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Once again a bewildering number of things seem to have happened over the course of the year, some of which will have a profound effect to be felt in years to come, others which will merely fade into oblivion. One of the jobs of a school magazine is to select out of this multitude of events and achievements those things of lasting importance and to turn the spotlight on to them.

Of extreme significance have been a number of changes and alterations to the pattern of life here at Wymondham College. In September we returned to school to experience a new system of food production, and when we began the summer term we were greeted by the sight of yet more mobiles, this time in the Peel play area. During May the sounds of destruction could be heard, as nissen sheeting clattered to the ground and electric drills churned up the covered way.

Reactions were mixed. The foot-weary residents of Peel and Lincoln who have trodden the well-worn path to the M.D.H. for much of the year may not have appreciated the experience over-much. However, as an extensive article which we have compiled on the new cook-freeze system indicates, the discomforts seem to be worth suffering. Although we have the mobiles to put up with, they have enabled us to tear down four rusting nissen huts to make way for modern classroom blocks and a new library/resources centre.

These changes are ones to be grateful for. If all the changes we have been promised can improve the quality of life as much as these ones will then we can hope to be commenting on them soon in magazines to come.

W.M.G.



TWO CHEERS & THREE CHEERS

Last year I reported that a £250,000 building allocation had been made by the Department of Education and Science for Wymondham College and this was conditional on the intention to reorganise along comprehensive lines. The public notices have been issued, public comments have been considered and the County proposals on the future of Wymondham College have now been officially accepted.

A great deal of discussion has taken place on how to spend the money. Some exciting plans were drawn up, but in the end, after a strong indication, that due to the worsening economic situation the whole project might have to be withdrawn, we have settled for two classroom blocks of six and four rooms, a new library/resources centre and some slight modification of an existing classroom block to produce a sixth form centre. At the time of writing, (the second week in May), some Nissen huts are being demolished to make way for new buildings. Butler has already been taken down carefully, to preserve the sheets for repairs elsewhere and huts 31, 29 and 27 will be down soon. Thus the worst huts on the site (the Mathematics department), the ones which have been filmed so frequently for publicity purposes will be gone forever. In addition, M.D.H. (Main Dining Hall) and its kitchen will no longer be required after August this year when it is expected that the new Cook-Freeze centre will be servicing the six renovated House kitchens.

It has been a long, hard and sometimes bitter struggle to reach the present modest position in the rebuilding of this school. I fear that most of the remaining Nissen huts, and there are more than thirty of them, will be here for many years to come. Wymondham College needs new science laboratories, but in the opinion of over a hundred teaching staff at Wymondham College, the most pressing need of all is that for a focal point where the spirit of the school can seek expression. Such a building could serve as a Chapel everyday and on Sunday of course; it could be a theatre and a concert hall, and a cinema on Saturday nights; it could be a lecture hall and a social centre for the many

activities associated with the school; it could be an examination centre in which boys and girls could give of their best and not have to suffer the extremes of temperature necessitated by the use of the Nissen huts; it could be a hive of activity every day, catering for drama, music, debates, discussions and a hundred and one activities which we find difficult to do properly in Nissen huts. After all, a school does not consist of classrooms only. Education is not merely the producing of good G.C.E. results. We have a responsibility to provide for the spirit in man, the development in our pupils of the qualities which remain when examination results become out of date. I think that we achieve a great deal along these lines already in the normal course of our teaching, but occasionally we need to focus sharply on these intangible things and a multi-purpose centre such as I have described would be invaluable for this purpose. When will phase 2 of the building programme begin, I wonder?

At this stage, I must express my thanks to the Officers of the Parents-Staff Association who have helped to draw the attention of the authorities to our needs, but after the initial modest victory, the overall strategy for the major campaign will now have to be reconsidered and the tactics to achieve our next objectives worked out most carefully.

We have already walked a tight rope in publicising our needs and shortcomings, but parents of our pupils have expressed through the P.S.A. officials, their confidence in our achievements and have realised that the dreadful T.V. films of the College do not give, and were not intended to give, a full picture of Wymondham College.

On the whole, I think, two cheers, rather than three, for the building programme!

Last year, I promised to write briefly about developments in our Sixth Form. Since I came here in January 1971, I have been only too conscious of the fact that our Sixth Formers had more potential than they were realising, but the signs are now very encouraging indeed. Many of our Sixth Formers are now believing that they could do well at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as at other universities. Now, many of our talented pupils are seeking places before they

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sit their Advanced level examinations and one of our pupils, Richard Symes, has been offered a place at Clare, Cambridge, in Science before sitting the 'A' level examination. It can be done!

Many Oxford & Cambridge dons have visited us and we have visited them at their Colleges to exchange information about our respective institutions and possibilities. All the tutors are encouraging us to send them candidates and I hope that the trickle will develop into a steady stream before long. Several first year Sixth Formers are thinking along these lines now and are preparing themselves for application in December this year. I think the universities which eventually get these people will be fortunate!

Our Sixth Form programme is being developed all the time. In addition to the Advanced and Scholarship level specialist studies, we provide for a broadening education in our "forum" periods, our Core Studies programme and in our Friday evening lecture series. The staff involved are very able and enthusiastic and their care and commitment to our sixth formers is much appreciated by all of us.

The envisaged Sixth Form Centre will help a great deal. We want to treat Sixth Formers as young adults, not older children, and I am confident that this kind of understanding is being communicated, not only to parents, but to the Sixth Formers themselves. They need a Sixth Form Centre and it should be in operation in a year's time.

Three cheers, I think, for our Sixth Form progress.

Some years ago, there were plans for a new sixth form boarding house, but the chances of building a seventh house are probably nil at the moment. However, I am wondering if we can achieve a sixth form boarding house, without building a new one

There is never a dull moment at Wymondham College. Many problems come to me which should be solved outside the school, but educational challenges are welcome and stimulating and are worth fighting for. There is still "much land ahead to be possessed". Thanks to all of you who will help us to possess it!

R. Wolsey

NEWS OF STAFF AND PAST PUPILS

It is gratifying to note that this year, at least up until the time of going to press, there are relatively few staff to whom we have to say our good-byes. During the autumn and spring terms we learned with regret that Mr. C. Halliday would be leaving to take up a senior post in Stratford, London, that Mrs. L. Pugh would be temporarily retiring from teaching for family reasons (in the form of Adam, born in the spring term - our warmest congratulations), and that Mr. B. C. Drury would be taking up an appointment at Chatham House Grammar School in Ramsgate - our best wishes. In September we shall also feel the loss of Mr. and Mrs. A. Foley who are moving to Edinburgh, of Mr. T. Brown who has been with us for only a year, and of Mrs. A. Jordan whose quiet and efficient presence in the library will be missed. We wish them all well in the future.

In contrast with this paucity of news we are glad to report that we have had more news of past pupils than we did last year. Mr. Norton has had news, for instance, of a number of old boys involved in, or connected with, sport in some way.

Barrie Corless (1957 - 64) who has now been capped six times for England, played for the Barbarians on their Easter tour of Wales. Trevor Corless (1958 - 65) played in an England trial this season. Both play for Moseley R.F.C. Robert Rowell (1953 - 58), a past England cap against Wales on two occasions, also played for the Barbarians in their annual match with the East Midlands. Bob, 'chrome dome' or 'the gay hussar' as he has been affectionately referred to by rugby correspondents in the national press, has now retired from the game. In his final match for Leicester his opponents were Moseley, who included the Corless brothers in their formidable XV. Both Corless brothers are in charge of P.E. departments in Midland schools, and Bob Rowell manages the transport department of a Leicester based firm.

Dr. A.W. S. Watson (1955 - 60) has had a paper entitled 'The Physical Working Capacity of Adolescents in Ireland' published recently in 'The Irish Journal of

Medical Science'. This work follows many similar studies including an investigation of one of our own XV's, which formed his basis for 'The Physique of a Secondary School Rugger Team'. Interestingly enough Tony Watson would probably be the last person to claim that he had been a games player or an athlete whilst at Wymondham College, but he did become convinced of the value of circuit training to which he was introduced in the old nissen gymnasium which is now a store-room adjacent to the new cook-freeze centre. He is now in a senior position at the National College of Physical Education at Limerick, Ireland.

Paul Leatherdale (1969 - 76) is to be congratulated on being awarded the Eastern Region Sports Council's Sportsman of the year award for the 16 - 25 years age group. The depth and variety of his interests and achievements were responsible for his success and include being British Junior Rapid Fire Pistol Champion at Bisley, British Junior Air Pistol Champion at Cardiff, representing Great Britain in European and international shooting competitions, playing rugby, soccer and badminton while at Wymondham College, and table-tennis and badminton at Hatfield Polytechnic. He has also been responsible for setting up a sports council at Hatfield Polytechnic and has become Students Union Clubs Officer in which capacity he is responsible for the administration of all sports clubs and cultural societies at the Polytechnic. All this whilst studying for a degree in Business Management!

Paul reports that Steve Pettit, Ian Knight and Andrew Worman are all following courses at the Polytechnic, and that Nicholas Wincott (1964 - 71) is the Students Union Vice-President there.

For their academic achievements we would also like to offer our congratulations to the following past pupils who all graduated last June: M. A. Liddament in English Literature (University of Sheffield), I. L. Dickson in Electrical Engineering and A. Mullins in Business Studies (both at Hatfield Polytechnic), R. Hill (University of Stirling), S. J. Chapman in Chemistry (UMIST), S. S. McKelvey in Mechanical Engineering (Brunel), J. W. Alston and J. C. Green in Agriculture (University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne), and M. B. Vaughan (Leicester University).

As a footnote we would like to mention some achievements closer to home. Wendy Love (66), Joanna Stratfold (66), Barbara Skene (73) and Carey Longhurst (73) have all recently been awarded travel bursaries of £40 from the Sir Philip Rickett Educational Trust to enable them to spend time in France and Germany.

Finally we would like to draw your attention to a new publication of The Wymondham Society, whose aims are to conserve the character of Wymondham and promote an interest in its history, which has been written by Mr. Wilson. The publication is called 'A Walk Around Old Wymondham' and contains a mine of information about the town and links the information to a suggested route map for a walk.

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CHAPEL CHOIR REPORT

A sociologist once said that you can compare a society with a living organism. It is born, it develops, it evolves. If this is the case, then the midwives and paediatricians who were present at the birth of the Chapel Choir eighteen months ago can afford a sigh of relief and may be allowed a cautious optimism. The dedicated infant has survived a robust and fairly happy childhood. It may not yet have become a full adult, but at least it stands poised on the brink of adolescence. It's an appropriate time to look back at some family snapshots.

Here's one showing the Choir making their first, tremulous attempt to sing an anthem on Sunday. Soon, anthems will be almost taken for granted. Here's another showing the Choir making their first contribution to a School Carol Service. They sounded surprisingly good. But look at this one taking the following year. They carried the whole service this time and sounded magnificent. See them all here. They've just realised that "Greater Love hath no Man," an extremely difficult anthem, can sound very moving when sung well. "Moving" was the word used by many members of the congregation to describe the music sung at the "Meditation on Easter" at the end of last term. Finally, a picture of someone who is not a member of the choir but a professional musician with several years experience of listening to school choirs - and hardened to it. She is saying, of the choir's performance at the School Concert, that for the first time ever she was able to sit back and enjoy the music without being aware that it was only a school choir performing it.

So far, so good. But now the pubescent organism is about to lose its milk teeth. Many seniors, who were present at the Choir's inception, are leaving at the end of this term. At present, no second set has appeared to replace them. There is a real danger that the Choir will leap from innocent childhood to toothless senility in one great bound. This would be tragic, for what has been achieved so far should be just a beginning. Other Norfolk School choirs can stage highly acclaimed performances of Bach's "Saint John's Passion", sing the services in Salisbury Cathedral for a week or be invited to give continental recital tours. There is no reason why we shouldn't achieve similar things. That sufficient talent exists in the school has been demonstrated by the Opera this year.

The Chapel Choir needs new members - especially senior boys. Notice that the word "singer" hasn't been used. If you can make some kind of sound on the coach when returning from a rugby match, then you're the kind of man the Choir wants and needs. The first practice next term is at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14th. Please come. You will be surprised at the level of your own ability, and you could help to keep an organism alive.

P.C.L.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

Change: Means and Ends

Earthquakes, volcanoes, and drifting continents fortunately have awed man. Yet, as Dr. Cann of the U.E.A. told us, 'the San Andreas fault could probably be made to move gradually and therefore harmlessly, but no geologist wants to risk starting, through no fault of his own, an earthquake.' Dr. Cann showed us slides of his own vacation expeditions to collect undisturbed stones from the sea-bed. His talk helped us to realize how changing is the earth, and at the same time how extensive are the time-periods involved. The ease with which Dr. Cann communicated facts of a complex science revealed the freshness of day-to-day research involvement. He even helped us to understand (in response to our request) the debates in the Gaya hypothesis.

Another speaker from the sciences was R. M. Leaney (a Norfolk doctor) who described how we harm the environment and get ourselves into debt by the pursuit of things which only fashion says we need.

Mr. Peter Hardiman Scott, chief assistant to the director general of the B.B.C. and for fifteen years B.B.C. political editor, answered many questions within the framework of 'Information and Change'. It was much to the credit of Mr. Hardiman Scott that he came such a distance in order to give a frank account of principles used in the selection of programme materials and news, and of principles used in advertising. As Solzhenitsyn's B.B.C. talks had made clear (and the speaker mentioned the Russian writer), it is necessary for a honest establishment (if it loves liberty) to go out to the people and tell them personally what is afoot. People must have grounds for confidence. Mr. Hardiman Scott left us with the feeling that parts of the B.B.C. are in the hands of men who have our best interests at heart.

We were most fortunate in having three richly-informed speakers from the fields of history and literature. Mr. Entwistle, the Warden of VI Form Studies, compared the nature of British and Japanese industrialization, and it was the latter which provoked by far the most discussion and questions. Coal, steel and energy, it is clear, are close to the British heart! In an highly successful talk Mr. Entwistle certainly showed some of the major material successes towards which study and use of enthusiastic reasoning lead.

Coincidentally another of our speakers, Mr. Anthony Thwaite, also has an interest in Japan: he is co-editor of an English translation of Japanese verse. 'The tyranny of the new' was the most exciting theme of Mr. Thwaite's address. Like the tyranny of fashion which Dr. Leaney had attacked, Mr. Thwaite pointed out that the poet can also be subject to the tyranny of a fashion which asks little about a work of art except that it say something new. Whether or not the new thing is true or false, important or trivial, is overshadowed by the fetish of the 'new'. That time might better be spent, for example, on a deeper understanding of an old theme is not even considered. (We might observe that most literature

would never have come into being if the fetish of the new had prevailed). Although Mr. Thwaite's statement is very much that of one who has participated in changing matters until they suit him excellently and of course then cries 'halt' regardless of whether the situation suits others or not, we do in fact mistake change because it is necessary for change because it will sell. Mr. Thwaite was very warmly received and (as for all our speakers) we certainly look forward to his next visit. We are grateful to the Eastern Arts Association for their stipend to him.

Mr. Spurling described to us the confusion Africans face when attempting to assimilate western technology before they have the cultural structure to carry it.

The fates were against the artists: exhibitor Mrs. Jayne Rayne from London was recuperating from pneumonia on the day fixed; her husband and co-exhibitor was called for jury duty on the same day. Miss Jane Beckett from the U.E.A. was taken ill on the day, and so was the organizer of the lecture itself.

We of the College are most grateful to these generous people who came (with the exception already noted) unfunded, and in their own time. We wish that all of them could be among the exceptions since their contributions are so valuable to us. Sound equipment by Mr. Ryan, coffee courtesy of the kitchens, and the host/hostess roles of sixth formers themselves were among the ingredients making the programme work.

LIBRARY REPORT, 1977

J.D.

The good news this year is that at long last, the College will have a new Library/Resources Centre to be completed next Summer. The present library building has been in use since the early 1940's and looks every bit its age; shelving and seating space are now very inadequate and we have arrived at the stage where we can no longer put new books on the shelves without removing others, nor can we accommodate the number of pupils who demand to use the library at lunchtimes - up to 150 per session.

The new library will include provision for individual study carrels fully wired for individual playing of tapes, cassettes and the viewing of slides and filmstrips, apart from providing an ideal study environment. There will be seminar rooms for group film/T.V. viewing and lectures, and of course, more space for books.

Much of the year has been spent in the planning of this new library and the completion of vital tasks like the construction of a Subject Index. We now plan to expand and to make a start in building up a comprehensive collection of slides, tapes and filmstrips, now that we have the room to house these resources.

Unfortunately, Mr. Brown is no longer with us and the Librarian is therefore very grateful for the unfailing help of her two 3rd year librarians, Debbie Jacks and Julie Pearson without whose assistance new books would never get processed.

This year's most popular fiction - yet again Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings' and Richard Adam's 'Watership Down'. If there is anyone in the school who hasn't read Tolkien at least once they will have to hurry before the new Middle Earth epic appears this Autumn.

A.J.

'Exterminate the sparrows'

Residents of Peel no doubt have their own opinions of the blast-freeze (or, officially, cook-freeze) unit which hides within that mysterious, uncompromisingly austere building just across from the M.D.H. It was their unfortunate lot to have to trail 200 yards for their scrambled eggs and Weetabix on dank and dreary winter mornings whilst their house kitchen was converted to accommodate the steady stream of frozen and dried foods which now pours into it from the unit - dry goods come once a week, frozen goods come twice a week, and perishables like bread, milk, fruit and salad vegetables arrive every day.

Rumours and questions about the place have been rife since last September: What's inside the mysterious packing cases? Who are the men in the white coats? How old do you think this food really is? What secrets lurk behind the blank exterior which is the cook-freeze unit? The cavilling started as soon as the system was underway: understandable complaints from the poor unfortunates wearing out their shoe leather on the long trek to M.D.H.; shrill cries of "Less eggs, less grease, more custard, *please*," rang out with a host of other 'cris de coeur' - "There isn't enough here to feed a sparrow at the M.D.H., let alone me," was a memorable comment.

Such a furore does not often ruffle the calm surface of life at Wymondham College. And interest didn't even stop here, for on March 30th of this year representatives from various national newspapers and magazines descended upon us to have a look at what was going on. We members of the magazine committee, avid, as ever, for news or sensation, decided to investigate the source of all the controversy. We 'boldly went where no man had gone before', and on May 9th succeeded in penetrating to within the inner confines of the cook-freeze unit itself and discovering the truth of things. Below we record our findings.

The Facts.

We were met on our arrival by Mrs. Saunderson, whose job it is to supervise the organization of all meals arrangements on the site. She plans the menus, trying to ensure that the 163 different items produced do not recur too frequently (which means that she has to plan our meals well over a month before we eat them, making sure that they come up to standards set by the Department of Education and Science, and order the food about four weeks in advance).





We were slightly alarmed when Mrs. Saunderson informed us that we couldn't set foot across the threshold of the kitchen before we'd donned regulation white overalls and caps to prevent our out-door germs from contaminating the food, but nothing daunted, we dressed up and, feeling like a team of surgeons, went in.

We might well have been in an operating theatre. Inside, the very walls, white-tiled from floor to ceiling, gleamed, and the work surfaces of stainless steel shone. The only things to remind us we were in a kitchen were the aroma of 140 lbs. of lamb and tomato casserole which we were later to be shown simmering gently in two of the multi-purpose Bratt pans, and the sight of a group of pastry cooks in one corner preparing over 120 latticed jam tarts, "to be eaten in three weeks time," we were informed. Over in another corner the bread baker was waiting to take out another batch of the 1,600 bread rolls he makes for the college every day (at a saving of 1p per roll over shop prices).

We walked round to the main entrance and our tour began. The food, we were told, follows exactly the same progress through the building as we were about to. It literally comes in at one end and goes out at the other, after being prepared, cooked, portioned, frozen, sealed, labelled and stored in the freezer for up to three weeks. First we saw the three storage rooms to which it is sent before the process begins - the chill store, the dry goods store and the vegetable store. Meat, it was emphasised, is separated from everything else and whisked straight through for immediate cooking to minimise the possibility of contamination.

Next we watched in awe as vast quantities of food were cooked, and we learnt, to our astonishment, that the twelve members of staff at the unit produce 3,000 meals a day between them. Further on, the pastry makers we had watched earlier were lining tins with the pastry they'd made, following detailed specifications about quantities and numbers. Over on the other side of the room a new operation had begun. Here enormous roasts of meat were being sliced and portioned prior to freezing. Quantities are measured exactly (to the gramme) to ensure that required standard levels of proteins and calories are maintained.

In the freezer tunnel, which we saw next, various items were being subjected to temperatures so cold that a human being would only last about ten minutes inside before dying of exposure. It takes 90 minutes to freeze meats rock hard, and only 40 minutes for rolls. From the tunnel the food is quickly wrapped and labelled and then stored at -20°C until it's needed, whereupon it goes in sealed containers to the 'finishing kitchens' in the houses where it is defrosted, reheated and made ready for presentation. Here the final touches are added - sauces are made, cakes are decorated, garnishes are added.

After our tour we had the chance to ask Mrs. Saunderson questions and we learnt, for instance, that conversion to the system has saved more than 800 staff hours a week (or over £50,000 a year), and that the college now functions with 30 less kitchen staff than previously. Mrs. Saunderson stressed, however, that this had not meant anybody losing his job, merely that staff leaving or retiring have not been replaced. We wondered why it had been decided to convert to the new system in the first place and not merely to rebuild the M.D.H.

(originally condemned in 1973), and continue as we had been doing. Mrs. Saunderson offered various convincing reasons for this: there were the economic ones just mentioned; more efficient methods of distributing food and controlling quality are available when there is a central production area; coping with extra meals, or with meals for holiday courses is made easier, since they can be prepared well in advance with no last minute rush; there are opportunities for giving kitchen staff more regular hours and holidays under the new system.

One of the facts which surprised us most of all was that the amount of money available to Mrs. Saunderson (or to any school meals organizer) per head for the food for lunch is only 16p. As she said, when we asked her about the general feeling we had detected that quantities had gone down, 16p doesn't go far at today's prices. Mrs Saunderson felt that things had gone well in the first year, and that many of the initial teething troubles were disappearing. We decided that we would go on from her and sound out the opinions of the other people involved in the new system, of the pupils and the staff who eat the food, and of the house kitchen staff who complete its preparation, before returning to her with our new information.

The Feelings.

We started our survey with pupils and teaching staff. Some of you may have completed or at least seen the questionnaire distributed in the spring, asking for opinions on cook-freezing, on the food itself and on the new dining arrangements. Each of the questions offered the opportunity to express opinion on whether things had improved, deteriorated, or remained much the same. The results were analysed from a sample of 230 which we divided into two main groups: those from 'converted' houses (those which had had the chance to experience the system fully operational) and those from 'non-converted' houses. We further sub-divided to compare reactions from boarding as opposed to day pupils.

In converted houses 63% of the sample felt that the general standard of food had improved, and another 30% felt that it had at least remained as it was. In the non-converted houses the response was less favourable, but still only 20% felt that there had been a drop in standards. More specifically, however, 52% of boarders and 42% of day pupils felt that vegetables had deteriorated in the non-converted houses and a third of pupils in the converted houses were of the same opinion.

When asked whether they thought the new methods of preparing the food had affected the standards, again the most positive response came from converted houses where 60% said they thought the new methods had raised the standard; and, as before again, it was the day pupils who felt this most strongly - 68% of them were of this opinion. Once more it was the standard of vegetables that came in for most criticism. This was a feeling reinforced by the comments made in those questions which offered the sample the opportunity to make constructive remarks about methods. A number of people voiced dislike of dried



potatoes and of the wateriness of the vegetables generally. Nevertheless, quite clearly, a favourable reaction was registered.

Questions about the quantities of food available, on the other hand, produced a distinctly unfavourable response. Over 60% of boarders in general believed they were getting less food, although it must be said that over 40% of the day pupils felt that quantities at lunch-time had gone up.

As far as lunch-time arrangements were concerned we found a very positive response. Over 90% of pupils in converted houses said they appreciated the choice offered at lunch-time, and 81% said they found choices varied enough. Understandably in the non-converted houses, where the full choice has not yet been available, the response was less positive, 71% said that the choice raised their enjoyment of the meal, and 45% found the choices varied enough (even though they were being offered only two out of three choices).

The cafeteria system was found to be appreciated, although many people felt that queueing was tiresome. Interestingly, no one year group was appreciably more critical of the queueing arrangements than any other in the free-comment questions about arrangements.

The last section of the questionnaire was directed at boarders only, and opinions about breakfasts and teas were very similar in both converted and non-converted houses. Over 50% of the sample felt that breakfasts had definitely

improved (and roughly 25% were of the opinion that they had at least remained as good as in the past), but over 50% said they thought the evening meal had deteriorated.

Overall, then, the consumers' response was a favourable one. Obviously some areas were felt to be in need of improvement (the boarders' evening meals, vegetables, for instance) but many were felt to be either already improved or at least, not deteriorated. Significantly, more of the people in converted houses had noticed a definite improvement in both quality and preparation compared with those who have not yet experienced the system working fully. The discomforts of the conversion process seem worth putting up with.

When we spoke to some of the staff in the house kitchens, however, we were shown another aspect of the subject. All the kitchen staff we saw felt that the new system was less satisfactory to work with than the old one, although they agreed that having an extra day off was an advantage. Many of them felt that the creativity of their jobs had been reduced because, as they saw it, all they were employed to do now was to reheat and dish out food that had already been prepared elsewhere. We mentioned this to Mrs. Saunderson when we spoke to her again. She felt that to a certain extent the staff in the kitchens were voicing a reaction against the new system because they have had to make radical adjustments. The re-training of staff was one of the major problems Mrs. Saunderson felt. She was confident, however, that the adjustments were being made, despite the fact that she has had the opportunity to release only one of the staff for the month long period of official retraining which is felt to be necessary for staff coming into the system.

One of the problems that became apparent to the committee as we conducted our enquiry was that of communications. In some instances we felt there was insufficient understanding by one group of people of what another group was trying to achieve. Mrs. Saunderson made the point herself that when she visited the houses to talk to pupils and assess their reactions in the early days there was quite clearly a lack of understanding of the difficulties involved in conversion to the new methods. Perhaps the feelings of the kitchen staff might have something to do with the fact that they sometimes feel caught in the cross-fire between the people producing the food, and the people consuming it. One of the things Mrs. Saunderson hoped to achieve in the future was a more sensitive method of assessing reaction from within the school. We hope that this article will be one of the first steps towards promoting this end.

On the whole we feel that we must register a vote of confidence in the new system. We have been impressed by what we've seen at the blast-freeze unit, and gratified at the positive response we recorded in our questionnaire. Many of the problems are sorting themselves out. If the changes that have taken place have not been fast or radical enough to satisfy the person who cried "Exterminate the sparrows at the M.D.H." on his questionnaire, perhaps he will be pleased to see that they're being gradually phased out.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1977

Last September the complement of full-time teaching staff was increased to three by the addition of Mr. Nigel Guzek. Mr. Guzek studied at Trinity College of Music, London and at Bath Teacher Training College, specialising in organ-playing and Renaissance music. He has directed the Junior Choir this year.

The Junior Choir has been performing at Morning Assembly throughout the Summer term, singing selected items from the pop cantata "Holy Moses" which they sang in the Easter concert.

The Chapel choir under the direction of Mr. Bramhall has maintained the high standard it set last year by providing special choral items on most Sundays. It is quite an achievement for a school choir, not yet two years old, to perform a major, extended work for adult choirs, such as Stanford's "Songs of the Sea". Apart from a shortage of boys to sing bass and tenor, the Easter concert performance was first class.

Arrangements have been made for the choir to give a recital in Attleborough Parish Church on Whit Sunday.

"MUSIC IN CHAPEL"

On Sunday evening, 17th October, an inaugural recital, to mark the installation of the new organ in Chapel, was given by Mr. McBeath, the Chapel Choir directed by Mr. Bramhall and a small group of instrumentalists. There was a good attendance of parents, pupils and friends of the College.

PROGRAMME

ORGAN:	Air and Hornpipe	Handel
CHOIR:	Praise	Dyson
ORGAN:	Largo	Peters
	5 Pieces for mechanical clock	Hayden
ORGAN/ STRINGS	Adagio for organ and strings	Albinoni
ORGAN:	Humoreske	Dvorak
	Scherzetto	Jongen
CHOIR:	Jesu joy of man's desiring	Bach
ORGAN:	Toccata for the flutes	Yon
	Trumpet tune	Stanley
CHOIR:	Magnificat	Walmisley



WIND BAND FESTIVAL

Diss Girls' School, Tuesday 15th March, 9.45 - 3.00.

Conductor: Capt. Roy Watkins.

Louise Woodhouse

Catherine Britton

Rosemary Mundy

Claire Hancy

Lesley Benstead

Isobel Johnson

Ralph Wilson

James Witton

Joanne Britton

Andrea Pett

Katherine Masters

Wendy Love

Coral Vincent

Louise Colman

Philip Vozza

Michael Taylor

Joanna Piesse

The above players were invited to attend this one-day course which, according to reports, was a great success. It afforded our musicians an opportunity of meeting players from other schools and of performing in a group of some seventy wind instrumentalists.

THE MAIR CUP COMPETITION

The Mair Cup House Competition produced its usual amount of enthusiasm and rivalry. This year the House Music Captains were more imaginative and ambitious than hitherto in their choice of individual items, and so a higher degree of musicianship was produced. There was an awareness that only high quality performance and presentation would extract high marks from the panel of six judges.

The new system of marking introduced last year, was continued with a great measure of satisfaction. In an attempt to achieve perfect fairness in the marking, we are considering the possibility of adding a fifth mark-category to the existing 'Content; Performance; Presentation and General Impression', that of 'Degree of Difficulty' which should give encouragement to our oft-maligned instrumentalists. It is not generally appreciated that it is many times more difficult to produce an effective instrumental item than it is to impress both audience and judges with a choral item. One thinks particularly of Peel's "Waltzing Matilda" and Kett's solo on that fiendishly difficult instrument, the French Horn - which displayed the greatest measure of skill, hard work and high musicianship. Yet these were the very items which failed to impress because of the listeners' unfamiliarity with the medium.

To a criticism that there should be marks awarded for 'entertainment value', this is included in the General Impression mark, together with 'variety of material'; 'House participation'; 'compere'; 'the concert as a whole'.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

June/ July 1976	GRADE	INSTRUMENT
James Witton	6	Trumpet
Deborah Haanes	5	Piano
Joanne Breese	3D	Piano
Sally Grimson	3	Piano
Vivienne Morley	3	Violin
Sabine Jalil	3	Violin
Kay Sowerby	3	Trombone
Julia Cross	3	Trumpet
David Chapman	3	Trumpet
Dawn Milward	2	Violin
Ann Stowers	2	Violin
Angelique Nichols	2	Violin
Julia Hawksworth	2	Violin
Sarak Kovandzich	2	Violin
Tina Green	2	Violin
Mairi Robertson	1	Violin
Benedict Carter	1	Violin
Mandy Knights	1	Violin
Sarah Page	1D	Piano

December 1976		
Ralph Wilson	5M	Clarinet
Joanne Britton	5	Flute
Andrew Watson	4D	Organ
Isobel Johnson	4M	Bassoon
Claire Hancy	4M	Clarinet
Coral Vincent	4	Clarinet
Lesley Benstead	4	Clarinet
Katherine Masters	4M	Flute
Wendy Love	4	Flute
Joanna Piesse	4	Flute
Catherine Britton	4M	Piano
Joanne Britton	4	Piano
Lynne Darke	3M	Clarinet
Donalda Bridson	3	Clarinet
Steven Wilson	3	Clarinet
Anne Ireson	3	Clarinet
Andrea Pett	3	Oboe
Alison Taylor	3	Piano
Caroline Radford	1	Piano

March 1977		
Lauren Clifton	5	Violin
Deborah Dowe	4	Violin
Joanne Breese	4	Piano
Sarah Page	2	Piano
Mina Sassoon	1	Violin
Caroline Rudd	1	Violin
Helen Pruce	1	Violin

D = Distinction
M = Merit

THE GONDOLIERS

Choir practices began after the Easter holidays with commendable enthusiasm and excitement - and the usual shortage of boys. However, as the weeks went by, the girls gradually attracted more and more tenors and basses with a formidable example of Public Relations.

One cannot imagine a College opera without Mr. Brand. His portrayal of the penniless but non-the-less dignified Duke of Plaza Toro was an inspiration to the younger principals.

"Of that there is no manner of doubt!"

Lynn Whyte and John Pearson as Casilda and Luiz achieved a mature sensitivity in both singing and acting, especially in their love-duets in Act 1.

Mr Leonard and Liam Dark (Marco and Guiseppe), in telling us "We're called gondolieri, but that's a vagary" created a splendid and exciting atmosphere as they chose their brides. In Act 2 Mr. Leonard gave us his "recipe for perfect happiness" in a very convincing manner - "Take a pair of sparkling eyes - if you can".

Although they confessed to being "sisters of misfortune", Hilary Slater and Susan Evans brought a delightful charm to the parts of Gianetta and Tessa with good singing and a confident stage presence.

Mandy Martin gave the part of the Duchess dignity and poise, surprising us all with the rich quality of her voice while explaining, at speed, what happened "On the day when I was wedded".

As a fifth former, Michael Booty did well to convince us that a Grand Inquisitor "Is always up-to-date" "in the wonder working days of old".

Praise also to the chorus which played its supporting role with a splendid range of singing, reaching an exhilarating climax as they danced (and sang) The Cachucha. This is far more difficult than it looks!

The orchestra, led by Mrs. McBeath, maintained the high standard of playing we are now accustomed to in our G & S productions, and right from the beginning of the overture they caught the attention of the audience and provided musical accompaniment to soloists and chorus alike.

B.M.M.

THE MAIR CUP

In this year's Mair Cup Competition, held on 7th March, all the choir pieces were performed with admirable competence. Peel's first piece, 'By and By', was specially notable for its good contrasts and the clarity of the singing.

This year's Simon and Garfunkel piece, rapidly becoming a tradition in Mair Cup performances, was sung by the New Hall senior girls, and, as is true of the other New Hall items, 'The Boxer' maintained the Hall's usual high standard.

Kett senior girls' performance of 'Killing Me Softly' was interesting for its unusual presentation, as was New Hall's 'I'd Do Anything'.

The instrumental items, which, this year, accounted for a third of the total performances, showed more imagination and resourcefulness than in previous years. There were some excellently performed pieces such as Cavell's piano duet and Lincoln's 'Non Nobis Domine'. Also commendable were Fry's 'Day By Day', New Hall's Trumpet Concerto and Cavell's 'Babylon'.

On the whole it was an enjoyable evening with the standard higher generally than in previous years. Lincoln, deservedly, emerged as winners and Fry's determined efforts won them second place.

J. HOOI





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THE GONDOLIERS some impressions



A tradition of Gilbert and Sullivan operas has grown at Wymondham College, and an opera is produced every two years. The success of these operas has made it clear that the Gilbert and Sullivan opera is well suited for the expression of the talent to be found in a large school like Wymondham College. The tone of 'The Gondoliers' was such that it appealed to the whole range of its auditors; which is no small achievement when two out of five performances had to captivate and sustain the interest of a highly critical audience of the pupils from the school itself, whose ages ranged from eleven to eighteen years.

'The Gondoliers' was a tremendous undertaking and, at times, it must have seemed to the directors, Mr Garrard and Mr. McBeath, that it would never get off the ground. However, the large cast pulled together and achieved results they never would have thought possible in such a short time. We do not have ideal facilities here at Wymondham College; there is no permanent stage; the sports hall is a draughty and ill-lit barn of a place when one is thinking in terms of drama production. 'The Gondoliers' was performed on a temporary and sometimes shaky stage in that very sports hall. Matters were further complicated because pupils were still playing badminton as the scenery was being put up. This did not, however, deter Mr. Chedghey and his gang from producing an excellent set of enormous proportions.

As the opera began to take shape rehearsals ran smoothly and considerable progress was made each week. 'The Gondoliers' offered enormous opportunities for versatility in performance, in which could be revealed not only the school's adeptness at singing and dancing, but also at evoking interesting characterizations and at creating convincing, though necessarily stylised, costumes. As most of the audience would agree, the blending of the various skills involved produced an overall effect which fulfilled the opportunities offered.

The opera was fast moving, due as much to the choreography and acting as to the plot. The visual impact was one of colour and flowing action. The dance sequences proved very popular with the audiences, especially the Cachucha, which received several encores - a fitting tribute to Mrs. Fraser's hard work. The bright and happy atmosphere was enhanced by the vivid costumes. Mrs. Rutherford and her team of dressmakers executed Miss Johnson's designs well to produce costumes which emphasised the romantic tone of the era.

A high standard of singing was maintained throughout the opera. Mr. Brand's experience (the product of many previous operas) proved a valuable asset. As well as being in fine voice his own "brand" of humour was stamped on the character of the Duke, and was especially appreciated by the younger members of the audience. Lynn Whyte as the Duke's daughter, Casilda, had an exacting part to sing, but she sang it with steady confidence and did not falter.

The two gondoliers, played by Mr. Leonard and Liam Dark made a striking entrance and their opening song accompanied by the chorus warmed the audience to them from the start. Mr. Leonard was very involved in his part and his fine effortless voice complemented well the natural and clear voice of Liam.



Their opposite numbers, Gianetta and Tessa, played by four girls, two on one night, two the next, sang well, although Hilary Slater and Sue Evans set a standard which it was difficult for Lindsay Macrae and Sally Blake to match. The other principals, Rachal Dewing and Mandy Martin as the Duchess, John Pearson as Luiz, and Michael Booty as Don Alhambra, all gave strong supporting performances.

If one criterion for judging the success of a production like a school opera might be said to be the number of participants it involves in an enjoyable and entertaining activity, then one could justifiably comment that 'The Gondoliers' was successful, in that over 150 people were involved in its production and over 2,000 were entertained by its performance. Nevertheless it is difficult to refrain from commenting also that the stage seemed overcrowded at times as it rumbled and vibrated under the thundering entries of the chorus, although it was pleasing to see that the orchestra of twenty-three players included seven pupils and seven members of staff.

Despite all the problems however, we felt that the tradition of Gilbert and Sullivan at Wymondham College had been thoroughly vindicated by 'The Gondoliers'. We hope it continues.

SIOBHAN MUNROE, FIONA SEGGER

THE GONDOLIERS (A CHORUS-EYE VIEW)

We were only 3rd formers when we first began our practices in 25b, and we didn't realize the difficulties and hard work we were letting ourselves in for. Many of us could not even read music and so had to manage by following the tune sung by those who could. For the first few practices, there were roughly 25 people, but the fun started when Mr. McBeath engaged more. It was left to the girls and their "persuasive influences" to gather more boys for a full cast. When we had more-or-less learnt the songs, the volume of sound coming from the small end room was unbelievable. This impression was not to last however, as was found out when we moved to the sports hall.

Our "loud" voices, seemed non-existent, it was difficult to do the movements to begin with because the stage consisted of a couple of forms to mark the edges, and several times people 'fell off' the stage.

More fun, and much laughter came when we tried to construct the dances, especially when it came to teaching the steps to the 'light-footed' boys! Many creaks and groans came from the stage scaffolding and if there was sound, without vision, of the practice dancing, we felt it could only be described as an elephant stampede.



Exeat was short and sweet for all those taking part. We worked continuously apart from eating dinner and tea and a few breaks.

When it came to the construction of the costumes, mums came in very handy. The material was already cut out but it was left to us to make it up. The boys managed to escape this as Mrs. Rutherford's needlework classes needed the practice. Mrs. Rutherford herself and Julie Ellwood worked exceptionally hard. Even though there was some embarrassment when the boys first saw us in ours, we had the last laugh when we saw the boys in their black knicker-bockers and pointed head scarves. Before the choreography (posh word for dancing) was fully completed, we were paired off with members of the male cast.

Although for some it was the first time and therefore interesting, to have grease paint shoved on our faces was not the most pleasant of things, and it certainly does not help spots!

After our first real performance, as we walked round the school the next day, the boys in the opera stood out from the rest due to their rather orange faces. In the last opera the boys had hairy chests painted on them but this year it was fun painting moustaches of different kinds, on their faces.

Few mistakes were made in the dress rehearsal and in all performances, the prompter was needed only once.

Our first performance in front of a proper audience was the first internal show. To us it was an unnerving and exciting experience knowing that the many faces watching us were surveying our every movement and step we performed, it was reassuring to hear their laughter at the comedy and the appreciation of generous applause. We even managed to regain enough puff and energy to encore the exhausting cachucha.

Many amusing incidents occurred during the performances. Guiseppe's wig came off and, as he had not finished dancing, he carried on without it until the end, much to everyone's amusement. The gondola seemed very reluctant to move forward despite the man power of several stage-hands, and where did that fish come from? If only Luiz could have seen behind the scenes trying to keep his balance upon the swaying boat. In some of the performances certain principals were unlucky enough to lose their voices. The audience seemed quite bewildered at one point when Mr. Leonard recited his lines and the voice came from somewhere else.

When the last performance was almost over, sorrowful faces were seen. These were soon brightened as elegant Casilda was called Guiseppe by Luiz. The orchestra and front few rows of the audience were lucky enough to receive small mementoos of "The Gondoliers" as roses and posies were thrown in the last chorus of the finale. The weeks afterwards seemed empty and boring without any practices but there will definitely be volunteers for the next opera, whatever it maybe. Will the present second years be as enthusiastic? They will definitely enjoy it if they are.

KERYN, MANDY, SALLY-ANNE AND ROZ



around the houses.

CAVELL HALL REPORT, 1977

The year began with the house's move to the M.D.H. for meals, while the kitchens were being altered. This caused confusion and discomfort, but with the removal back to the house came the joys of "settling in" to the new cafeteria system. We hope this upheaval did not upset our two new resident members of staff, Miss Veal and Mr. Weaver. Also at the beginning of the year, Mrs. Dearden gave birth to a baby girl - our congratulations to both parents.

As a house, Cavell has not had the best record in the field of sports this year, although victory was ours in both the Boys Swimming Gala and the Standards Competition. The first year boys showed great potential in winning the Rugby Cup for their year. The girls tried hard in their sports competitions, winning the intermediate and over all Hockey Cups, as well as the second year Netball Tournament. The juniors won the "It's a Knockout" Competition for the house this year.

As well as team efforts, there were many outstanding individual sporting performances. David Knowles gained second place in his heat of the 400m hurdles in the National U21 Championship held at Cosgrove, and went on to achieve sixth place in the country. He also came first in the school cross-country running. Nick Boldero won the Norfolk U19's gymnastic tournament, and Mike Reeder was one of the finalists in the Norfolk School's Foils Championship.

Away from sporting achievements, Adrian Fox won the Historical Mastermind, and we must congratulate Mr. Moss on his award of an M.Sc. in Chemistry at the U.E.A.

Although our contribution to the Mair Cup came only fourth, we received the highest mark of the competition for the piano duet from Jo Bickford-Smith and Sue Evans. Also on a musical note, two of the girls from the house, Hil Slater and Sue Evans, took leading roles in the school opera, and in the chorus were many of the Cavell boys.

Not to be forgotten is Jeremy Hardingham, who was chosen from many applicants to play the part of the Artful Dodger, in the Theatre Royal production of the musical "Oliver".

The house entertainments at Christmas were most enjoyable, especially Mr. Hoare's impression of Bruce Forsyth! The dance was also a great success. Special mention must be made of Fiona, Hil and Sharon for their superb mince pies, and, of course, Mrs. Hoare's culinary contributions were well appreciated. We would like to thank her for her help in many other aspects of house life throughout the year.

We will be sorry, at the end of the year, to lose Mr. Hiscox as house warden. He has been with us as a warden since the formation of the mixed house Cavell, and his sense of humour will be much missed. He now wishes to give more time to his chaplaincy duties and academic interests, and we would like to wish him all the very best for the future. At the same time, we would like to welcome Mr. Hoare as the new house warden, and we hope that he will quickly settle into this new appointment.

NIGEL WAINWRIGHT, LIZ SYMONS, KIM MAYFIELD, JOY REEVE

FRY HALL REPORT, 1977

Fry Hall had a very eventful year with the whole house participating in its success. The year started with various additions to the house, in the familiar forms of Messrs. Paxton and Woollestone who we hope have no immediate plans for leaving us. We also welcomed the foreign figure of Herr Reinhart Krebs who is leaving to continue his studies in Germany. We hope he has enjoyed his stay with us.

The domestic scene has also undergone change. We began this year with Mrs. Wintle as the boys' matron, but she left after a term to spend more time with her family. After the Spring half-term holiday, we were joined by Miss Reeks, a capable and friendly young lady who fills the post as boys' matron admirably.

At the end of the Autumn Term our sympathies and thoughts were with Mr. Davidson, who was recovering from an operation. We are happy to say that he is fit and well again now, despite a relapse.

The Opera 'The Gondoliers', raised great support from the house, not only in the form of soloists and chorus, but also in invaluable backstage helpers in the make-up, costume, and scenery fields. Our enthusiasm for singing enabled the whole house to be involved in one item of this year's Mair Cup competition, a feat which has never been achieved before, and the house was both surprised and pleased to attain second place!

On the sports field, Fry achieved encouraging results, the girls winning the Senior, Intermediate and overall netball cups, and also the swimming standards. Compared with the rest of the house the senior boys had unparalleled success, pulling off the Rugby double, winning both the Sevens and the Fifteens, then following this with the Saturday and Wednesday football leagues, without losing a game. Mention must also go to the second years for winning the junior five-a-side and to the first years for winning the cross-country.

The house has also done extremely well in the Saturday evening, mixed inter-house competitions, winning a great number of them. In the annual house quizzes the Seniors won the trophy, with the Juniors coming second in their competitions.

On the whole, it has been an enjoyable year, aided by the efforts of Mr. Lockwood and the staff. We would especially like to thank Mr. Lockwood for his active encouragement and support in all sporting activities.

*CHRISTOPHER DERRY, TIMOTHY MACE,
SUSAN MUIR, CATERINE GIBSON*

KETT HALL REPORT, 1977

Kett started the school year hungry in that we came back to grapple with the teething problems of a new kitchen system. But our patience was rewarded (not by extra food, but by a reduction in the time spent in the lunch queue - for a slow hour and a half gradually became a fast and efficient thirty five minutes).

However, our hunger did not prevent us from fulfilling our full sporting potential. If we did not achieve first place we came second in most competitions. Our triumphs are too numerous to mention but notable ones were the Girls Swimming Gala (in which we were captained by Liz Elphick), the Senior Basketball Tournament (in which we were captained by Mark Jones) and the Rugby Barbarians' Tournament (in which we were captained by the "House Barbarian"

Kare Mann), but it was in cross-country running that we achieved our greatest successes. Due to the fine leadership of Alasdair Symonds we progressed in leaps and bounds, to two first places, two second places and a very narrow third place gained by our year teams.

During the year Lions were awarded to Simon Tilbrooke (Rugby), Andrew Hogg (Rugby and Football) and Mark Jones (Rugby, Football and Basketball). Andrew Hogg and Mark Jones both played for the Norfolk Rugby U.19 Fifteen and Michael Robinson and Kevin Horrex both played for the Norfolk Rugby U.16 Fifteen. Mark Jones went on to play for the Eastern Counties U.19 Fifteen. No wonder he's got so much to grin about.

At the end of the Autumn Term an intrepid bunch of sixth and seventh years fought bravely to master the art of laughter when they produced a Christmas Revue within the house. Our thanks go to Spottsky and Butch, the Doctor, Fosdyke, Angela Rip-off, Cinders, Eamon (this is Mrs. Fraser's life) Andrews and the piano player whom we had no cause to shoot. Mr. Ronayne and Mr Ryan were responsible for the show and deserve credit for putting them up to it.

The spirit of laughter was continued by the House at the Christmas Entertainments, to which parents and staff were invited. The more outstanding contributions were the "New Idiots" show by the third years and the sixth years' "write and perform a playlet in half-a-hour" group. The evening was capped by a splendid barbecue organized by Wendy Simmons and her Senior Girls' Cuisine Ensemble.

In the House Quizzes this year we proved we do have brains in our heads because we managed to come second over-all. Our junior team, knowledgeably led by S. Barlow, had a convincing win over Lincoln's Junior Team. Our Senior Team were only just defeated by a very lucky Lincoln Senior Team.

Later on in the Spring Term the Mair Cup came around and to our great disappointment we achieved only sixth place. This result was not indicative of the hard work and much time spent by Jonathon Borrill and Clifford Martin. However our efforts did not go unrewarded, as an anonymous person donated a sum of money to house funds "for the splendid house effort put into this year's Mair Cup competition". We would like to thank the person concerned for such a praiseworthy gesture.

We are also pleased to announce that Kett contributed over half the participants in this year's Senior Theatre Workshop Production of "Waiting for Godot".

The aesthetic side of our natures was exhibited in our annual model competition. A high degree of skill and effort was shown and Kevin Howell, with his superb General Dynamics F-III swing wing fighter-bomber, ran out a narrow but deserved winner.

During the year Miss Farnham-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh and Dr. Halliday departed from the house. We wish them all the best for the future, and in their place we welcomed Miss Willatts, Mr Guzek, Mr. Haysler and Miss Goodwin to Kett Hall. We hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

To conclude, we wish to thank all the members of staff, but especially Mr. and Mrs. Norton, who have helped to maintain the high standard of co-operation and participation among the members of the House.

*CLIFFORD MARTIN, WENDY SIMMONS
JONATHON BORRILL, CATHERINE WODEHOUSE*

LINCOLN HALL REPORT, 1977

Despite the trials we have suffered during the time we have been eating in the Main Dining Hall, Lincoln has had a year which has been successful overall. In recent months we have borne very real teething troubles connected with eating three meals a day out of the house. Complaints had to be soothed away with comforting reminders of the new methods of food production on the horizon. Temperature was a factor to be reckoned with at the M.D.H., but we suffered less than the house that had preceded us. We were also fortunate in being able to carry out valuable experiments involving reverberation times and structural resonance frequencies within the walls of our own house. However, with patience the majority of the house survived, with only a small minority resorting to Sick Bay for sanctuary.

More seriously, our academic record was boosted with the success of Janet Davey who gained the Norfolk Award for Science, and with the achievement of Richard Symes who obtained a provisional offer of a place at Cambridge to be taken up later in the year. We offer them both our congratulations.

On the sportsfield good all-round results were achieved. After a close second place in the summer athletics competition we also put up some fine performances in soccer, swimming and cross-country, with some excellent individual efforts being made in all three. The second years won their rugby competition while the junior girls made an impact on the netball courts by winning their competition. The Lincoln basketball team gained a pleasing second place in the tournament. Glen Irving managed to secure a place in the county rugby team, along with Andrew Abbey who played for the U16 team. The Norfolk netball was strengthened by the inclusion of Sally Page, and Michael Stevenson played for the county badminton team. Gymnastics is a fast-growing sport, and Scott Wederburn and Peter Kett represented the house and performed at county level.

Lincoln was strongly represented on the stage in the Autumn term production of 'The Gondoliers'; soloists Liam Dark, John Pearson and Mr. Leonard all gave fine performances. The chorus included Michael Claydon, Tim Loyd, Mr. Spurling and Leslie Hewett. The experience was enjoyed by all, including the senior girls who heped with make-up and ushering.

The house Parents/Staff Association has been appreciated by all for its continued support of events in the house after exeats and on other more festive occasions. We offer thanks for the donations made to the house throughout the year. The second television has widened the range of programmes available, and satisfies the varied tastes of the house as a whole.

Once again the Mair Cup was borne in triumph back to Lincoln. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the house music captains, Wendy Love and John Pearson along with the co-operation of all the participants. Other notable performances were produced on the chess board. Richard Symes managed to bring the talent together to gain first place. A success was also recorded in the Bridge Tournament.

We would all like to extend a belated welcome to the new members of staff who have joined us this year - Mr. Entwistle, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Goman, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Spurling, Mr. Cooney, Mrs. Francis and Dr. Daeley. We conclude by offering our thanks to staff and prefects for their much appreciated support throughout the year, and we wish next year's house captains all the best.

*LESLEY CLEVERLY, LES HEWETT,
NICOLA GIGG, IAN PILKINGTON*

NEW HALL REPORT, 1977

This year, despite tradition and in an attempt to be different, New Hall has decided not to reveal it's inner-most secrets to the whole world. The reason for this 'divergence from the norm' is that the people who are interested already know the facts and those who do not are not interested anyway!

However, for the lazy and the ignorant we shall make an exception, here goes..

Once again we were able to maintain a reasonable standard in sports. It was good to see so much effort put in by the teams, although the rewards were small. John Hunt led the senior cross-country team to victory, himself obtaining a creditable second place. The third year boys also won their event with Greg Simmonds coming first overall, showing much promise for the future. The girls were not to be totally overlooked and succeeded in gaining second place in the inter-house netball tournament. Neither were the juniors to be forgotten, proving their strength by winning their basketball tournament, although the seniors were not up to their usual standard.

Out of school New Hall was able to add to Wymondham's contributions to the nationwide sporting programme. Marcus Dunn obtained a place in the senior Norfolk cricket team as well as hopes of appearing on Nottinghamshire's books in the future. Steve Dane also moved forward in Basketball when he gained a place in the Norwich Royals Basketball team.

As usual we had a very busy Christmas term, with the parent and pupil dance proving to be a great success. For the first time this year our House Review was greatly enlivened by a contribution from the staff. Mr. Chedgeycaused much amusement when he 'flashed his light' and their portrayal of Hayley Longhurst's life was very entertaining.

Along with this, many people were involved in the opera taking many of the principal parts. Lynn Whyte, Rachael Dewing, Steve Hands, Allison Hawksworth and Sally Blake to name but a few.

To round off the Christmas term we nearly succeeded in ridding ourselves of one of our house-captains, when Diane was run over by a car on Golf Course Lane. But true to Wymondham College form she bounced back to life bearing only a few scars to tell the tale!

Moving on to the Easter term we were able to achieve a reasonably successful third place in the Mair Cup. Thanks and congratulations to Lavinia Collins and Graham Stone for organising it all. Also during the term we discovered that New Hall was continuing its reputation for supplying Cambridge with students when Julie Maurer passed the Oxbridge exam and received an offer of a place in a 'home away from home' at Newhall College. We wonder who will be next?

Finally, we would like to express our thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Mac. who is leaving us at the end of the year. The girls especially will miss her. We would also like to say a belated 'welcome' to Miss Howe, the new boys matron; and to declare how honoured we are to have in our midst 'the best French accent in Norwich'.

*STEVEN HANDS, JULIE HAMMETT
STEVEN DANE, DIANE PAYNE*

PEEL HALL REPORT, 1977

Once again there was a staff reshuffle at the beginning of the year. Mr. Jenner apologized for leaving us to take a post in St. Ives and Mr. Poolman decided to sample the American way of life. We welcomed Mr. Woodrow from Cavell after his marriage to Miss Beslee and Miss Womack and Miss Mitchell joined us on the boarding side.

In the sporting sphere, Peel Hall demonstrated their usual grim determination backed up by considerable skill and the following results were outstanding and deserve mention: the boys clinched a number of victories, notably the Senior Boys' Football competition, the 3rd year Soccer competition and showed total command in the Six-a-side Soccer, winning both the senior and the junior trophies. The senior girls continued their run of victories in the hockey tournament and we hope this tradition will be maintained. Promise is certainly shown by the 2nd year girls who also came first. The girls have shown amazing progress in the pool, defying the house tradition of 6th place and gaining well deserved '2nds' in both the gala and the Standards competition. We only regret that an overall cup is not awarded. Certain individuals achieved exceptionally high standards in sporting activities - Maggie Hedley was chosen to be School Hockey Captain and was picked for the Norfolk team, and Kev Sparks captained the School Rugby team and went on to do the same for the Norfolk side. School Lions were awarded to Kev Sparks, Dave Bird, Jo Hill, Maureen Houchen and also Angharad Perkins who was the first person to be awarded a Lion for services to sport as opposed to actually taking part. Maggie Hedley was re-awarded full colours.

It was good to see so many people taking part in the dramatic life of the school in such productions as the opera and the senior and junior school plays. Although both the school orchestra and the choir are strongly supported by members of Peel Hall, our musical ability and enthusiasm were not reflected in the disappointing Mair Cup result. Everyone did his best and it was disheartening to find that our instrumental items were not given more credit. Thanks should go to Mark Newman and Jo Hill for all their hard work and for making an annual task a more light-hearted affair.

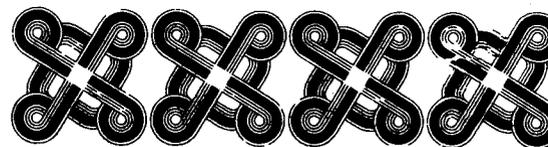
Of course, Peel Hall's turn for eating in the M.D.H. had to come during the worst weather! Clad in thick jumpers, fur coats and scarves and with the help of Mr. Hiscox's prayers, we managed to survive the daily winter treks down High Street in conditions usually associated with arctic exploration. We even had a film crew reporting on this historic event turning several members of the house, including Mr. Sayer, into overnight filmstars!

Disaster struck once more towards the end of the Spring term when we found ourselves without hot water. Boiler trouble was diagnosed and we were glad to have hot water back again at the beginning of the Summer term.

The amount raised by the Peel Hall carol singers was higher again this year, totalling £26.00 which went towards the Morley Under 5's Group. Under Mr. Bramhall's leadership, and in frosty conditions, we toured the site, stopping off at Mr. Wilson's for delicious and reviving refreshments, and gorging ourselves even further on our return, thanks to the culinary expertise of Mrs. Sayer, Mrs. Bramhall and other staff.

We would like to thank the House and Staff for their support throughout the year, especially Maggie Hedley and Bob Hopkin for their unfailing assistance as Deputy House Captains. Good luck and best wishes to all those who are leaving and, perhaps more appropriately, to the braver ones who are staying behind.

*JOSEPHINE HILL, FRANCES WATKINS
KEVIN SPARKS, RICHARD ARUNDELL*





GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP, EASTER 1977

"They were the fossil hunters. They came in search of fossils, and found them in fossiliferous - carboniferous limestone."

The weather forecast for the day of our departure in the Easter holiday was rain, but, despite this, twenty-three keen geographers embarked upon the 200 mile journey into the unknown depths of the Yorkshire Dales. After a hazardous journey along the scenic Swaledale roads we knew we had reached our Pennine paradise high above the tree-line when we saw a signpost pointing to 'Crackpot' in one direction and to 'Keld Only' in the other (an ominous reminder of our moorland isolation).

Keld, not exactly the metropolis of Yorkshire, comprised of a small cluster of grey houses, a post-box, and a bank opening for thirty minutes a week, and, of course, the Youth Hostel. As the Saturday night-life in Keld was less than sparkling we had an early night, waking the next morning to a snow storm blowing in through our open window.

After a hearty breakfast we finished our Youth Hostel chores and eagerly set off for a warm-up walk of fifteen miles. Mr. Staveley led the expedition up

Great Shunner Fell (at over 2,000 ft., one of the highest mountains in the district). From the summit the 'eye of faith' could see the snow-capped peaks of the Lake District. More dramatic even than this, however, was Mr. Staveley's encounter with a peat bog. At the time he was giving us instructions in how to cope with these notoriously common man-traps. With the famous last words, "It'll be alright if you walk quickly over this", he sank up to his knees in a fiendishly disguised mass of green slime. It took two rescuers to heave him out from his gradual sink into oblivion.

On Monday we extended our horizons to the famous Ingleborough area and studied some fascinating limestone features. We had a conducted tour of a spectacular series of caves abundant with stalactites and stalagmites. We were all put off pot-holing when the guide turned the lights off for thirty seconds of complete darkness with only the dripping of the water from the legendary "witches' fingers" for company (one drip from which can turn you to stone). We eventually emerged into daylight and walked to an impressive example of a swallow hole, where a stream disappears down a hole 450 ft. deep.

Tuesday was taken up with river studies on the Swale, where classic textbook theories were tested in the field. Meanwhile the geologists set off in search of fossils (locally known as goats' eggs) in Wensleydale. This search included a tense moment when the expedition accidentally entered the wrong field and found themselves face to face with a hot-tempered bull. After escaping they were thankful to return to the Youth Hostel for a hot and delicious meal, which reflected the high quality of the food we enjoyed all week.

The next morning we returned to civilization for an urban study of the quaint market town of Richmond. Despite rapid deterioration in the weather in the afternoon Alvin proved to be an invaluable asset in a slope measuring race, ensuring victory for Mr. Leonard's team.

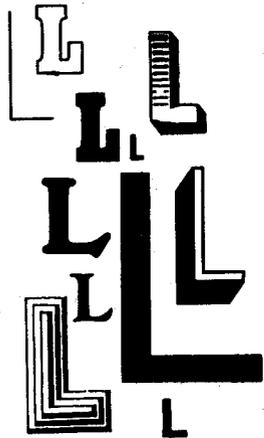
Disease is always a problem to the intrepid explorers of distant lands, and the first to fall victim to a local virus (Pennine Influenza) was Stephen Cullingford. Unfortunately he had to be taken home two days before the official end of the field trip.

Towards the end of the trip we decided to brave the elements (Lakeland Precipitation) and travelled to the Lake District. The mini-bus was stricken with a puncture, but it was swiftly dealt with by our two travelling mechanics, Pete and Mike. Typical Lake District weather forced us to abandon the much awaited ascent of Helvellyn, so the day developed into a study of tourism in Windermere.

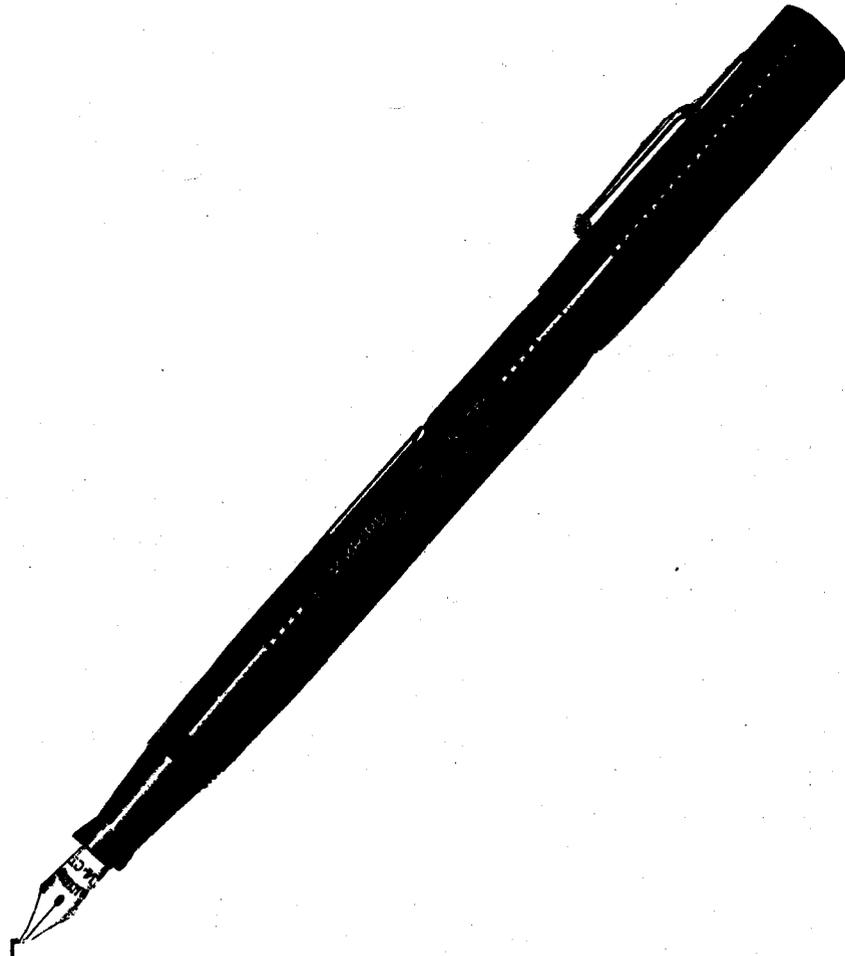
On Friday, after a study of the village facilities in Swaledale, half the party left for sunny Norfolk in the landrover, while the rest of the party returned the next day, feeling they had spent a superb week in the Yorkshire Dales.

We would like to thank the staff, Messrs. Staveley, Leonard and Ronayne and Miss Willatts for freely giving up their holiday time to accompany us. We are grateful also to the Wymondham Youth Club for lending us their landrover, without which the trip would not have been possible.

*ROBIN MARFLEET, JEFFREY KEW, LIZ ELFICK
and WENDY LOSH-ATKINSON*



Literary and Crossword COMPETITION



We invited entries for two competitions this year — a senior literary competition and a junior crossword competition. The response to both was gratifying, but was particularly strong from the juniors. A small, but imaginative entry, including a number of very good pieces, came from the seniors. On the whole we felt that the prose pieces were more successful than the poems we received. Generally, the short stories seemed more controlled, better structured, more mature. Occasionally we felt that the poems were over-sentimentalized. Our final choice for first place was made after debate over several pieces, but finally we decided to place Sally Smith's short story, "High Tide" first because of its intensity of atmosphere and sensitivity of feeling:



HIGH TIDE

The narrow streets of the seaside village were crowded as yet another souvenir shop caught the eye and interested holidaymakers crossed casually from side to side. Cars eased their way through the throng, some towing boats, heading for the quay, car park and sea creek.

It was here that the crowds stopped being content to remain with the other holidaymakers. They would wander around the shops, visit the fair, go to a cafe, or just stay in the car whilst watching the children in the creek.

The sea-marsh and saltings spread as far as the eye could see. They were deserted except for the odd sail in the distance and just a few walkers heading for the bird sanctuary on the far distant point. The tide was ebbing quickly as I crossed the quay, and there was less than a foot of fast flowing water covering the mud coloured sand. Slipping off my sandals I splashed across the creek to the saltings.

Looking back, the crowds seemed separated from me, as if by a glass curtain that a few had penetrated but which had held the rest captive. In the distance I could still see the big wheel of the visiting fair, revolving in all its splendour, its metal shining like a mirror with the sun reflecting in it. I could faintly hear the sound of pop music, seemingly in time with the revolving, spinning and flying amusements of the imaginary world of the fair.

Turning back and setting my face to the distant sea, I picked my way along a track that was edged with sea lavender and silver running dykes.

To begin with the track swung away from the creek through a Naturalist's paradise. Under the hot sun insects droned, black-headed gulls wheeled and quarrelled with each other and with the other sea birds. The creeks gushed and swished, tiny crabs scuttled sideways from rocks to seaweed and back again. I paused for a moment and looked back to the limits of the horizon. I could have been the only person in the world. It was the same sun shining on the same world, only people were missing, or almost so.

I turned yet another curve in this crazily twisting track and found that I now had a choice of several tracks to choose from. At this moment, with the hot sun shining on the far away estuary it appeared almost like a flat area of shining nothingness, with just an odd appearance reflected in it.

As if to interrupt my thoughts and to interfere with my private world there was a rush of wind and I heard the thump of canvas and a yell of "Ready about". The track had swung back in order to meet the sea creek, and a small brown dinghy dipped and curtsied as it swung round to head back towards land. Although the boy and girl crewing the boat were busy, they gave me a cheerful wave, as they settled on a fresh course and sailed out of sight.

The tide had left hard sand at the edge of the creek which promised better walking than on the track. Jumping down I strode seawards at a good pace, feeling very happy and wonderfully isolated in a perfect world.

The creek became shallower until it lost itself in the broad golden sands of the estuary, miles and miles of golden sands with a shimmering haze hid the still distant sea.

The sand was hot to my feet as I walked over this temporary desert, with only the wheeling seagulls for company. Turning to look back, even the saltings were now a blurred line. The same haze hid the sea and roof tops of the village, both of which I knew were there. I was alone with no contact, between land and sea.

That was not quite true because at that moment I felt the cooling sea on my feet. Looking down I could see small ripples of water pushing inwards over the

rugged hard sand. The water, hardly enough to wet the soles of my feet, pushed up beyond me. Even so, I thought it would be better if I made my way back. Turning I squelched shorewards, each step seeming to make very little difference to the distance I had to travel. Almost at once I was splashing through lukewarm water that pushed relentlessly against my ankles. I stepped up my pace, still not worried that anything in this peaceful scene would be a threat to me. But soon I was wading frantically through calf deep water, my breath was coming faster and the gulls mocked me, their cries almost in tune. The gulls wheeled and swooped, uncaring that a foolish human had invaded their domain and might well pay the price.

Panic began to grip me as I forced myself to think clearly. "Where was I going? Towards the sea creek? I am wading towards deeper water!!" I looked around. To my right the sea marsh seemed nearer. Changing direction I strove to increase my pace. The water seemed to become shallower - it had become shallower. Now I seemed to be outdistancing the tide. Refreshed I scampered only ankle deep in water towards the muddy islands of sea lavender. On reaching them I climbed ashore with the thankfulness Robinson Crusoe must have felt, on finding himself on the shore of his desert island.

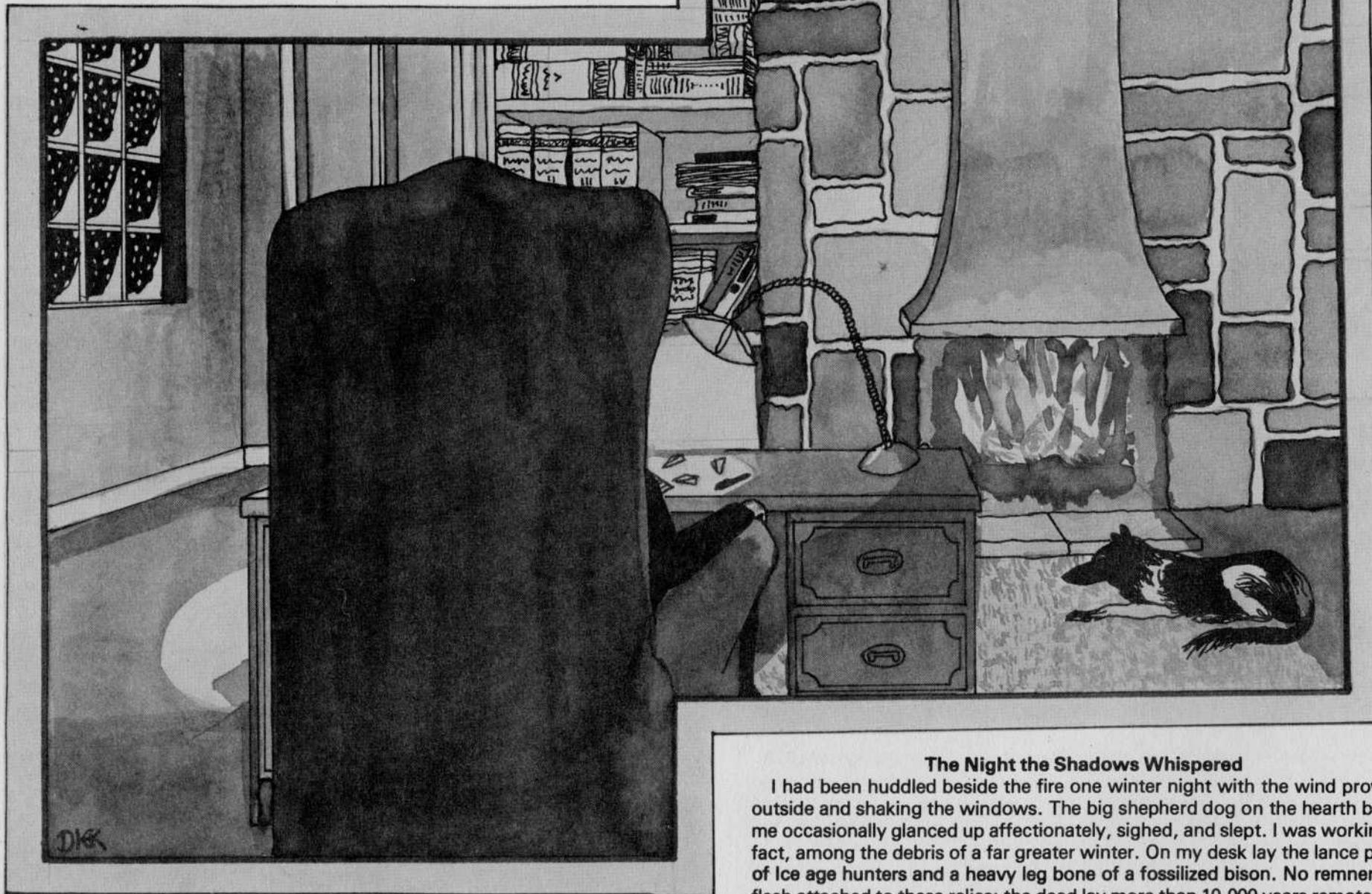
But I was in no mood to stop. Heaving a few deep breaths I set off at a half run to confront my next problem. The ditches were filling and some of the tracks ended in watery dead ends. A dozen times I back tracked, running fifty metres to gain twenty. As the tide filled the saltings with unbelievable speed I covered fifty metres to gain only ten. Now I was measuring the width of the ditches and jumping them with frantic haste. Towards the centre of the saltings the ground grew higher and the going became easier. I could see all around me.

Safe, for a moment, I was surrounded by a watery maze, but late, too late, I remembered that these saltings were covered completely over by only two or three exceptionally high tides a year. There was an expected high tide. It was no good staying here I thought, and pressed on towards danger. Grabbing a long stick left by a long gone high tide I approached the first rippling sheet of water that separated me from the path. With the sea once again creeping up round my ankles then up to my calves, I felt for the path like a blind man. For the first time I felt real despair. I still had over a mile to travel, more like five miles the way I was having to go. I could not make it safely, I was sure. I felt certain that this private world of mine was going to be my end, this view would be the last one I would ever see - only it was no longer a perfect world. It had changed from heaven to hell in a short period of time - it did not want me to escape, it was determined to claim me forever.

It was then that a faint cry made me lift my eyes from the watery path. A brown sail lay still to my left on the sea creek. Another faint cry and I recognised the boy and girl in the dinghy. My heart lifted as I waded through the water, splashing towards my rescuers, while they in turn forced their dinghy through the narrow creeks until I could grip the brown varnished sides of the small boat and pull myself aboard.....

SALLY SMITH (Year 4)

Another of the entries which we felt had some power was again written by a fourth year:



The Night the Shadows Whispered

I had been huddled beside the fire one winter night with the wind prowling outside and shaking the windows. The big shepherd dog on the hearth before me occasionally glanced up affectionately, sighed, and slept. I was working, in fact, among the debris of a far greater winter. On my desk lay the lance points of Ice age hunters and a heavy leg bone of a fossilized bison. No remnants of flesh attached to these relics; the deed lay more than 10,000 years remote.

As I worked on in my little circle of light I absently laid the bone beside me on the floor. The hours crept towards midnight. A grating and a heavy rasping of big teeth diverted me. I looked down.

The dog had risen. The rock hard fragment of vanished beast was in his paws and he was mouthing it with a fierce intensity that I had never before seen him exhibit.

"Wolf!" I exclaimed, and stretched out my hand. The dog backed up but did not yield. A low and steady rumbling began to rise in its chest, something out of a long-gone past. Ancient shapes were moving in his mind and determining his utterance: only fools gave up bones. He was warning me.

"Wolf!" I chided again. As I advanced, his teeth showed and his mouth wrinkled to strike. The rumbling rose to a snarl. I was the most loved object in his universe but the past was fully alive in him now. Its shadows were whispering in his mind. I knew that if I made another step he would strike.

Yet his eyes were strained and desperate. "Do not!" something pleaded in the back of them, some affectionate thing that had followed at my heels all the days of his mortal life. "Do not force me. I am what I am and cannot be otherwise because of the shadows. You are a man and my very God. I love you, but do not put out your hand. It is midnight. We are in another time, in the snow, the big, the final, the terrible snow, when the shape of this thing I hold spelled life. I cannot give it up. The shadows will not permit me. Do not put out your hand".

Slowly I drew back in understanding. The snarl diminished, ceased; the bone slumped to the floor. He placed a paw upon it warningly.

And were there shadows in my own mind, I wondered? Had I not been hurling myself on, on an invisible hunch 10,000 years removed? Even to me, the shadows had whispered to me, to the scholar in study.

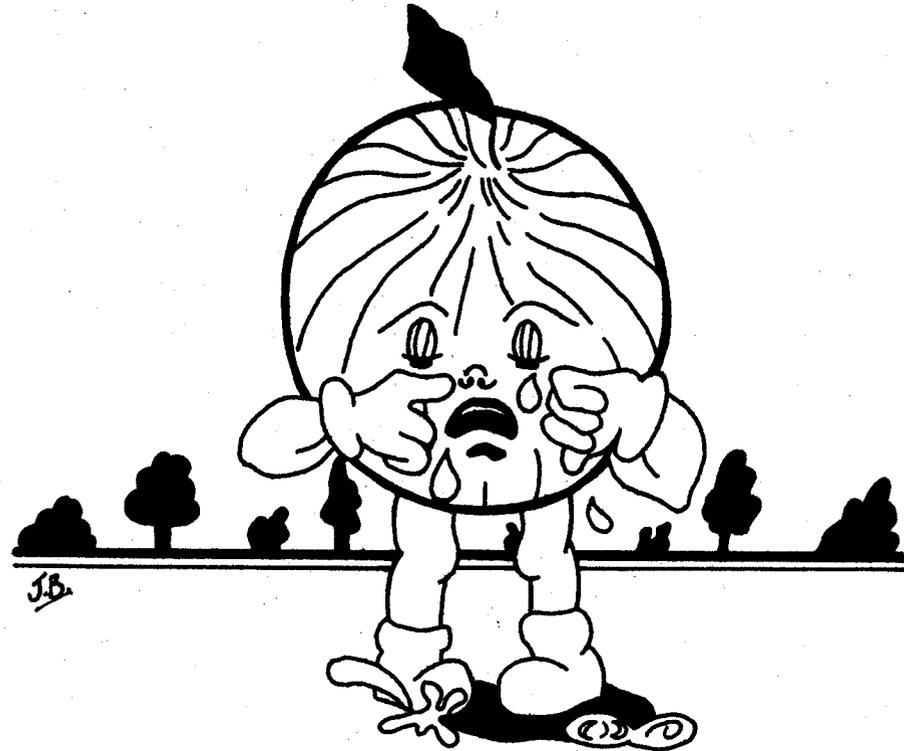
"Wolf!" I said, this time holding a familiar leash. "A walk in the snow?" instantly from his eyes that other visitant receded. The bone was left lying. He came eagerly to my side.

It was a blizzard that we went out into, but he paid no heed. He frolicked a little though usually he was a grave dog, making up for something still receding in his mind. I stood thinking of another time, and another time still, until I was moving from Ice Age to Ice Age under even more remote and more vast snows. Finally Wolf gave a little whimper. It was he who was civilized now. "Come back to the fire," he nudged gently, "or you will be lost." He led me safely home.

"We have been far away," I told him solemnly. "I think there is something in us that we had both better try to forget." Sprawled on the rug Wolf made no response but to thump his tail feebly. Already he was mostly asleep and dreaming. By the movement of his feet I could see that he was running far upon some errand in which I played no part.

Softly I picked up his bone - our bone rather - and replaced it high on a shelf in my cabinet. Outside the snow continued to fall steadily, but the wind and the shadows it had brought had vanished.

I. COCK (Year 4)



A MODERN MYTH:

WHY ONIONS MAKE YOU CRY

In the days of the gods from Mount Olympus a humble young girl called Diana owned the most wonderful garden in the world. On it was one of each flower and vegetable; the sweetest smelling of them all was the onion.

Now Diana had a special power — because she was so devoted to her plants she could talk to them and they could answer back. Diana and the onion plant became very good friends. They talked all day, every day. They grew to love each other very much and they knew that if one of them ever died the other one would live in sorrow for the rest of time.

Soon the happy times passed, for Diana caught a deadly fever. She knew she was soon to die. She crawled out of bed and into the garden; in that wonderful garden she died. The onion, seeing this, buried himself in the ground to hide his bitterness. That is why to this very day, when you cut an onion open, the sadness in the sweet smell overwhelms you and makes you cry with him.

SAMANTHA TINDALE (Year 1)

The Moths

Every night, when the dark comes down,
The copper lamp is lit,
The moths return from where they've flown,
And round the lamp they flit.

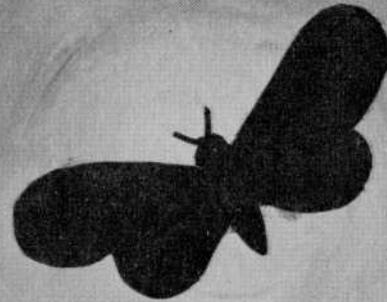
Banging against the glowing bulb,
Bruised and bewildered are they,
All they can see is light and bright,
And they pray for the coming of the day.

When once the day at last arrives,
The moths become quite rare,
From whence they came they go again,
Where no one knows or cares.

All day long they wait and rest,
Sleepy, dozy and drowsy,
Glad for the time with which they've been blessed,
To while the day away.

Then at night its dark again,
And once more the lamp is red,
The moths begin their nonstop whirling,
Until the light is dead.

AMANDA BROOKFIELD (Year 2)



M.T.

A HAND IN THE MEDICINE JAR

Swirling city, swaggering concrete;
Skyscrapers bend down on claustrophobic mind;
A mind now slanted, twisted, tilts,
Unseen through beauty and golden hair.

Craving, crying for a break in life.
But, forever city tied it is
With nickel silver and paper chain.

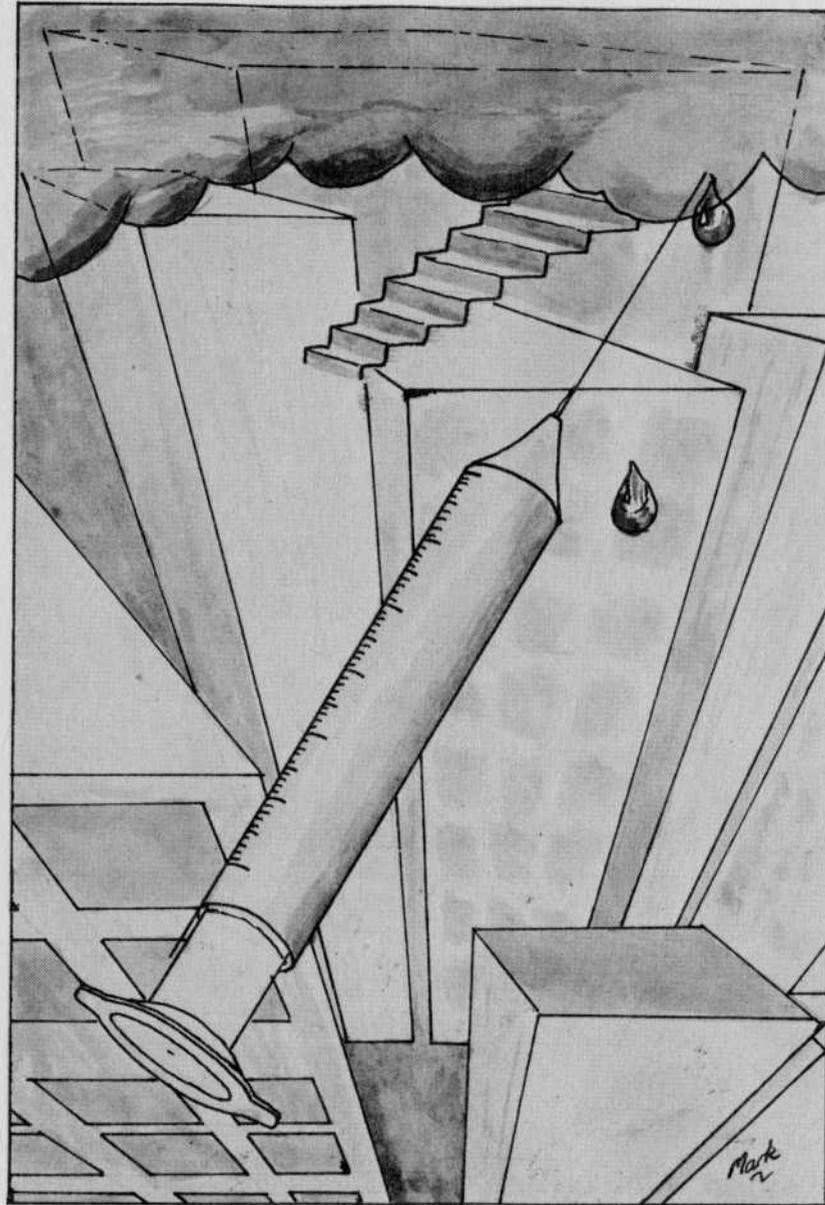
One way left now,
Secret world,
Locked in the little box in the corner,
Loving powder lies in wait.

One-way tickets, only, taken,
No returns are ever needed,
Entry by hypodermic needle.

Lily-white steps upon the clouds,
Above human, nectar drinking.
Now no more of grasping rat-race.

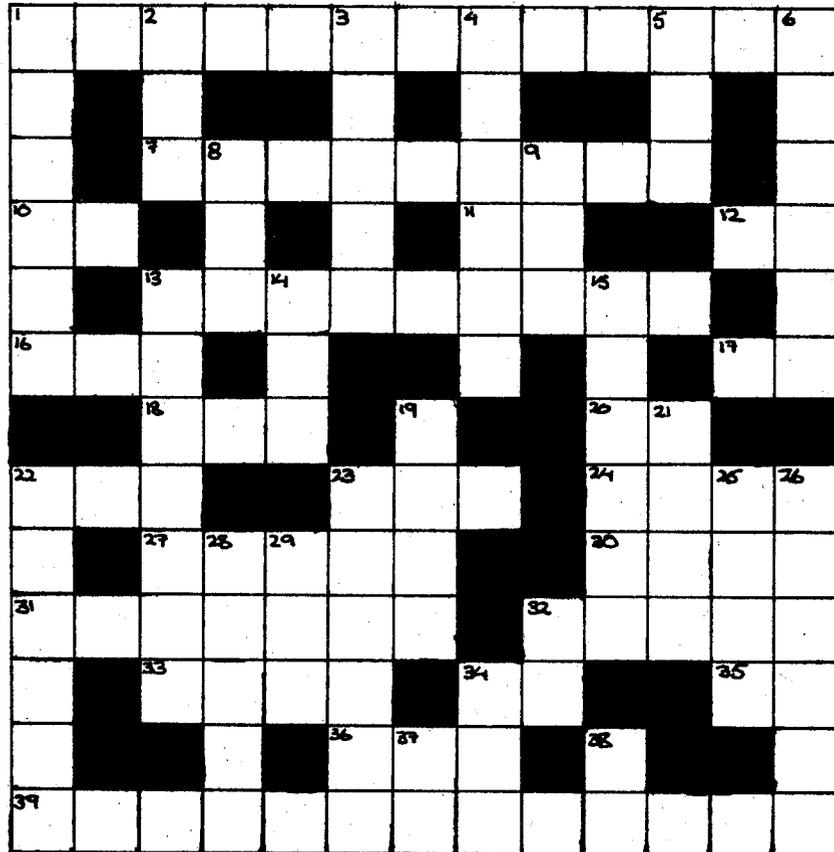
New life now, no more giving,
No more taking, no more hating.
World where only one thing matters,
Unstained dreamworld with unseen
Death kiss waiting.

GUY LARRINGTON (Year 4)



CROSSWORD

Compiled by Matthew Sharman C14



Clues Across

1. He deals with figures (13)
7. Sailors would benefit from them (4, 5)
10. Alternative (2)
11. Abbrev. Nebraska (2)
12. Hitler's bodyguard (2)
13. Probably Edam (3, 7)
16. Product of Ceylon and India (3)
17. Slang for thank you (2)
18. Cooking utensil (3)
20. Behold (2)
22. From a tree (3)
23. Rodent (3)
24. Marble? (4)
27. Give (5)
30. Strong wind (4)
31. Hoist (7)
32. Song (5)
33. Sound (4)
34. Used in the Bible for 'you' (2)
35. Abbrev. Physical Training (2)
36. Female Rabbit (3)
39. German Musician (13)

Clues Down

1. Driver of elephants (6)
2. Abbrev. Trinitrotolvene (3)
3. Apple Juice (5)
4. Twisted (6)
5., ands and buts (3)
6. Sickness (6)
8. Beer (3)
9. Scots for 'no' (3)
13. Harmony (7)
14. Member of a university (3)
15. Food for cattle (6)
19. Night (4)
21. By mouth (4)
22. Used in street lights (6)
23. Go back (6)
25. Fastener (4)
26. Man's name (6)
28. They croak (5)
29. Necessary to a fish (3)
32. Myself (2)
34. Affirmative (3)
37. Same as 10 across (2)
38. Not out (2)

We had a large number of interesting and unusual entries for the crossword competition. Making the final decision was difficult, although we had little trouble narrowing the field down to a final six, all of whom deserve to be highly commended for their efforts. They are Katy Hooper (46), Alison Hopley (46), Mary Youngman (46), Richard Lawson (21), Richard Capps (16) and Matthew Sharman (14). Eventually we decided in favour of Matthew Sharman,



VACANCES

PARIS TRIP — HALF TERM, 1976

In the early hours of Friday morning, 42 pupils crawled out of their beds. The day pupils were driven by yawning parents to meet the coach at Norwich Castle car-park, whilst the boarders hoped that the Housemaster had left a door open for their exit. However, by 5.30 we were well on our way in high spirits, some of the girls having sent a request to Noel Edmonds, which we heard at about 7.50 on our way through Kent.

After a good crossing to Calais, our first experience of France was of one of the infamous French Public Lavatories, as we would not stop again before Paris. After some hours, wondering if Montreuil, Abbeville and Amiens were suburbs of Paris, we arrived at the Boulevard Périphérique (the Ring Road round Paris). After we had caught a glimpse of Concorde at the Charles de Gaulle airport, we devoted ourselves to watching the Parisians' favourite sport, high-speed murder/suicide, whilst driving home. Our driver, Chris, impressed us with his skill in manoeuvring the vast coach through the dense mass of speeding traffic.

Arriving at the Centre de Séjour at Choisy le Roi, we were pleased to find it was a new, brick building. Our spirits were soon dampened, however, when we learned that we had to dine on yet another packed meal, having arrived too late for the hot suppers. These, though, were not so bad, consisting of a drink, a few hunks of long French bread, French cheeses, fruit, a "cake" and a packet of crisps and some pâte. The dormitories consisted of six bunks, a wardrobe, table and chair. After we had managed to take the ingenious window off its pivot at the top, (necessary to open it) we turned our attention to the bunks. The pillows were somewhat hard, and the French, evidently, have not yet discovered the mattress.

The next day (Saturday) we went on a tour of Paris, and waited in the Rue de Rivoli about 40 minutes for our guide, who did not turn up. Eventually, Miss Battye and Mrs. Foley did his job for him and guided Chris about the city. In the course of this, he took the coach through some narrow side-streets, and managed to persuade a Frenchman, coming in the opposite direction, on his home ground, to reverse. It was then that we first saw the horse-meat shops, not greatly appreciated by certain girls.

We then returned to the Rue de Rivoli where we went in search of lunch and the shops. After shopping in all the famous stores we went back to the bus and visited the Eiffel Tower, then La Défense with its ultra-modern multi-coloured skyscrapers, and returned via the Bois de Boulogne.

After supper, we returned to the centre. We were dropped at the Arc de Triomphe, and walked down the Champs Elysées, across the Place de la Concorde, and into the Rue de Rivoli to meet the coach.

On Sunday we managed to climb to the top of the Arc de Triomphe, but we could not see the inscription, "Waterloo", among the statues of Napoleon, his officers, angels and scenes depicting battles at Ulm, Austerlitz and Borodino. After this, we went to the Flea Market (worth investigation) and thence to Montmartre, the Sacre Coeur, and the Place du Tertre, where some of us had silhouettes and portraits drawn by the street artists.

After lunch, we walked down the 200 or so steps to meet the coach at the bottom of the hill, and went to the Ile de la Cité. There we saw the marvellous stained-glass windows inside the Sainte Chappelle which is near the Palais de Justice. (This sight brought out the "Inspector Clouseau" in a number of us). Then we walked on to the Flower and Bird Market.

We split up into groups, some going to see Napoleon's tomb at Les Invalides (unfortunately it was closed), some to climb the steps of the Eiffel Tower, whilst I walked along the Seine, examining the "bouquinistes". You can see how many tourists the vendors have, as at least a quarter of the books were in English.

The next morning, before our departure, we were all sent off to buy our lunch at a small shop near the Centre de Séjour, the proprietor having been warned to expect us. We got back to the coach laden with mineral water, long French

loaves and other items, doubtless having deprived half the population of the district of its breakfast.

We left at 9, and returned to England late on Monday night.

Finally, I must thank our driver, Chris, Mrs. Foley, Miss Battye and Mr. Price for all the work they put into making the trip a success.

NEIL MCGREGOR



le tourisme français

VISIT TO LE TREPORT AND ROUEN, WHITSUN 1976

Have any of you 1st and 2nd years ever longed for a way of getting rid of your French teacher? Well, here's how you do it. You simply go to France on one of the Language Department's visits to Normandy, and after that it's easy. Last summer term the trips to Le Tréport and Rouen managed to lose not one, but two members of staff - Mrs. Foley and Miss Battye who were stranded for 24 hours in a dull provincial French town due to a breakdown in communication (despite the remaining staff's linguistic qualifications!), and to the vagaries of the French Railways.

After this somewhat inauspicious beginning all went well, however, and a highly enjoyable time was had by all the 150 juniors on the three parties, and by the 8 staff who shared the supervision. A welcome return was made by Mrs. Davies, a former member of the Languages Staff, and the three coach drivers entered with enthusiasm into the spirit of adventure - a pre-requisite of school trips abroad.

Plenty of fresh air, lots of exercise running up and down Le Tréport's famous cliffs, chatting up the local talent (in French, would you believe?), a visit to a hermetically sealed hypermarket, a memorable sea-bathe for Miss Battye and the first year girls, who were savaged by the barnacles lurking on the sea-bed, and heroism in the face of well-meant but unskilled applications of iodine..... these are some of the memories of the visits to Le Tréport. Others include

Julian collecting scallop-shells at dawn, Simon's fruitless search for the old German 'smoke-machines' under the cliffs, and watching our money vanish as quickly as the long loaves which for four days supplanted the usual chewing-gum.

The one excursion common to all three parties was to the beautiful old Norman capital, Rouen, where everyone underwent the statutory 'circuit' enabling them to see as many of the places of interest as time allowed. The gamely hobbling barnacle-victims were as relieved as anyone to pause and watch a typically French procession in honour of Rouen's own saint, Joan of Arc, which comprised bands from the armed forces, public services, obscure Bavarian villages (why?), thumping immense drums and blowing instruments of all shapes and sizes. The crowd loved it, and so did we.

Enjoyable visits to the nature park at Clères, with numerous attempts to photograph the white peacocks with tails splendidly outspread (weeks later we looked in amazement at the results - trees, out-of-focus grass, strange people's legs); mynah birds who refused to be wooed with good solid English, and on whom we had to squander some of the French determinedly bottled up and labelled 'for classroom use only'; monkeys searching each other for fleas or swinging, with long arms grotesquely aloft, through their mimi-jungle.

An action-packed day for the visitors to the centre at Rouen, by courtesy of 'your driver for the day' Chris, when we left Clères at lunchtime and stopped to eat at a convenient spot on the banks of the Seine, included a visit to the quiet old ruined abbey of Jumièges, queueing for an hour for a ferry to take us back across the river, and losing the ball on the mini-golf course at the Château of Robert le Diable, with its mock-up of a Viking warship and its somewhat tatty waxworks.

We rounded off the day with a lightning tour of the Botanical Gardens in Rouen before reporting to the Maison des Jeunes for the nightly distribution of meal-discs, and for the agonising decisions as to whether to choose yoghurt or cheese, and whether to believe the comments from those in a position to see: "It's horse tonight! Are those snails? Sir! Sir! Is this *cooked*, sir?" We did, in fact, sample several new foods and drinks (citrons pressés caught on well), and the daily purchase of picnic lunches proved not only good practice, but good fun, even though some people got more than they bargained for - a kilo of cherries makes a pretty substantial dessert! There was, generally, a willingness to undergo new experiences of all kinds, secure as we were in the knowledge that, in any case, only four days separated us from fish and chips, Match of the Day, and Radio One.

This year another batch of 150 juniors will make the trip across the Channel, to return as these did, we hope, with a changed outlook and a new understanding of 'those foreigners' who are so near us, and yet in some ways so far. Most will be that amount more interested in the language they are studying, and there are again several returning for a second visit. "It was the best holiday I've ever had", said one of these. What more can one ask?

S.B.

**COMBINED CADET FORCE — ADVENTURE TRAINING 1977
GLENSHEE, SCOTLAND
SKI-ING REPORT**

The party consisted of 21 cadets and 4 officers. There was great competition for places which were finally awarded in proportion to relative section strengths. This resulted in 14 Army cadets and 7 RAF, including 5 female cadets.

The activities began with an incredibly complex system of travel with three different routes to Peterborough where we all met and continued to Edinburgh. Here the journey became arduous. We spent the last 100 miles in the back of a 4 ton lorry which had been driven from Thetford by Capt. Moss.

Ski-ing began on Monday morning when we were driven up to the slopes from the hotel and divided into three groups. Tuition began with the basic snowplough stop and turn. Trying to supplement the packed lunch we came to the conclusion that the cafe was owned by B.R. The prices were the same. We continued until 1600 hrs and then returned to the hotel with the skis and poles and half the snow plastered on Miss Blogg. The evening was spent watching films.

The following day, after the throttle of the lorry had been repaired (Capt. Moss's driving, I am assured) with an elastic band, we returned and after further practice on the nursery slopes we graduated to the gully run, a gentle, but at times tricky 500 yard run. 2Lt. Coutts declared this suicide and returned to the nursery slopes for the rest of the week. In the afternoon several of us tried out the sunnyside piste. The evening was spent in the Hotel Angus at Blairgowrie using the swimming pool, which Capt. Moss had thoughtfully hired.

On Wednesday, we progressed to the trainer, then a shallow slope above the trainer with a different type of tow that caught one or two of the group by surprise.

Thursday saw the 'backward' group graduating to sunnyside where we were all amused to watch 'Kamakasi' Collins charging out of control down the slope at breakneck speed.

In the evening about 10 of the group went to Perth to use the ice rink. We were confined to the end ice due to a curling contest having priority but this was quite enough for the majority who had not done it before. 2Lt. Coutts and Miss Blogg tried their best to remain on the skates and we did our best to 'help' them. On the way back we had a look at the largest hedge in the world.

The final morning was a free-for-all. We could go anywhere within reason but Cdt. Rochfort and S/Sgt. Barrett went up to the Tiger and survived 3 solo runs.

The return journey went without a hitch except that Cdt. Haynes slept through a change at Peterborough and went on to wake up in London. Frantic telephone calls by Miss Blogg finally revealed that he was on his way back home.

This was a very successful week and our thanks go to the Officers, P. O. Blogg, F.Lt. Shuter, 2Lt. Coutts and especially to Capt. Moss without whose efforts the event could not have taken place.

S. BARRETT, S/SGT.



ARMY SECTION REPORT

This year, amid much speculation, the Army Section went disruptive pattern with the issue of new camouflage combat trousers. In all, at the time of writing, we have seventy seven cadets invisible from the waist down.

Summer camp 1976 was held in Scotland at Cameron Barracks, Inverness. Here we were joined by Glenalmond CCF from Perth, who contributed much to our enjoyment by lending us air rifles and a second 4 ton lorry. Twenty six cadets and three Officers attended and they were ably assisted by Mr Varnon, to whom our thanks must go.

Since then we have competed in a rifle competition at Colchester, and had weekend camps at Stanford (twice) and Weybread despite the weather which also cancelled a trip to Santon Downham. The Spring half-term holiday saw a mixed party go ski-ing with varying success at Glenshee. It is hoped that the coming weeks will bring weekends at Poole, Salthouse and Santon Downham. The venue for Annual Camp is at Proteus, Nottinghamshire.

2Lt. Coutts has been zero-ing in with the shooting team who, under his guidance, have certainly snapped together and are now setting their sights on improving their position in the National League, something of which, with a little application, they should be capable. We are now able to train juniors on air rifles and we hope to double our holding of two next year. 2Lt. Coutts should be congratulated on reaching fifth place in the Eastern District Rifle Meeting last October, and Cpl. Roberts on reaching 29th in the Cadet Open Event. A squad of keen .22 marksmen have represented the College CCF this year in the National League and the team regulars are Cpl. Robinson (captain), Cdt. Hamilton S/Sgt. Barrett, Cpl. Roberts, L/Cpl. Taylor, L/Cpl. Hargreaves, S/Sgt. Moll, L/Cpl. Wilmshurst-Smith, L/Cpl. Wolsey and Cpl. Newington. Belated congratulations also to the 1976 Moss Shield winner, Sgt. Coe, who beat Cdt. Aldiss in a two-legged final. The Annual Camp Range Day brought unqualified success on .303 classifications. There were 8 new marksmen, 5 first class, and 5 second class.

There have been several Proficiency Boards throughout the year and cadets met with varying but on the whole excellent success.

Cpl. Newington attended the UKLF Leadership Course at Stanford over the Easter period, 2Lt. Coutts went to Frimley Park over Christmas and Capt. Moss spent a gruelling week learning the art of mountain leadership in Wales.

I should like to conclude by thanking Maj. Staveley, Capt. Moss and 2Lt. Coutts for their help throughout the year and wish the section success in the future in the new cadet hut.

T. LOYD, R.S.M., M. CLAYDON, R.Q.S.M.

THE CAPTAIN'S VIEW

Much of the success of the Army Section over the last few years can be attributed to the work of the senior cadets. I would like to thank all those cadets who have given up their time to organise/help CCF groups and especially those who will be leaving this term - RSM Loyd, RQSM Claydon, CSM Dark, S/Sgt. Barrett, S/Sgt. Moll and Sgt. Blackmore. Tim Loyd and Michael Claydon deserve special mention for their enthusiastic support over the last six years. RSM Loyd was the unanimous choice for the best cadet of 1977 and he was awarded the Swamm Cup.

Congratulations to Cpl. Newington on surviving the UKLF Leadership course and also to L/Cpl. Boreham on passing two interview boards on his way to an Army scholarship. One of our past cadets - S/Sgt. Howe will be starting RAF officer training at Henlow in June followed by a further period at Cranwell.

D. MOSS, CAPT.

R.A.F. SECTION REPORT

This year the R.A.F. Section has managed to maintain the number of cadets on the nominal roll at about 52; 36 boys and 16 girls. This is the largest the section has been and it is hoped that numbers will carry on rising. Miss Blogg was commissioned this year and also became range qualified (Nice one Judith!), she had to get used to being saluted by enthusiastic cadets.

Activities last summer included a drill display by the W.R.A.F. section at the P.S.A. Summer Fayre, marching to "I was Kaiser Bill's Batman." (Kaiser Bill's Batman? Yes, Kaiser Bill's Batman!). This unorthodox display was conceived by Sgts. Heather Webster and Susan Hogg.

Attendance at R.A.F. Binbrook annual camp, was disappointing, but those who went enjoyed most of it. The gliding course at R.A.F. Henlow was attended by Sgts. Scott, Roebuck, Hogg and Cpl. Rising, all gaining their wings during the week. Meanwhile F/Sgt. Hands gained his private pilot's licence on a flying scholarship course at Cambridge Airport. Sgt. Scott also attended the army leadership course at R.M.A. Sandhurst, Frimley Park.

In October a weekend camp was held at Ickburgh near Thetford, where several "para-teepees" were constructed instead of using tents in some cases. Speaking about tents, Flt. Lt. Shuter had a fight with one during the Camp (Nice one Biggles!).

A.E.F. flying at Cambridge was again rather limited this year due mainly to the weather. On the last occasion the section also visited Mildenhall, a visit organised by Miss Blogg. Using cadet funds Flt. Lt. Shuter bought a radio controlled model aircraft for the section. He hopes to start instructing cadets and to get a dual control unit in the near future.

Several cadets from the section went ski-ing with the army at Glenshee and most ended up on their rear ends at some time.

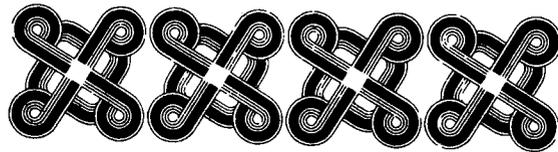
Continuing the great primary glider saga; no, we still haven't got it. Sgts. Scott, Roebuck and Cpl. Griffiths have been constructing the hanger and the glider should arrive soon. (We hope).

Our new liason N.C.O., Flt/Sgt. Watkins, organised a large competition between R.A.F. sections in his area and thanks must go to the N.C.O.'s of the section who organised everything, especially to Sgt. Warren, whose section of 6 cadets gained high marks in aircraft recognition, and to all the cadets involved in the talks. Congratulations must go to Cadet Starling for being awarded "the most improved cadet of the section" award.

Miss Blogg has been taking cadets shooting every Tuesday night on the range and we now have a shooting team, which took part in a competition earlier in the year but failed to get very far. We hope to do better next year.

Finally we would like to thank Flt. Lt. Shuter and P.O. Blogg for all their help and encouragement during the year, the Senior N.C.O.'s and Cpl. Evans who has worked hard in the stores and the P.E. staff for the loan of the swimming pool at the year's Annual Inspection.

*WARRANT OFFICER HANDS
AND SGT. H. WEBSTER*



all together now...

SOCIETIES REPORT

In order to discover what has been going on in the various clubs and societies this year a group of four reporters have 'boldly gone where no man has gone before' and have breached the walls of many of the activities available to both juniors and seniors in 1976 - 1977. Fortunately they survived the experience and below you can read of some of the interesting things they found out.

As always there have been a staggering choice of clubs to attend so it was hard to understand the fact that many seniors attended few, if any meetings. This was particularly surprising since, this year, there have been very many more societies of special interest to 6th formers. Some have even sought to supply useful skills relevant to students who are leaving to face the realities of the outside world.

A course in good manners has aimed at boosting the confidence of seniors (without implying that our seniors lack social grace, of course). Equally useful, and not only for the potential economist or accountant, has been Mr. Wigney's Business Games Group where participants learned the ins and outs of the stock exchange system - an enjoyable and competitive way of developing ones investment sense.

For the deeper thinking members of the college a Philosophy Society has met regularly and members have expressed their thoughts freely. Unfortunately, if attendance figures are anything to go by, the philosophers in the school are few and far between.

There has been great opportunity for the more active members of the college who want to stay (or get) fit and compete in fast-moving sports. The weight training room has been open to students keen to build themselves up into Mr. Universes or merely to keep themselves in good physical condition. For those with quick reactions and a turn of speed Basketball has been available. Enthusiasm for this competitive sport is rising fast and the Basketball Club now has a large membership and a good team.

Still on the theme of speed, we must mention the Kart Club which, no doubt, we have all heard evidence of, all over the college in fact. Many spectators have been drawn to the 'track' (the car park actually) by the sound of highly revving engines and the smell of petrol fumes and burning rubber in the air. However, skilful driving is not the only accomplishment of the Kart Club members; they use considerable mechanical expertise in the building and maintenance of their machines.

The school's numerous canoes have been put to use by those seafaring types who don't mind getting wet, albeit in the thankfully warm swimming pool. The pool has been further put to use by the sub-aqua club which has explored all six feet of its murky depths. After two years of hibernation the sailing club has, at long last, returned to life and was swamped with enthusiastic supporters. When the first meeting was being held it looked as though it would be necessary to sell our five sailing dinghies and buy 'Morning Cloud'. The enthusiasm soon waned slightly, however, when it was announced that a lot of work would have to be done on the boats before any sailing was possible. At this quite a number jumped overboard and were never seen again. Now that membership is down to manageable proportions it is hoped that the club will be able to compete in some Norfolk schools regattas.

For those landlubbers who would prefer to keep their feet dry at all costs there has been no lack of societies. There is always an atmosphere of high tension and stiff competition at the Chess and Bridge Clubs. The sound of culture, in the forms of Elgar, Sibelius and other composers has been heard to issue from the Chapel at lunch-times on Tuesdays. A short stroll away, however, the sound of the Cha Cha and Waltz, and strident cries of 'slow, quick, quick, slow,' have predominated as evidence that the Ballroom Dancing Club has been alive and well, and tripping in the Gym.

The Gym has also been testing ground for the budding Errol Flynnns who have been taught the more martial art of fencing, and for trainee James Bond who have learnt Judo.

The more intellectual of the 1st to 4th years have revealed their skills at the ever popular debating society. Here tenacious speakers have had to hold their own in the face of strong harrassment from the zealous debaters. Equally noisy and even more vigorous was the Junior Theatre Workshop's production of 'Zigger Zagger'. The rather subtler Senior production of 'Waiting For Godot' baffled many, but allowed Julie Ellwood and Tim Eaton to prove their aptitude for acting comedy.

Clearly it would not be possible to mention all clubs and societies which have existed during the last year, and we apologise to those we have not been able to include. On behalf of all of them, however we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who give us their time during lunch-hours and after school, and without whom many of the clubs and societies would not flourish as they do.

*ROBIN MARFLEET, JENNY RUSSELL,
MARTIN YOUNG, SARAH CUMMINGS*

... the clubs

BRIDGE CLUB

Since its initiation last year the club has acquired a stable membership for both its experienced players and beginners sections. The highlight of the year was the Bridge Tournament held last term, which, although there were fewer entrants than last year, had some very interesting games. First prize went to Mr. English and Mr. Guzec, whilst runners-up were John Pearson and Neil Sergent.

Next year if all goes well it is hoped to form a school bridge team for inter-school and regional competitions.

A. HOPPER

CHESS CLUB

This year has seen the demolition of 31A, the home of the chess club for the last few years, and also the end of any hopes we had in the inter-schools leagues. We hope that next year with a new meeting place and different teams a bigger impact will be made on Norfolk chess by the college teams.

In the House competition the favourites Fry were defeated in the first round by Kett. The final between Lincoln and Kett was close fought. Lincoln won on board scores after a 3-3 draw, so regaining the Gloucester shield after a gap of six years. A separate house chess league for the first and second year players has been started this year, but several fixtures have still to be played. Several keen young players have taken part in these matches and it is to be hoped that they will strengthen the school sides next year.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Poulton and Mr. Wheeldon for their efforts in organising the chess fixtures and running the club.

RICHARD SYMES, MARK CARRINGTON

Those who played in league teams were:—

Senior: R. Symes, M. Carrington, K. Sketcher, M. Johnson, P. Churcher.

Junior: G. Garrett, S. McDonnell, A. Hunter, C. Burton, D. Mason, A. Rassmussen, D. Backham, J. Kerslake.

Results (College scores first)

Senior		Junior League	
Sunday Times			
v Sprowston	½-5½	v Eaton	1-4
		v Norwich	2-3
League		v Sprowston	1-4
v Eaton	1½-3½	v Fakenham	2-3
v Fakenham	3½-1½	v Hellesdon	3½-1½
v Thetford	2½-2½	v Gt. Yarmouth	3½-1½
v Thorpe	3-2	v Thorpe	3-2
v Gt. Yarmouth	2½-2½	Friendly	
		v Cromer	3½-6½

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Every Friday members of the second year classical society gather in 18C. Two teams are formed: Herculeans, consisting of 28A and 29A, and Olympians, consisting of members of the other second year courses.

Each week one member reads a greek myth, while, from the same group, two other members write out questions. These are fired at the two teams after the reading. There are usually between six and twenty members who turn up each week for each team. Two points are awarded for each question answered correctly; one point for a bonus if the other team cannot answer their question correctly.

On behalf of all the members we would like to thank Mr. Paxton for all his hard work and for making this a happy and enjoyable society.

*LESLEY HINCKLEY, NICKY HARRISON,
JULIE WEBB (Year 2)*

RADIO CLUB

This club was started in the winter term with the object of building a radio receiver, but the first two terms were occupied with most of the members learning how to construct elementary kits. During the summer we got down to building the receiver. I would like to thank Mr. Cooney for supplying the parts for the receiver, and Mr. Simpson for the use of his construction notes and his science lab.

SIMON BARLOW

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Volleyball Club has been 'confined' to the space afforded by the Gymnasium, and has shared this space with those learning to trampolines. Yet in many ways this proved to be a blessing in disguise for considerable accuracy was demanded of the players in order to avoid obstacles.

In two terms an encouragingly regular group of players has made considerable progress in acquiring basic skills, and one or two players (Symonds and Harris of New Hall and Peel) are beginning to play the game tactically. Of the first year boys, Martin Giles (Peel) was a 'natural', particularly when playing the more delicate 'net shots'.

About a dozen girls learnt the game during the year, and, though they were less energetic than the boys, as soon as they had mastered the basic skills they made an important contribution to the Club afternoon sessions.

There were lighter moments: Wesley Pollard (Peel) seemed to get in the way of everything, often unintentionally! Adrienne Reeve's (Cavell) serves kept everybody guessing! It is hoped that a regular membership next year will ensure that skill and humour continue to mingle on both sides of the net.

N.C.H.V.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

The task of writing a report for the philosophical society poses many philosophical questions, including, "What did we do?" The society has about it an aura of eternal sameness which is reminiscent of the sea - its attributes change but it is eventually the same - and this makes it very difficult to remember with any degree of exactitude who did what, and when. Suffice it to say that the shades of time, space, being, casuality, nominalism and many other weird and wonderful concepts have briefly materialised on the tongues of our august debaters, only to sink into renewed oblivion when the participants were dragged back to earth by a very mundane tea bell.

Does it all sound a waste of time? Possibly it is. However, it is a society which enables one to use one's brain instead of one's textbook, and as such it often awakes in the member a capacity for independent thought which, in addition to its immediate advantages, tends to be conducive to an improvement in the standard of 'A' level work. So, the society has debated its way through this school year under the direction of Mr. Paxton, our Aristotelian correspondent, and those of us who are now departing wish it well for the future. In view of the timelessness of the society, it would be wrong to 'end' this report, so instead you are politely asked to read its continuation next year.

T. R. EATON

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society again staged the 'Historical Mastermind' competition for which there was an entry of 25 knowledgeable competitors representing nearly every year group. Each round was fiercely contested, and the Final was won by Adrian Fox who narrowly defeated Neil McGregor, last year's winner. Mark Johnson and Michael Wood also tied for second place.

A large crowd were present for the society's Balloon Debate, where notable characters like Thomas Cromwell, Elizabeth I, Oliver Cromwell, Napoleon and the Montgolfier brothers fought to preserve their lives and dignity. After a hard fought battle, Napoleon ably portrayed by Louise Crosby, who performed complete with hat and French accent, was victorious. The brothers Montgolfier lost abysmally. In spite of their somewhat dubious claim that without their creative genius the balloon would cease to exist, and all would be lost - they gained no votes of support whatever.

Members of the History Sixth spent a day at a History Conference at the U.E.A. where they were treated to lectures on a variety of subjects ranging from the local history of Stiffkey to the archaeology of Norwich - a welcome change from the Tudors and Stuarts and 19th century politics. During the year, visits were made to lectures in Norwich on Elizabeth I and the Origins of the Two World wars.

In ending this report I would like to thank Mr. Hoare for all his help and organisation without which none of this could have become history.

KEVIN RUTTERFORD



FOLK CLUB

With a line-up of guests including Ying Tong John, Dave Totterdell, Jon Betmead, Alex Atterson and Marty Simpson (returning after a successful tour with Steeleye Span) the Folk Club has enjoyed a successful run this year, with an average attendance of well over 120 people. In spite of the initial reluctance to sing all who have been have enjoyed themselves, guests included, some of whom have even asked to return.

We have benefitted from the new Blast Freeze system by being allowed to use the new kitchen in the Rec. Room under the supervision of kitchen staff,

who kindly stayed behind to lend a hand. This made the task of providing the now traditional soup and rolls much easier for Sandra, Ann and Julie, leaving Jo free to 'persuade' the audience into buying a record number of raffle tickets, which has helped considerably to increase Folk Club funds for the forthcoming year.

Guests for next term include Bill Caddick. There will be another performance from Derek Brimstone and the return of Tom Patterson, a former member of the staff here. We hope to be able to offer them audiences as good as those of this year, increased in numbers by the new fifth year.

Our thanks go to Mr. Varnon and to Miss Moran who have helped to make the club so successful, and to Mr. Chedgely who has been a popular addition to the cast as a supporting guest.

SANDRA BENSTEAD, ANN CLEVERLY

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE FENCING CLUB

Our old adversaries Framlingham College threw down the gauntlet in our first match of the Autumn term and both sides fought with determination with Framlingham gaining a well-earned victory of 9 bouts against our 7.

Undeterred by this set back - our dedicated band mustered for a return encounter with Norwich High School for Girls in the Spring term. After what can only be described as a fencing marathon with 5 fencers in each team, the result was 13-12 to the Ladies and everyone including Mr. Hoare, staggered back glassy-eyed and unable to participate in their usual Saturday evening activities! However, later in the season we were glad to avenge this defeat winning 9-7.

At the time of writing, we are glad to report offers of fixtures with other schools in the area, notably Earlham and Norwich School.

Perhaps the most exciting event was the first Norfolk Schools Fencing Championships held at Norwich High School. Fifteen fencers from Wymondham took part and several reached the semi-finals. Credit must go to Jane Hinch who came fourth in the Girl's Final and just missed a medal and Mike Reeder who was sixth in the Boy's Final.

Our thanks go to Mr. Hoare for the time and effort he has given to the club and we hope that the younger fencers coming up will lunge their way to victory next year.

KIM BARTRAM

JUNIOR TELEVISION CLUB

The junior television club, although it has only been running for two terms, is sometimes so well supported that people have to be turned away because of a full-house. A couple of well-received items were 'The Secret War', about war-time German rockets, and a varied selection of 'Starsky and Hutch' episodes. I would like to thank Mr. Seeley and Mr. Ronayne who give up a lot of their time for recording the programmes and showing them on Sunday evenings.

SIMON BARLOW

SENIOR BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Irrelevant! Out-of-date! Fine for the Victorians! Prejudices still dog the modern student in his approach to the world's best seller.

The group has sought to bring an open mind to bear on the relevance of the Bible for today. With the help of a modern version, uncluttered by archaic language, some lively discussions have been held.

Has the Bible anything to say about personal relationships? What about life after death? Does it give any indications about the future trend of world events, a Third World War? What about modern Israel and the Arab world? And who was this Christ anyway to make such dogmatic statements about life and men?

The members of the group have not always managed to find an answer on which they have agreed. But perhaps some misunderstandings have been cleared up and some long-hidden truths brought to light.....

M.J.G.

WYMONDHAM COLLEGE SOCIAL SERVICE TEAMS

There are two social service teams from the college that work with mentally handicapped adults. Four students spend two hours on Sunday afternoons at the Lord Kitchener home in Besthorpe. The aim is to befriend and entertain the adults, using recreational therapies such as painting, dancing and table-tennis.

The other team, which has grown considerably in size over the last two years, helps at Attleborough Gateway Club, a youth club for mentally handicapped adults. Here our role is not only to befriend the members by doing jigsaws, knitting or other pastimes together but also to do some of the domestic chores such as serving out teas, washing-up, and cleaning the centre up after a meeting. Occasionally we have a 21st Birthday Party for a member, to which all helpers are invited as well as members and their friends. One pleasing result of such a party has been to get a previously uncommunicative member to communicate.

Visits by pupils to Hellesdon Psychiatric Hospital have continued with success. The number of volunteers was slightly down on last year, and this combined with the purchase by the school of a larger seventeen seater mini-bus has meant that pupils may visit the hospital every other week, allowing pupil/patient relationships to strengthen - which can only be advantageous. Volunteers spend their time visiting special friends in the hospital and of course chatting with other patients, hence cheering up a normally dull Saturday afternoon. Any break from the inevitable boring hospital routine is treasured by patients, emphasizing the importance of voluntary visitors.

The Wymondham College social service teams recently won an award of £75 from the National Westminster Bank in a competition organised to promote involvement of young people in community work. The award was received by Tony Fuller and Julie Sargent at the Norwich branch of the bank. The money was deposited in a bank account at the National Westminster Bank. It has been

decided that this money will be used to buy bicycles to facilitate visits to old people in their homes and to Old People's homes in the vicinity of the college; to buy paper for the Lord Kitchener home and to help finance a trip out for some of the patients of the Hellesdon Hospital.

Another branch of the social service visits elderly people in their own homes. With more bicycles (securely stored), we hope to extend this, and resume visiting old People's homes nearby. Between 60 and 80 pupils in the fourth year and above give freely of their time to help those in need.

All the teams would like to thank the Rev. J.W. Tanburn, Mrs. Poulton and Miss Hurrell for their support and help with difficult situations and problems like transport.

KATHELEN DAVIES, TONY FULLER, J.W.T.

GYMNASTIC AND TRAMPOLINING DISPLAY

This year's gymnastic and trampolining display was, once again, both entertaining and impressive. The performance opened with six senior girls demonstrating various trampolining movements ranging from the simple tuck jump to the demanding back somersault.

The gymnasts began with a series of elementary exercises, followed by more complex vaulting exercises. The mat exercises were carried out with confidence and displayed the very necessary high standards of self-control and timing needed in such work. The display ended with some very professional sequences where individual talent was apparent.

It was encouraging to see so many of the younger pupils taking part, and with continued excellent coaching from Mr. Roberts and Mr. Belmont, Wymondham College may well have some first class gymnasts in the future.

Altogether a sum of £30 was raised which was donated to the 'Save the Children Fund' and to the Norwich Samaritans.

HILARY SLATER

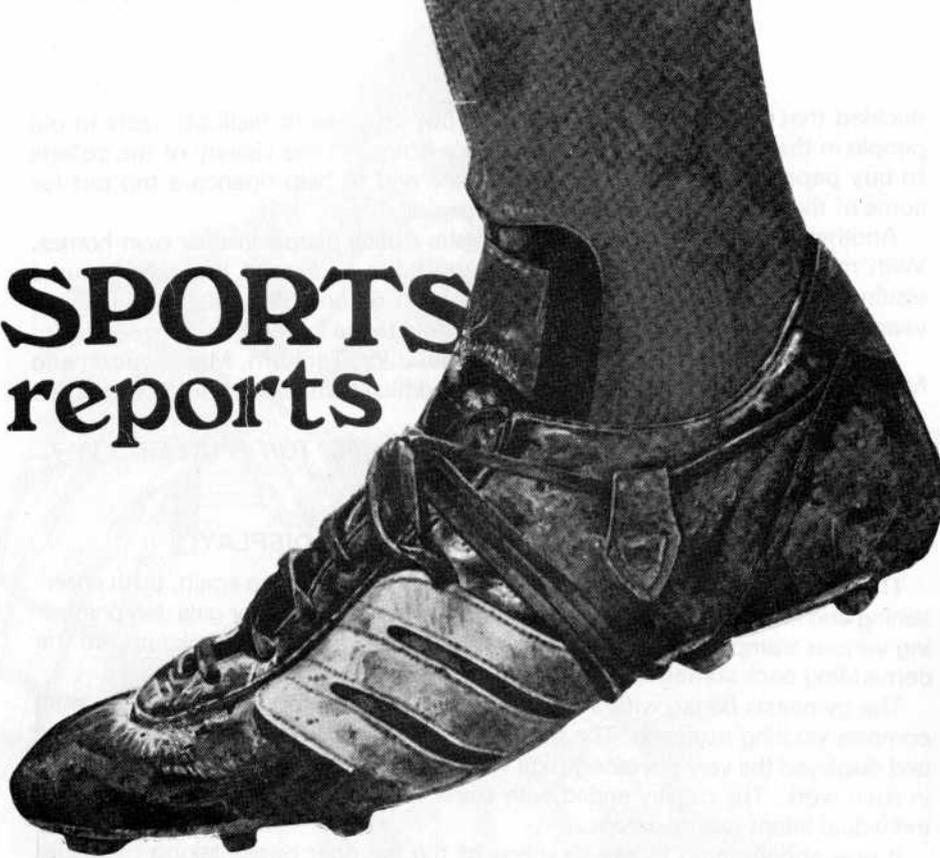
CHEQUERS SOCIETY

Although it is fairly new, the Chequers Society has enjoyed good membership throughout the term. Several people have enthusiastically supplied us with sets to keep us going, and the standard of play has been high. We must be the only society which has recruited teachers as well as pupils. Through the members' subscriptions we have been able to offer worthwhile prizes every other week. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us with subscriptions and with equipment, and also Mr. Paxton who has helped us greatly in many ways.

Of course, next term there will be more prizes and many more games, so come along and join in the fun. You'll be made to feel very welcome.

R. LAWSON and D. DICKERSON

SPORTS reports



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL REPORT

1st Team remain unbeaten

This season was the most successful ever experienced in the college's short soccer history. This success is a result of five years' teaching and coaching and should be a good guide to the standard of soccer in the future.

The first team remained unbeaten, winning all of their fourteen matches. Ninety-nine goals were scored during the season and only twenty conceded and with a little more luck the team could have reached the 'magic' one hundred mark. Possibly the team's finest achievement was a home and away victory over C.N.S. Eaton during March. Before this fixture Eaton had an impressive record of having lost only two matches since September and included a defeat against Paston who eventually reached the last eight of the English Schools soccer tournament.

Glenn Irving captained the team with great authority and made our players work extremely hard. His 'drive' and ambition proved a very important factor contributing to our success. Playing along side Irving in mid-field Kevin Sparks and Steve Abson worked skilfully and efficiently, creating many chances for the attack and also defended well when the occasion arose. The 'strikers', Mace, Chapman and Jones worked well as a unit and they took their goals with great skill. Mark Jones scored seven goals against Hewett in a 10-1 away win; Tim Mace scored three hat-tricks, and Chapman scored two very important goals in a 4-3 away win against C.N.S. Eaton. The back four of Hogg, Lund, Abbey and Dunn, plus Nigel Roberts, a very capable replacement, improved with every game and at the end of the season proved their true ability at Eaton.

Conceding only nineteen goals obviously speaks for itself! In goal, Prouty and Dane fought hard for this position and both showed a high class of skill. Although both had spells in the lower teams both proved their character by competing right until the last game.

Finally the attitude of the team must be mentioned. They played hard but fairly and were a great credit to the school on and off the field, an important factor considering some of the publicity given to soccer today.

The first year team must also be given great praise. A and B teams were picked at the start of the season and both played extremely well, winning matches against Robert Kett Middle School. The first team then went on to win all of their school matches with a highest score of thirteen goals to one against Thorpe Secondary. The team lost their final match against a Norwich Schools' side. This team was made up of twenty-seven schools in Norwich and one school playing a team picked from such large numbers is an accomplishment in itself. The College certainly proved their worth with some stern defensive work led by Captain, Peters, and goalkeeper, Wright. All the team worked with great enthusiasm but eventually lost 5-1. This game has shown we must work harder to improve our standards. If this team continues to improve and stay together throughout the years at Wymondham they should have great success. Certainly, they are a team to look for in the future.

The second XI also played well throughout the season and lost only one match, an away game at The Royal Hospital School, Ipswich. The skill shown by players such as Whitelock, Palmer, Flood and Booty should give them a good chance to make the first team next season. The strength and depth of the first and second team is very important for the smooth running of any club or school side. The only team which lacked strength was the third team who lost all of their five games. Those who played did their best and showed great character on the field but this is a department which must have more priority if we are to continue improving fixtures.

The U15 team started off the season badly, losing the first few matches and, providing the staff with some worries; but after a lot of hard work and some team changes results got steadily better. The last two games against Eaton allowed the team to finish the season on a successful note with two wins. They

will provide the senior teams with some fine talent next year. Notable performances came from Clough, Tonge, Pointer, the Lincoln twins and Eagle.

The U13 XI won six of their eight matches, only losing their first match against another school. The highlight of the season was a match against Norwich schools. The team played with great effort and determination (possibly trying to avenge the first year defeat) and forced their talented opponents back. Strong running by Andrew and Ulph plus the midfield play of Garner caused constant problems and the first half ended all square at two goals each. In the second half Norwich pushed another player into midfield which made all the difference and they eventually won 4-2. However, the College made them work extremely hard for their victory.

Finally, the U14 team had a good season but were not totally satisfied with their results. Nevertheless, they won five, drew one and lost one, which still is a creditable record. A team was also sent to the Norwich Schools Six-a-side tournament and finished fourth in a very strong group. The team only conceded three goals but with opposition from Oriel Great Yarmouth, Eaton and Hewett we were eliminated from the finals finishing fourth in a group of seven. Members of the team who played consistently well were G. Jones (Captain), Brown, Hannah, M. Lynn and Williamson.

The 1977 season was a great success throughout the school. I would like to thank all the team players for their hard work, the staff involved with teams, catering staff and everyone who contributed towards a season worth remembering.

M. W.

TENNIS REPORT

Each year the magazine requests that articles be in within a week or so of the start of the Summer term. Each year the magazine provides the tennis captain with a headache, for how can one write an interesting article, that is also an accurate report, based on the results of one match? Well.....the season has been most successful with 100% record for winning our first, and as yet, our only match. The 1st VI conceded three sets and the 2nd VI won nine sets to love.

What I can mention is how we have begun the season with tremendous enthusiasm, and that the talents of many up-and-coming players in the school are showing us the benefits of year round tennis coaching from Mr. Blincoe. The U14 team has some startling talent in the 'little powerhouses' of Janet Moore, Suzanne Fraser and Nichola Fulcher. Suzanne has made great progress this winter, and has had a provisional invitation to play in the U14 National Championships this year. We are hoping for some superb results this season from the U15's who have some remarkably fine players. Dawn Wright who is currently ranked No. 2 in Norfolk for her age group and No. 8 in the U18's, came close to gaining a nomination to play in the 1976 U16 Nationals and must



surely have high hopes of actually playing there this year. Karen Piper is ranked No. 13 in the county and is playing well this season.

Amongst the boys, also, we have some outstanding stars. John Warren is ranked No. 5 equal in Norfolk and David Thomas is the No. 1 U14 player. David plays for the county U14 and U16 teams and has been selected to play in the U14 National Championships. He was also selected to play there last year, but unfortunately broke his wrist at the beginning of the season. We wish him luck this year. Trevor Wright was the runner-up last year in the Norfolk U12 Championships and is now the No. 1 boy for the U12's. There are several other girls and boys from Wymondham doing well in the county. In fact Wymondham College boasts more county players than any other Norfolk school.

Those players currently playing for the 1st and 2nd VI's are:—

Hilary Slater	Gwendoline Matcham
Margaret Hedley	Ann Cleverly
Fiona Wolstenholme	Melanie Kellet-Boman
Lauren Clifton	Joanna Stratfold
Hayley Longhurst	Jennifer Perryman
Jane Valentine	Hilary Brand

One can only wonder what the standard of these players might have been, had they been able to accept the county coaching to which they were invited.

Finally, my thanks go to Miss Rimmington and all the other members of the P.E. staff who gave up their time to coach us.

HILARY SLATER



RUGBY REPORT

Mens sana in corpore sano.

Avid readers of this magazine will know from last year's issue that "if rugby continues to flourish (a) debate as to its position in the school will continue as well!" Now no one could pretend that 1976 was an outstanding rugby season for the College but there was much enjoyment gained so I think it is fair to say that the game continued to flourish.

As to the debate, of course we had our usual injuries but I have looked closely into this and Sister Godfrey assures me that there are far fewer now than there once were. Even so I have tried to see if revised coaching techniques could reduce this number still further. Of course there are right and wrong ways of executing all rugby skills but great emphasis is always put on the more physical ones such as tackling and scrummaging. The development of keeping the ball available after tackles by landing on the shoulder is the only area where a change of coaching might lead to fewer injuries but it is by no means certain to. In general referees try to conduct the game in such a way as to minimise injuries but the risk can never be removed entirely. My personal feeling though is that it is completely offset by rugby's good points.

The sport demands a very high degree of team effort which is good for every one to participate in and gives untold opportunity for vigorous exercise and indeed though for vastly differing physical types. Both points were well demonstrated by the French this season and few who saw them will forget the sight of the 5' 5" 10 stone Fouroux directing the operations of his huge forwards of up to 6' 6" and 17 stone. As for the exercise it may be interesting to know that, despite injuries, rugby players seem to be healthier than most. In the Autumn Term, team players missed on average 2.9 school sessions compared to the school average of 4.9.

Finally on rugby's credit side I would like to point out that Barry Corless has now gained 6 caps for England. Past pupils do not excel nationally in many spheres so perhaps our motto should be "Floreat sapientia rugbyque."

To reach the roots of last year's flourishing season one ought first to look at the successful U12 and U13 XV's.

As usual the first years took to rugby with great enthusiasm and it was not long before Mr. Weaver had a team squad working together twice a week. Unfortunately a number of early matches were cancelled but in their place scratch teams of 2nd years were twice asked to provide opposition and twice beaten. Bussey, Benwell and Frewer were outstanding throughout but it was the hooker Kingston who scored the only try in each of the two wins over Greshams and Norwich.

The U13 XV were successful in a more demonstrative way. Although they lost two games they won the other seven most convincingly, scoring 378 points to 79 in the process.

Andrew was moved from the scrum out to the wing early on and from this position he scored many tries. Harrison too was a prodigious scorer and Wedderburn gave a steady service at scrum-half but the most improved player was Wyles at full-back. He had worked very hard at his kicking and when asked why his tackling was so much better he replied that he found that if he went in hard he was much less likely to get hurt. Some more senior players would do well to follow his example. In recent years there has been a disturbing increase in the number of high, sloppy tackles. Smother tackles have their place but in general the approach over the last five yards should be horizontal about thigh height.

The 1st XV had a poor season. Even they lacked aggressive tackling and they also lacked the converse - really aggressive running with the ball. Both faults had crept in gradually and it was only by venturing North on tour that they were fully exposed.

The term had started disastrously with a heavy defeat by a good St. Joseph's team. It then continued rather like the curate's egg - good in parts. There were good wins over Holt Colts, Norwich Lions and Netherhall (57-7) but once again we could not quite match Haberdashers' (10-18) and with 14 men had to be content with a draw against Holbrook.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the half-term tour to Blackpool. Just prior to departure time interested bystanders were amused to see 'Big Gord' James straining to squeeze his very substantial kit-bag into space half the size. Only a complete repack enabled the party of 22 and (most of) their luggage to squeeze into a school mini bus and the cars of Mr. Norton and Nick Hughes. Six hours later we re-assembled at the Marine Court Hotel on Blackpool's South Shore. The atmosphere engendered by the famous Illuminations helped to create an excellent team spirit. Friendships were made with our guests and strengthened amongst ourselves and though we lost the three matches we learnt from our experience and returned a better side.

This was reflected on our return with good wins over Colchester and Framlingham but though Mace's penalties kept us in touch with both Greshams and Woolverstone the score book registered two narrow defeats by the old enemies. A weakened side did marvellously to beat Norwich 27-7 and restore some prestige but though the season had been enjoyable and interesting it had hardly been successful.

Mace's 130 points deserve special mention and Sparks played some great rugby from full-back. Both are players of extraordinary quality though Kevin will need to increase his incursions into the line if he is to continue in this position. In the forwards none played better than Jones early on or Irving and Cairns in the second half. Dunn did well to collect 7 tries (perhaps at the expense of more orthodox forward play) and Hogg's contribution whether as No. 8 or hooker was immense. I would like to wish him well as next year's captain.

The 2nd XV too had a less successful season than usual. Of course they always have a difficult task, so often losing key players to the 1st XV, so in fact they did well to win 6 out of their 11 matches. Sasada was an important link in midfield and Seaman a prolific scorer on the wing whilst Herron, Robinson and Hughes made very important contributions up front.

Once again a great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the 3rd and 4th XV's. Between them they played 15 Matches and won 7 of them. The best performance was probably against Cawston College's 1st XV and in true tradition it was not a match of individual performances but rather of solid team effort.

At Under 15 level there were a number of positional changes during the term. There were certainly some unorthodox passes in the backs and the forwards will need to work on their loose play but there was a big improvement from last year. Hargreaves, Miller and Read played consistently well and Mather's passing and kicking from the base of the scrum were excellent. The team won 6 matches out of 14 played but one of the best performances was the narrow defeat by Woolverstone.

The Under 14's had a similar term to that of the 1st XV. Results were disappointing but most defeats were narrow ones and teamwork improved vastly. There was far less reliance on strong individuals but once again Carter, Youngman and Thomas were outstanding.

As many readers will already know I am leaving this term to run the P.E. and games at Fettes College in Edinburgh. In three years at Wymondham I have enjoyed involvement in a wide variety of sports but the main part of my job has been to run the 1st XV and rugby throughout the school. This has given me great pleasure and I would like to thank all the staff and pupils who have given me so much support. I will always remember the attractive brand of rugby played here. Long may it continue!

HOCKEY REPORT 1976 - 77

A.D.F.

The wettest winter in many years failed to dampen the spirits of Wymondham College hockey players this season, although it did lead to the cancellation of several fixtures.

Like the weather, the 1st XI has been unsettled this year with many changes in the team. Unfortunately these were not always successful and resulted in more losses than victories. However the majority of the defeats were against ladies club sides.

Early in the season, the county trials were held. Here Fiona Wolstenholme and Jane Hinch were selected for the U18 reserves, and Margaret Hedley was reselected for the U18 1st XI.

Our most encouraging result was that against Norwich Union Ladies whom we defeated by 1 goal to 0, after losing 4-0, on a frozen pitch in the Autumn term.

Once again we were invited to the Norwich Union club tournament to compete against the best teams in the county. We were happy to win one of our games and look forward to doing even better next year.

Perhaps a better measure of our ability as a school side was seen when we won the U18 area-schools tournament. After beating Fakenham G. S. in the semi-final, we went on to play Diss G. S. in the final. Both matches were won by a penalty corner.

The 2nd XI deserve the limelight this year, coming through all their matches unbeaten, ably captained by Cary Longhurst.

The junior sides had few fixtures this year owing to bad weather. But they are to be congratulated on winning most of their games. The house league helped to provide matches on most Saturdays for the juniors. Cavell were the winners this year, followed by Peel and Kett. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for the newly formed first year teams. On behalf of all teams I would like to thank the staff who have coached us this season.

And finally the results of the house hockey tournaments:

Junior — Kett
Intermediate — Cavell
Senior — Peel
Overall — Cavell

1st XI

Jo Mills; Maureen Huchen; Jenny Perryman; Gwen Matcham; Hil Brand; Maggie Hedley (capt); Hil Stater; Ann Cleverly; Jo Hill; Helen Valentine; Jane Hinch; Fiona Wolstenholme; Haley Longhurst.

MARGARET HEDLEY

NETBALL REPORT 1977

The U12 team made a slow start to the season, with a great number of practices leading to lack of consistency in the team. Eventually the stars appeared, the most notable performance coming from Rosamund Hornsby and Rebecca Page.

The success of the U13 team was largely due to their having a number of the girls who had recently joined us from Robert Kett Middle School. Enormous enthusiasm was consistently shown and, if this continues, it should produce a team of great potential. Gamesmanship played a part when Lesley and Deborah Hinckley played together in defence and led to the opposition requesting that they were distinguishing marks. They played together as only twins could, and, aided by Sandra Warren, formed a formidable defence. Also worthy of mention is Judith Ainsworth - as goal attack she always managed to find space in the circle and with more consistent accuracy she could become another Marie Claire. It will be interesting to watch the development of this team as they move through the school.

The U14 team started the season well, having three girls chosen to play for the county squad; Janet Moore, Alison Ingham and Kate Masters. Kate unfortunately had to drop out because of heavy commitments in other fields. The team had mixed fortunes, often being in the lead at halftime, but losing in the end, suggesting either complacency, or lack of fitness. More disciplined ball skill practice would lead to an improvement in the team. However, the spirit of the team was high, and it would be a pity to see it split up by the demands of the first and second VII's and the U15 and U16 teams, which so often happens.

For the first VII the season was a complete success, and was most enjoyable. Of the twenty games played, sixteen were won. The games lost were all against senior netball clubs. However, the practice against these experienced players benefitted the team enormously. There were some excellent individual performances and Jayne Forbes with her skill and agility became the centre of the team. Also notable were Marie Claire Isaaman as goal shooter, aided by Sue Cox as goal attack. Between them they scored a total of 526 goals this season. Sally Jago and Katrine Segger have played consistently well on the wings throughout the term, with Lauren Clifton and Wendy Few in defence. Wendy unfortunately dislocated her arm in the first match of the season, but she rejoined the team after Christmas to play a very active part. Thanks must go to Debbie Freeston, Jo Barfield and Wendy Love for their work with the team.

The target set at the start of each match was fifty goals, and we got very close to it in a number of matches, with scores of 45-9 against Kings Lynn High School, 48-10 against Runton Hill and 47-1 against Norwich City College. The aim was finally achieved in a very exciting and enjoyable match against the staff in which the first VII won 52-13.

Selected to play for the Norfolk county teams were Sally Jago and Lauren Clifton for the U19's and Judith Keeble for the U.16 team.

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Key: D — Distinction M — Merit

ABBEY, Virginia English, Social Biology
AMOS, Julie History, Art, Needlework/Dressmaking
BAILEY, Ian History, Geography, Economics
BALL, Kevin Geography, Economics, Geology
BAXTER, David Geography, Economics, Mathematics
BETTS, Steven English, Economics, Social Biology
BIGNOLD, Susannah Further English Studies
BLYTON, Joanna English, Social Biology
BOSTOCK, Dean Economics, French, German
BOWLES, Robert Mathematics (M), Chemistry, Physics
BRADLEY, Glenn Geography, Economics, Geology
BROOKES, Mitchell Economics, Mathematics, Social Biology
BROWN, Gillian English, History
BRYAN, Andrew Geography, Mathematics, Physics
BUTCHER, Paul Mathematics, Engineering Design, Physics
CANT, Susan English, French, Art
CHALK, Nigel Geography
CHRISTIE, Neil French, German
CHRISTMAS, Peter Geology
CLARKSON, Carol English, History, Economics
DAVEY, Janet Mathematics (M), Further Mathematics,
 Chemistry, Physics
DAY, Graeme Mathematics, Metalwork, Engineering Design
DOBSON, Kevin English, History, Economics
ELLIOT, Bridget Mathematics, Chemistry (M), Biology
EPPS, Elizabeth Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry,
 Physics
FARTHING, Lindsay English, History, Art
FEW, Cheryl Further English Studies
FRASER, Julia English, Geography
FROST, Kevin Geology
GENT, Christine English, History
GLEADHILL, Adrian English, Economics
GRANT, Vanessa Chemistry, Biology (M), Physics
GREEN, Leslie Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry,
 Physics

GREEN, Ruth
GREEN, Ruth
GRIFFITHS, David
GRIFFITHS, Gillian
HANTON, Jennifer
HARBOTTLE, Lesley
HARDING, Nicholas
HAUSCHILD, Andrew
HIGGINBOTTOM, Stephen
HIGGINS, Vivienne
HINES, Ashley
HINES, Roman
HOLDEN, Paul
HOLMES, Gwendoline
HOWARD, Deborah
HOWE, Thomas
HYDE, Stephen
JAGO, Sally
JERVIS, Peter
KEELEY, Maxine
KIRK, Patricia
KNIGHT, Ian
KNOWLES, David
LAMB, Norman

LAMBERT, Robert
LEATHERDALE, Paul
LEGG, Simon
MARFLEET, Robin
MARGETTS, Maureen
MARTIN, Peter
MARTINS, Rodney
MAURER, Julie
MELDRUM, Alison
MILLS, Jeremy
MOON, Philip
MORGAN, Mark
MORGAN, Sally-Anne
NEEDHAM, Edward
NICHOLS, Barry

Chemistry, Biology, Physics
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 Additional Maths, Chemistry
 English, History, Economics
 Further English Studies
 English, History, Social Biology
 English, Economics, Social Biology
 Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics
 Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics
 English, Geography
 Chemistry, Art Physics
 Chemistry, Biology, Physics
 Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics (M)
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 English, History
 English, Additional Maths, Social Biology
 Additional Maths, Engineering Design, Physics
 Geology
 History, Social Biology
 English, History
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 Geography, Economics (M), Additional Maths,
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 Mathematics, Engineering Design, Physics
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 English, History, Social Biology
 Chemistry (M), Biology, Physics
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 History, Economics
 English, Geography, Art
 Additional Maths, Physics
 Mathematics (M), Further Mathematics,

OTTY, Caroline	Chemistry, Physics
PARTRIDGE, Ann	English, History
PEEL, Simon	Biology
PERKIN, Timothy	Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics
PETTITT, Stephen	Geography, Social Biology
PIGDON, Erica	Mathematics, Engineering Design, Physics
POWELL, Lynne	Additional Maths, Chemistry, Biology
READY, Vanessa	English, Geography, French
RICHARDSON, David	English, History, Social Biology
ROSS, Richard	English, Geography, Economics (M)
SADD, Michael	Additional Maths, Engineering Design, Physics
SCHOFIELD, Paul	Economics, Social Biology, Art
SHARPLES, Christopher	English, Geography, Economics
SIMMONS, Elizabeth	Geology
SKEA, Heather	Further English Studies
SMITH, Barry	English, Economics, French
SMITH, Clive	Additional Maths, Engineering Design, Physics
SMITH, Gary	English, Geography, Art
SMITH, Peter E.	English, History
SOMERS-JOCE, Kathleen	Chemistry, Biology
SPENCER, Gillian	English, History, Social Biology
STARLING, Simon	English, Geography, Social Biology
ULRYCH, Teresa	Further English Studies
UNWIN, Phillippa	Geography
VICK, Yvonne	English, Geography, Economics
VOUT, Ian	Further English Studies
WALSH, Jane	Additional Maths, Engineering Design, Physics
WARDMAN, Ann-Mary	English (M), History, Geography
WARDMAN, Andrew	English (M), Economics, French
WATKINS, Jennifer	Mathematics, Engineering Design, Physics
WATTS, Christopher	English, History
WEBB, Paul	Chemistry, Biology (M), Physics
WESTON, John	Additional Maths, Chemistry, Physics
WIGG, Stewart	Geography, Economics, Social Biology
WILSON, Graham	Mathematics, Physics
WILSON, Stephen	Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics
WOLSEY, Deborah	Additional Maths, Chemistry
WOODHOUSE, Louise	English, French, German
YOUNG, Andrea	Further English Studies
YOUNGMAN, Sally	English, History
	English, Geography, Social Biology

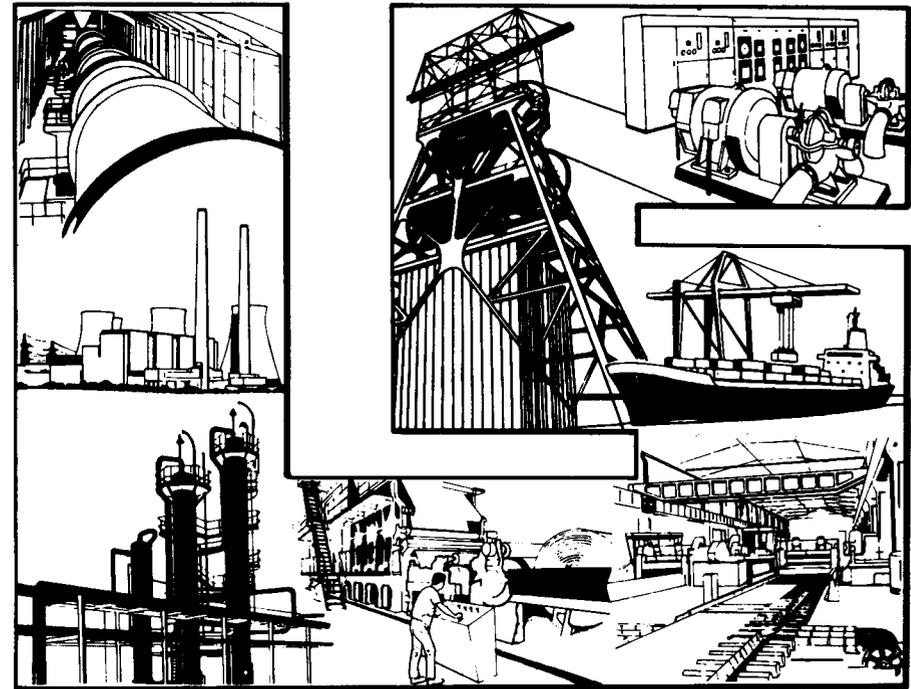
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*The number of passes at Grade A
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ABSON, Stephen		BURROWS, David	
ALLEN, Anne		BURTON, David	
AMIES, Elizabeth		CARRINGTON, Jonathan	(1)
ASHTON, Michelle		CARROLL, Michael	(2)
ASKHAM, Sharon		CASE, Jaqueline	(1)
AUSTEN, Michael	(1)	CHRISTIE, Neil	
EYEE, Amanda		CHRISTIE, Sandra	
BARFIELD, Joanna	(4)	CLARKE, Stephen	
BARRETT, Linda	(1)	CLARKSON, Carol	
BARRINGER, Helen	(1)	CLEVERLEY, Anne	(3)
BARTRAM, Kim		CLIFTON, Lauren	
BAXTER, Bryan		CLOUGH, Andrew	
BELCHER, Julie		COATES, Lyndsey	
BENNETT, Steven		COE, Heather	(1)
BENSTEAD, Sandra	(4)	COE, Isobel	
BERWICK, Eileen		COE, Nigel	
BETTS, David		COE, Stephen	(2)
BIGNOLD, Susannah		COLEMAN, Christine	(1)
BILLING, Gary		COLLINS, Nicholas	(3)
BIRD, Rodney		COOKE, Jonathan	
BLACKBURN, Dale		COOPER, Deborah	(1)
BLYTON, Joanna		COOPER, Philip	
BOLAND, Stephen		COOTE, Louisa	(1)
BOOTHBY, Mallory		COX, Sheena	(4)
BOOTY, Robert	(5)	CRANE, Gillian	
BORRILL, Jonathan		CREASEY, Robert	(1)
BOSTOCK, Dean		CROSBY, Jane	(3)
BOWLES, Colin	(3)	CROSS, Lloyd	
BOX, Sarah	(2)	CULLINGFORD, Stephen	
BOXALL, Pamela	(1)	CUMMINGS, Sarah	(1)
BRANNEN, Alistair		CURSON, David	(1)
BRANT, David		CURTIS, Andrew	
BROOKES, Mitchell		DANE, Steven	
BROWN, Andrew		DAWDRY, Carl	
BROWN, Julie		DAWSON, Michael	(3)
BRYAN, Andrew		DEACON, Jeremy	(1)
BURRELL, Zoe-Anne		DEITCH, Robin	
BURRETT, Richard	(5)	DENNIS, Nigel	
		DENNISON, Kim	

DIX, Elizabeth		HAMMETT, Julie		LOSH-ATKINSON, Wendy	(1)	RANDALL, Anthony	
DODGSON, Julie		HANDLEY, Andrew		LOVE, Wendy	(4)	REASON, Paul	
DOHERTY, Gerrard	(2)	HANNAH, Sarah		LUND, Richard		REEDER, Michael	
DOLPHIN, James		HANTON, Jennifer		MCALEA, Maureen		RISING, Julie	
DOUGLAS, Karen		Hargreaves, Susan	(1)	MALLET, Carole		RITCHIE, Susan	(1)
DOWSING, Susan		HARROLD, Adrian		MALLOWS, Tania		ROBERTS, Janet M.	
DRAKE, Peter		HARTE, Jaqueline		MANNERS, Katherine	(1)	ROBERTS, Janet M.	
DUNN, Marcus		HAUSCHILD, Andrew		MARFLEET, Robin		ROBERTS, Stephen	
EATON, Timothy		HAWES, Catherine		MARGETTS, Maureen		ROEBUCK, Steven	(1)
EBBENS, Julie		HERRON, Robert	(6)	MARRISON, Robert		ROLPH, Michaela	(2)
EDWARDS, Niel	(1)	HICKLING, John		MARSTON, Peter		ROOKE, Peter	
ELFICK, Elizabeth		HIGGINBOTTOM, Stephen		MARTIN, Louise		ROSS, Richard	
ELLIS, Paul		HILL, Kathryn	(1)	MASON, Christopher	(1)	ROSS, Robert	
ELLWOOD, Clare	(1)	HILL, Paul B.	(1)	MATCHAM, Gwendoline		ROUTER, Elizabeth	
EPPS, Christine	(1)	HOGG, Andrew	(2)	MAURER, Julie		RUDLING, Mark	
FEEK, Trevor		HOGG, Susan		MELDRUM, Alison	(1)	SADLER, John	(3)
FENTON, Mark	(1)	HOLLAND, Clive		MELIA, Pauline		SALTER, Timothy	(4)
FEW, Cheryl		HOLMES, Deborah		MILLER, David B.	(2)	SAMUEL, David	
FLOOD, Glenn	(1)	HOMEWOOD, Stephen	(1)	MILLER, Isla		SARGENT, Julie	(5)
FORBES, Andrew	(2)	HOOD, Christine		MITCHELL, Stephen		SASADA, Paul	(7)
FOSTER, Paul		HOOI, Joy	(3)	MOLL, Andrew	(1)	SCALES, Patricia	
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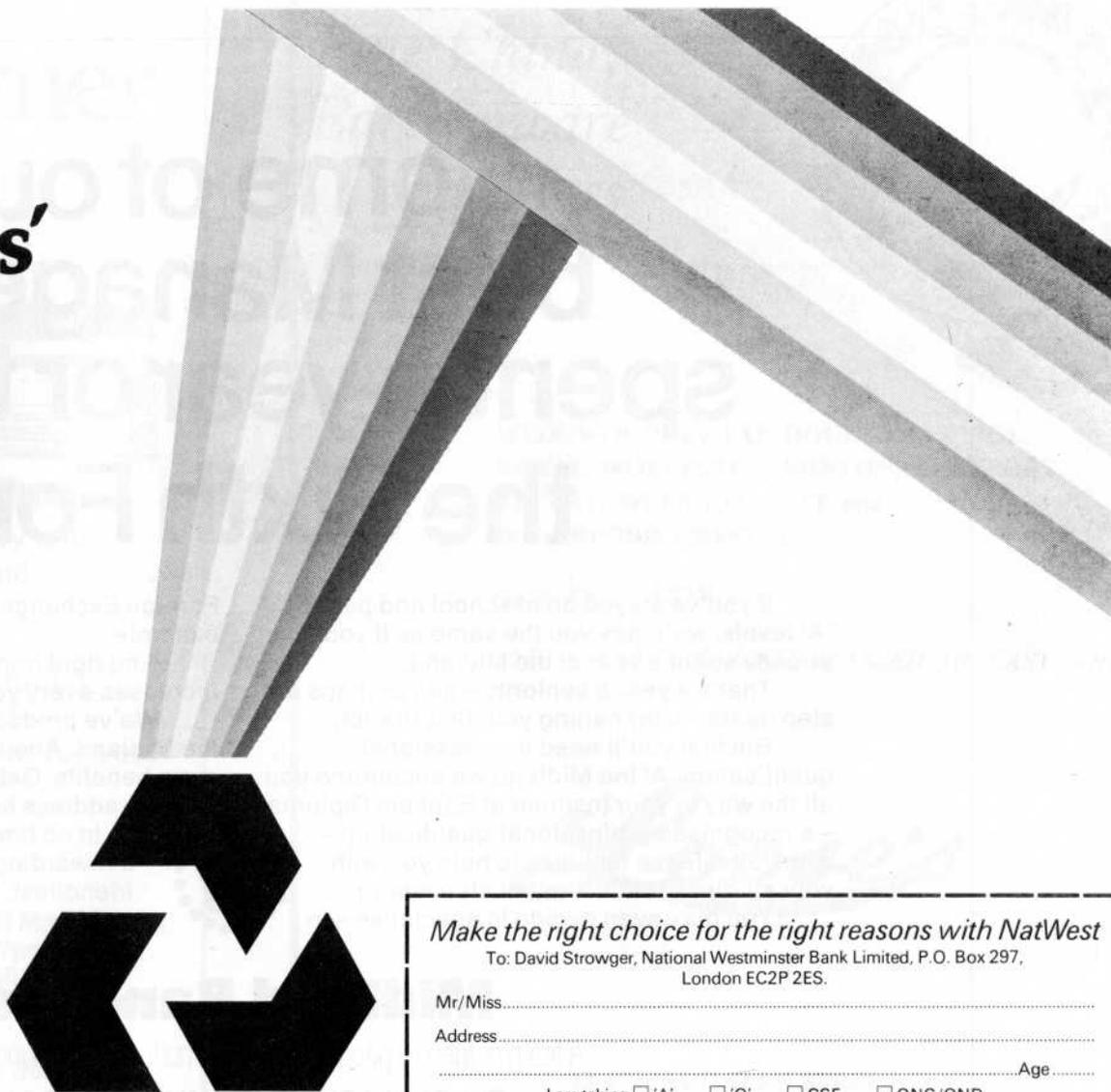
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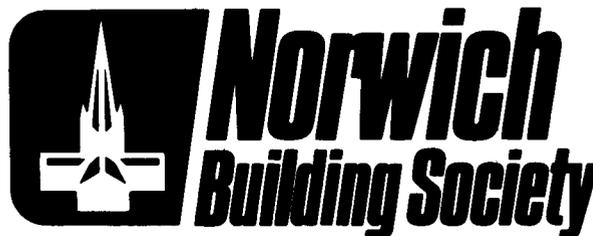
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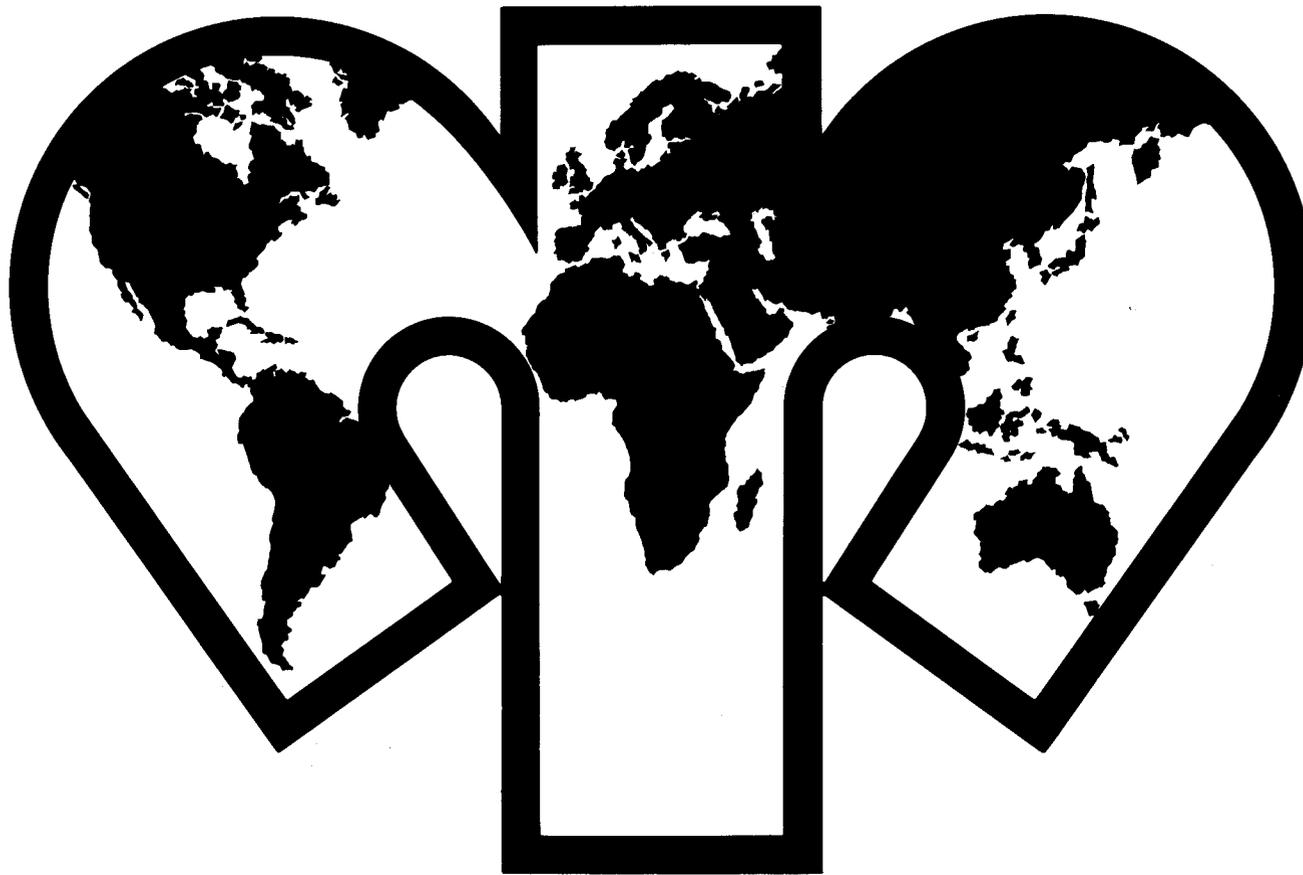
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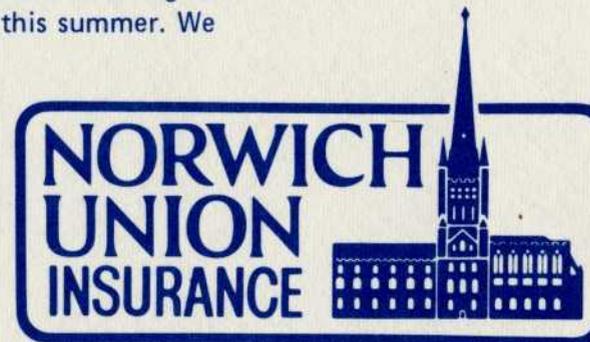
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