no hesitation in saying that there has been a distinct advance to a standard fully comparable with other school productions in Norfolk. All concerned with the play deserve great commendation.

C.C.H.W.

One of the photographs of the School Play published in this magazine shows the cast standing as for a curtain call and the backstage boys (and girl) sitting along the stage in front of them. The producer would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the work of these often unsung heroes.

Mr. Worrall, in his review, comments on the effectiveness of the 'noises off' and sound effects. Such a result can never be achieved without a very great deal of co-ordinated hard work. To dim lighting effectively so that it coincides with the blowing out of a candle on stage or to arrange that tape-recorded revolver shots do not burst out that thirty seconds too late (or, worse, too early) which can ruin a whole scene, is no light task. In addition, the scenery and props of 'Arms and the Man' were quite complicated and involved two extensive changes which both had to be carried out to time. And anyone at all well acquainted with the Tomlinson Hall stage will know that it provides little margin for error.

All this was undertaken by a VIth form team who organised much of it entirely themselves. I am only sorry that Balding, who controlled the lighting, could not be present for the photograph because he was away at a University interview on the day on which it was taken. But Brown, who was in charge of props and scene changes, Nunn, who looked after sound effects (and whose own tape recorder provided a lot of them), and Mandy Carrick who prompted—when required, which was seldom—with just the right degree of audibility, were all there. I cannot pay them a higher compliment than to say that, for the first time in my life when producing a play, I sat in the audience and watched it, leaving it all to them. When, in the intervals, I went backstage, it was only to find that I was in the way.

G. P. Warner

### Essay Competition, 1966

The School Essay Competition was held during the Spring term of this year. It was divided into three groups, Junior (the 1st and 2nd forms), Intermediate (the 3rd and 4th forms), and Senior (the 5th and 6th forms). A prize was awarded in each group.

The subject set was the same for all levels—"The Use and Value of Books". It was dictated by the requirements of a national competition organised during National Library Week, for which the three winning entries were submitted.

We are not this year, as in previous years, printing the prize-winning entries owing to their inevitable similarity. But we congratulate not only the prizewinners but also the many entrants who had obviously tried very hard, especially in the Junior Competition.

This year's winners were :—

Senior :	Diane Robinson
Commended :	T. Boore
Intermediate :	R. Hinchliff
Commended :	B. Atkins
	M. Humphrey
	J. Mansfield
Junior :	Catherine White
Commended :	R. Neave
	Pat Barlow
	Julia Sturman

### Verse-speaking Competition, 1966

With the same groups as in the Essay Competition, what was required of entrants for the verse-speaking prizes this year was first a piece of unseen reading (the same piece for each member of a group, the other contestants being carefully kept in the wings), second, the recital of a short poem of the competitor's choice, and third, a short unprepared speech at fifteen seconds' notice, on a given topic. The last item has in previous years only been set to the Seniors but was this time included for all groups. It was handled with quite remarkable competence by many of the juniors and 'intermediates' as well as by the seniors. There are, perhaps, few greater nervous ordeals (the audience was at least 200 strong) and many future politicians emerged from it with very great credit.

Senior Competition : Winner : Elizabeth Garrod

Intermediate Competition : Winner : Penny Turner

Junior Competition : Winner : Valerie Dye

Our thanks are due to Mr. Garrard, Head of the English Department of Wymondham College, for undertaking the arduous task of judging. He spoke most generously of the overall standard.

### The Motor Club

On Thursday evenings, from 4 to 6 p.m., during the past year, various members of the fourth forms have been engaged in work with cars and motor cycles. The purpose of this work is to provide benefit when we are older and can legally own vehicles.

The club was at first split into two groups, a 2 stroke and a 4 stroke section. The four stroke section obtained an almost unique B.S.A. 600 c.c. side valve single. The 2 stroke section bought an old unfunctional Villiers 123 c.c. engined James, which we unbelievably got to start—just!

At the end of the first term we visited the Ford Works at Dagenham. Mr. Cox drove us there in the School Bedford Minibus. The visit was very interesting. On the way round the factory the guide accidentally let us stumble across the new secret Zephyr-Zodiac range of cars, brought out to the public last month.

Next term both sections of the club merged and bought a 1948 Standard 14. Later this was replaced by a Morris 8 Series 'E', but, on finding this rather small for eleven people to work on, the club again split into a car section, which had the Morris, and a motor-cycle section, which obtained an old 350 c.c. Matchless, which we are still working on.

All the members of the club express their thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for the excellent facilities and to Mr. Cox for his invaluable help and supervision.

### **The Sailing Club**

Commodores : Mr. Cox and Mr. Stone.

Hon. Secretary and President : J. J. Freeman.

Hon. Treasurer : P. J. Warner.

The Sailing Club is once again flourishing after the winter lay off. Sailing takes place on Saturday mornings at Buckenham Ferry. Mr. Doughty has been forced to leave the club by his obligations as a Housemaster but his place has been taken by Mr. Stone.

The Club had not been wholly inactive during the winter ; the Wymondham College Bittern was revarnished and prepared for the year's sailing by a number of senior members during the dinner hours and after school on Thursdays.

The School was well represented both in numbers and ability at the N.E.C. Intermediate Sailing Course at Acle—six club members attended. A number of younger members took part in a corresponding course for beginners at Martham. This year two of our members have applied for places on the advanced racing course at Filby Broad.

The year has been a very exciting and instructional one as far as sailing is concerned and the club would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Cox and Mr. Stone for the enthusiasm that they have instilled into it.

### **Soc. 4**

The fourth form society, known as Soc. 4, has been a most successful activity. It was started as an experiment and several meetings have been held during the past two terms. The Committee consists of B. Atkins (Chairman), Susan Walton (Vice-Chairman), Susan Grady (Treasurer), P. Knapp (Assistant Treasurer), Juliet Lofty (Secretary), G. Wilson (Assistant Secretary), Ann Cushing, R. Fiddy and M. Devlin.

Around twenty people attended each meeting but this number rose to around fifty when the Society held an inter-house Quiz. Wensum were the winners, due mainly to B. Atkins. Another meeting took the form of a discussion about religion but by far the most interesting one was a talk on Ethiopia, given by Mr. Warner. His talk was illustrated by some vivid colour slides which added a great deal of interest.

It is not the purpose of this society to meet regularly every week but to supply activity, three or four times each term, in an effort to add interest to school life. The Committee feels that this aim has been achieved and many ideas have been put forward for future meetings.

Our sincere thanks must be given to Mr. Hilton for his help and support in starting this venture. We hope that as this society progresses it will prove to be of real value to its members

### **Girls' Sixth Form Society**

Early this year the idea of having a Girls' Sixth Form Society was suggested to us by Miss Norman. It was proposed that we should invite some speakers to come and talk to us on various topics, and that we should entertain them afterwards with some light refreshment.

Our first guest was Mr. Anderson, who gave us a most enlightening talk on Oriental religions. Afterwards we had a short question time. We have also had Miss Watts, the Careers Advisory Officer, to talk to us on her rather amusing experiences with and impressions of French people.

In the near future we hope to have an Avon beauty representative to give us some advice and tips on make-up and skin care. We intend inviting the College VI form girls to this as well. Unfortunately, this will be the last meeting for us, but we hope that future Sixth forms will support the society and enjoy it as much as we have done.

Our thanks go to both speakers and to Miss Norman, without whom we should not have started the society.

### **The Squash Club**

Seven of the Lower Sixth formers have been fortunate enough to form a Squash Club. We play every lunch hour and at the present time a tournament is taking place to find the best player.

The game is played in a small court with a flush-fitting door. The object is to hit the ball, made of soft rubber, against the front wall with racquets which are a little smaller than Badminton racquets. The ball can bounce on the floor once before it is returned or it can be volleyed. The ball can also be played onto the side walls but during the course of its travel it must hit the front wall. These basically are the rudiments of the game, which is extremely enjoyable.

Squash is hard on the feet and thirty minutes has been found to be more than enough. It is very skilful and a good way of getting fit quickly, for which its only rival is one of Mr. Marney's "sweat periods".

The people who attempt to play this game are Barker, Bryant, China, Freeman, Glazebrook, Matthews and Woollam. Our thanks go to Mr. Norton who introduced us to the game and to Mr. Little who has enthusiastically watched, coached and played us.

### **The Traditional First Form Outing to Blakeney Point**

Excited, and wondering what we were going to see, we waited for the bus at various picking up points around Norwich. On the journey we had the company of a small friendly dog brought along by Mr. Hilton's fiancé. He enjoyed himself immensely trotting backwards and forwards along the bus having much fuss made of him. The day of the first form expedition had arrived.

Our first stop was at the little market town of Aylsham; from there we went to Sidestrand, where we walked down to the sea-front to look at the beach and cliffs. We found it fairly breezy and were thankful we were suitably dressed. To Weybourne next, where we walked across the shingle beach while Mr. Hilton drew our attention to the different types of cliffs and the way in which the sea was slowly wearing them away. A stone-throwing competition developed to see who could make the biggest splash.

Now we were not very far from our destination, Blakeney Point. We changed into our rubber boots—except the one who had forgotten hers—in order to cross the intervening salt marsh. An eager start was soon curbed by a terribly slippery surface. Laughter greeted Hollywood's collision with the mud, a misfortune most of us luckily did not share.

The marsh was divided by salt channels, crossed by means of wooden planks. The only visible life on the beach was a few seabirds : marsh grass, reeds, and water weeds completed the picture.

Boats waited to take us over the narrow channel of water that separated Blakeney Point from the marsh. The muddy water, although calm, looked uninviting. We found the point lonely and desolate, no trees, just wild vegetation. There were many sand dunes and we spent an exhausting hour climbing them.

Tired and thirsty as we were, the promise of a café marked on Elliot-Hunter's map seemed most inviting. A long walk, a bigger thirst—CLOSED.

On the way back the rising tide enabled the boats to take us almost to the bus, thus saving our less willing legs the walk across the marsh. We journeyed home happy and hungry. Our thanks to Mr. Hilton for a thoroughly enjoyable day.

### **Norwich Geographical Association**

This year saw an increase in the number of 5th and 6th formers from the County Grammar School who attended the Geographical meetings in the Assembly House. There were seven meetings in all with subjects ranging from the Inland Waterways of England to the various geographical contrasts which can be found in California.

It was pleasing to note that at the Annual General Meeting of the Association Mr. Hilton was elected Meetings' Secretary for the year 1966-67.

### **The Senior Theatre Party**

We have had several opportunities this year to see various plays performed at the Maddermarket Theatre in Norwich, but unlike those of previous years, these visits have comprised members of the Lower and Upper Sixth and also a few past pupils.

The plays we went to see were "St. Joan", "The Entertainer", "Henry V", "Next Time I'll Sing to you", "An Italian Straw Hat" and "Antony and Cleopatra".

Although they were all very well acted and well worth seeing, the best liked plays seemed to be "Henry V", Shakespeare's famous history, and "An Italian Straw Hat", a comedy by Eugène Labiche which produced an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

On behalf of the Sixth Form I would like to say how much we have appreciated these visits to the Maddermarket and hope they will be welcomed with the same enthusiasm in the future.

### **Vth Form Theatre Trips**

During the past year some members of the Vth form have had an opportunity to go to the Maddermarket Theatre to see various plays. Because of homework it was not possible to see all the plays that were put on but those plays we did see most people enjoyed. It made a pleasant change to see plays acted on the stage as opposed to the television screen.

The first play we saw was Molière's "A School for Wives". This was an

hilariously funny comedy which we all enjoyed immensely. Later on in the year those pupils who take English Literature went to see Shaw's "St. Joan", which was one of the plays on the syllabus. It was a great advantage to see the play acted, even though the enjoyment of it was lessened by knowing what was going to come next!

On behalf of those who saw these plays I should like to thank Miss Norman and Mrs. Cooke who organised these visits so well.

### **Field Study in Northern Ireland**

During the Easter holidays Wymondham College organised a geographical field study expedition to Londonderry in Northern Ireland. As the County Grammar School VIth form works with the College, Advanced level Geography students in the C.G.S. joined the party, which stayed at Magee University College. Londonderry is the second city of Northern Ireland and was of importance even when Belfast, the capital, was still a village. The trip lasted a week and nearly every day was spent touring a different part of the region. Two of our trips involved crossing the border into the Irish Republic but we returned without falling victims to the I.R.A. While in N. Ireland we visited several famous places including the Giant's Causeway.

One day of the trip was set aside for the students to carry out their own individual study of the town of Londonderry (called Derry by the local inhabitants). Much valuable information was gained from this field study and from such information various maps have been made, including one having such details as the industries, development and commerce of Londonderry.

The work done by the students on this expedition will be on show at the British Association Exhibition at Norwich City College in the middle of July.

### **Visit to Wembley—1966**

On Saturday, March 12th, a party of girls went with the College to watch the International Hockey match between England and West Germany at Wembley.

We arrived at 12.15 p.m. and as play did not start until 3.0 p.m. we took our lunch into the stadium and ate it there. The stadium soon filled up and the community singing began at 2.30 p.m.

After this, the players came out and following both National Anthems, play began. It was an interesting game and although Germany were better in mid-field they did not have the accuracy near the goal nor did they take advantage of several chances they had to score. The final score was 2 goals to nil to England.

With the match over, everybody drifted back to the coach and we got off to a quick start home as nobody was lost this year, unlike the previous year.

We arrived back at the college at 9 p.m. and from here made our respective ways home.

The visit was enjoyed by all and we thank Miss Jackson and Miss Mackenzie for arranging the trip.

# *School Games*

## **Athletics**

### **Foreword.**

It is often the case that a school becomes acknowledged in an area through its sporting activities. There are at present some very fine athletes in the County Grammar School. These pupils deserve special credit for their contribution in enhancing the name and reputation of a school fighting hard for recognition within Norfolk.

It is, however, to the detriment of the School that this responsibility should be shouldered by a certain minority of the senior school. I am deeply disappointed that there are so few willing to take an active interest in School Games. One does not become a good athlete overnight—one has to be dedicated. It takes hours of patient, concentrated, rigorous training to develop the physical strength and consummate the skill needed for a particular sport or event. Unless one begins early one cannot hope to achieve this. Therefore, it is essential that the junior school be able to provide the nucleus around which the future athletic talent of the school can be built. The potential is there but it needs to be aroused from its indolence into action.

I sincerely hope that the records set up on Sports Day will be improved upon next year ; that more pupils will go on from the Area Sports to the County Sports and be chosen to represent the Norfolk County Schools at the Quadrangular Sports ; and eventually that one or two will make their names by representing Norfolk at the English Schools Championships.

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### **Norfolk County Championships at Thorpe St. Andrew Secondary Modern School Wednesday, 16th June**

Unfortunately Perry had to withdraw from the team because of a knee injury. The success gained by the team as a whole was excellent.

#### **Girls**

Under 15 (junior)	High Jump	6th	Heather Ireland
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#### **Boys**

Under 17	100 yds.	1st (11.1 sec.)	Roger Turner
(intermediate)	880 yds.	3rd (2m. 9 sec.)	Stephen Terry
	Mile	3rd (4m. 59 sec.)	Jerry Freeman
	Shot	6th	Michael Haylett

Turner went on to the Quadrangular Championships held at Lakenham on Saturday, 19th June, where he came third in his event—a commendable performance.

### **Sports Day — 1966**

The County Grammar School Sports were held on a cool, cloudy afternoon on Monday, 21st March.

Yare House started with a lead of only one point over Wensum House, arising from the "standards" attained by all members of each House and certain events decided before Sports Day. During the afternoon this position was reversed and Wensum House was the eventual winner by a solitary point.

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Wensum	1st	265
Yare	2nd	264
Bure	3rd	236

The most interesting event took place before Sports Day. In the boys 'over 15' 880 yards race, a tremendous duel developed between Jerry Freeman and Stephen Terry which resulted in the two gaining a time of 2 minutes 12 seconds, but Freeman was judged the winner. This result was reversed in the boys open mile when Terry fractionally beat Freeman in a time of 5 minutes 8 seconds.

It would be impossible, because of the space available, to give all the individual results; some of those commendable were as follows:—

### Girls

Under 13	High Jump	(3ft. 8½in.)	Heather Ireland
Under 15	100 yds.	(13.4 sec.)	Sheena Bray

### Boys

Under 13	880 yds.	(2 m. 34.2 sec.)	Lambert
Under 15	440 yds.	(61.5 sec.)	T. Smith
" "	880 yds.	(2 m. 31.5 sec.)	B. Atkins
" "	Long Jump	(16ft. 8in.)	P. Allen
Over 15	100 yds.	(11.3 sec.)	R. Turner
" "	440 yds.	(54.4 sec.)	A. Balding
" "	Long Jump	(18ft. 7½in.)	N. Howes

### Area Sports at Loddon Secondary Modern School Tuesday, 24th May

Certain competitors, nine boys and five girls, were chosen to represent the School at these sports. The successes gained by the team boded well for the future.

### Girls

Under 13	Long Jump	1st (12ft. 1½in.)	Sandra Cooke
Under 15	100 yds.	4th	Carole Hazard
" "	100 yds.	5th	Sheena Bray
" "	150 yds.	3rd	Doris Hughes

### Boys

Under 15	Long Jump	2nd (14ft. 10½in.)	P. Allen
" "	Long Jump	3rd (14ft 3in.)	R. Knapp
" "	High Jump	4th (4ft. 4in.)	R. Fiddy
" "	880 yds.	1st (2m. 27.3s.)	B. Atkins
Under 17	Javelin	1st (143 ft.)	E. Perry
" "	Shot	1st (35 ft.)	M. Haylett
" "	Mile	1st (5 m. 5 sec.)	S. Terry
" "	100 yds.	3rd	R. Beasley
" "	100 yds.	5th	R. Turner

The afternoon began auspiciously, the weather being fine but a little blustery. About the middle of the afternoon slight showers occurred but these soon turned to a heavy downpour. The 'under 17' 100 yards race was run late in the afternoon in appalling conditions; This, plus a very poor start, accounted for the failure of Turner who was expected to repeat his success of last year.

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### Norfolk County Championships

This year the County Championships will be held at Downham Market on Wednesday, June 8th. The team to be sent by the South East Norfolk Area is expected to include seven C.G.S. pupils (6 boys and 1 girl).

#### Girls

Under 15 (junior) Sandra Cooke Long Jump

#### Boys

Under 15 (junior) P. Allen Long Jump

" " " B. Atkins 880 yds.

Under 17 (intermediate) E. Perry Javelin

" " " S. Terry Mile

" " " M. Haylett Shot

" " " R. Beasley 100 yds.

E. Perry

#### Girls' Events

Creditable performances were given by R. Clarke and J. Sutton in the long jump and rounders balls events respectively in the Under 13 age group ; S. Bray in the 220 yds, and J. Roper and C. Hazard in the discus and javelin events respectively in the Under 15 age group and D. Cameron in the 220 yds, and 80 yds. hurdles in the Over 15 age group.

The following girls gained five or more points for their house in the "standards" competitions :—

Bure : D. Cameron ; D. Hughes ; T. Newell ; C. Bye ; B. Wade.

Wensum : C. Hazard ; J. Sturman ; J. Dilrew ; S. Cooke ; V. Lane.

Yare : S. Bray ; R. Clarke ; A. Dawson ; C. Dutch.

Detailed results :—

#### Under 13 :

80 yds.	R. Clarke	(Y)	11.6 secs.
120 yds.	R. Clarke	(Y)	16.0 secs.
70 yds. Hurdles	J. Newman	(W)	14.1 secs.
High Jump	J. Newman	(W)	3ft. 9½in.
Long Jump	R. Clarke	(Y)	13ft. 8in.
Rounders Ball	J. Sutton	(Y)	122ft. 1½in.
Relay	Wensum		1m. 4.6 secs.

#### Under 15 :

100 yds.	S. Bray	(Y)	13.4 secs.
220 yds.	S. Bray	(Y)	31.2 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles	C. Hazard	(W)	15.8 secs.
High Jump	H. Ireland	(B)	3ft. 10in.
Long Jump	K. Armitage	(W)	13ft. 4½in.
Discus	J. Roper	(W)	75ft. 1½in.
Javelin	C. Hazard	(W)	60ft. 5in.
Relay	Wensum		1m. 1.6 secs.

Over 15 :

100 yds.	M. Carrick	(Y)	13.2 secs.
220 yds.	D. Cameron	(B)	31.3 secs.
440 yds.	D. Cameron	(B)	1. 12 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles	D. Cameron	(B)	13.8 secs.
High Jump	D. Cameron	(B)	3ft. 10in.
Long Jump	J. Bultitude	(Y)	11ft. 11½in.
Discus	M. Carrick	(Y)	80ft. 0in.
Javelin	D. Hughes	(B)	57ft. 4in.
Relay	Yare		1m. 1.4 secs.

Area and County sports reported elsewhere. Thanks go to Miss Jackson from all competitors for her help during the Athletics season.

Miranda Carrick

### 1965/6 Senior Cricket

Unfortunately, there is very little to write on this year's cricket as both our matches in the past few weeks have been postponed by rain. Last year was not much better either ; we only had one arranged match, with Thorpe Grammar School. When we arrived at Thorpe we found the opposing team had mixed up the dates and thought we were playing the next Saturday.

There are a few changes in the team, which is composed of 5th, and Upper and Lower 6th form boys. We are fortunate to have a new and promising all-rounder in John Wooltorton. We have yet to see him play in a real match, but the team is confident that he will be a useful addition. Stephen Terry, one of our best players, has been chosen for the Wymondham College 1st XI. He was a great asset to the team and we shall be sorry to see him go.

Here are the results of last year's house cricket matches.

#### JUNIOR

Bure v Wensum. Bure 59 all out, Wensum 60 for 6.

Yare v Bure. Yare 68 all out, Bure 29 all out.

Yare v Wensum, Yare 44 all out, Wensum 73 for 3.

Result—Wensum 1st, Yare 2nd, and Bure 3rd.

#### SENIOR

Bure v Wensum. Bure 90 all out, Wensum 94 for 8.

Bure v Yare. Yare 42 all out, Bure 76 for 9.

Yare v Wensum. Yare 41 all out, Wensum 106 for 5.

Result—Wensum 1st, Bure 2nd, and Yare 3rd.

R. Turner V.F.

### Under 15 Cricket

Although only one fixture has been completed at this time, there are two more to be played.

The result of the first match was a loss against Diss Grammar School, after a great fight. Tipple and Bage bowled excellently and they were backed up by some spirited fielding.

The team was:—P. Whittaker (Capt.), P. Jeffries (wicket keeper), T. Betts, A. Clarke, M. Devlin, G. Wilson, P. Allen, R. Fiddy, A. Bage, L. Tipple, R. Smith, 12th man and scorer P. Knapp. Possible players:—T. Perry, J. Rosser, Bradford and M. Smith.

### Fixtures

Wed. 4th May	Diss Grammar	A.	rained off.
Thur. 5th May	Hewitt	H.	rained off.
Wed. 11th May	Diss	A.	lost.
Wed. 29th June	Badingham Col.	H.	
Uncertain	Wymondham Col.	H.	

Peter Whittaker.

### Hockey

The following teams have represented the school during the season:—

	Under 15 XI	Under 14 XI
G.K.	S. Beckett/C. Holmes	S. Hazelton
R.B. 1	J. Baldry	B. Unwin
L.B.	E. Yates	J. Tompsett
R.H.	D. King	A. Butler
C.H.	E. Harrold/C. Norton	L. Attrill/C. Hazard
L.H.	M. Yaxley	R. Earl
R.W.	J. Bultitude	D. Minns
R.I.	S. Grady	E. Burtin
C.F.	S. Walton (Capt.)	S. Bray/J. Taylor
L.I.	J. Roper	K. McGee (Capt.)
L.W.	J. Lofty	D. Hughes

Both teams played well in their matches, the standard of play improving considerably as the season progressed, Several junior Players have potential talent which we hope will reveal itself in the future.

It is regretted that the present Under 15 XI will not be available to play as a senior team next season.

October 23rd v Diss Grammar School. Away.

U. 15 XI lost 7-0; U. 14 XI lost 5-0.

December 4th v Framingham Earl. Away

U. 15 XI lost 6-2; U. 14 XI won 4-2,

Matches against East Dereham High School, Diss Grammar School and Framingham Earl were cancelled.

The House hockey matches were played during the last week of the Christmas term, each house entering a senior and a junior team. Both competitions were won by Wensum house.

At the Area Hockey Tournament held at Framingham Earl on March 19th the U. 15 XI drew with Loddon and lost to Long Stratton.

Senior tournament:—

Bure v Wensum      B. 0    W. 5

Yare v Wensum     Y. 1    W. 1

Bure v Yare        B. 0    Y. 1

Final placings:—

1st Wensum, 2nd Yare, 3rd Bure.

## Netball

The following teams have represented the school this season:—

Under 15 VII		Under 14 VII	Under 13 VII
G.K.	E. Harrold	L. Attrill	S. Hodges
G.D.	C. Holmes	K. McGee	K. Pegg
W.D.	C. Norton	R. Earl	J. Beales
C.	S. Walton (Capt.)	J. Sturman (Capt.)	E. Portway
W.A.	M. Yaxley	A. Juby	C. White (Capt.)
G.A.	S. Bray	E. Burton	J. Newman
G.S.	D. Hughes	H. Thompson	P. Sutton

Three teams visited Wymondham Modern School on November 27th. Play was confined to the gymnasium owing to the weather. With modified rules the matches were both fast and exciting and the standard of play commendable.

Results:—

U. 15 VII drew 5-5. U. 14 VII lost 10-8. U. 13 VII did not play.

The U. 14 VII and U. 12 VII fixture against Norwich High School on January 29th was cancelled.

The house matches were played during the first half of the Spring term, each house providing a senior and a junior team. Play was of a high standard and after some exciting matches Yare and Wensum were the winners of the senior and junior competitions respectively.

Senior tournament:—

Bure v Wensum	B. 15	W. 10
Yare v Wensum	Y. 12	W. 7
Bure v Yare	B. 10	Y. 12

Final placings:—

1st Yare, 2nd Bure, 3rd Wensum.

Junior tournament:—

Bure v Wensum	B. 6	W. 15
Yare v Wensum	Y. 5	W. 5
Bure v Yare	B. 3	Y. 8

Final placings:—

1st Wensum, 2nd Yare, 3rd Bure.

The teams thank Miss Jackson for arranging these matches.

Mary Schofield.

## Tennis

The following teams have represented the school this term:—

Vith form VI	Under 15 VI	Under 14 VI
M. Carrick (Capt.)	M. Yaxley (Capt.)	J. Sturman (Capt.)
D. Cameron	E. Yates	D. Poll
M. Schofield	J. Bultitude	P. Turner
C. Hinchliff	E. Harrold	D. Hughes
P. Bristow	S. Westgate	K. McGee
G. Smith	J. Baldry	J. Tompsett

### School fixtures and results

May 18th v Diss Grammar School. Away.  
VIth form VI lost 6-3 ; U. 15 VI lost 9-0 ; U. 14 VI lost 5-4.

Future fixtures:—

June 11th v Framingham Earl. Away.  
July 6th v Diss Grammar School. Away.

Three teams visited Diss Grammar School on a dismal Wednesday afternoon. The conditions were extremely trying, particularly for the U. 15 VI who played in pools of water but the weather had brightened up considerably when the U. 14 VI played. Diss proved to be tough opposition but our players were not outclassed. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are very grateful to Miss Jackson for her consistent help in coaching us.

Muriel Yaxley,  
Julia Sturman.

### Results of the County Grammar Tournaments, 1965:—

Senior Singles	M. Carrick
Senior Doubles	M. Carrick, C. Hinchliff
Junior Singles	J. Sturman
Junior Doubles	D. Poll, J. Sturman

Junior tournament:—

Bure v Wensum	B. 0	W. 2
Yare v Wensum	Y. 1	W. 0
Bure v Yare	B. 2	Y. 2

Final placings:—

1st Wensum, 2nd Yare, 3rd Bure.

We all wish to thank Miss Jackson for organising both school and house matches.

Primrose Bristow.

### Rugby : 1st XV.

This year saw a vast improvement in the standard of play in the 1st XV. We had more fixtures than in previous years and several matches were won. This was because we have now completed a full cycle of the school and have thus been put on an equal basis with other schools and have not had to play teams which are much bigger than ourselves.

Our toughest fixture this year was at Yarmouth against the Technical High School. In this match we narrowly lost after a hard fight but we played much of the match with the handicap of having two players injured. However, we had full revenge by beating Yarmouth Technical High School in the return match. Our best victory of the season was at Earsham Hall where we were again handicapped by injury.

We hope to see further improvement in future seasons and we are sure that this will be realised as we have the basis of a good future team. Players who played consistently well throughout the season were Balding, Haylett, Nixon and Woollam, the 1st XV Captain.

The following pupils played for the School 1st XV during the season.

A. Balding	S. Frazer	E. Perry
P. Barker	J. Freeman	R. Springall
D. Bennett	M. Haylett	S. Terry
T. Boore	N. Howes	P. Warner
K. Brown	B. Nixon	A. Woollam (Capt.)
M. Burrows	J. Nunn	

Our thanks go to Mr. Little for arranging the fixtures and to Mr. Norton for all his valuable help and encouragement in coaching the team.

A. G. Woollam,  
T. J. Boore.

### Results of 1st XV Rugby Team

Away	Yarmouth Technical High School,	Lost 6-12
Away	Earsham Hall	Won 25-0
Away	Duncan Hall	Won 27-3
Home	Yarmouth Technical High School	Won 6-3
Away	Hewett School	Lost 3-12
Home	Earsham Hall	Won 6-0
Home	Badingham College	Lost 0-6

P. 7; W. 4; L. 3; F. 73; A. 36.

### Under 15 Rugby

Although the majority of matches played this season were lost, on totalling up the points, the C.G.S. was found to have more points for than against them.

Our first game, played at Yarmouth against the Technical College in pouring rain, was lost, as was the home game against the same opposition.

Earsham Hall beat us at home but we beat them away! Our crowning victory was against Duncan Hall, a resounding 39-0 away win. The home game was abandoned. The home game with the Hewett School was also abandoned and the away game was probably our best match: the result, however, was a loss.

Those who played were:—

P. Jeffries	R. Gough	M. Smith
P. Knapp	M. Humphrey	B. Atkins
P. Gowlett	D. Lown	T. Betts
D. Barber	D. Mallett	A. Clarke (Reserve)
G. Wilson	R. Fiddy	
A. K. Smith	M. Devlin	

### Results

	Home	Away
Yarmouth Technical School	Lost 10 — 8	Lost 14 — 6
Earsham Hall	Lost 3 — 0	Won 12 — 11
Duncan Hall	Cancelled	Won 39 — 0
Hewett School	Cancelled	Lost 20 — 3

R. G. Fiddy (Capt.)

### House Rugby Matches

This year's matches were very close and the result a reversal of last year's games.

The first was Bure versus Wensum. This was a fascinating game made more so by Bure's pack superiority fighting Wensum's in the line. In the end,



*Curtain Call with the backstage crew.*



*Nightpiece (Designed by Diane Robinson)*



*The Motor Club at Work.*



*Syncopation (The "Integrals")*



*Sculpture.*

after a ding-dong battle where both sides got a trifle heated, the pack won - Bure won by 13 points to 11. Bure scores were made by Terry (2 tries) and McGee (1 try). In Wensum, Howes, Balding and Woollam all distinguished themselves by scoring and the late David Barber, among others, played a very sound game. Turner of Bure had his collar bone broken by an opponents tackle—unfortunately this was during practice before the match.

Then Bure played Yare—this match was a good game rather dominated by the packs though the line did most of the scoring. After being 6-0 down, Yare came back to win 8-6; scores were made by two 4th formers, Smith (M) and Devlin, whose play was excellent among others. Bure played some of this match without Boore who was injured in a maul.

The final game between Yare and Wensum was the most exciting of them all. Scoring ran high—just before full time the teams were level at 18 pts. all when Nixon kicked a beauty of a penalty to clinch the game for Yare 21-18.

At first the game was rather dictated by Yare, whose more powerful and experienced pack starved the excellent Wensum line. When Wensum's line did get possession, however, they proved their worth despite hard tackling by Yare's line; amongst whom Nixon, Devlin and Smith (M) were outstanding. A startling comeback by Wensum in the second half, including two solo efforts by Woollam and Balding, brought Wensum back into the game. However, again the pack triumphed—Haylett and Warner both scored. This was a really fine game enjoyed by spectators and (sometimes) players.

Final Result:—

1st	Yare	Won	8 - 6	Won	21 - 18
2nd	Bure	Won	13 - 11	Lost	6 - 8
3rd	Wensum	Lost	11 - 13	Lost	18 - 21

## *Letters to the Editors*

Dear Editors,

This innovation of "letters to the Editors" is a great idea, even though it is not a new one. Nevertheless, there is lacking in this school another worthwhile facility.

We, the pupils, have very little opportunity (or ability, I must admit) to voice our opinions and complaints in a democratic atmosphere. I should like to suggest, therefore, the installation of a "Suggestions Box." By this means we could put forward intelligent ideas or criticisms without fear of reprisals. These proposals would be considered in a democratic light and any obviously frivolous ones would be treated with the contempt they deserve—the litter bin.

The more constructive ones, however, should have a reply, or solution, which would be displayed on the Notice Board. This idea, I am sure, would promote greater co-operation between staff and students; not to mention a more active participation by us in the government and pursuits of our school.

R. Hinchliff.

School dinners—

We are not amused.

*(Queen Victoria)*

Dormer Cottage,  
Dunston Common,  
Norwich, Nor 53W.

Dear Editors,

As it is drawing near to the end of my first year at work I thought I would write and let you know what I am doing.

I began my career as a Police Cadet by working in the General Office of Norwich Divisional Headquarters. My duties were varied; they included switch-board operating, typing, filing, dealing with queries from the public and, of course, making tea. Once a month I attend Cadet classes, which are held at Britannia Barracks, to learn drill and the history of the Police Force.

My next posting was to the General Office of the Criminal Investigation Department, my duties in this office are very much the same.

During a cadet's training one is sent on "attachments" and I have been sent on two. The first was a month at the West Norwich Hospital as an auxiliary nurse and the second was two weeks at a holiday camp looking after physically handicapped people from London. These were both worthwhile and interesting experiences.

In July I am going on an outward bound course in the West Riding of Yorkshire and in August I am going as a Youth Leader for girls at a camp at Swannington.

In addition to this, our training inspector likes us to keep fit and in order to do that we have been on several hikes and camped out at night. I have also attended a course in Judo and Self Defence.

I am finding my career most worthwhile and interesting as I am meeting people from all walks of life and discovering how they work and live.

Yours sincerely,  
Pauline Turner.

Dear Editors,

I think that it is about time somebody did something about the conditions on the buses for this school. I refer, in particular, to the No. 4 bus to Drayton.

The people who have to catch this bus at its first picking-up point in the morning are supposed to board it at 7.30 and then spend an hour or more in noisy, cramped, conditions. Red Car Bus Service use a 41-seater coach for this run. The maximum number of passengers who use this bus totals 58. This works out at approximately three people per double seat in theory but in practice the seniors sit the normal two per seat whilst the juniors sit four per seat.

Occasionally, when a Culling coach does this run, a 37-seater is used and, as is to be expected, the conditions are appalling. I dread to think what will happen if the present state of affairs is continued next year when only one or two people will leave and some ten or more first formers will be added.

One coach run has, I believe, a 51-seater for only 36 people. Surely a swop could be arranged between the two different bus companies, Mascot coaches and Red Car. Alternatively, next year two coaches could be used and perhaps they could start a little later in the morning.

To be made to come to a school over seventeen miles away when there is one less than six miles away in Norwich is bad enough but I feel sure that the travellers on the bus would tolerate this if they did not have to put up with the present conditions.

Yours faithfully,  
Neil Parsons.

Dear Editors,

Those readers with a more sadistic nature might like to hear of the trials and tribulations of four members of the Lower VIth over the Easter Holidays, who, with light hearts and heavy rucksacks, left Norwich for Derbyshire.

Their shelter that night was a Youth Hostel at Mam Hall. They would not have been quite so cheerful had they known that for the next six days their only shelter would be desolate wet fields and soggy tents.

On Thursday they struggled up Dovedale to Wetton Mill ('Wet' being the operative word), and on Friday to Hartington Youth Hostel, which was full, and consequently they caught a bus to Buxton. Saturday was spent getting wetter in Buxton. Sunday was spent travelling, after being evicted by an irate Derbyshire farmer with an interesting vocabulary.

Monday morning found them at Edale extremely cold and very wet. Then something unprecedented happened. The rain stopped, the mist cleared, and Kinder Scout appeared in all its majesty and several degrees of frost. After a few hours on top of Kinder Scout the rest of that day and the following day was spent inside the coffee bar. Tuesday night, however, was spent in the company of innumerable young children from a Sheffield school at Edale Youth Hostel.

They started home on Wednesday, spending the night at Nottingham in as much comfort as they could afford, such as under Trent Bridge and the back seats of Burton buses. As a result of this the final journey from Nottingham back to Norwich was accomplished in a kind of stupor. But they made it and were received into the bosoms of their respective families with joyous cries of "Why didn't you write?", "Go and wash immediately." and "I told you so." A truly happy ending.

D. China, J. Freeman, P. Barker, A. Woollam, (who have, however, agreed to remain anonymous. and so the sufferers' names will remain a secret for ever).

## *Literary Section*

### **The End and the Beginning.**

I suddenly became aware of a noise outside my room. Then a voice said "Be quiet, there is a man dying in there." The noise ceased and all was quiet once more, but when I heard those words my mind awoke violently. Although I had guessed it from my first moment of consciousness, I was panic-stricken when I heard it outside my own mind.

I tried to calm myself as much as I could and I began to wonder. What would it really be like to die? The word seemed too terrible to say but, after thinking about it, it did not seem so bad. It might even be pleasant. It might be an entire end to me altogether or it might be the beginning of an experience beyond the realms of human comprehension. There were so many different beliefs and stories about it.

I realised that the waiting would be the unbearable part, but now I would get some first-hand knowledge about the subject.

I kept wondering and waiting for it to come and hoping for ultimate peace. My mind raced back to my schooldays. I was never a very good scholar and I still had mixed feelings about those days. How such little things would worry me then!

At eighteen I had settled down in my second career. The first was the biggest mistake of my life, or so I thought at the time. My second job held my future—I saw it right from the start. Right from the time back in 1968 when I had sat, knees knocking, on the opposite side of the table from Mr. Bigshaw. He was gazing intently at my references. And now I had sat in his chair for several years and I had looked at references and heard knees knocking quite a few times.

I had worked my way up in my job. Up until now, at thirty-nine and married with a daughter, I still had not reached my aim and never should.

The nightmare of that fateful day in February returned to me. We had been celebrating the firm's anniversary and everybody was drinking and driving home, or so they said, but many had just found a quiet spot in the vicinity and had dropped off.

The few who got away were in high spirits as they started home. I remembered the sudden patch of fog we drove into and the headlights pointing into nothing, then the suddenness of the impact with the wall. Then my mind searched for answers and my searching remained unanswered.

I had left so much undone, so many things to do. I had to see my wife again. I tried to call for the nurse but the words did not come. They fogged up as everything seemed to. I was so frustrated. Why did my voice not come? There was so much to do, so much left undone.....

John Thirkettle (5G).

#### The Lizard.

It lay, crouched in the sunlight,  
Now and again flicking its tail from side to side,  
In search of flies.  
Suddenly it ran,  
Quicksilver on the hot rocks, across to a bush.  
It climbed, with the stealth of a cat, to  
A few inches of its prey.  
The branch quivered ;  
The lizard, grotesque with the insect in its jaws, gulped.  
Silently, it slithered to the rock, sun-drenched.  
And lay, seeming to drowse, its lids half closed, but in pretence.  
Like lightning its tongue flicked.  
Another fly met its end.

Noel Brooks (3F).

#### School Desks—

I cannot tell a lie, I did it with my little hatchet.

(George Washington)

**General Certificate of Education. June 1966.**

**General Paper.**

(Extraordinary level)

24 Hours

Candidates are warned that reading the question may lead to the gaining of a number of marks. Answer any one of the following questions, but only those on the paper should be attempted.

Only one question should be attempted at a time.

1. (a). i.

Neither tables nor chairs may be used in this question.

Assuming that brain waves travel in straight lines, calculate to the nearest pound (11b. or £, it doesn't matter which) the value of an obsolete radio transmitter (ex British Bucket Company) now in the grasping hands of Radio Crunge—the only submerged offshore radio station in existence—before it sank in 30ft of water (composition 99% water, 0.25% table sugar, and 0.75% other assorted rubbish).

Take sea level to be constant at 500 waves/sec.  $G=981$  cms/sec.

Do not use the formula:—  $x=y^2 - 29ab (xy^2 - 41x) + 89$  where  $y=5$  and  $x=7/22$ .

(This is an extract from the new book of examination papers compiled and edited by Dr. Egbert Murkimind N.I.T., and published by the Throgmorton, Throgmorton and Throgmorton Press).

Christopher Palmer (5F).

**My Kitten.**

In the garden, by the wall,  
Plays my kitten, lithe and small.  
Lucky kitten! So happy and free,  
Catching leaves with feline glee,  
Playing by the garden wall  
With no worldly cares at all.

Ruth King (IH).

**Death.**

Death, why are men afraid of thee?  
Thou canst do us no harm.  
And yet the strongest men do fear  
The strong pull of thine arm.  
  
Thou op'nest up the gates of Heaven  
To let the saints pass through.  
And yet the fiery gates of Hell  
Must open to thee too.

Guard of the gates of Heaven and Hell,  
What love is there for thee?  
Though thou perform'st thy duty well,  
Yet hated thou must be.

But I alone hate thee not, Death.  
I long to hear thy call.  
When wilt thou come to take my breath  
And liberate my soul?

I know I might not rise to Heaven  
But must to Hell go down,  
Because my body hath not striven  
To win a heavenly crown.

And yet I long to leave this earth  
With all its sin and crime,  
To fly above amid the stars  
And be with things sublime.

Alas, I know this cannot be.  
I must on earth remain.  
So I will make the best of life  
And strive a crown to gain.

(This poem was written by a pupil of the School who prefers to remain anonymous)

#### **Riddle.**

One surface waxy blue,  
To the touch as pared cheese,  
Another mottled red,  
As chalk rubbed into a gaping wound.  
The third curved round,  
Grey to a glance but mauve to a look.  
It nestles in its hole  
Impressed in the earth of my senses.  
What is it?  
Why, a stone.

Primrose Bristow (Upper VIth).

#### **The Racehorse.**

He comes out of the stable gloom  
Into the brilliant sunshine,  
Polished as gold,  
Sleek, elegant and proud  
But not vain,  
His swinging stride doubling the lad's  
Who has to run by his side.

The jockey walks up,  
Minute against the towering shoulder of that beautiful beast.  
With a quick vault  
He mounts  
And slides slowly into the slight sliver of a saddle.  
They move off,  
The beast with arched neck,  
Prancing, jogging, pulling and pointing his burnished toes,  
Ears eagerly pricked forward.  
The jockey whispers a silent word  
And they move as one,  
In a rolling canter  
To the start.  
He snorts and paws as a fabled dragon,  
Then,  
With a lightning jolt  
And a crash of sudden hooves,  
Is off.  
Urging, pressing and pushing  
They go,  
Methodically they try.  
A break inside  
But too wise to fill it.  
The wind is overpowering,  
The jockey crouches,  
Streamlined and low,  
No need to urge  
With more than a whisper.  
The beast responds,  
Liberating tremendous power.  
They ease forward  
Filling a gap,  
At the head.  
A steady, smooth, thudding but metric beat,  
And the last bend has gone.  
The finish is in sight,  
Drawing nearer,  
Too slowly.  
A sudden sprint,  
Faster, faster, the horse strains,  
Opponents vanish.  
Slowly, too slowly,  
They pull ahead,  
Further and further,  
Nearer and nearer,  
And—too soon,  
First.  
They finish.

Stephen Martin (3F)

### **The Coming of Homo Iello (c. 1879).**

It had come. For the last week the whole astronomical world had been watching the eastern sky and gazing at the sphere through its telescopes. It had been approaching the earth at about three-quarters of the speed of light and was sure to land. Where, no-one knew.

I had better introduce myself. I am John Potiner, 38, and married with two sons. I do some telescope gazing in my spare time and I too was interested in this unidentified sphere.

At the time I am speaking of I was asleep in bed at my home in Nettlebed. At about 2 a.m. I was awoken by a resounding crash, What could it be?—The sphere? “I must find out.” I thought.

I told my wife and rushed to the stables to saddle my horse. One thing puzzled me. The sky which should have been dark was steadily growing brighter with an eerie greenish glow. Was it worth the trouble? It might not be the sphere, but if it was, was it dangerous? I carried on. After about a mile, when I topped a rise I saw it. A large green sphere, about twenty feet high, lay at the bottom of the valley. I approached it slowly. As I did so, I began to feel colder, until I wished I had put on some more clothing. “Surely the sphere can't be causing the cold,” I thought. Any ordinary solid would be extremely hot from the friction of the atmosphere. This must be something alien, something to fear.

The green light of the sphere cast long shadows on the valley side. Then something happened to increase my panic. The top of the sphere rose, and a cloud of purple gas floated out. Their atmosphere! Now the first homo iello emerged. He was an amazing sight. Indeed, the only reason for calling him ‘homo’ was convenience. He was conical, about seven feet tall (excluding tentacle), with four projections from the apex of his body and his convex under-side had a central hole from which very cold air at high pressure shot out, keeping him afloat. He had four more jets, one below each projection, to propel himself along. Between the jets were air intakes and between the projections were four eyes.

As I watched, he slowly rose, hovered over the edge of the sphere and dropped to the ground. After him followed eleven more. Now came the thirteenth. In his tentacle he held a bright luminous green sphere, about the size of a football. He placed it on the ground. It slowly grew to the size of the first. Then the top rose and thirteen more homo iello emerged, the last again holding a small sphere. This he placed on the ground and it began to grow. This process went on until there were thirteen spheres, each with its thirteen homo iello hovering beside it.

I suddenly woke from my stupor and, in panic, thought, “This army is too strong! I must get help!” I scrambled to my feet, back up the rise to my horse. This was my great mistake. I looked back as I clumsily mounted my horse—and the spheres had gone. In their place the homo iello were armed with green metal. They were ominously silent behind me. I tried to think—“What can I use against them?” Suddenly I had a thought. I knew how!

At last I passed the first house of the village and drew up sharply by my own. I hurriedly entered, and my wife and sons helped me gather all the combustible rubbish in the house and heap it in the walled back garden. We hurried because if the homo iello directed all their blasts on the house, it would crumble into dust. I soaked the rubbish in paraffin and waited for the attack. The next moment the wall crumbled and fell. The homo iello advanced and I lit the pile. They all dropped to the ground and stayed there. The world was safe.

Today, if you are interested, go to a little place called Nettlebed; a museum there contains all the homo iello in suitable condition, together with a model of the sphere, and all their arms. It makes an interesting day out.

Christopher Palmer and Robin Springall (5F)

### **The Squirrel.**

I stood there waiting, watching, silently.  
I made no sound lest I should frighten my small friend.  
Suddenly, a red-brown flash, quick as lightning, among the trees,  
And then, a rattle of dead leaves upon the ground.  
I stood there rigid as if hypnotised, I dared not stir.  
My heart was beating loudly...  
I was sure my friend would hear,  
But no.  
A snap of a twig,  
I turned to see my brown companion trying to crack a nut.  
But when I moved he saw me  
And was gone, immediately.  
He darted up a tree  
And sat there looking down on me.  
I moved again.  
He skipped from tree to tree  
And then, once more, was gone.  
I knew it was no good waiting  
So, I slowly wandered on,  
Content and yet unsatisfied.

Penny Turner (3F).

### **Nature.**

Sun and moon, day and night,  
These shall never pass away.  
While earth remaineth, cold and heat,  
Seedtime and harvest  
Their course shall keep.  
Obedient to the first command  
Nature unchanged forever shall stand.  
Sun rising and setting,  
Moon and stars by night,  
Earth to her children blessed  
Giving warmth and rest and light.

Elizabeth Sparkes (5G).

### **Cloudy Daydream.**

The delicate butterfly of imagination  
Settles on the ashes of my tired mind  
And leads my thoughts away  
Leaving this care-filled world behind.  
My mind spins in tangled chaos  
As I wander on melting moonbeams,  
To a modern-day Utopia,  
A land of peace and people's dreams.  
A land of untamed beauty,  
Unspoilt by modern automation,  
A land of freedom and equality  
Of truth and integration.  
A land of people united in harmony  
Following a simple pattern of life  
Ignorant of war or discontent,  
Blind to the sadness of meaningless strife.

Michael Humphrey (4G).

### **Blue Day.**

Blue is the morning, blue the sky,  
Blue are the bluebirds flying by.  
Dark are the forests, green and cool,  
But blue are the mountains, blue the pool.  
Beyond the meadow, beyond the mill  
Is a small stone cottage built on a hill.  
It has a tall chimney and blue wooden door  
Blue wooden shutters and a red brick floor.  
Blue are the grapes that hang on the vine  
Blue are the eyes of the boy I call mine.  
The fire burns bright and the smoke goes high  
Curling aloft towards the blue sky.  
Blue is the evening—black is the night,  
But blue-jewelled stars will give the world light.

Susan Adams (2F).

### **The Cowboy Fixation.**

The small fry of yester-year whittled himself a wooden six-shooter and pretended he was a cowboy. Today's version is convinced from the top of his ten gallon hat to the tip of his tooled-leather boots that he is a cowboy.

It is true that since the opening of the West, the cowboy has been a genuine American folk hero, but in recent years he has won a following that, by comparison, would make the popularity of the Stones a matter of grave dispute.

It is most important that any relation of such a cowboy should understand his or her working. A working knowledge of six-gun law is also important. At its most virulent, the cowboy fixation needs a delicate hand. The merest suggestion that his name isn't Dry Gulch Guthry is enough to give your cowboy a first-class tantrum. The very least that will happen is his dropping you in your tracks.

Incidentally, don't expect his six guns to go Bang! Bang! . . . . Bang is as outmoded as the Cha-Cha. The current form is a throaty Pic-KHHeo-o-u-u! And the gun isn't fired by trigger action any more. All firing is done by fanning the hammer. And you can forget about the Indians. They're no longer in the picture. All the irrepressible conflict today is between the good guys and the bad guys.

It's up to you to turn the fixation to your advantage. First you have to establish your authority to enforce law and order. You are U.S. Marshal Wyatt Earp, the most feared and respected Law man in the West, and Dry Gulch Guthry might as well get it straight right now that he is going to have to abide by the rules and not get ornery about it.

The best thing to do is to post the ordinances in the Marshal's office (the kitchen) next to the Wanted Notices.

#### **Rules For Cowboys:—**

1. No shooting irons to be worn at meals or in the bath tub.
2. No drawing of guns on perfect strangers.
3. No bare-back riding on Mrs. Jones' spaniel.
4. No cowboy will invite other cowboys to tea without the permission of the U.S. Marshal.

Every so often, just to keep his interest, you be Dry Gulch Guthry and let him be the Marshal.

Just be sure he doesn't lock you up in 'pokey' and throw away the key! . . .  
Carol Hinchliff (Upper VI).

