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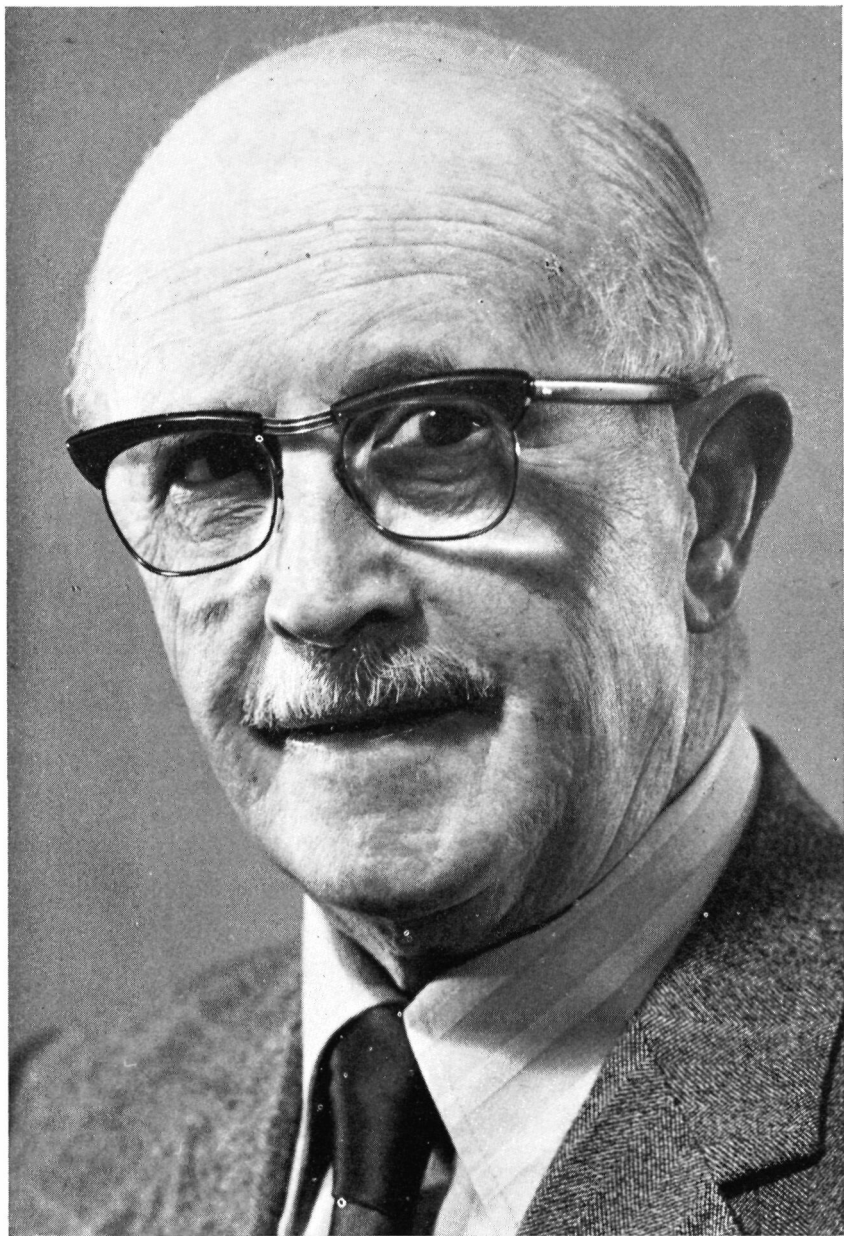


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COLONEL J. T. McQUAT

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Loughborough Endowed Schools: the Future

The announcement by the Secretary of State for Education that he would be withdrawing the Direct Grant in September, 1976, was no surprise, but there was, nevertheless, a grim inevitability about it, for until the Minister pronounced there was always hope that somehow the Direct Grant system would continue to survive. The Governors of the Endowed Schools were then confronted with three clear choices for the future of the Grammar and High Schools. The schools could become fully independent, they could be integrated into the State system of education, or they could be closed down. The Governors had had a sub-committee considering the future of the schools for several years, but while they were able to carry out a number of investigations, their conclusions depended very largely on the terms which the Secretary of State announced for the withdrawal of the Grant. The Governors then held a meeting with the Director of Education for Leicestershire to discuss with him what role the schools would play if they were fully integrated into the State system as Voluntary Aided Schools. The Director made it quite clear that while there were various possibilities about the age range the schools could serve, there could be no form of selection for entry and only part of the town of Loughborough would be in their catchment area. The Governors had a very full discussion both on the merits of integration into the State system and on the viability of becoming independent, together with the disadvantages independence might bring. They were very conscious of the fact that if the schools became fully fee-paying, many able children in Loughborough would not be able to come, since they could not afford the fees, and that the schools would inevitably have to draw on a much wider area than at present. Nevertheless, the Governors felt that if possible they could try to preserve the high academic standards of the schools and to offer an alternative form of education from that of the State. They studied very carefully the economic factors involved and felt that the schools would be viable as Independent Schools in this area. The Governors also hoped that it would be possible to raise sufficient funds to provide some assisted places for Loughborough children.

After what had been a long and intensive study, the Governors present at a Special Meeting decided overwhelmingly that the schools should become independent on the withdrawal of the Direct Grant, only one vote being recorded to the contrary.

18th June, 1975

A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

Norman Walter

Colonel JAMES THOMPSON MCOUAT, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (EDIN.), T.D.

Governor 1964, Vice-Chairman, February 1968; Chairman, February 1970; Vice-Chairman, December 1973; Died, April 4th, 1975

It would be hard for anyone to write without emotion of John (as he was known — if not more intimately as “Mac”), for I know of none who did not have for him a deep respect that was shot through with the warmest affection. He was my Chairman of Governors from early 1970, after two lively years of Vice-Chairmanship, and in this period perhaps I came to know him more intimately than anyone else connected with The Endowed Schools, and consequently to regard him with an affection that has led me to ask the Headmaster to allow me the privilege of writing this personal tribute.

Others have already written about many facets of Mac’s life and service to the Town. Our primary concern here is with what he has done for The Endowed Schools, and the Grammar School in particular. My earliest memory of him is of his leaving home at an untimely hour of night to operate on a boarder with sudden and severe appendicitis. Then again, on another occasion, a master was lying critically ill in hospital after an operation, and Mac performed on him a second operation which pulled him through, though at the time he told me he thought it was too late.

Some few years later, vacancies occurred among the County nominees to the Board of Governors. By then John McOuat had retired from practice. My wife suggested that he would make an excellent Governor, and Mr. Malcolm Moss, then Chairman, agreed and put his name forward. To our delight the County accepted the suggestion, to the inestimable benefit of the L.E.S. It seemed sad that so able a brain and so lively a personality should suddenly cease full-scale activity, as it were, on retirement from the medical field, and in his service to The Endowed Schools, Mac found an outlet and fulfilment for his tremendous keenness and drive. Perhaps this service gave him years of extra life, with a sense of purpose after a heart attack that might have ended other lives. No one could deny that he enjoyed his contacts with the L.E.S. immensely — with that great sense of fun and enthusiasm that marked all he did. How fortunate we were that, when he became Chairman, he had the time that so few others have to give to the job. I know of no other Chairman of Governors in any school who became so well acquainted with members of staff; who entered so closely into the life of the school, who visited other schools

to make comparisons and learn from their experience in new developments, who invited staff to help in planning, attended meetings and functions of the Parents' Association, and always had time for a Headmaster's problems, a sympathetic ear for his difficulties, understanding for his mistakes, and support and encouragement when there were nettles to be grasped.

When the need for a Planning Committee became evident, it was he who was chosen to lead it, and from this sprang the development plans which led to the creation of a co-educational Fairfield from the junior schools of Loughborough Grammar School and Loughborough High School, and then the building of the various items planned in the Appeal, in particular the Pullinger Block at Loughborough Grammar School. To him the Appeal was an act of faith (as no doubt most surgeon's actions are), and he threw himself into it with his usual verve, speaking at parents' gatherings with that delightful Scots accent that warmed the hearts of all who heard him, and an incisiveness that inspired confidence in the project ahead, mixing with his hearers socially and always being available for conversation. His fellow Governors found him a cheerful and dedicated leader, always ready to listen to all points of view, anxious not only to be fair but to be seen to be fair too, and yet, once all views had been expressed, summing up the general feeling and making definite decisions in meetings that were brisk and efficient without being hurried. It is not too much to say that much of the great development at The Endowed Schools would not, and could not, have taken place without his inspiration and leadership at that particular time. He saw that if the Direct Grant System were attacked and abolished the only possible course would be Independence, as it has proved, and he gave fair warning of this on many occasions, while regretting the necessity to change the status and lose the benefits of Direct Grant. He had a profound and Scottish respect for education; the son of a Minister of the Kirk he was educated at Glenalmond himself, and often used to say how he appreciated the classical education to which he later added his medical training; he always had an abiding sense of spiritual values and of the things that really matter in life, and despite the immense fun and zest that he displayed so often, one always knew that underneath was the soundest of judgments, based on the right scale of values and an immense experience of life and understanding of pain and suffering.

We of L.G.S. have an immeasurable debt of gratitude to God for Mac's life of service and friendship. We like so many others, are so much the better as he came our way, and we shall not forget him.

School Officers

School Captain: R. F. Trotter

Vice-Captain: P. R. Collins

Prefects:

T. J. Bradshaw
K. L. John

J. H. Shaw
A. C. Underwood

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M. Allsop
N. W. Ballantyne
R. L. E. Beaton
A. C. G. Braithwaite
D. W. Chappell
T. J. Coburn
C. Cooper
C. A. G. Cunningham
M. T. Dent
C. D. M. Dilks
C. R. Drane
I. K. Dukes
P. R. Evans
J. R. Fletcher
M. E. Fordham
C. M. Fountain
M. A. Freeman
H. R. Hallam
S. P. Harriman
R. M. Haslett
C. J. Hawkes
D. R. W. Haythornthwaite
S. J. Hipkin
M. P. Hooton
D. J. B. Howlett
J. E. Hubbard
A. S. James
R. A. James
G. T. John
P. H. Kropholler
C. G. W. Loxley
D. C. Mason

A. M. D. Mee
T. C. J. S. Metson
R. P. Mills
V. A. Nail
M. E. North
J. M. O'Flynn
N. S. Owen
R. J. Page
J. R. Parkes-Bowen
M. Pheby
S. G. Potts
M. Prentice
P. J. Raiment
J. M. Redfern
M. J. Robinson
W. M. H. Rose
R. G. Sanders
R. C. M. Satchwell
I. S. Senior
R. S. Sewell
D. R. Slingsby
S. R. Stead
A. Stubley
R. Summers
A. J. Tailby
M. C. Taylor
A. J. Timperley
J. R. Usher
K. R. Watson
S. J. Watson
T. E. Westhead
S. Wilson

My knowledge of Bill Redden barely extends over two years, a very brief time compared with the thirty years in which he has so splendidly served L.G.S. Yet in those two years I have come to value him enormously as a friend and as a marvellous schoolmaster. He has a humanity and a concern for boys which shines through all he does for them, and this is allied to a real shrewdness of judgment. His avuncular manner is perfectly sincere, but it can easily cause a rash boy to underestimate the skill, toughness and ability that lie beneath it. If his wit is proverbial, for his sense of humour breaks through to relieve the most difficult of situations, so is his wisdom. He has so often suggested the solution or the best method of handling a tricky problem. With Bill Redden, unlike so many people, you really do feel that age has increased his wisdom, that from the depths of a long experience he has gathered the lore that he now applies.

Bill Redden came to Loughborough Grammar School as Head of Mathematics in 1945 after teaching at The City Grammar School in Sheffield and at Spilsby Grammar School. In his early days here he was prominent in coaching rugby and cricket, and his knowledge of appropriate and relevant cricket stories is only surpassed by his use of telling quotations, particularly from the Old Testament. Outside the Maths Department one of his major tasks was his running of the A.T.C. Squadron, which he built up to a strength of over 150 cadets. In Mathematics he was responsible for the evaluation and then the introduction of the SMP, and the department acquired an enviable reputation. So, too, did Redden's House, of which he was Housemaster for nearly thirty years.

On the retirement of Harry Murray he became Second Master and Deputy Head, and here perhaps he has made his finest contribution to the school. He has been a very firm believer in discipline and high standards, yet he has applied these so skilfully with tolerance, clemency and charity that he has earned enormous respect. He is very patient, completely unflappable and utterly resourceful. He is indeed a prince of second masters.

My debt to him is quite beyond price. No one could have been kinder to me or more helpful when I came here. Whenever I have needed advice and help, he has always been there, and it has been marvellous to know that during my frequent absences I need give no thought, for all will be managed so capably. Having already stayed a year beyond retirement to help the change of Headmaster, he agreed, to my delight, to stay for a further year and thus put us all yet more in his debt.

He has always been fortunate in his family in the support they have given him. Now as he returns to them full-time, so to speak, I hope he will long have the leisure to enjoy his retirement.

The fleeting years at last compel us to bid, most reluctantly, farewell to W. P. Redden, who retires this July on completing thirty years of service to the School.

Hailing from Uttoxeter, where he began the schooling which he completed as Captain of Alleyne's Grammar School, he subsequently moved on to Birmingham University to take an honours degree in mathematics. Sheffield provided him both with his first teaching post at the City Grammar School and later with a most charming wife who has long held a high place in our esteem and affection. After some thirteen years' service there, followed by two years as Senior Mathematician at King Edward VIth Grammar School at Spilsby, he finally came to L.G.S. to take over the Mathematics Department in 1945.

There are at L.G.S. few areas of responsibility, outside the subject specialities, which have not at some time or other been assigned to him. Apart from his functions as Head Mathematician, which involved, notably, the introduction of the new-style S.M.P. in the early sixties, his lot has included form-mastering at every level, prolonged command as Squadron Leader of the School's 609 Squadron ATC and later the RAF Section of our CCF, which brought him the Cadet Forces Medal and Bar, control of North (later Redden's) House from 1946 to 1974, and his present Deputy Headship which he took over from Harry Murray in 1969. He has exercised these multiple functions with conspicuous success and in a uniquely characteristic manner which has been highly appreciated by all involved.

An amateur sportsman of considerable weight and wiles, he played rugby with Sheffield R.C. during the thirties, as well as cricket with the Sheffield Collegiate XI, Skegness C.C. and finally with Loughborough Town to whom he devoted his talents as bowler, batsman and humorist for fourteen years. In addition, he has given much time and energy to municipal work, having been for some twenty years a member of the Borough Library Committee, and simultaneously heavily involved with the Town European Friendship Committee as a member, and for several years as Chairman. These activities have brought him a host of friends in the Loughborough area. In Schwäbisch Hall too, Redden is not an unknown name, and we know that in Epinal his particular brand of French is much admired and has virtually earned him the rating of 'citoyen d'honneur.'

Thirty years of service of the Redden kind must do much to establish and sustain the reputation and character of any school. L.G.S., at any rate, is vastly indebted to Bill and will long bear the mark of his unstinted efforts. Thousands of boys and parents, as well as many colleagues, past and present, will long recall with real appreciation and nostalgia, the talents, the devotion and the well-read humour of Bill Redden. We are indeed lucky in that, in retirement, he will be at hand to give us now and then the benefit of his experience and advice, as well as the occasional enjoyment of his unique style as a 'raconteur'.

School Notes

This term we are sorry to bid farewell to two of Loughborough Grammar School's longest-serving members of staff. Mr. W. P. Redden, who has been Deputy Headmaster since 1969, first came to the School at the end of the War as Head of the Maths Department. We wish him and Mrs. Redden a long and happy retirement. Tributes to his thirty years' service appear elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Len Major, who came to L.G.S. as Art master in 1950, has expressed a wish that no detailed biography should appear in "The Loughburian". Perhaps the best biographical comment on Len was to be found in his exhibition entitled "Second Chance" which recently ran for a fortnight at the Borough Library, for in this one-man show (his third) were 35 years of his painting in various styles and media. The title of the exhibition gives a clue to the reason for Len's departure, for he is to become a full-time student again at the age of 54, following a three-year course in Creative Photography at Trent Polytechnic. Even this apparently surprising move after 25 years is characteristic, for those who know Len know also that he has never stood still — either culturally or literally. A visitor to the Art Studio always discovered a lively and wide range of creativity and appreciation: all the conventional art media were in use, but they were supplemented by excursions into literature, by photography (using a dark-room built by Len and keen boys), printing of a high professional standard, musical accompaniment, a specialist library stocked from the printing profits, and so on: his voluntary initiative showed in everything. As for literally standing still, who can imagine it of the early morning swimmer (even before the pool was covered!), the leader of strenuous cycle tours, the bronzed runner in the Outwoods — and of course the rider of a powerful motorcycle? Len has been for us that rare creature, the genuine "character"; for all of us he has been so long a part of L.G.S. that it is hard to imagine it without him. We wish him well in his adventurous course, and although he is not a man of sentimentality he will know that we shall miss him, and hope that he may be able to find time to visit us occasionally.

(Footnote: It is characteristic of Mr. Major's enterprise that the recent collection of waste paper and other money-raising activities by pupils of the High and Grammar Schools should have enabled him to present £50 to the Charnwood Borough Council. This is to be used to purchase specimen trees for planting in the Outwoods.)

At Easter, Mr. Ian Foster left us, after 13 years' service, to become Bursar of Tonbridge School, Kent. Less well known to boys than members of staff, Mr. Foster was a vital element in the successful existence and development of the Endowed Schools, for his responsibilities embraced the financial administration of all three schools on the foundation. Originally appointed as Assistant to Mr. Alec Brooks, he became Bursar and Clerk to the Governors in January, 1968, on Mr. Brooks' retirement. He was

immediately involved in the development of the Joint Lower School buildings at Fairfield, when the Grammar School junior department under Mr. Lewis's charge finally left the South Block. In the early 1970s, he was closely involved with the new Appeal and with the subsequent development of the Pullinger Block, the new Music Block and the Charles Building at the High School.

This term we also say goodbye, for the second time, to Mr. Michael Crosby, who returned to L.G.S. in 1972 after spending a year teaching in Uganda. Mr. Crosby has contributed extensively to our life here — as a hockey coach, in the activities of the Senior History Society, and particularly in establishing the Paperback Bookshop in L8, a thriving concern with a most attractive layout and an encouraging turnover. Mr. Crosby is to become Head of the History Department at Stamford School.

Mr. Kit Bunker, who joined the Physics Department in April, 1973, is leaving us to take up a Sir Sidney Perry Research Fellowship at Loughborough University. He will be working in an educational sphere which has always interested him: the development of scientific teaching aids — in this case for Geophysics at Sixth Form and 1st year University level. We hope to continue to see him from time to time.

Less able to visit us in the future will be globe-trotting Mr. Peter Skinner, who, in his brief year as a member of the Geography Department, has been deeply and popularly involved in L.G.S. life. He moves on to South Africa, and later probably to South America.

We shall also be sorry to lose the part-time English and History services of Mrs. Cullingford, whose presence amongst us has — with that of Mrs. Kirk — added a welcome touch of civilising charm.

Mr. Redden is to be replaced as Deputy Headmaster by Mr. Barrie Percival, who came to L.G.S. from Manchester University in 1959 and has been Head of the Mathematics Department since 1969. Mr. Percival lived in School House as an Assistant Housemaster to Mr. Walter, until his appointment as Housemaster of Red House when it was opened in 1962. He has always been deeply involved in scouting, and for many years ran the flourishing School House Scout Troop; he now holds the position of District Commissioner for Loughborough and District. As a Mathematician, he has a reputation throughout the county in the Leicestershire branch of the Mathematical Association, and he was the first teacher of S.M.P. Maths within the school when the Maths Department, then under Mr. Redden, decided to adopt this new syllabus. Through his association with Loughborough University, he and Professor Bajpai have collaborated in the introduction and development of Modern Maths in India, which he has visited several times.

We are happy to welcome our new Bursar, Wing Commander R. T. Lang. Educated at Taunton School, Somerset, Wing Commander Lang first joined the R.A.F. in 1937. During the War he was in operational air crew, flying with Bomber Command, and was a prisoner of war from 1943 to 1945. In the late 1950s he was Officer Commanding the Jungle Survival

School, Far East Air Force. As a member of the F.E.A.F. Medical Rescue Parachute team, he was responsible for Intelligence and Survival Training of R.A.F., Royal Navy and Army Air Crew. Since then Wing Commander Lang has worked for the Ministry of Defence in various administrative capacities.

We are pleased to record the following new additions to staff families: to Mr. and Mrs. P. Hopkins, a son, Colin Timothy; to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevens, a son, David John.

The Burton Service was held on 19th May at the Parish Church, when the preacher was the Rev. Kenneth Cracknell, Chaplain to Loughborough University. An "overflow" service was conducted at Emmanuel Church by the Rector, the Rev. Ian Campbell.

Old Loughburian Dr. G. W. Cooke, F.R.S., Chief Scientific Officer of the Rothamstead Agricultural Research Station at Harpenden and Vice-President of the School, has been awarded the C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

This year's performance by the Endowed Schools Operatic Society was "Ruddigore", while the 3rd Staff Play, "Forty Years On", was staged early in the Summer Term. Both were a great success, and are reviewed in this issue.

O-level English Literature forms were fortunate to receive a visit from Barry Hines, author of "Kes" (one of this year's set books), under the Arts Council scheme. This was not only valuable from the examination point of view, but interesting for its own sake in the insight it gave into the practice of a writer's craft. Barry Hines, a former teacher, had been a P.E. student at Loughborough. Under the same scheme, another interesting Yorkshire visitor was Stan Barstow, author of "A Kind of Loving".

A successful conference on "The Cost of Human Life" was held on 25th March, when the guests were Dr. Valerie Haynes, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G., and the Rev. Peter Russell, Methodist Chaplain to the University of Leeds.

On 8th June, the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra gave a highly successful concert in the Hodson Hall (reviewed in this issue). Tickets were sold out, and it is hoped to arrange a similar concert next year.

Members of the Lower Sixth attended a Higher Education Conference on 13th May, when the guests were Mr. E. Halliday (Senior Tutor, Grey College, Durham), Dr. L. Sealy (Senior Tutor, Caius College, Cambridge) and Dr. I. McNay (Academic Registrar, Bristol Polytechnic).

P. H. Kropholler (U6A) has won a Courtaulds Scholarship, value £130 p.a., for Computer Science.

R. P. Merriman (5P) was selected by local sports officials as "Loughborough Monitor" Junior Sportsman of 1974 (jointly with Robert Slater of Burleigh) for his achievements in cricket last season. This was the second successive L.G.S. winner, for the selection in 1973 was C. M. Wreghitt (now 5Q). This year Wreghitt again rode for the Midland team in the Boys' six-stage Cycling International at Filey. He was finally placed fifth overall out of 45, and was the only rider to win two stages.

A photograph of the whole School was taken on 9th May by an Oxford firm. The seating was, as usual, arranged with tightly-packed, efficient complexity and took some time, numbers now being greater than ever before. One point of interest was that, for the first time, a clockwork "panning" camera was not used; the pictures were taken with a wide-angle lens, so that the vast body of subjects did not have to freeze with glassy eyes and fixed smiles, uncertain of whether or not the camera was upon them!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As ever, we are very grateful to the Parents' Association. In particular, we offer them our warmest thanks for their very generous gifts to the School during this year. These have included:

- £2,000 for furnishing the Sixth Form Centre;
- £450 for a new 16mm cine projector;
- £420 for a pottery kiln;
- £225 for stereo equipment and a Master Board for the Music Department;
- £100 for an overhead projector for the Classics Department;
- £480 for sound equipment in the Hodson Hall;
- £100 p.a. for Progress Prizes;
- £350 for materials for the covered way between the HHX and the Dining Hall;
- £50 share of the cost of a back projector for the HH;
- £350 for two sailing dinghies.

VALETE

The following boys have left since the last issue (February) or are leaving at the end of the current term:

A6A: M. Prentice; A. Stubley; R. Trotter.

A6B1: G. A. Davis.

A6B2: I. D. Farley; M. J. Goodman; R. B. Peberdy; J. Shaw.

A6B3: R. M. Rock; A. Underwood; K. R. Watson.

U6A1: R. Ackerley.

U6A2: A. Braithwaite; R. Earl; R. Haslett; G. Monteith; T. Pinder; K. U. Pritzche.

U6A3: M. Allsopp; D. Birch; A. Clarke; I. Duncan; S. P. Harriman; S. Hipkin; R. A. James; K. L. John; M. P. Stothard; P. Strohm; A. Trevor.

U6A4: I. Agar; P. R. Evans; S. J. Lucas; V. A. Nail; P. Raiment; R. Woolley.

U6B1: A. D. Carter; J. R. Coast; D. Davis; C. D. M. Dilks; S. J. Gundle; K. Harris.

U6B2: G. Bradley; T. Bradshaw; D. R. W. Haythornthwaite; N. S. Owen; D. van den Elst; S. Wall.

U6B3: D. Berridge; C. Clayton; A. R. Evans; C. Fountain; J. E. Hubbard;
A. S. James; A. M. D. Mee; R. Summers, P. Wilson.
U6B4: P. J. Ashburner; A. L. Currie; N. A. J. Carter; C. J. Hawkes; R. D.
Slack; A. J. Ward; R. D. Whitwell.
L6A2: C. W. G. Shields
L6B1: E. Wicharz.
5P: S. Fordham; N. S. Henfrey; S. M. Thirlby-Smith.
5R: D. Allen; R. Butler; M. J. Carr; M. Clarke; G. Deurance; I. P. Dickinson;
F. Durning; S. Gupta; R. McInnes; S. Morley; N. Reeve; T. Spencer;
H. Swain.
5S: N. Barnett; G. Cattell; D. Dutton; S. Garton; S. Green; M. Harris;
M. Joseph; K. Onions; R. W. Smith; A. Vincent; I. P. Yeomans.
4N: C. Ainsworth.
4P: A. J. E. Haythornthwaite.
4S: R. S. McAuley.
3H: D. Herring.
3P: J. Hutton.
3S: D. M. Legg.
2H: R. C. McPheely
2G: M. Godden.
1L: S. Goodacre.

Fifty Years Ago

From 'The Loughburians' of 1925

“There has lately been a feeling in the School, and especially among the masters, that during the Spring Term our sporting activities should not be confined to Soccer. Accordingly, hockey was decided upon as an alternative, and a few practice games have been played with great success. In addition, with the support of several masters, there have been several Rugger practices, and this branch of football is attracting a large section of the School.”

“Prestwold was again visited in November, and a simple scheme of 'Platoon in Attack' was carried out. Owing to the wet weather of the previous weeks, the scheme was somewhat curtailed, but an interesting afternoon was spent. The wireless section made its attempt at field work, and though our experts failed to receive the messages sent out by Mr. Stamper, they did receive a pianoforte solo sent out by 5 NG!”

“A new playing field has been purchased for the School. It has an area of 10 acres, and is about five minutes' walk from the School. As the lease has not yet expired, we shall have to wait another year before it is available for use.”

Top of Form IIIb was C. P. Tivey.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From 'The Loughburians' of 1950

"We reassembled this term clad in grey suits of the standard shade. Apart from its purely disciplinary advantages, a definite uniform has brought a vast improvement in the general appearance of the School. A form of Loughburians no longer looks like a patchwork quilt."

"The Staff, already overworked by the bringing forward of the Higher and School Certificate Examinations to May, are at present in the throes of evolving a system of alternative courses for the new General Certificate of Education. Hercules' labours, we hear, pale into insignificance beside this task of reconciling the Ministry's scheme with university and professional requirements."

The surroundings:

"The asphalt west of H1, which served as a coke-dump during the war years, is a tennis court once more . . . Thanks to the new combined gang-mower and roller all the fields are now restored to something like their pre-war condition . . . The youth of Shelthorpe continue to trespass and cause damage on the Ten Acre, but we hope that a groundsman's house (already, we believe, on the tracing board) will put an end to this."

Events of Two Terms

"RUDDIGORE"

by Wensley Dale

"The Witch's Curse" is the apt subtitle of this, one of Gilbert and Sullivan's best loved works, and the humorous tongue-in-cheek effect of the dastardly melodrama was highly successful. It has been noted on previous occasions that the expertise of the orchestra must go largely unnoticed, as the layout of the hall is such that it is difficult to see them. However, they provided music of real gusto, and rose especially well to the quicker numbers.

The set was splendid, another deearaitchian masterpiece, combining economy with period splendour, and the production was most professional in that even the shortest characters could be easily seen, while the taller ones stayed at the back in the chorus scenes. A praiseworthy word concerning the lighting backroom boys is appropriate too, as the more eerie scenes were well executed.

Who could forget Michael Hooton as the splendidly dastardly Sir Despard Murgatroyd? — a very entertaining and perceptive performance. Graham Monteith as Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd was superbly "bean", and Mr. Stephen Smith as Richard Dauntless was obviously undaunted by some of the more complex numbers and sang clearly and loudly in his distinguished fashion throughout the evening. Old Adam Goodheart, played by old Father Norris — or is it Christopher Newman? — was indeed magnificently old, and his convincing performance brought credit to the make-up department.

The leading ladies, Helen Morrison, Christine Fowler, Nicolette Wilson, Averil Rushton and Caroline Smith were all, as usual, gorgeous creations.

Mad Margaret was very memorable and added a nice, eerie touch to the evening. The chorus moved very well, and while some of their quicker numbers were not as audible as they might have been, they provided a most colourful body to the production. In general, some of the quicker songs were inevitably lost — especially the “Doesn’t Matter” song — though this is perhaps more to do with acoustics than performance.

Another fine production from John Moore, and a splendid example of the cooperation that can be achieved, and the talent abundant within, the Foundation. A final test of its success might have been a road-show performance in Basingstoke!

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

Andy Bell (1G)

(During the Easter holidays, seven of our boys went on the Outward Bound Course in the Lake District. The course was specially arranged for 12-14 year olds).

We arrived at about five in the evening and were shown our dormitories. After setting up our beds and putting our clothes away we were shown around the grounds, which were large and led right down to the lake. We also saw the ropes course which half way through had an enormous aerial runway. That night, before going to bed, we got our swimming things ready for a dip in the lake the next morning. Also that night at 9.30 we had a fire drill practice.

The next morning we were sent down for a very cool dip in the lake. It was the beginning of April in the Lake District, so we got out very quickly after being pushed off the end of the dip-jetty! After breakfast we went climbing on some rocks near the lake and were taught how to abseil. After dinner we did some orienteering and knots and that evening rowed across the lake and pitched camp on the other side. That night it was so cold we had two sleeping-bags each and slept fully clothed.

The next morning before breakfast we went walking up a nearby hill. We then rowed back across the lake. When we arrived back we had a shower and played volleyball. After dinner we built a raft which came undone near where I was and I went right into the lake. It then left me and tipped over, and in went everyone else. We pulled it into the bank and went back up to the house to get dry.

The next day we did some more climbing and when I was right up at the top I lost my footing and was saved by my safety rope. That afternoon we went on the ropes course and it was great fun. The most scary bit of the aerial runway was changing from one ladder to another but going down made up for that. Before tea we did some first-aid. That evening we played a game which involved wearing your anorak back to front so with your hood up you couldn't see. We then followed ropes round a course which lead through pipes, into trees, under and over walls. The day after we went canoeing and the jet boat went round us until we were all in the lake and the ones who didn't go in were told to stand up in

their canoes until the jet boat made them fall in. That afternoon we had a treasure hunt around the grounds. After tea we packed for our next expedition and played more volleyball.

The next day we were taken to our camp in the minibus and pitched camp and made ourselves dinner, after which we followed right up a nearby hill until we reached snow. From the top we could see the third highest mountain in England. We then cooked tea and settled down for the coldest night I could ever remember. I woke up at five to seven and saw that it was snowing outside and I was frozen. We began to make breakfast. I had porridge and a cold tin of beans (I was too hungry to wait for them to heat up). There was too much snow for the minibus to reach us so we took down our tent and ate Kendal Mint Cake. We had a snowball fight with another patrol and then walked off to meet the bus. That afternoon we went skiing which was really great, although at first I kept falling over. In the evening we saw a film on climbing.

The next morning after breakfast we played volleyball, after which we went back to the dormitory to fill in our log books. After dinner we had a mini olympics within the ground, using different pieces of apparatus and at the end had a relay race. We had tea and in the evening we had prizes given for the cleanest dormitory. We then saw a magician who was really good.

The next day we all said goodbye and went home on the train. It was one of the best weeks of my life without a doubt.

CONCERT BY BIRMINGHAM PHILHARMONIC

P. H. Moore

The Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra played to a very full house on the 8th June 1975.

The concert began with English Dances by Malcolm Arnold. These short pieces gave everyone in the extra large orchestra a chance to show what they could do. The other work in the first half was Mozart's Piano Concerto in E flat K.482. The brilliant piano playing of Michael Stride was not matched by the orchestral playing, which seemed under-rehearsed in comparison to the rest of the programme.

As a result of the hot weather, which caused the conductor, Kenneth Page, to discard his tailcoat during the second half, everyone was grateful for refreshments in the open air during the interval.

After the interval the sole work was The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst. Mars, the Bringer of War, nearly lifted the roof off the Hodson Hall, and probably would have done so had it not been for someone playing in the rests towards the end of the piece. The rest of the performance, however, was excellent, especially Neptune, the Mystic, which required the assistance of the Margaret Wharam Choir. And so the evening ended with mystic voices fading into the deeper recesses of the N block.

The audience of about 420 applauded with great enthusiasm, and so it is to be hoped that another visit by the orchestra can be arranged for a future date.

FORTY YEARS ON

"I'm all for free expression, so long as it's kept strictly under control."

At College, Alan Bennett was famous for his sketches at the annual Smoking Concerts. The success of these little caricatures of life lay in Bennett's shrewd observation of people and his instinct for perfect timing: he is a master of climax and anti-climax, of the significant pause and the unexpected — and telling — change of word in mid-cliché. He was not attracted to drama in its traditional form; the revue was his forte, and of course 'Beyond the Fringe', which he wrote and performed when still a research student, in collaboration with Peter Cooke, Dudley Moore and Jonathan Miller, helped to trigger the satire boom which was a feature of the drama and television of the early 1960s. 'Forty Years On' is therefore typical of Alan Bennett, in that its form is fragmentary — like a series of sketches, but with a common theme intertwining nostalgia with debunking. This was achieved in part by the device of the play-within-a-play, with all the sketch-potential of interruptions and minor disasters (as in 'The Critic' and 'The Knight of the Burning Pestle').

It was a good choice for the third successful Staff Pentacular, for it provided a considerable number of widely differing parts into which colleagues could get their teeth. One's only reservation was that some of its scenes and allusions demanded a wider and more sophisticated range of cultural reference than many of the youthful audience could be expected to possess. But this was offset by an interweaving of rumbustious comedy on a low level, from nose-picking to parodied hymns.

Mr. Penter had imbued in his colleagues that team spirit which characterises all his Staff productions: they clearly enjoyed projecting themselves in personalities different from those familiar to the appreciative audience.

Some parts involved the projection of specific strong images which required sustaining throughout the play, as in the languid suavity of the M.P., Hughie, played with true parliamentary presence and voice by the Rev. John Elliott; other parts required this continuity for the purpose of contrast, particularly in the case of the retiring Headmaster and his successor, where the complacent pomposity of the former (Mr. Tony Cullingford) was set against the trendy, suede smoothness of his replacement (Mr. David Evans).

Others again demanded sudden, uncharacteristic re-emergences: the fussy, anxious and pathetically futile Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Muff (Mr. Donald Foster) into a Judge of History with the vigorous eccentricity of Dr. Magnus Pyke; the prosaically brisk Bursar's Secretary (Mrs. Ethel Fletcher) into a comfortable, comforting, knitting nanny, placidly and hilariously uncomprehending of anything outside the nursery walls. Yet others demanded considerable versatility in a range of small but very different roles. Mr. Bob Stone, for example, appeared in no fewer than five parts, from an uncouth, fidgeting, nose-picking, middle-school yobbo to an exquisite, drawling, Edwardian smoothie. Mr. Brian McDouall appeared as another pimply adolescent, a young teacher, and Richard Hannay, the square-jawed reactionary Buchanite.

Individual scenes stick in the memory, as one would expect with Alan Bennett's technique: Nanny Gibbons (Mrs. Anne Stirrup) lecturing an invisible but refractory infant (actually Mrs. Mary Kirk, but foot-and-mouth only) on constipation, worms and wellies while dosing herself generously with medicinal gin; Nature played a cruel trick on Lady Dundown by giving her a fine red beard, for this part was played by Mr. Stephen de Winton, imperiously Bracknellian in his senescent wheelchair; while Mr. Peter Skinner trod the boards in exotic Arab robes to deliver the absurd, mock-biographical Lawrence monologue (T. E., not D. H.); in another highlight, at once coy and apprehensive in a bursting pair of shorts, 'Nitbag' Foster (Mr. Ed Thorpe) received a matey little sex-talk from a teacher (Mr. Bill Dyson) in increasingly confidential tones. Cheers also greeted the hairily hearty Tredgold (Mr. John Mellors) as Albion House Rugby Captain, and the unscripted appearance of Stage Manager Mr. David Horwood to retrieve a girlie mag flung on stage by an irresponsible assistant.

The technical backing — difficult in an episodic medley like this — was excellent: lighting, sound, back-projection worked together harmoniously with an expertise which showed that the old team were together again. A choir of genuine boys, trained by Mr. Campbell, added an atmosphere of authenticity to Albion House; while Mr. Payne manned the lectern as a kind of expository Chorus throughout the evening.

C A S T

Staff of Albion House

Headmaster	Mr. A. C. Cullingford
Franklin	Mr. D. L. Evans
Tempest	Mr. S. de Winton
Matron	Mrs. Anne Stirrup
Miss Nisbett	Mrs. Ethel Fletcher
Griggs	Mr. R. C. Stone
Grimble	Mr. E. Thorpe
Perch	Mr. B. McDouall
Stebbins	Mr. P. E. Skinner
Muff	Mr. D. W. Foster
Master	Mr. W. Dyson
Tredgold (boy)	Mr. J. Mellors

Basement of Claridges

Hugh	Mr. J. G. Elliott
Moggie	Mrs. Anne Stirrup
Nursie	Mrs. Ethel Fletcher
Christopher	Mr. B. McDouall

Historic Scenes

Chamberlain	Mr. D. L. Evans
Lady Dundown, Counsel for the Defence	Mrs. S. de Winton
Nanny Gibbons	Mrs. Ethel Fletcher
Gerald Grosvenor, Rumbold, Rake, Leithen	Mr. R. C. Stone
Max Beerbohm, Foster, Churchill	Mr. E. Thorpe
Hannay	Mr. B. McDouall
T. E. Lawrence, Sandy, Withers	Mr. P. E. Skinner
Edward VII	Mr. J. Clifford Smith
Lady Maudant	Mrs. Pat de Winton
The Countess	Mrs. Dil Payne
Mrs. Withers, Czechoslovakia, Young Hugh	Mrs. Mary Kirk
Historian, Judge	Mr. D. W. Foster
Lectern	Mr. A. C. Payne

Technical Staff

Stage Manager and Set Building	Mr. D. R. Horwood
Lighting	Messrs. P. S. Lane and R. Simons
Sound	Mr. D. Hawkes
Back Projection	Mr. N. B. V. Jones and John Shaw
Costumes	Mrs. Jenny Massiah
Musical Arrangements	Mr. G. D. Campbell
Special Art Work	Mr. L. G. Major
Properties	Mr. N. Rowbotham
House Manager	Mr. J. P. Salter

Devised and Directed by MR. C. W. PENTER

HADRIAN'S WALL TRIP

A. J. Waller (2H)

On the 24th May at 9 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mr. Stone, and 16 boys boarded a crowded train at Loughborough, bound for Derby. At Derby we had a long wait but eventually we boarded a packed train, though luckily we had reserved seats. The journey was very pleasant, going through Sheffield and York.

At 1.20 we arrived at Newcastle. After leaving our packs in the luggage lockers we slowly, because no one knew the way, made our way to the Museum of Antiquities. This museum was small but very interesting. We left the museum just in time to catch the train to Corbridge. About a mile from the station was the Corbridge Fort. This was a very well-preserved fort but off the line of the Wall. When we arrived at Acomb we took over the male section of the hostel completely. After our supper we had a game of football with Mr. Stone and Mr. Payne joining in.

On Sunday morning we prepared ourselves for the forthcoming 15 mile walk.

On the way we visited Chesters. Chesters has a very good bathhouse section. Soon after this we saw a replica Roman Chariot.

After lunch we set out for the first time across country. Soon we came for the first time upon the Wall itself. The walking here was very tiring as the Wall was built over the crests of all the hills.

Two miles away from Once Brewed Youth Hostel we arrived at Housesteads. Here the excavations were still being continued in the barracks.

On the last two miles of the walk to Once Brewed we had the choice of walking over Peel's Crag or around the bottom of it. I went over the crag and we who did go over it reached the other side five minutes before the others. From there we had only a short walk to Once Brewed.

When we arrived we were amazed by the shop, which seemed to sell everything.

At Once Brewed we were split up into three different dormitories. After supper we went to bed thinking of the forthcoming walk with no packs.

We set off on Monday morning along the Wall. After a few miles it disappeared and we had to walk just along its site. The Wall started again over Nine Nicks. The walking over the Nine Nicks was very tiring as the "Nicks" were very steep. At the end of this stretch we stopped to have lunch.

After lunch we took the road back to the hostel. When we arrived at the hostel we had a short rest and then left for Vindolanda.

The remains at Vindolanda were very extensive and there was a replica Roman Wall. There was also a very good museum which housed some very well preserved leather shoes.

In the evening we were all worried about the forthcoming 17 mile journey.

Tuesday morning was very warm. The walk to Brampton Junction was all on road. We made very good progress even though it was very hot. After lunch we visited Birdoswald.

When we arrived at Brampton Junction station we all relaxed, waiting for the train to Carlisle.

On Wednesday morning we had a lie-in till 7.30. After breakfast we went to the Tully House Museum, which was very good. When we came out of the museum we were allowed to go where we wanted in Carlisle. On the train we all had mixed feelings about going home.

Lastly, I, and I am sure the rest of the group, would like to thank Mr. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Payne for taking us on such an enjoyable trip.

FIELD COURSE '75

S. Walker and W. Stocklin

The Easter holiday was again the time appointed for the Geography field course. Llandudo was chosen as the base and we virtually took over a small guest house near the sea front, filling every bedroom except one. Fifteen people attended in all, including Mr. Evans and Mr. Moretti, the transport being the C.C.F. minibus excellently driven by Mr. Moretti (we hear it has since had a new gearbox) and the P.A. minibus being flown by Mr. Evans.

The weather held out very well for us generally. The only exception being the day that we walked up to, and circumnavigated, Llyn Idwal, there experiencing snow and a strong wind.

The general plan was to spend the day outside as much as possible with our time being split between physical and human geography.

To give the course a cultural flavour we had a guided tour of Conway Castle (our excellent guide being Mr. Moretti, reading out of a pamphlet).

Even though there was little rain the ground was very wet, which people found to their peril; for instance, who could forget the magnificent leap across a wider-than-expected stream which gave Mr. Evans perhaps the best bootful of the trip (how are the mighty fallen!).

Of the course one of the most enjoyable days was the occasion we split into four groups and carried out a town survey. Three groups covered neighbouring towns and one group did Llandudno itself. The results were pleasantly plentiful, and few will forget the triumphant look on the face of our American comrade as he produced more maps, plans and diagrams than everyone else put together.

The course on the whole was both profitable and much enjoyed by all, and for this we must thank Mr. Moretti and Mr. Evans for their organisation and supervision. We must also thank the owner of the guest house for putting up with us, and we appreciated the warm reception of the locals (even though certain members complained at the lack of pinball machines). As a final note we would like to thank generations of Welshmen past and present who have been concerned with the construction of Welsh roads, the narrowness and bends of which were a source of constant amusement to drivers and passengers alike.

TOULON: EASTER '75

Mark E. Fordham and Roger Kerridge

After a tiring journey, the four of us, M. Fordham, R. Kerridge, D. Bramwell and N. Moore, were very pleased to see a friendly face, namely that of Mr. Dyson, who was waiting for us at Marseille airport. Our trip had begun, and we were well and truly in France. After a short train journey we found ourselves in Toulon, which was to be our home for the next ten days.

Our arrival at the villa caused much confusion and excitement, something that was to remain throughout our stay. The friendly atmosphere would be impossible to describe and was greatly appreciated by all.

'Now look', Mr. Dyson arranged several excursions for us, which, although they proved very costly, were all worthwhile. We visited Marseille for a day, spent a day sun-bathing on an off-shore island, and visited a French school.

Our stay also included some culture when we all went to the theatre to see 'Le Malade Imaginaire', a famous comedy by Molière.

Reluctantly, at the end of our stay, we boarded the train, envious of Mr. Dyson, who was to continue his 'holiday' (?) for a few more days.

We arrived in Paris, and a short bus journey to the airport showed us some of the famous monuments and sites: the Eiffel Tower, L'Arc De Triomphe, Les Champs Elysées, etc.

In conclusion, we would all like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Dyson, both for his generosity in arranging the trip and for his friendliness throughout it. We have all been asked to return to Madame Hurault's and all look forward to the opportunity of doing so in the near future.

GERMANY—EASTER 1975

A.L.H. and C.W.

At six o'clock on a March morning a party of linguistically talented, eager-to-learn schoolchildren boarded a coach hired to take them to London's Heathrow Airport, their destination . . . Deutschland.

We numbered thirteen in all, ten Grammar School pupils, a High School girl and two younger people, one from the Convent School and one from Garendon School. After a day's exhausting travelling we disembarked in Schwäbisch Hall, the sister town to Loughborough in central Germany. Reluctant at first to part company, we left the bus station with our German counterparts, phrase books at the ready.

After two days acquainting ourselves with our hosts, we had our first excursion, exploring the historic interest of the surrounding area at various stately homes. Other excursions included visits to Stuttgart and Nuremburg and a picnic on the Einkorn. This is an area near Schwäbisch Hall which can be compared with the Outwoods, near Loughborough.

German wine, women and song played an increasingly important part in everyday life. Some people were noted to take advantage of German licencing laws, and to drink far in excess of their physical capabilities (ask Phil). Others exaggerated in their own minds the eagerness of German girls to have inter-continental relationships with them personally. Resisting the corrupting influences was a difficulty totally ignored.

Two and a half weeks later, it was a party of bi-lingual delinquents which was seen to return, laden with contraband goods, through customs at Heathrow.

In conclusion, we would like to thank John Moore, an Old Loughburian, given the seemingly impossible job of looking after us, who helped to make the holiday run smoothly (even when Dave discovered he had lost his passport half way to the airport).

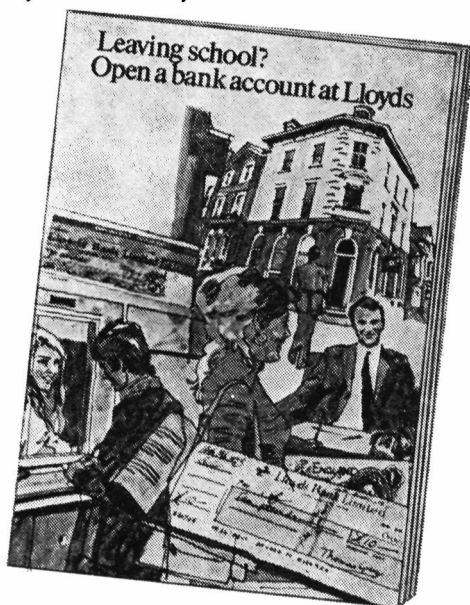
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Clubs and Societies

LIBRARY

Ch.

E.W.B.M.

The books recently presented by the parents of the late John Godden have now been added to the Classical Section, a suitably inscribed book-plate, prepared by Mr. Major, having been inserted in each. A fine collection of L.G.S. prizes, including no less than three Dexter Memorial Essay Prizes, has been bequeathed to the School by the late ~~Col.~~ J. P. Farmer. These attractive volumes have been placed in the "Fine Binding" cupboard.

There have also been generous donations of books by Martin Goodman, who left school at the end of the Easter Term, and by Dr. R. J. Haythornthwaite, who is emigrating to New Zealand. Richard Woolley, who is leaving school at the end of the present term, has set a welcome precedent by donating a list of books of his own choice. These are now on order, and will be added to the library, suitably inscribed, when they arrive.

George Niven, who came to us from Oxford to do his teaching practice with the English Department during the Easter Term, has presented us with a copy of "In Bluebeard's Castle", by George Steiner. To him and all the others, we express our thanks.

That the library has continued to run smoothly has been largely due to the conscientious efforts of Chris Hawkes, the Senior Librarian, and to David Slingsby and David Haythornthwaite, his main assistants. Many others, lower in the school, have also worked hard to maintain standards in the Library this year. It is a matter for some concern, however, that there has been little or no assistance from the Lower Sixth, despite several appeals, with a consequent lack of Upper Sixth librarians to be expected in the year to come.

Finally, the number of books being borrowed continues to increase, and the number of those returned *on time* to decline.

TWENTIETH CENTURY SOCIETY

D.W.F.

At the time of the last issue, we were looking forward to a confrontation with the Convent School in the Mercury Cup. This we duly won. In the semi-final against Collegiate School, Leicester, our regular team of Keith Hodge and Martin Goodman went down by a narrow margin. (We appreciate that an adjudicator always declares the margin to be narrow in deference to the susceptibilities of the defeated — but on this occasion it really was!) Keith, as ever delivered his excellent material at machine gun tempo; Martin, "intoxicated by the exuberance of his own verbosity", was unwilling to "draw his remarks to a close", even after the Chairman's second warning.

Such Goodmanesque enthusiasm may have affected the result, but it was one of the pleasant features of the Society. Debate attendances were almost uniformly low in the Spring Term. As a compensation, many who would have been shy about speaking in a thronged LI, were bold enough to rise to their feet.

From September, we shall hold our meetings on Thursdays.

SENIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

W.R.G.

The Senior History society has continued with the programme so fully reported in the last 'Loughburian'. The highlight of the spring term was a talk on the Whigs by Dr. L. S. Mitchell of University College, Oxford, since he tempered his scholarship to his audience with great skill and wit. Then two prophets braved speaking in their own country — Mrs. Cullingford on Marxism and Mr. de Winton on Stanley Baldwin. The final event was the annual inter-school conference on Internationalism.

This term there were two meetings. Professor R. Morgan addressed an open meeting on EEC and the Referendum and some members went to the High School to hear Mrs. Palmer give an illustrated lecture on Industrial Archaeology. This has been a very successful year both in the level of support for meetings and in the excellent lead given by the Chairman and Secretary who have done everything (except write this report).

CROSS (Junior Christian Union)

J.D.H.

This term the numbers have grown and now there is an attendance of 10-15 boys each week.

There have been a number of different speakers, including a Roman Catholic priest, Mr. L. A. Rawlinson and certain masters. We would like to thank all these speakers for giving up their time to talk to us.

For three weeks the meetings were concerned with the matter of "Evolution or Creation?" We have learnt many things from these meetings and have been given plenty to think about.

We are hoping for just as good a term next year, and an even better response since we mainly run things ourselves, with Rawlinson as Chairman, Hutton as Vice-Chairman, and Wykes as Secretary.

SCHOOL HOUSE SCOUT TROOP

T. Heaton and S. M. Ashton

Patrol leaders: - T. Heaton, S. Ashton, D. Wells, C. Young, R. Parr and M. Davenport

Summer Camp

We travelled to Summer camp by means of a lorry, a minibus, and numerous cars. Other than Mr. Salter getting lost, and three P.L.'s getting baffled with French, the journey went without incident. We arrived at Pandy, near Glyn-Ceriog, and pitched camp.

The next few days were spent on such activities as a hike on Aran Fawdery (for the more experienced walkers); a day's pony trekking; short canoeing trips, and pioneering. The patrols made a ducking-stool (Foxes and Kingfishers), a rope bridge over the stream (Eagles and Otters) and an aerial runway (Tigers and Lions).

Towards the end of camp there were certain main events: a hike on Snowdon (in which most of the troop participated) and a nine mile trip for the best canoeists, through a third-of-a-mile tunnel and over an aqueduct about two hundred feet high.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fernandez, who organised the sports, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Downward, who ran the H.Q. Mr. Jones for his invaluable help with the pioneering, and Mr. Campbell whose help with cooking was tremendously appreciated by all.

During the Terms.

During the term a number of scouts attained their first-aid badges, with the tuition of a St. John Ambulance helper. We also climbed Kinder Scout in Derbyshire, which helped to gain a few people another test for their Chief Scout's award. The weather was fine, although some snow was left on the ground. A lot of time was taken up trying to find the trig point on the summit amongst the peat bogs.

Earlier this term a number of camps were organised for various weekends. One was for the recruits to give them a sense of independence, in which they canoed a lot on the Soar.

Another was for the Patrol Leaders as a preparation for camp and a number of people have been off in pairs to pass their twelve mile hike and camp test.

Conrad Young, Simon Ashton, Timothy Heaton, Michael Davenport and David Wells all patrol leaders are very close to gaining their Chief Scout's award and hope to attain it in the very near future. Also a number of second years are close to getting their Advanced Scout standard.

This year has been one of the most successful years the troop has had as far as activities are concerned.

CAREERS NOTES

HJRB/WRG

The new Lower Sixth General Studies arrangements provide a useful opportunity for careers work which covers all of the year group and as a result three mornings have been used for this purpose. In March there were simultaneous talks followed by a forum. This term there have been two sessions; the first, lasting all morning, was on Universities and Polytechnics with speakers from Durham, Cambridge and Bristol; the second a series of six simultaneous talks on subjects chosen by the boys and given by local speakers. These ventures seem to have been much appreciated.

Since efforts have been put into the Lower Sixth, other years have been more neglected. If fifth formers feel aggrieved they might recall how they failed to respond when offered talks by parents last year. A good deal of time, however, has been put into advising individual fifth formers.

The ISCO Easter courses attracted over 20 applicants and over 30 have taken advantage of Leicester and Nottingham open days.

There are plans to move the careers room to a larger room where better displays can be mounted. Finally, our thanks are due to all those who have given of their time voluntarily to help in careers work.

CHESS CLUB

D. J. B. Howlett (Secretary)

This year has seen a revival in the Chess Club with a vast increase in membership, particularly in the Lower VIth, which has led to an increase in the general standard of chess.

The last two terms has seen the re-introduction of the School Knockout competition, in which D. H. Kropholler successfully triumphed over N. Harris in the final. During the year only two inter-school chess matches were played, both in the Junior section, beating the High School 6-0 and drawing with Humphrey Perkins 3-3. Hopefully, next term will see more matches in the Senior and Junior sections as the standard of our play is improved.

STAMP CLUB

John Shaw

At Easter the club lost its secretary for the last four years, Robert Peberdy. His contribution to the club should not go unrecorded. It is traditional for the club not to meet so often in the summer term, but early in the term an auction was held which raised £7.75. It is to be hoped that this innovation will be continued. At the time of writing, the club's new 'guardian-angel,' Mr. Gass, was due to give a talk on the more unusual aspects of stamp-collecting such as postmarks and frankings.

May I offer my best wishes to my successor as treasurer, and to him and the new secretary I would mention that my seven years as a member of the club, and the five years as treasurer, have not been a waste of time.

ENTOMOLOGY SOCIETY

N.K.S.

PRESIDENT: Dr. W. M. PHILLIPS

This term has seen the beginning of the Entomology Society, and I am very pleased to report that already in its first term a great deal has been achieved, and more especially a firm basis has been made for future expansion.

The projects embarked upon have been diverse in their content, and include

1. An ecological study on the stinging nettle.
2. Freshwater insects including the feeding habits of the great diving beetle. (*Dytiscus marginalis*).
3. Rearing Lepidoptera, collected locally.
4. Stick insects.
5. Beetles.

Apart from these projects, the society has made trips to the forest for insect collection, and in S.B.3 has prepared two tanks for water insects. Guest speakers will be invited from time to time in the future and with occasional trips to be planned it is hoped that the society will become even more popular than it is now.

PUZZLE CLUB

M.J.C. and J.M.C.

Since the last report the Puzzle Club has increased its membership by 20, to bring the total number of members to 45.

The influx was largely due to the "Grand Prix," a racing game in which the car is represented by a vector on squared paper. The Senior Tournament was won by A. J. E. Haythornthwaite (4P); the Junior by Clark (2H) and the runners-up Tournament by C. Lloyd (3H). The prizes awarded led to the next competition—a "Mastermind" league. This consists of three divisions, according to age; the game itself being the popular and highly praised product of Parker Bros.

In addition to these long-term competitions we have weekly "prize problems" such as 'Brainteasers,' 'Alphametics' and ingenious hidden word competitions. Can YOU spot the four heavenly bodies in the following extract?

"During their fierce tussle to repair the spaceship's rig, eleven magnetic dipoles, tarnished irreparably, had started to jam."

Also among the term's activities was a practical demonstration by Mr. McDouall on card tricks, during which he showed clearly how to shuffle four aces to the bottom of the pack with finesse and talent unequalled by the great Cardini.

Plans for the future include many more competitions, and a greater stock of puzzles.

More members would be very welcome, especially from the Fifth and Sixth Forms.

T H SCRABBLE L U B

History took a radical new turn in December, when Mr. Coulston asked Mr. Stone if he would be willing to help form a scrabble club. Mr. Stone said No, but was misunderstood, and the Club was founded in January. Although Scrabble is normally considered a respectable adult pastime, no member of L.G.S. above the third form condescended to join. However, we soon attracted a clientele of over 40, who preferred the comforts of L5 to football in the rain. (In view of the nature of the game, it was originally intended to restrict membership to literate pupils; but the keenness and enthusiasm of 3S were too much to resist.)

We decided to organise the games in a league system, with the same scoring rules as for league football ("point average" being, naturally, substituted for goal average). But the numbers of people involved, the loss

of the autumn term, and the fact that new members have been joining continuously, have combined to make it impossible to complete the programme (though an unofficial title might be bestowed on James Straw of 2L, who played—and won—several more games than anyone else). A further complication is that, in the summer term, the warm sunshine—or rather, until lately, the hope of warm sunshine—has kept the majority of members out of doors at lunch-time: playing cricket, one hopes—playing f**tb*ll, one fears. For next season some new ideas will be needed: a knockout competition, perhaps? (Metaphorical, of course).

Round the Houses

SCHOOL HOUSE

<i>House Captain:</i>	C. D. M. Dilks	<i>Athletics:</i>	R. L. Beaton
<i>Vice-Captain:</i>	N. A. J. Carter	<i>Hockey:</i>	S. P. Harriman
<i>Cricket:</i>	N. A. J. Carter	<i>Rugby:</i>	C. D. M. Dilks

This year has without doubt been one of the house's most successful. To add to victories in the Cross-Country, Swimming and House Drama, we have since won the Rugby, the Hockey and have come a creditable second in the cricket.

In the Senior House Rugby final we met our old rivals, Moretti's. The team performance was of a very high standard, and although two members of the team were forced to leave the field because of injury, we won by the comfortable margin of 27-0 with Dave Chappell, Richard Beaton and Andrew Stevens featuring prominently. Unfortunately for Moretti's, Marcus Rose, their international full-back, was unable to play. The Intermediates recorded second place in their competition and the Juniors were victorious in theirs.

In an extremely exciting Hockey final against Wood's, the game had to be decided on penalty flicks, following the score line still reading 0-0 after extra time.

Fresh from victory over Moretti's in the first round of the cricket, we drew the talented Griffiths' side, who had defeated Wood's in their first round match. Thanks to a fine half-century from Andrew Stevens, and despite a brave innings from Alex Underwood, the team won by 12 runs. We then met Wood's who had reached the semi-finals as best losers and won, and did not give of our best and lost by 6 runs.

On Sports Day we had a successful time, taking 3rd place in the Seniors, 4th in the Intermediates and 1st in the Juniors. Everybody competed well to achieve a creditable result.

On the domestic side members of the House welcomed an improvement in the buildings and facilities, notably the re-slating of parts of the roof, even if this did bring its own problems.

This year, as always, we have to say farewell to some and welcome others. We wish all those from the Upper 6th and 5th forms, who are leaving, well, and ask them to keep in touch. We also thank Mr. Campbell for his three fine years in School House and wish him well on his transfer to Red House. Mr. Jones is also leaving us after two years, but he too will remain on the staff.

Mr. Horwood and Mr. McDouall have agreed to take their places and we welcome them.

RED HOUSE

J. Wilkes

As the evenings are lighter at this time of the year, there are more sporting activities after school, both serious and light-hearted. In athletics P. Willars, C. Young, C. Jones and R. Parr have all represented the school, and the latter two the Area.

There have been a large number of boys playing cricket for the school this year: A. Williams, S. Ashton (an invaluable wicket-keeper), D. Wells, S. Rimmington and I. Taylor have all played for the U 14 team, and M. Davenport and J. Wilkes for the U 14 'B' side, whilst D. Young, F. Gent and A. Smith have played for the U 15 'B' side. Matches against the county teams are planned for later in the term.

There was a house single wicket competition earlier in the term, in which most of the house played. This was won by A. Fountain, who beat C. Jones in the final. Our thanks to R. Stonier and R. Scaife for making the arrangements and for the smooth running of the competition.

We were sad to hear that Mr. C. L. Davies will be leaving the boarding house at the end of the term after three years as Assistant Housemaster here. We thank him for his support, especially with our sport, and wish him luck and happiness in his new home. To replace Mr. Davies, Mr. Campbell will be moving in from School House. A house dinner for Mr. Davies is being arranged for the end of term which will be supported by the house pound money (this leaves us all in the red). P. Harriman and A. Braithwaite have been invaluable in their help in collecting this money.

A number of third year boys will be leaving Scouts at the end of the year, but this activity will be replaced by the C.C.F. which has been joined by most of the third year boarders.

I might add that Stuart Rimmington will be leaving the boarding house at the end of term after two years of boarding life, to live in Loughborough as a day-boy.

DENTON HOUSE

M.P./T.S.-T.

As is usual for the Spring and Summer terms, the main occupation of the House has been sport in one form or another at both School and House level.

Denton boys have had a great success on the rugby fields these past two terms. Nine boys from the house have represented the School at either U 12 or U 13 level rugby and the School House team comprised entirely of Denton boys won the inter-house junior rugby competition held in the Easter term.

Then in the Summer term R. Bayes captained the School Under 13 cricket team while eight other boys from the House played for their respective school teams. In Athletics, Denton boys also did the house credit with ten boys playing in different teams at school level, while N. Baker captained the U.14 team. It is probably not surprising therefore, that the house won the junior Athletics competition at Sports Day.

Denton boys also swam for the school and played for Fairfield at football.

Despite so much outdoor activity, work has not been neglected during the last two terms and several boys have achieved high form positions.

The House has recently been brightened by a fresh coat of paint in areas of the yard and around the changing rooms, which has added a well-needed, cleaner aspect to this part of the House.

However, at the end of a fairly successful house year, both academically and with regard to sport, the house is seeing the departure of a good number of boys at the end of this term, either to Red House or to become day boys here or elsewhere and we wish them good luck in their continuing school careers.

BOWEN'S HOUSE

Malcolm Pheby and Reginald Sury

This year the House learnt with much regret that Mr. Bowen was resigning from his twenty-five year tenure as Housemaster. Our greatest gift to him can only be our rising to a standard of which he would be proud, and an improvement based upon the spirit which has been recently rekindled within the House.

The House's sporting activities have certainly benefited from this renewal of spirit and certain teams have achieved some commendable results. For example, the Junior Rugby team played well to gain third place this year; but unfortunately, a strong Senior XV (well-sprinkled with school players), for the third time in as many years, met the favourites in the first round and managed to gain only an undeserved fifth position. Surely the merits of a 'knockout' system of only six teams must be strongly cast into doubt, when the outcome of an entire year's tournament is decided by the opening match.



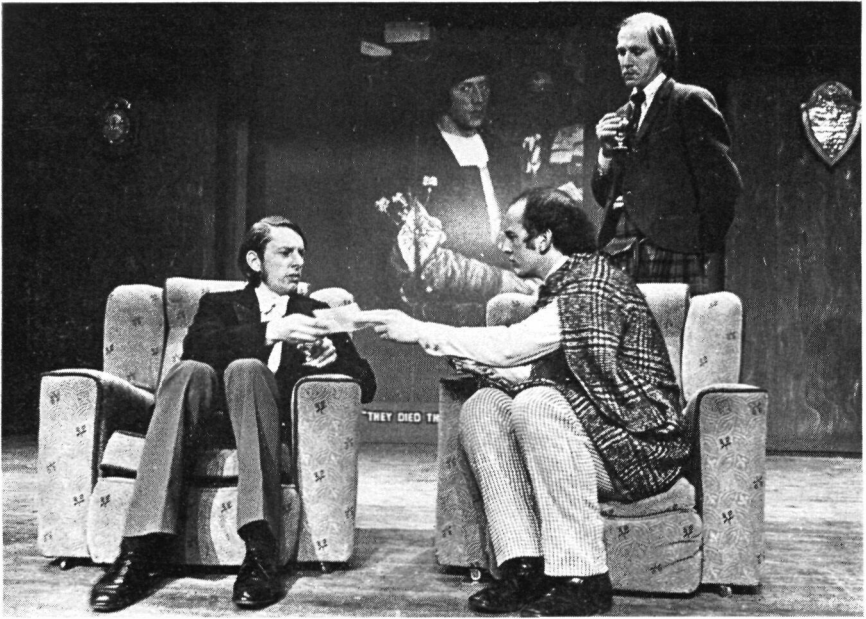
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MR. W. P. REDDEN (L.G.S. 1945-1975)



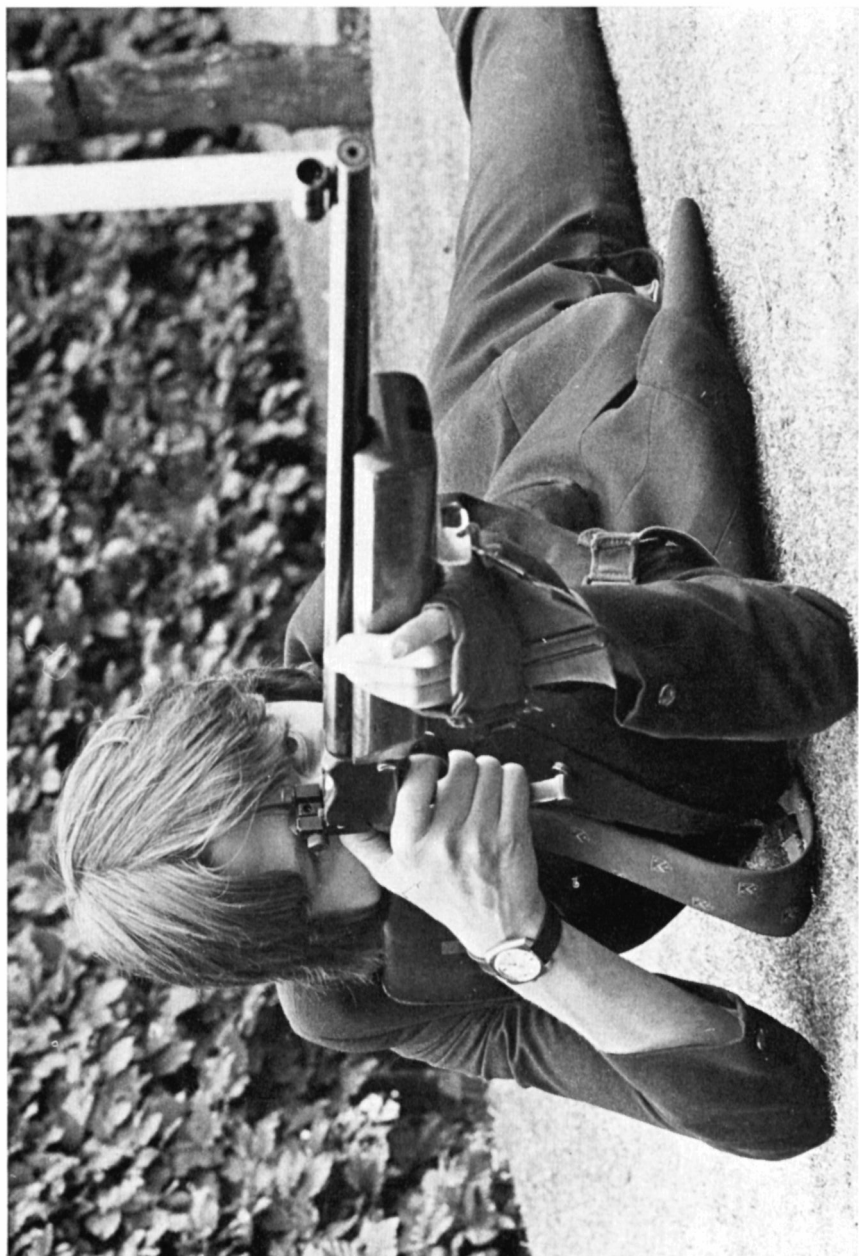
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STAFF PLAY: "FORTY YEARS ON"





L.G.S. RIFLE CLUB CHAMPION

The hockey tournament, however, run on a far better organised and ultimately more sensible dual league system, provided our team with a creditable fourth final place. This same position was attained by the Senior Cricket XI in their competition this term, through sheer determination rather than involved and intricate stroke-play! Let us hope that the Intermediates can emulate and even improve upon this worthy performance! At this moment our tennis team are contesting the doubles title and are "quietly confident" of springing a few surprises upon the opposition by actually winning the trophy from them this year.

The athletics team, though, has not managed to rise above 6th position, mainly because of an overwhelming lack of school athletes. However, enthusiasm prevailed, and some good performances were produced, notably the Junior team finishing fourth with many people contributing the points, Faulkner taking two first places in the intermediates, and the Paarlauf team running an unprecedented second place, showing great determination. With new talent now showing, next year could see Bowen's rising up the table.

It only remains to thank those members of the House who have played or contributed their time in activities this year, and to congratulate those who have gained monitorships, while strongly commiserating with the deserving few who seem to have been mysteriously overlooked. We wish Mr. Tony Cullingford every success in taking over the House, and if his leadership is in any way as inspired as his house prayers, we can certainly look forward to an eventful period with him "at the helm."

"Full steam ahead, Bowen's. The days of the feeble crun' are far behind!"

GRIFFITHS' HOUSE

A. C. Underwood

The house system at L.G.S. has never been based on firm roots. House reviews merely fill a vacant space in the magazine. The "House" of an individual may remain a secret until the day he dies. This may be due to a lack of decisive leadership of the boys or it may be the housemasters themselves, often the older masters.

The only event that moves the physical wrecks which pass for boys with action are the attraction of the big matches versus school at Rugby and Cricket and Moretti's at Rugby.

Other sports are mere individuals and kindle little interest. The only highlights of this year, 480 years on, have been in the repeated singing of the "Lord of the Dance" and the sight of G. R. W. Bradley and B. J. B. Spurrier on a cricket field which was unfortunately censored by the highest authority.

Finally, I would like to thank the few people who have wholeheartedly contributed to the House's limited success.

HAYNES' HOUSE

John Shaw

House Captain: Kevin Watson

There are 140 members of Haynes' house. Of these, 90 members have this year taken part in either just one house activity, or none at all. On the other hand, 18 members of the house have entered at least four and more usually five or six house events. Not surprisingly, the degree of success has widely differed from sport to sport.

The senior and junior rugby are best forgotten, as are the junior athletics, but these failures were not through lack of effort. The intermediate rugby team finished third, but marred an otherwise good performance in a dubious final match. The senior cricket and hockey teams were strangely similar, and both claimed fifth place. The hockey team took their 5th place with a 3-0 victory, while the cricket team failed to reach the semi-finals by a mere 5 runs, and in the last match our team, led by the 2nd XI captain, beat Moretti's, led by the 1st XI captain. Worthy of mention in the cricket are performances by Nigel Stephens, Simon Walker and John Storer.

Nevertheless, Sports Day was our most successful day of the year. The seniors came 1st equal, Chris Prideaux winning two events and John Abbey gaining one 1st place and one second. Our outstanding performance was in the 4×100 m. relay when Karl Grenz, Chris Prideaux, John Abbey and Kevin Watson clipped 2.3 seconds off the existing record. Meanwhile the intermediates came second, the most successful athletes being Paul Cabrelli, Antony Cooper and Martin Hilton. But nothing is possible without a full team effort, and the seniors in the Parlauf proved that there is most definitely a place for the non-specialist sportsman in house events.

Moving away from Sport, it is worth noting that the house has met in the open air behind the library on the occasions when the Hodson Hall has been unavailable. Despite the competition from the Leicester Road traffic, this has proved to be a modified success.

My thanks go to everybody who has helped to run the house this year, and if the enthusiasm and willingness shown by some (notably L6B and 4P) to take part in house activities lives on until next year, things indeed look rosy for the seniors. Is it too much to hope that people will soon realise that taking an active part in the running of the house is always good experience and is usually most enjoyable? Or will future years still see two-thirds of the house as indifferent as those 90 members were this year? This house has a promising future if the burdens do not always fall on the same handful of people.

MORETTI'S HOUSE

House Captains: A. M. Mee and C. A. G. Cunnington

The end of the Spring Term brought a mixture of success and failure upon the House. On the Rugby field the Intermediates convincingly trounced School House in a one-sided final, once again asserting themselves over supposed superiors. The Seniors, having performed well to reach the final,

were unfortunate to lose to a School House team, led by the brave efforts of Chris Dilks. Congratulations must go to Marcus Rose, who gained international recognition at Rugby. It was a pity that this dictated his exclusion from so many House activities during the year.

The House fared poorly in Hockey and Senior Cricket this year, losing all three matches in the former, and both in the latter. We can only thank the numerous non-Hockey and non-Cricket players who made up most of the teams, and hope for better results next year.

At the time of writing the Tennis competition is still in progress, and with two pairs from the House in the last eight, success is surely on the way. A high proportion of athletes is through to the Sports Day finals.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has organised or participated in House activities this year, especially Tim Bradshaw, Roger Rock, Ian Swann, Mef Fordham, Chris Drane, Howard Hallam, Nick Wainwright and Marcus Rose, who have made the House Captain's jobs much easier, although results this year may not have been up to our usual standards it is not the result of lack of effort or poor House spirit and we are sure that with similar effort next year the House may enjoy the success it deserves.

WOOD'S HOUSE

D.G.E.

This year Wood's House has achieved a mixed, but generally enjoyable collection of results, and even if they do have "no room for complacency," they certainly register the enthusiasm felt for the house in certain quarters.

Our cricket efforts proved to be our most successfully rewarded, our final position being first. Having decisively beaten Bowen's in the semi-final, we moved on to play School House, a team comprising many school players, in the Final. Fine bowling by Juster (who claimed 4 wickets in the last over), exciting batting from Sewell, with consolidating support from Peter Ashburner and our captain, David Berridge, made sure that victory was ours in an exciting finish.

Having reached the hockey final, we came up against the favourites for the competition, School House, who had a team made up almost entirely of school players. Despite convincing play by Heaney, one of the youngest members of the team, and useful captaincy by N. S. Owen, the game was lost—but the team can still be proud of their achievement of reaching the final, and only losing it on penalty deciders.

Our Rugby results reflected our general results, which were not startling, but still adequate. The Juniors, as usual, did their best and reached the final, whilst the Intermediates lost in the semi-final and the Seniors managed 3rd equal position.

We have three golfing enthusiasts who can compete successfully against the might of England, but our tennis is not so brilliant and we are relying on one doubles team only in this competition.

Sports Day proved a very enjoyable afternoon—at one stage we were leading in two groups, but unfortunately, despite some strong solo efforts, we were pushed into lower positions by minute margins. Our congratulations must be offered to M. Heaney on becoming Victor Ludorum in the Junior group, and we should make up our minds to follow his example.

Now that the spirit of the Juniors seems to have made itself felt throughout the House, we can look forward to those who take over the house next year to carry on the good work. For this year special thanks go to Steve Hipkin for the readings, and Pete Ashburner for his work in keeping the House in reasonable order in the morning.

Combined Cadet Force

Sgt. Harriman

Since the last report, many things have happened. We welcome a new officer, 2nd Lt. D. Horwood, who is now in charge of the engineering part of the Advanced Training. This provides an increased range of activities for the senior cadets including the design and building of a new assault course.

The present strength of the contingent is about 240, including the pre-entry who have just joined. Of the 240, 100 cadets and 10 officers will be attending summer camp at the Parachute Regiment's camp, Sunnybridge, in South Wales. As is usual at this time of year, quite a number of courses have been undertaken. These included the UKLF leadership course, an outward bound course and gliding. Other activities included the Adventurous Training on which 6 officers and 21 cadets walked around the Lake District in the snow, helped, of course, by the bears; and the annual Welbeck Pentathlon in which we entered a senior and a junior team, the junior team doing the best.

This year sees a change in programme because the annual inspection will be held in September.

Finally, the C.C.F. rifle team, which was started this year, entered two competitions, finishing 3rd out of 49 teams in the Skill at Arms Competition and 10th out of 11 in the pre-Bisley match.

ARMY SECTIONS

Sgt. Harriman; Cpl. Mills

The proficiency section have now passed two parts of the exam. These were the Shooting and Safety Test, in which only 8 people failed the first time, and the Drill Test, in which the platoon was congratulated on its turnout. Most of this term has been taken up by the "Golden Laurels" Competition, a points-based competition whereby the four sections compete

on drill, battlecraft, orienteering, signals training and initiative tests. This has proved to be quite successful and all sections are within a few points of each other. A night exercise was also undertaken at a local quarry. It proved to be extremely successful in spite of only a few hours sleep and the fact that one patrol was evaporated. At the end of term the platoon will be going to visit the Depot, The Queen's Division, at Bassingbourne.

The cadets who had passed their proficiency exam became the Cadre and duly commenced their initial training to become instructors. The course is both physically and mentally tough; it includes a 5-mile run and then a shoot, all in full kit (NCO's included) and at the end of the course a written exam. The course began by several revision periods on weapon training and then the cadets were split into three sections, which all undertook Orienteering, Route March and Shooting and initiative exercises. The cadets were then taught how to instruct.

During the Easter term a night exercise was held, which included night orienteering and an attack against the enemy (NCO's). It was very successful in spite of a full moon and Cadet Rock mislaying his explosive charge. The term was rounded off at Beckingham ranges where they fired classification and were instructed in SMG and LMG. The summer term started with a platoon inspection and an advanced mapwork test. Then a series of exams were held which everyone passed and consequently earned their first stripe. All thanks to Lt. Beazley who entertained us with his interesting comments.

EASTER CAMP R.A.F. ABINGDON

Sgt. A. R. Clarke

R.A.F. Abingdon is the home of No. 1 Parachute Training School and the majority of aircraft operating from the station are Hercules of Air Support Command. In comparison with last year's camp at R.A.F. Valley, the Abingdon air traffic was found relatively quiet by our contingent of 30 cadets, commanded by Lt. Col. D. Wood, who was assisted by Squadron Leader Harvey and Flying Officer Pentier.

As always, flying was the most popular activity and the cadets were flown in the massive Hercules or the exciting Chipmunk aircraft during the week. Somewhat less popular, perhaps, were the practice 'square bashing' sessions during which two teams were selected for an interschools drill competition.

During the week, the cadets were introduced to a variety of interesting functions carried out by the R.A.F. by means of conducted visits to the different sections on the station. A choice was offered on one day and whilst some cadets visited the R.A.F. Museum at Hendon, others were taken on a guided tour of the B.L.M.C. works at Cowley and the remainder flew as passengers in Hercules flights to a practice dropping zone to see training 'drops' taking place from their aircraft, a vastly different aspect

from the more usual terrestrial viewpoint. The week's programme included mapping and orienteering exercises in the country around the station and a night exercise on the Salisbury Plain. L/c Wilson and his team were the winners of this competition and so tempered the disappointment of our two drill competition teams which were placed second and third in a tight contest.

All the cadets were able, subject to the usual strict safety precautions, to fire full-bore service rifles on the station range and displayed great promise and enthusiasm with varying degrees of success as marksmen. A fascinating and informative display was also arranged by an R.A.F. Officer who demonstrated the fire power of a wide variety of weapons which included a .62" bore musket, a six shot percussion-cap pistol, a Browning automatic pistol, with more modern weapons such as the self-loading rifle. This impressive display earned the special thanks of all our party and certainly underlined the old maxim '... Stand in front of a horse and behind a gun.'

With good accommodation and satisfactory menus, the cadets were able to make the most of all the activities and generally maintained a good disciplinary standard throughout the camp.

Although two or three cadets were unfortunate enough to require physick from the very efficient R.A.F. medics the camp was unanimously voted as being highly interesting, instructive and entertaining, and thoroughly enjoyable. For this our sincere thanks are due to our C.C.F. officers; the officers and airmen of R.A.F. Abingdon and in particular to the station Cadet-Liaison Officer and his Flight Sergeant, who worked so hard on our behalf over and above their normal duties.

R.N. GROUP OF THE CCF

A.C.P.

Since it came into being two years ago, the R.N. Group has had an interesting and varied career. It has been unable to demand the relevant equipment from R.N. Parent Establishments because it is not an official Section—consequently, despite the courtesy of the Scouts in lending spars and of the R.A.F. Section in ordering a 120-fathom coil of rope, the attempts to complete the R.N. Training Syllabus have not been as effective as they might. Even so, the Group was able to learn basic pulling (rowing) techniques and orders by using the Sea Cadet Corps' 16½-ft. A.S.C. boat on the canal; we remain most grateful to the S.C.C. for providing what were, for a time, the sole facilities for practical training afloat.

Fortunes have further improved as more activities giving practical training have emerged. The "Mirror" dinghy, "Sharanne," begun in January 1974, was completed fourteen months later—there were difficulties to overcome during its construction, and its successful completion as a safe craft is due to C. J. Hawkes, T. A. Soar and Mr. D. Hawkes, who laboured

long and devotedly on Thursday/Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We would also thank Mr. M. Downward and Red House for being generous landlords while this good ship was a-building. "Sharanne" was launched with due ceremony for safety testing in the swimming bath on Sunday 2nd March, and completed her maiden voyage in Staunton Harold Reservoir on Field Day (May 22nd). There is now a working agreement with the nascent School Sailing Club and Mr. Hawkes for the mutual use of five boats, comprising two Mirrors, two Enterprises and a GP. Many thanks are due to Mr. J. P. Salter for lending us the Scouts' lifejackets.

The other practical training has been in canoeing, with instruction from the Army Youth Team. This has taken place at Quorn Hall, the County Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and the course of basic instruction was successfully completed. These activities promise well for the future.

Visits to Service establishments have included Portsmouth (MFV training HMS Dryad, HMS Daedalus) and HMS Royal Arthur (Petty Officer Leadership School—leadership training), and a few cadets have obtained places on R.N. camps and courses.

I should like to record my thanks to the 9 cadets who have continued or started to participate in the activities this year, and to all who have helped and encouraged us.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE, TOWYN

Sgt. Coburn

March 31st, 1975, and I was on my way by train to Towyn in North Wales; having to change trains four times en route, I arrived at about 3 p.m. Transferred to army transport, I was taken to the Joint Services Mountain Training Centre where I was to stay for 11 days to endure a rigorous course in mountain training and a multitude of activities which all come under the heading, "Outward Bound activity." The division of the forty-two cadets attending the course had already been done—four patrols, each with its own Army instructor. Being in a group of lads none of whom knew each other we were advised to make friends as quickly as possible, so when it came to team competitions there would be no "'Ere, you there!" or "Hey, that kid with the hooked nose!" Team spirit is the main ingredient in success.

A personal interview with the Brigadier and drawing various kit items followed with a quick briefing on the course from our instructor.

0645 hours: "Where the heck's my swimming kit!" A quick jog to the beach and an even quicker duck in the sea were the first and probably the most memorable activities of the course, then straight back and into breakfast without changing, then tidy rooms for the daily inspection. Points were awarded each day as part of the inter-patrol competition.

The first two days were spent at the training centre, where we had lectures, films and demonstrations on mountain safety, introductions to rock climbing, abseiling and camp craft, and lessons on how to avoid having to do 10 press-ups every two minutes. The first day culminated in a 2½ miles cross country run, undertaken by all, including the Brigadier. The volleyball got under way on the second night. The infamous "wall and beam" initiative test posed physical and mental problems whilst the assault course left a deep impression—on the back of one lad's head, and a water mark round everybody's neck!

We left the centre on the third day for three days on and around Snowdon. One full day's rock-climbing on "very difficult" and "severe" climbs was enjoyable. The second day was a 14-mile 'bash' over the hills to the foot of Snowdon which we ascended on the third day, having to cut steps in the ice towards the top. We had a quick brew and snack on the summit, then down; sliding most of the way on our rear portions.

Back to the centre for a bath and brush-up interspersed with a gruelling orienteering competition and the "Log Race," which deserves explanation. Four teams run one mile to a river, swim across it, select a telegraph pole and, using slings wallow back across the river and commence to run back to the start—finishing this stage is a different matter!

Preparations started for the "Final" which loomed ahead. In groups of 3 or 4 we endured two days of blizzard conditions covering 32 miles which involved 10,000 feet of uphill walking. It was necessary for our group to camp on a mountain at 2,000 feet. Had there been no snow we would not have had water. Despite below-zero conditions we had a comfortable night. The only problems were de-frosting the tent and one lad's boots the following morning. Starting at 0800 hours we finished at 1800 hours and we were swiftly taken back to the centre to a slap-up steak-orientated meal. But just to show the army offers no mercy, we were off to the sea again at 0700 hours the following morning. The 880 yards, assault course and "wall and beam" competitions took place before we handed in our kit and had interviews with our instructors, who told us their assessment of us. A concert given by the patrols and a sing-song led by the Brigadier filled the evening of that day.

For all that I might have said I would gladly go again—and others, especially those who think I should see a psychiatrist, ought to try and attend similar courses—you will be surprised to see what you get out of it and how much you learn about yourself.

ADVENTUROUS TRAINING 1975

Sgt. A. S. James

The group left in high spirits at 8.45 a.m. in two four-ton trucks from Loughborough. The journey was uneventful up till the traffic jam on the motorway when light entertainment was supplied by L/Cpl. Bradley. After changing trucks while stationary, he was caught out when the trucks began

to move off again while he was returning to the forward vehicle. Much to the amusement of the fellow traffic jam sufferers 'Smug' had to sprint and be hauled over the tailboard by the seat of his pants.

On reaching Base Camp at Dash Farm we were greeted by 'General' Benson and his 2 i/c, Chris Lodge, from Priory School, with whom we were conducting the week's training. Both John Benson and Chris Lodge are members of the Manchester University O.T.C. After camp was pitched we were all briefed on the routes and expected conditions for the following day and so, fired with enthusiasm, we retired to our sleeping bags.

On the first day's walking the senior Loughborough group asserted its superiority by going over Skiddaw and Long Side after seeing 'Bionic Ben' and his Priory group beaten by the conditions to suffer the ignominy of going round the base of Skiddaw to return to Base camp. However, the second day's walking saw Benno take his revenge. This was the beginning of the three-day exercise and the Loughborough group was somewhat debilitated by the activities of the previous night in Keswick. Consequently, he beat us quite convincingly to our first bivouac site at Gatesgarth.

During these previous two days the other Loughborough groups had been engaged in canoeing and walking in the area around base camp. During group D's canoeing both Sgt. Allsopp and Cpl. Swann felt it their duty to demonstrate to the junior cadets how not to paddle a canoe, and capsized: a noble gesture indeed, and one which is to be expected from such N.C.O.s. On the second day while 'Swanny' took his group over Skiddaw, group E apparently 'went and hid in the hills!'

The senior group redeemed its honour on the second day of their exercise by reaching the summit of Great Gable in the form which was expected of them. Sadly 'Benno' found it necessary to begin the homeward trek after reaching Green Gable.

During this time several people had contracted very bad colds, some serious enough to put them out of walking. Undoubtedly the worst hit was Mr. Payne, who was very rarely seen out of his sleeping bag and when he did emerge it was not advisable to approach him with a cheery 'and how are you tonight, sir?'

The next two days of walking were quite testing and the deceptive nature of Long Strath when represented on the map certainly had a demoralising effect on the senior group after they had reached Scafell Pike. An excursion rather out of character with the rest of the course was the visit paid by Capt. Downward, Mr. Campbell, Sgt. Allsopp and Cpl. Swann to the Seathwaite restaurant. This occurred much to the disgust of all, but the interested parties and rumours that these individuals were finding the rigours of camp life too much, were rife.

It was decided at the end of day five to return to Loughborough a day early as all objectives had been reached and, with conditions worsening, to continue would have been pointless.

The return journey was a rather subdued affair and everyone was glad to reach Loughborough late on Friday night. This year's adventurous training is the first one for some time that could truly be called arduous and a reminder of the ever-present dangers in the mountains was the death of a young walker not far from our camp at Seathwaite on the third day. All who took part on the course can only have benefited from the experience and it only remains to thank the officers and masters who accompanied us and without whose enthusiasm such courses would not be possible.

R.A.F. GUTERSLOH

Cdt R. W. Rock

Wednesday the second of April saw the departure of eight R.A.F. cadets and one officer on a seven day camp to R.A.F. Gütersloh, in Germany. After travelling by train, and then by bus, to Luton airport we flew to R.A.F. Wildenrath, about a hundred and fifty miles from Gütersloh. From here we completed our journey by bus, arriving at Gütersloh at about six o'clock the same day.

Thursday morning was devoted to meeting the station commanding officer, and tour of one of the sixteen Wessex helicopters stationed at Gütersloh. This was followed by a brief look round the officers' mess, from where we began the first of two orienteering exercises. The whole of the following afternoon was spent touring the parachute packing and air-sea survival sections, as well as the armoury.

On Friday, the whole day was occupied by a much larger orienteering exercise, in the small foothills situated some distance from the station.

Saturday was a free day in which we travelled to Munster for shopping.

On Sunday afternoon, after a church parade in the morning we visited the Möhne Dam, made famous by the historic "Dam Busters" raid during the second World War. It was a particularly interesting visit after reading so much about this target.

On Monday we visited other sections on the station, including the flight simulators, the rifle range and the R.A.F. Regiment. The afternoon was spent being taken round the Lightning squadron.

Tuesday morning began with a session of drill from a regiment sergeant, followed by swimming at the local baths. After dinner we were given a talk by the security officers on the station. For our final session again we visited the R.A.F. Regiment to see the armaments they use, and then we were shown over the fire tenders, an important part of the station.

On Wednesday the eight I.G.S. cadets and officer travelled by bus to Wildenrath to catch the plane back to Luton. We arrived home at 8.30 p.m. at Loughborough Station, after a most enjoyable camp. Our thanks must go to Flying Officer Lane for all the effort he put into the organisation of the camp at the Loughborough Grammar School end.

It was on an overcast April Fool's day that I arrived at Leicester Aero Club. In the clubhouse I was greeted by the Deputy chief flying instructor, who introduced me to the other club officials and the other three air cadets, who had arrived a week before me. Thus I was considered the new boy as the others had all gone solo and I had not even started my course of 30 hours of flying lessons.

However, within an hour I had been shown the Cessna 150 (the aeroplane I was to train on) and was having my first flight.

On average I received approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours instruction per day, and then after 6 hours 40 minutes of instruction the great moment arrived and I was sent off solo. I was told to do just one circuit and land. I felt extremely nervous as I taxied down to the end of the runway. With a call of 'X-ray Yankee rolling' over the RT I was off. From this moment onwards I no longer had time to be nervous as I was too busy flying the aeroplane. All too soon the circuit was completed and I was on finals to land.

From this time on I went on to more complex flying procedures in preparation for cross-country flights. I was taught the correct R.T. procedure, how to re-join aerodrome circuits and, most important, the methods of carrying out forced landings. On the ground, meanwhile, I was taught the basis of air navigation, air law and engines. There were exams to be passed in these subjects, the pass mark being 70 per cent.

After 15 hours of flying instruction I went on two cross-country flights, accompanied by my instructor. After these I had to do the flights again, but this time on my own. Luckily I did not get lost and all went well.

These completed, I went on to take my General Flying test, which is equivalent to a driving test in the air. This I passed first time and after about 27 hours flying time.

By now I had decided to go on and do an extra 5 hours so as to obtain my private pilot's licence. To do this I had to fly a qualifying cross country flight from Leicester to Leavesden to Coventry and back to Leicester, including landing at Leavesden and Coventry.

All went well on this flight, apart from my trying to land on the wrong runway at Leavesden! It is a most rewarding experience to navigate one's way across a portion of countryside and then see a new airport come into view on the nose of the aircraft.

When I returned to Leicester I found that I had completed 35 hours of flying, 30 having been paid for by the R.A.F.

A week later my licence came through the post and I had graduated as a private pilot.

The course lasted for four weeks and finished on the 1st of May.

ELEMENTARY ARTILLERY COURSE—LARKHILL Cpl. R. H. A. Loweth

During the year, the Royal School of Artillery runs several week-long courses, designed to teach the basic facts about artillery.

I myself decided to go on an Elementary Course from Sunday 6th April to Saturday 12th April.

I arrived by train at Salisbury station and was taken by minibus to Larkhill camp.

The rest of the evening was spent drawing bedding and exploring the camp (looking for the bar which we weren't allowed to use).

The week passed quite quickly. We were instructed in topics as varied as Battery Deployment and Anti-mortar radar.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the first half of each day was spent firing High Explosive at an unseen target, and the remainder of the day was passed trying to blow up derelict tanks.

Although the Artillery section is now closing down, this course is worthwhile—even if you are considering a career in another branch of the army, since it teaches the basic facts about the artillery which are necessary for inter-arm co-operation.

SIGNALS CERT T, APRIL 1975, BLANDFORD, DORSET

Cpls. Harker and Shepherd

First of all I feel we must show our appreciation to British Rail, who sent the London train to Loughborough, exactly on schedule; unfortunately it passed by, at about Mach 1.

We arrived at Salisbury station at 11 o'clock on a fine April night, and after two telephone calls, a few curses and about an hour, we succeeded in getting a driver to take us to Blandford.

The course itself was begun with an introduction by our course officer who told us that he would supervise closely our entire course, and whom we met for the second time half an hour before leaving! The format of the course was, during the morning, very interesting theoretical lectures followed in the afternoon by practical work. The evenings were spent in the NAAFI with the "professionals." Wednesday was the peak day of the course, when we were all driven around the county to use the C42 radio sets on the Land Rovers.

Shooting was arranged for Thursday evening. We rapidly showed our prowess(?) on the .22's; after which, being thoroughly ashamed of our scores, we were invited to knock a matchstick out of the bullseye, for a

50p bet. Having collected my 50p The next day we were taken behind the Red Doors (what are they?) but we cannot say anything about that, apart from the fact that they were actually red (how unpatriotic!)

Immediately after our journey into the (ssh!) world behind, we were introduced to Capt. Maine for Skynet satellite instruction.

In all we enjoyed ourselves greatly, for which I would like to thank Sgt. Harris and Lt. Col. Wood for increasing our enthusiasm.

RIFLE CLUB

This term the Club trophy for the best shot of the year was awarded. Competition between the main contenders was keen, and the gap between Howard Roberts and this year's winner, our captain, Andy James, was only 0.8 per cent. Andy notched up an average of 92.8 per cent.—high scoring, as members have to take into account low scores made on 'off' nights.

Postal Competitions this year were the national 'Country Life,' the RAF 'Assegai,' and the Army's 'Ozanne.' In the Country Life competition, the team shoots a group, an application target, a snap target and, most difficult, at a landscape target 25 yards away, their point of aim being indicated by a team leader on the firing point with binoculars. In the Country Life we came 59/113, and the RAF were 57/71. The Ozanne results come out next term.

With our new .303 rifles we again sent 11 men, including two U15s, to the pre-Bisley shoot at Beckingham. This time we were placed—low admittedly (the senior team were 12/13 and the U15s were 13/15) but we are proud of our performance: we have proved that we can put up a showing against the top shooting schools. Next term we go to Colchester for the annual Skill-at-Arms competition: a competition we look forward to.

The number of U15s continues to rise and their skill improves with experience each week. This promises a strong team for future years.

Verse and Prose

WHY I AM DISILLUSIONED WITH POLITICS

P. H. Kropholler, U6A2

There is a tendency, after two elections in quick succession, for the general public, including myself, to have simply lost enthusiasm for politics. An election, however, should be a time when politicians are making clear their plans for the next five years, and one would hope for the next ten or twenty years. An election should be a time when people generally should take an interest in what the politicians are saying, in what they have been doing in the past, and in what they are promising for the future. An election should be a time when everyone is encouraged to think about

the economic problems facing the country and a time when people should be encouraged to take a political viewpoint. Why, then, after two such elections am I, and my friends, disillusioned with politics?

The present government may remain in office for at the most, only five years, and probably there will be another election after four. Perhaps we should consider the problem facing politicians before an election. One particular party no doubt has its own ideals, and forms its own remedies for the nation's problems. But, at the same time, any one particular party must consider the problem of getting into power. And one party must become the government in order to use its own ideas, and to try its own systems of government. Then a party must consider how to convince the general public that they are the right party to form the next government. They can achieve this in a number of ways. However, the danger is that the politicians will avoid telling the truth, because they feel that the general public will be frightened by the truth. The truth is that most people would find an election a much more satisfactory state of affairs, if only the politicians would attempt to be honest.

A further fault of politicians is their ability to avoid the truth by irrelevancies. The plea of the Conservative government was ignored by many people because of the "slogan-politics" of the left-wing. When Mr. Wilson said, "We cannot have national unity without equality", what was he saying? He was in fact completely avoiding the reality (since equality will not in any way lead to unity) by producing a slogan which the general public could take up. Similar was the ingenious phrase "social contract" (or is it "social compact") which could be bleated by the sheep just as the sheep of George Orwell's "Animal Farm", would bleat "four legs good two legs better". The meaning of the phrase "social contract" is rapidly disappearing, because of its use in this way.

While such political "rubbish" as this was, I have no doubt, thought up with every good intention by politicians, the inevitable process of politics has destroyed it.

It would be unfair to cite the faults of the Labour Party without mentioning those of the Conservatives. The Conservative Party has not tended to manufacture slogans, but all the same they have not made a great attempt to explain to the electorate the reality of the situation. I would congratulate Sir Keith Joseph on his attempt to bring the true issues into the election campaign, but yet again, the party machine could not bear these facts. The Labour government was immediately able to find the uncomfoting aspects of this speech, and this was inevitable because Sir Keith was telling the electorate the truth. However the Tories did not accept what Sir Keith said. They were unwilling to take on the full burdens of honesty.

Now we see a government in office which has made promises which it must break, because it has been avoiding the truth. (This would be equally true of a Tory government). The ministers of this government must inevitably introduce wage restraint to replace the "Social Contract".

SOUL TO LET

M. S. Bentley, L6A1

Betrayed by the plastic images of life,
he returned to the empty, bustling town.
He felt so alone that he walked
past the surveying-canvassing women, time
after time, but even they didn't want his
name on their virgin sheets of paper.
Frustrated, he made a pass at the one
with green boots; green always reminded him
of home. All she could say was "How often
do you shop here?" and "Do you prefer Stork
to butter?" (Always smile to put your target at ease).
Overwhelmed by the direct contact, he blushed
and said "Not often," and "Butter slightly salted,"
and drifted through the Centre in a daze.
Who were all these people? Why didn't they
speak to him? "Hello there," he said to the
buxom blonde with an empty pushchair; she
just vaguely smiled and trundled on. "Good
afternoon," he snarled at the Vicar and his
mistress. "He just passed by on the other side."
He plodded through the arcade, hands thrust
deep in his sides, and was given a
"U.S. OUT OF THAILAND"
leaflet by a student he thought he knew,
or was it a mirror? He *thought* he knew.
He lunged into a "Swiss Cottage" and
drank his (instant) coffee ("at no extra expense")
when a girl came in with a light in her
eyes. A "child of the stars". Together they
went to the Temple to pray to the
"Divine One". He had a drink of something
nice and saw things with new eyes.
He went to tame a passing bus — he was killed.
Instantly. The quickest thing in his dismal life.

MODERN CLASSIC

T.J.

I wandered lonely as a butterfly
Through a host of golden daffodils
Until an anti-social swine
Trode on me.

BELLS IN THE NIGHT

Keith Harris, U6B1

At night I can feel her presence,
At the time when light
Is banished and her awesome power
Oozes and writhes in the nightly silence;
When the vociferous bells toll,
And once, twice, the bronze shells meet
The industrious clappers
In clangorous sound which so slowly dies.
One by one, they come in sight,
The brilliant stars, her faithful spies,
And peek out at this deserted hour,
Watching the few belated ants
Which scuttle around some lonely street
Like poor bare-footed prisoners,
Forced to earn their freedom with a dance
Across some red-hot coals.

EUPHORIA

M. J. Atha

Welcome to this future we've created,
That time and space have now deserted,
Welcome to the world that's not a cage,
Welcome to the neo-golden age
— Welcome.

Welcome to the third great age of men,
To the free place of fulfilment when before
We had only disagreement, hatred, war;
You are welcome to the future with no end
— Welcome.

Welcome to the eternal paradise
Where success is reached in your own eyes,
Welcome to the land where you are free
To become just what you wish to be
— Welcome.

You are all welcome to this great place
Where there's no unrest or violence,
Welcome to the end of the long dark past,
To the days of the bright future at last
— Welcome.

Well, here it is—my first great clash,
 With appressive authority,
 Knock,
 “Enter,”
 I shut the door gently and,
 Turning to face the shirted back,
 I wait
 For the great voice.

“I am upset to hear, boy,
 That one of the monitors
 Has found cause for complaint.
 I don’t like you, lad,
 So just remember,
 Whenever you want a clash,
 Don’t pick me to come up against.
 I know you, lad,
 You’re a slacker,
 Not enough work;
 So remember,
 From now on
 I’ll watch you like a hawk.”

Threats!
 I know he won’t.
 He’s not that type
 But we must look meek
 (To appease the man
 And dodge the rap)
 So we listen on

“You’re intelligent, lad—
 But why, oh why
 Waste a gift?
 Pull your weight
 And you’ll do well.”

So at last he’s changed his tone
 To command respect lost
 Through masked insults;
 But I’ll do well
 To prove him wrong
 And satisfy that purge
 Which compels me
 To rebel

A PATHETIC MAN

W.S.S.

A summer's eve pours into night,
Nocturnal breeze begin your flight.
Touching all and touched by none
Your passing felt, p'raps talked upon
And on to dawn you whisp'ring run.

I lie awake to think of you
With fading light gathering dew.
Your message to the leaves unclear
That leave and lead my self-debate
Which only time elaborates—
Night and year by night and year.

With blackest silk you soothe my hand,
That stunts the subtler sense in man.
A dope that dulls— a deadened daze
Which cons the just— a justice such
That's just a rationalizing crutch
For morals eyes are glazed.

FROM 12 JUBILEE TERRACE TO 211 TOWER RISE

M. S. Bentley, L6A1

(A. 12 Jubilee Terrace).

Where are you now?
Grey pebble-dashed houses in battle-dress.
Where are you now?
Street corner tittle-tattle mornings.
Where are you now?
Front-rooms, Sunday-bests, tea-times.
Where are you now?
Live life-as-it-comes happiness.

(B. 211 Tower Rise).

Look at you now!
Living in boxes waiting till Friday.
Look at you now!
Neurotic mother pushing your trolley.
Who are you now?
Nervous-breakdown, pep-pill, addict.
Cry for us now.
Consumer-wrapped, whiter than white angels.

ONE TOO MANY

T.J.

They said these fixes were great,
But my guts are taut, the world blackens
And the bitter taste of vomit
Smears my body.
My God! I'm dying. I know it.
I took too much, the stomach pump won't
Save me,
Nor will the silhouette telling me to relax.
My guts are on the landing; the landlady
Keeps crying "poor mustard" or something,
And the man in the helmet's holding her back.
The bannister looks far away from down here.
I don't belong.
The doc has packed it in.
Who'll save me now?
Come back, come back,
O bright and shining star.

SON OF ALFRED AUSTIN writes

J.E.F.

Now that CECIL'S through the gate,
Who'll succeed as Laureate?
W. H. AUDEN? Robert GRAVES?
They're a couple of unpatriotic knaves !
Stephen SPENDER? 'Twixt you and me
He's not everyone's cup of tea.
How about, then, old Chris FRY?
Not much cop, 'twixt you and I.
Since there's no one left to be,
They'll have to give the job to me.
For my first try, read these lines
And have them printed in The Times:

Along the electric wires the message came,
He's no better; in fact, he's pretty much the same.
Of course, I know they're not quite right,
But I'll work on them tomorrow night.

P.S.

They gave the job to Sir John B.
Damned if I can think of a rhyme for he.

Of the great old tree
Only the stump
Remained —
A blot amid the surrounding splendour
Of others in full summer bloom.
The wind blows whistling derision
Down through the arrogant foliage
On to this pathetic trunk
Which will grow no more.
A perfect circle,
But now abused by the careless saw
Which has thus uncovered
The revealing rings.
The whole history is contained therein
In decades and half-centuries,
From the centre seedling
To the outer bark of the giant
Which now is gone.
The elements have already begun
Their work
Eating and seeping
In the abject wood.
Like the sick Indian mother
Left alone to die,
While others go on to a new life,
This stump lies rejected
And forgotten.
The growth is varnished or veneered
Into dressing-tables
And wardrobes for extravagant ladies
While the bole is left to rot.

The wind blows whistling derision
Down through the arrogant foliage.

IDIOSYNCRASIES

T.J.

Ponderous platitudes
I awake.
Bombastic articulations
I discover.
Procrastinating minions
I condemn.
Eclectic oratory
I hear.

But, after all, who said I had to listen?
Who said you have to read this?
The English language is the best in the world
said the Greek.

ADVERTISERS' IDEAL FAMILY

C. M. Skinner

The early morning sun shone brightly as Mr. Smith rose from his extra-strong, cross-spring Slumberland mattress to proceed to the bathroom. Here he washes in the most up-to-date basin with the new-era taps and the soap with the extra lather. The bathroom soon looks like a Turkish Bath because the double-glazed windows don't let out the steam. Then, with his Colgate ring of confidence around his neck, he proceeds down the BMK staircarpet.

He arrives in the kitchen to find Junior throwing his square-meal Weetabix at the washable wallpaper to see if it really is washable. Outside is his young sister, running up and down the garden path to see if her run-resistant tights really don't run.

He leaves for work, taking his brand new car (with the thicker-tread tyres which make you go that much faster) from the double garage, leaving Mother to wash her Playtex Living Bra sixty-five times to see if it still stretches like new.

In the evening, Father arrives home late because his gallon of petrol just didn't get him that little bit further; daughter has fainted with fatigue and the Playtex Living Bra has been rushed to the hospital for oxygen.

The family finally have tea, and sit down on their imitation leather seats, from Brentford Nylon, turn on the 26in. colour television, only to find that they are just in time for the adverts.

RELATIONSHIPS

W.S.S.

There lies
A minute grain of dust
A vaster plain of human rust
That leers at its own suicide —
And at the same time tries to hide
Its wretched self-mistrust.
And so
The black and hollow room
Will eat the cobwebs of its gloom
Until the bitter taste enmesh —
The chewing of corrupted flesh
That runs with oozing doom.
Because
Two fingers never meet
Which would the paint-worn man complete
And so the gentle eyes that teach
Know well the ape will never reach
The tree above its feet.
Meaning
Now the womb so dear
Does spasm in its painful fear
Ejecting then a bloated rat —
That turns to eat its mother's fat
As soon as it is clear.
So now
The crust has chipped away
Revealing blackish pus decay
Which bursts from mouth and nose and eyes —
And drowns the horror in our lives
That in this we do play.
Silent
Do the streetlamps flicker
Silently we all get sicker
A man is knifed under their light
Then cold eyes stare at colder night
As pools of blood grow thicker.

Sport

1st XI CRICKET

The start to the season has been interesting and a lot of valuable knowledge for the future gained. A very young side captained by M. Rose with A. Underwood as vice-captain, contains two 4th formers and four 5th formers, which is probably why it has lacked experience against strong and more mature opposition.

The wickets at the start of the season were soft and the spinners Heaney, Underwood and Chappell did well, but now that the wickets are hard, the need for another pace bowler to lead the attack with Beaton is apparent. The batting has been spear-headed by Merriman with some fine knocks, which the middle order failed to make into a quick and impressive total.

The field placing is improving but ground fielding, slip catching and general essentials need to be improved in particular, in order to play successfully against good school sides.

1st XI CRICKET RESULTS

L.G.S. v. Lawrence Sherriff, 26th April, at home —

Won by 3 wickets. L.S. 96; L.G.S. 98 for 7 (Beaton 4-17, Rose 26).

On a hard wicket Lawrence Sherriff never gained control of our bowlers, who bowled with good length and direction. In reply we made hard work of our task, losing 7 wickets before victory.

L.G.S. v. Stamford, 3rd May, away —

Drawn. L.G.S. 140 (Merriman 86 n.o., Heaney 4-7); Stamford 52 for 9.

On a wet, soft wicket Merriman was the only one to judge its pace and score runs with the other nine wickets falling relatively cheaply. In reply Stamford were soon in trouble and only just held on to draw.

L.G.S. v. Burton G.S., 10th May, away —

Lost by 51 runs. Burton 132; L.G.S. 81 (Heaney 5-25).

On a soft wicket we bowled tightly even without the pace of Beaton; however, our batting was poor and was eventually dismissed when it seemed at one time that their total could easily be attained.

L.G.S. v. Mt. St. Mary's, 21st May, at home —

Drawn. L.G.S. 162 for 5 (Jones 77); Mt. St. Mary's 59 for 1.

On a hard wicket we batted solidly and it was a long time before a reasonable score was amassed. In reply Mt. St. Mary's made no attempt and the game ended in a draw.

L.G.S. v. Bishop Vesey's, 7th June, at home —

Lost by 3 wickets. L.G.S. 156 (Chappell 5-52); Bishop Vesey's 162 for 7.

On a good wicket nobody in the side could bat long enough to amass a good score. Our bowlers stuck to their task and did well to take seven of Vesey's wickets.

L.G.S. v. Trent College, 11th June, away —

Drawn. L.G.S. 150 for 6 (Merriman 70, Underwood 4-46); Trent 138 for 7.

On a true wicket we made a good total. Although Trent went for the runs our fielding and bowling was tight enough to hold them to a draw.

L.G.S. v. Henry Mellish, 14th June, away —

Won by 27 runs. L.G.S. 145 (Merriman 72, Underwood 5-36); Henry Mellish 118.

Again we batted first and Merriman played well, but the middle-order batsmen collapsed and the final score did not justify the first wicket stand. We bowled and fielded competently and deserved the victory.

U15 CRICKET

N.M.S. and G.S.L.

To date the U15 have had a somewhat indifferent season owing mainly to the loss early in the season of Jones, Heaney and Ledger. However, the gaps have been filled and several useful players have emerged as a result of this.

Marshall and Eastwood both opened the attack, bowling economically if not particularly penetrating. Mills has borne the brunt of the spin attack and has bowled with a good deal of enterprise.

On the batting side, Haines and Hall have often given the side a safe but slow start. Drane and Swift between them scored a lot of runs with Riddington and Anderson making useful contributions. Ledger's return later in the season gave stability to the middle order.

The fielding, as normal, reached great heights, Anderson taking four catches and Drane two in one match, and also abysmal depths, five catches being dropped at Burton.

Lastly our thanks go to Mr. Horwood and Mr. de Winton for their organisation and enthusiasm.

Results:

- v. Lawrence Sherriff
L.G.S. 54 all out. L.S. 55-4.
- v. Stamford
L.G.S. 42 all out. Stamford 43-4.
- v. Burton
L.G.S. 59-5. Burton 96-9 dec. (Mills 3-20).
- v. Mt. St. Mary's
L.G.S. 129-7 dec. (Swift 30, Ledger 23).
Mt. St. Mary's 45-9 (Eastwood 3-5, Ledger 3-23).
- v. Bishop Vesey's
Bishop Vesey's 140 (Mills 5-29). L.G.S. 100-8 (Drane 49).
- v. Trent
L.G.S. 144-3 dec. (Ledger 63 n.o., Swift 38 n.o.). Trent 145-5.
- v. Oakham
L.G.S. 99 (Riddington 37 n.o., Marshall 36).
Oakham 148-8 dec. (Marshall 4-52).

U14 CRICKET

As anyone who glances through the U14 scorebook can see, the major difficulty this year has been with the batting and, indeed, it was only in the last match that our batsmen looked anything like capable of knocking up a big score.

There haven't been enough runs scored at a quick enough pace by the batsmen to leave their partners of the bowling profession a good score to bowl at.

There have been encouraging, if slow, performances of batting from both of the openers Rimmington and Taylor but the problem that they face was of insufficient middle-order batting to keep the runs flowing from the other end. On their day Lee Jones, Williams and Brian Jones have all been effective but unfortunately none of them have scored well together on one occasion. From the other members of the team there have been fewer runs but to the end of the innings Rawlinson has consistently scored vital runs.

The bowling on the other hand has been sturdy. Both Herring and Rawlinson have been a tidy and inspiring attacking force.

Of the spinners Brian Jones has seen the best of the luck and has shown great ability to fox even the most competent of batsmen. Johnson has bowled well to little effect and once he has found himself a steady length and a consistent direction he will be a very useful bowler. The other spinners have not had much luck but Inkley shows that he is a competent bowler.

Of the medium pacers Lee Jones has been the most impressive but Cadenhead has been a solid defensive bowler. I must reserve the line to mention Bowen-Jones, who in the two balls that he has bowled for the school this season has taken two wickets.

Looking at the fielding, there has been variation in quality though on the whole it has been good. The wicket keeper, Ashton, needs to be able to catch the ball cleanly, and if he could he would be a very good keeper. In general the catching and throwing has been good but there has been a noticeable lack of aggression and keenness in the field, especially on the long, hot days!

Herring has been a keen captain who will be sound in the future.

Results:

v. Lawrence Sherriff	(A)	Won	L.G.S. 79 for six Lawrence 22 all out
v. Stamford G.S.	(H)	Lost	L.G.S. 62 all out S.G.S. 64 for five
v. Burton G.S.	(H)	Won	B.G.S. 45 all out L.G.S. 47 for three
v. Mount St. Mary's	(A)	Lost	L.G.S. 84 all out M.S.M. 87 for four
v. Bishop Vesey's	(H)	Drawn	B.V. 122 for six dec. L.G.S. 96 for nine
v. Trent College	(A)	Lost	L.G.S. 115 all out Trent 116 for four
v. Oakham	(A)	Drawn	Oakham 116 all out L.G.S. 90 for one

U.13 CRICKET

This is a very promising U.13 team, and they have had several good performances this season, but a slight lack of consistency has prevented them from achieving even better results.

Heaney was the most consistent of the batsmen, despite a disappointing "duck" against Mount St. Mary's, achieving a top score of 63 not out

against Trent College. Other creditable performances were turned in on occasions by Pollard, Collins and Hayes. The bowling performances were also very good with all five main bowlers — Heaney, Cooper, Eley, Hayes and Bayes — taking wickets consistently, even on the best of batting wickets. On the whole the fielding was sound, even on the short boundary of the hockey pitch, and several excellent catches were taken during the season.

Results:

- v. Burton G.S. — Won
Burton 28; L.G.S. 29-4.
- v. Mount St. Mary's — Won
Mount St. Mary's 71; L.G.S. 72-2 (Pollard 41 n.o.)
- v. Bishop Vesey's G.S. — Lost
Bishop Vesey's 122-7 dec.; L.G.S. 81.
- v. Trent College — Drawn
L.G.S. 116-3 dec. (Heaney 63 n.o.); Trent 53-6.

U.12 CRICKET

In their first year of "first-class cricket" the Under 12s have shown a mixture of skill and staying power at the crease.

They have so far played two matches against Trent College and Henry Mellish, losing against Trent and drawing a close game with Henry Mellish.

There is, however, a good pool of talent for the future which shows much promise. The team has been captained by North (1G).

Promising batting performances have been shown by Wilks (1L), 36 against Henry Mellish, Dempster (1H) and Dean (1M). The bowling has been accurate, with good performances by North and Patel (1M).

Results:

- Trent College v. L.G.S.
L.G.S. 38; Trent College 39 for 2. Trent won by 8 wickets.
- Henry Mellish v. L.G.S.
L.G.S. 159 for 9 (Wilks 36); Henry Mellish 123 for 8. A draw.

1st XI HOCKEY

Captain: S. P. Harriman

Secretary: R. Mills

The second half of the season was much better than the first half, although 5 out of the 13 matches were cancelled. Again, there were some very good matches, those against Lawrence Sheriff (won 1-0) and Ashby (won 2-0) standing out in our favour.

With six of this year's team staying on, this bodes well for next year. Those who have played this season include, in goal for most of the season, Simon Priston with his lethal drop kicks at anything, or one, in the circle;

Dave Haythornthwaite, who played full back (where would we have got without his blessing?); Sewell, our half/full back, who demolished most opposition with his sprinting speed; Roger Mills, at centre-half, with his slide tackling was runner-up for the cleanest player award; Will Bowen-Jones, who played right-half, ably assisted by Jo; Rob Earl on the left wing, who split open most defences; Chris Fountain at inside left, who has never missed an open goal yet. Steve Walker, potentially an excellent performer, did not do himself full justice. Dickie Merriman at inside right proved his skill at being able to read offside traps. Nigel Carter played dependably on the right wing.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. S. de Winton for his valuable and expert coaching of the team.

The following have played during the last term (goals in brackets): S. Priston, D. Haythornthwaite (half-colours), S. P. Harriman (full colours), R. Sewell (half-colours), R. Mills (half-colours), W. Bowen-Jones, R. Earl (1), C. Fountain (1, half-colours), S. Walker (3, half-colours), R. Merriman (4), N. Carter (1, half-colours), M. M. Hunt.

v. Westleigh	H	Won	3—2	(Merriman, Fountain, Walker)
v. Lawrence Sheriff	A	Won	1—0	(Merriman)
v. Abbotsholme	A	Drew	1—1	(Earl, pen.)
v. Ratcliffe	A	Drew	0—0	
v. Trent	A	Lost	0—3	
v. Stamford	A	Lost	2—3	(Merriman, Carter)
v. Ashby	H	Won	2—0	(Merriman, Walker)
v. Leics. University	H	Won	2—0	(Merriman, Walker)

Played 17; Won 8; Drew 3; Lost 6; For 27; Against 17.

Highest scorers: Walker (8), Merriman (10).

U.16 HOCKEY

Captain: R. Satchwell

Generally speaking, this last season has been a very successful one, only marred by the fact that the fixture list didn't really give us enough opportunities to show how well we could play. A small, regular squad and a competitive eagerness to play the game meant that we very quickly learnt to play as a team rather than a set of individuals, and indeed the only two times we were beaten occurred when the team was heavily depleted through injury. Our drawn games could well be taken as moral victories for in both we were the more attacking side and were only robbed of victory because of the state of their pitches, which were ankle deep in mud. However, the side soon dispelled any doubts about its ability as seven players represented the county and one reached the last thirteen of the Midlands XI. In closing, I would like to thank Mr. M. H. Crosby for his coaching and guidance of the team, and as he leaves this term, to wish him well in his new post.

Results:

v. Lawrence Sherriff	Won	6—1
v. Uppingham	Lost	3—1
v. Moat School	Won	8—0
v. Melton School	Won	7—0
v. Lawrence Sherriff 2nd XI ...	Won	3—0
v. Ashby 2nd XI	Won	2—0
v. Ratcliffe College	Drew	1—1
v. Trent College	Drew	1—1
v. Stamford School	Lost	4—0

Played 9; Won 5; Drew 2; Lost 2.

ATHLETICS CLUB

R. Beaton

The School Athletics season started very early in the Easter holiday with ten boys attending a weekend coaching on 5th-6th April at Desford. This proved to be of value to all those who attended.

On Saturday, 19th April, two teams were entered for the Leicester Coritanians 5-star championships. The U.15 team came third, with Belton, Martoccia, Baker and Cabrelli doing very well. The senior team won their event easily — the team consisting of Hallam, Askew, Abbey, Newton, Prideaux and A. Cooper. The latter in both age groups obtained new Shot records.

Our first match of the season was a triangular against Trent College and High Pavement. In the U.15 age group we were placed second, Heaney running a creditable race to take first place in the 80m. hurdles. In the U.17 and U.19 age groups we took first place relatively easily. C. Prideaux ran well to win the 100m. and 200m., and M. Hodge won the discus as a guest.

For our next onslaught we travelled to King Edward's School, Birmingham, with just our U.17 and U.19 teams. This proved to be a close and hard-fought match with both teams winning, the U.19s by just three points. There were notable performances from Newton, Hallam, Pritzshe, O'Flynn and Beaton, who all took first place. In the U.17s good runs from our middle-distance men Small and Abbey brought us two wins in the 800m. and 1500m.

This year we were the hosts for the Area Sports and despite poor weather conditions our teams performed very well. We obtained first place in the U.17s and U.15s and second in the U.13s.

To list everyone who qualified for the County Sports would be too vast a job; however, notable performances from Goodacre in the U.13 70m. hurdles, Baker in the U.15 800m., and Hodge in the javelin helped us to a good day's athletics.

In the Leicestershire and Rutland AAAs we took away with us a number of medals including six gold from A. Cooper (hammer), H. Hallam (shot), R. Beaton (javelin), M. Hodge (javelin), T. Newton (long jump). The latter two boys, Hodge and Newton, both obtained All-England qualifying

standards and will hopefully be representing Leicestershire in the National Championships, held at Durham this year. Our best wishes to them.

The Leicestershire Schools County Championships were held in Leicester on 14th June and there were some excellent performances from the School athletes, resulting in seven county champions: R. Beaton and M. Hodge (javelin); I. Senior (triple jump); Benson (800m.); H. Hallam (discus); Goodacre (hurdles); C. Prideaux (200m.) (An All-England qualifying time).

At this point special mention must be made of Joe O'Flynn. This season his consistently hard training has brought him a personal best in every 1500m. he has run. His best performance was in the County Schools Championships, where he obtained fourth place in a class field.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Davies who has taken over the task of running the Athletics teams this season. We all appreciate how much of his time he has put into it and thank him for it.

SPORTS DAY

For the first time, Sports Day was held on a Wednesday afternoon, because of the County Schools Championships being held on our normal Saturday. As usual, the standard of athletics was very high, with many Sports Day records broken. It was therefore very sad and disappointing that there were so few non-competitors there to support their Houses and the athletes, who had put in so much work and effort for this big day in the Athletics calendar. This very lethargic attitude, however, was not evident on the track and in the field events (as can be seen in the results below). H. Hallam, M. Drane, and M. Heaney won their respective Victors Ludorum with some outstanding performances. Other excellent results came from C. Prideaux, J. MacDiarmid, T. Newton, A. Cooper, D. Faulkner and N. Baker.

We were very honoured to have as our special guest the International sprinter Chris Monk, who took great interest in all the events throughout the afternoon. We should like to thank him for completing a great day for the athletes, parents and officials by making the presentation of trophies.

	JUNIORS	INTERS	SENIORS
100m.	M. Heaney (W) 13.4	B. Anderson (G) 12.4	C. Prideaux (H) 11.7
200m.	G. Jelley (B) 28.9	J. MacDiarmid (M) 25.2	C. Prideaux (H) 23.8
400m.	N. Baker (S) 59.0 (N.R.)	J. MacDiarmid (M) 57.2	M. Pears (M) 54.4
800m.	N. Baker (S) 2.19.1 (N.R.)	D. Faulkner (B) 2.18.2	J. Addey (H) 2.09.6
1500m.	S. Dick (W) 5.02.4 (N.R.)	D. Faulkner (B) 4.52.0	J. O'Flynn (W) 4.28.2
Hurdles	M. Heaney (W) 11.6 (N.R.)	M. Drane (M) 12.7 (N.R.)	I. Askew (B) 15.0 (N.R.)
Shot	J. Fordham (S) 28.38m.	P. Cabrelli (H) 12.06m.	H. Hallam (M/11.68 (N.R.)
Discus	Haddon (S) 25.68m.	A. Cooper (H) 30.50m.	H. Hallam (M/36.61 (N.R.)
Javelin	M. Heaney (W) 10.75m.	A. Cooper (H) 38.31m.	R. Beaton (S) } M. Hodges (S) } 46.60m.
High Jump	D. Eley (S) 1.39 (N.R.)	M. Drane (M) 1.50m.	K. Figgitt (G) 1.68 (N.R.)
Long Jump	D. Peach (G) 3.98	M. Flitton (G) 4.93m.	T. Newton (W) 5.74
Triple Jump	P. Wykes (W) 9.78	M. Drane (M) 11.07m.	T. Newton (W) 13.26 (N.R.)
4x100m.	Griffiths 56.0	Griffiths 51.6	Haynes 47.0 (N.R.)
6 mile walk			Clayton (S)

(N.R.) = NEW SPORTS DAY RECORD

1st School	62pts.	1st Griffiths	59pts.	1st } Haynes	61pts.
2nd Griffiths	59pts.	2nd Haynes	56pts.	2nd } Moretti's	61pts.
3rd Wood's	58pts.	3rd Morettis	52pts.	3rd School	60pts.
4th Bowens	50pts.	4th School	45½pts.	4th Wood's	57pts.
5th Moretti's	34pts.	5th Wood's	41½pts.	5th Griffiths	36pts.
6th Haynes	20pts.	6th Bowens	32pts.	6th Bowens	30pts.

Victor
Ludorum

M. Heaney

M. Drane

H. Hallam

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS 1975

N. Baker (U.14) 400m. 59.0 secs.
 N. Baker (U.14) 800m. 2 min. 16.4 secs.
 C. Prideaux (Senior and U.17) 200m. 23.2 secs.
 M. Heaney (U.15) Hurdles 13.0 secs.
 A. Cooper (U.16) Shot 11.40m.
 H. Hallam (Senior) Shot 12.81m.
 H. Hallam (Senior) Discus 38.90m.
 M. Hodge (U.17) Javelin 50.72m.
 I. Askew (Senior) 110m. Hurdles 16.2 secs.

CROSS-COUNTRY 1974-5

(*"Per Iutum ad victoriam labor"*)

Results:

- 28.9.74 v. Bablake School
 1st VIII lost 40-38; U.15 won 37-43; U.13 lost 70-25.
- 2.10.74 v. High Pavement G.S.
 1st VIII won 35-44; U.15 won 21-88.
- 9.10.74 v. Loughborough University
 1st VIII lost.
- 12.10.74 Bilborough Road Relay
 1st V 11th of 21 teams; U.15 V 18th.
- 23.10.74 House Cross-Country Championships

Seniors:

Individual: 1. Abbey (H); 2. O'Flynn (W)
 Team: 1. Wood's; 2. School; 3. Griffith's; 4. Haynes;
 5. Moretti's; 6. Bowen's.

Intermediates:

Individual: 1. Meadowcroft (H); 2. Faulkner (B).
 Team: 1. School; 2. Moretti's; 3. Hayne's; 4. Bowen's; 5. Wood's;
 6. Griffith's.

Juniors:

Individual: 1. Belton (G); 2. Baker (S).
 Team: 1. Wood's; 2. Bowen's; 3. Moretti's; 4. School; 5. Griffith's;
 6. Hayne's.

- 2.11.75 v. Bilborough G.S.
 1st VIII won 32-46; U.15 won 25-57.
- 6.11.74 v. Junior Leader's Regt. R.A. v. King Henry VIII School
 1st VIII 3rd 93—51—36.
- 16.11.74 Queen Mary's School, Walsall. Relay
 1st IV, 12th out of 18.

- 20.11.74 v. High Pavement G.S.
1st VI, won 100—165.
- 30.11.74 Leics. AAA's Championships
Seniors: 'A' 4th; 'B' 6th of 7 teams.
U.16: 'A' 6th; 'B' 9 = of 31 teams.
U.14: 'A' 2nd; 'B' 22nd of 37 teams.
- 15.1.75 v. Nottingham H.S.
1st VIII lost 44—38; U.15, won 37—41.
- 25.1.75 County Championships
U.16: 4th out of 13 teams.
U.14: 6th out of 30 teams.
- 29.1.75 King Henry VIII School, Coventry. Relay.
1st VI, 20th out of 39.
- 1.2.75 L.G.S. Relay
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| 1. Ullathorne, Coventry | 8. Trent College 'A' |
| 2. Bishop Vesey's G.S. | 9. K.E.S. Lichfield 'B' |
| 3. Newcastle H.S. 'A' | 10. Newcastle H.S. 'B' |
| 4. Bablake 'A' | 11. L.G.S. 'B' |
| 5. Nottingham H.S. | 12. Trent College 'B' |
| 6. Arthur Terry School | 13. Bablake 'B' |
| 7. L.G.S. 'A' | |
- Fastest Senior: Kelly, Ullathorne.
Fastest Inter: Kolodynski, Ullathorne.
Fastest Junior: Smith, Notts. H.S.
- 22.2.75 County Championships
1st IV, 1st of 1 team.
- 26.2.75 v. Trent College
1st VIII lost; U.15 won.
- 1.3.75 Rugeley G.S. Inter-Schools Race
1st VIII, 11th out of 14 teams.
- 15.3.75 v. Uppingham School; v. Oakham School
1st VIII won 37—41—No team; U.15, won 38—56—78.
- 22.3.75 All-England Championships.
Farley and O'Flynn represented Leics. at Senior level.
O'Flynn 220th; Farley 262nd out of 370.
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| 1st VIII — Capt.: O'Flynn J. | U.15 VIII — Capt.: Meadowcroft |
| Vice-Capt.: Wilson S. | Hamley |
| Broadhead A. | Faulkner |
| Abbey J. | Simpson |
| Figgitt K. | Pritchard |
| Farley I. | Maud |
| Wreghitt C. | Herring |
| Fordham M. | Flitton |
| Thorpe C. | |

U.13 VIII

Belton, Benson, Dick, Peberdy, Skelton, Smidowicz, Clucas, Hodgkinson.

The success of the U.15 team, unbeaten in dual competition this season, augurs well for next year, when all bar Farley will be returning from the seniors as well. The U.13 second place in the County AAAs is very encouraging and we look forward to a period of success in the near future. Prizes in the big relays still eluded us, but with plenty of experience over the last two years we should be in a position to make a determined assault on the silverware this year.

BOAT CLUB

A.C.G.B.

1st Crew: R. MacDiarmid, R. Page, T. Stearn, A. Braithwaite.

Cox: B. Braithwaite.

The Boat Club is back in competition again!

After a long absence owing to lack of transport the Rowing Club is again in business, thanks mainly to the arrival of Mr. McDouall, this year, and to the use of the C.C.F. minibus.

Bad weather at the beginning of the year made training on the river virtually impossible, and therefore the opportunity to enter the Head of the Trent was lost. However, it is hoped that there will be a promising crew for next year. Having lost a lot of valuable training time, we have had a crew together only since half-term. However, an intensive session managed to get us into the Loughborough Regatta, held at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. An unfortunate start gave us fourth place in the novice fours heat, just one place below qualification for the final. Better results are hoped for at Burton Regatta which will be held near the end of term.

I would like to thank all those who helped sell the raffle tickets last term, and of course those who bought them. This has provided some money towards the purchasing of a badly wanted "restricted four". It is hoped that more money will be raised in the Autumn term by a projected thirty-mile sponsored row in which a staff crew may also take part.

SAILING CLUB

S. Walker

After several years of waiting, the Sailing Club has materialised and it has joined the Staunton Harold Club, where it is hoped regular visits will be paid.

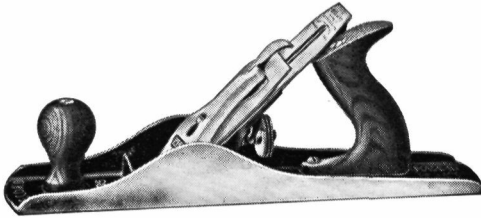
The C.C.F. Navy Section, which is also part of the club, has provided one boat (kindly built by Chris Hawkes and Trevor Soar), whilst the P.A. have bought two boats, and Mr. Derrick Hawkes is lending us his two boats. Thus, at present, we have a sailing capacity of around fourteen.

Owing to the unfortunate delays in preparing the boats and transporting them to the water, there has not been much sailing. In fact, the Sailing Club's first official outing has been its only one, but that was well supported and enjoyed by all. In itself the meeting was not uneventful with one boat capsizing and another shipping some water because of a faulty self-bailer.

Unfortunately, sailing requires much time and our only qualified coach is Mr. Davies, without whom we cannot go to the club; and as he is also occupied with various other sports his time is limited.

In the long term, though, matters can only improve as a larger proportion of people learn to sail (an ability confined to sixth formers it appears). So that at least they will not have to ask bluntly which of the six lengths of rope to pull next. When this stage is reached the trips will be far more enjoyable for all concerned.

Finally, I must thank Mr. Davies for his continued work to get the club off the ground, and also Mr. Hawkes for his substantial help with the boats.



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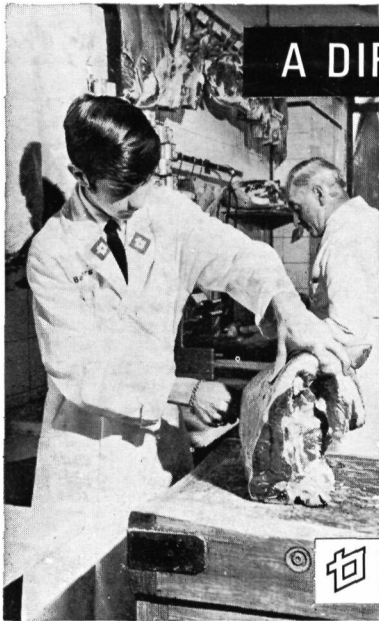
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