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EDITORIAL

After a term of further change, we can look ahead to next year, with almost twice the usual intake of boys, and the possibility of some reorganisation of space. With these factors, and with the end of the boarding house, the character of the school will be considerably changed.

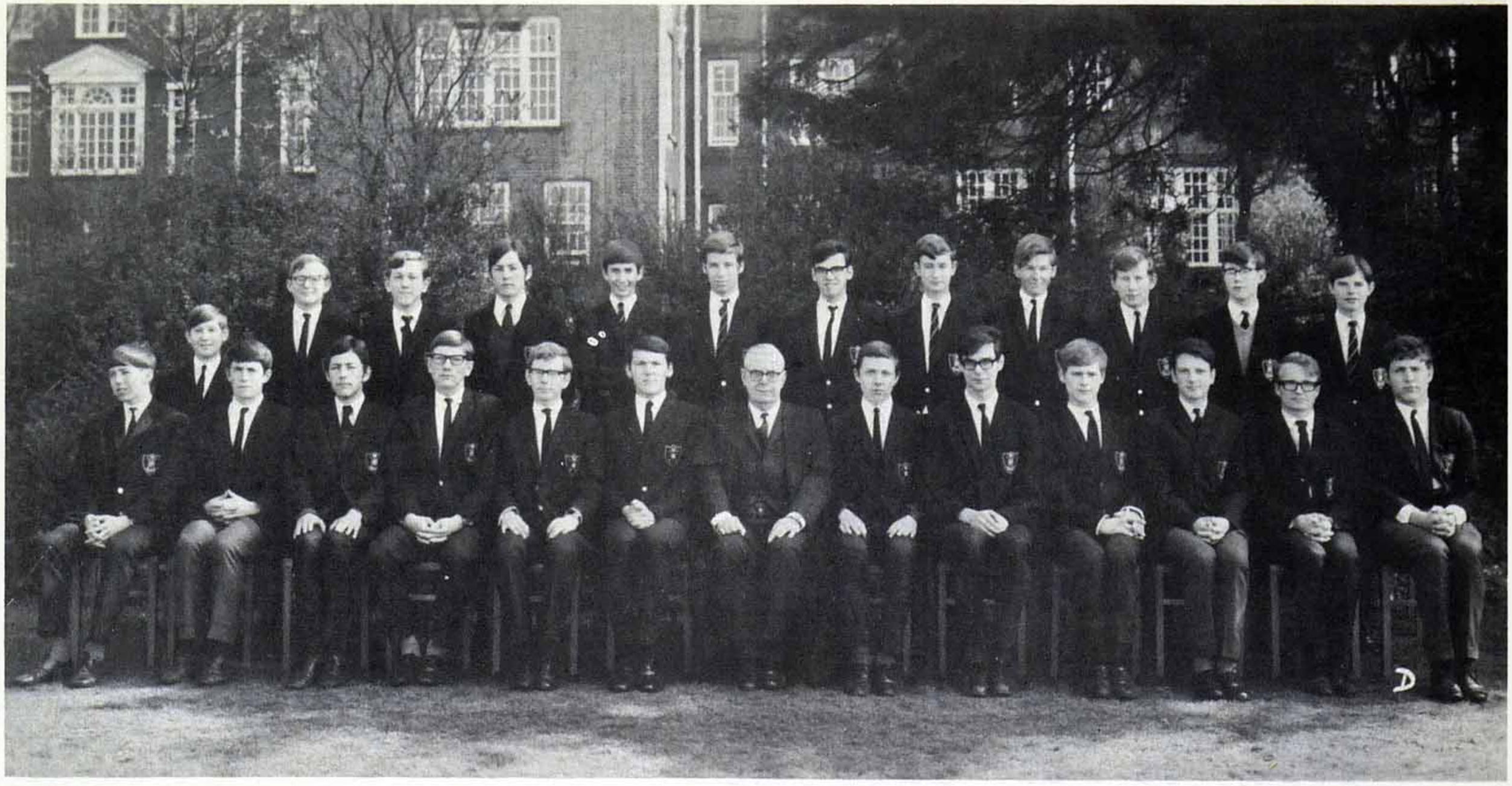
Despite a showery Sports Day, the swimming pool temperature during the term did rise to a maximum of 72°F, and much advantage was taken of the many periods of fine weather.

The keen interest in charities has continued, and many members of the school contributed to the success of Christian Aid Week earlier this term.

The open days maintained the tradition started last year, offering besides the Old Burians' Cricket Match, several French Plays, an Art Display and many others, and were further enriched by a film on Suffolk (produced by the newly-founded Cine Club), a poetry reading session, and an exhibition by the enthusiastic Meteorological Society.

We are pleased to include the Headmaster's address on the occasion of the final Sunday morning attendance of the boarders at the Cathedral.

P.W.



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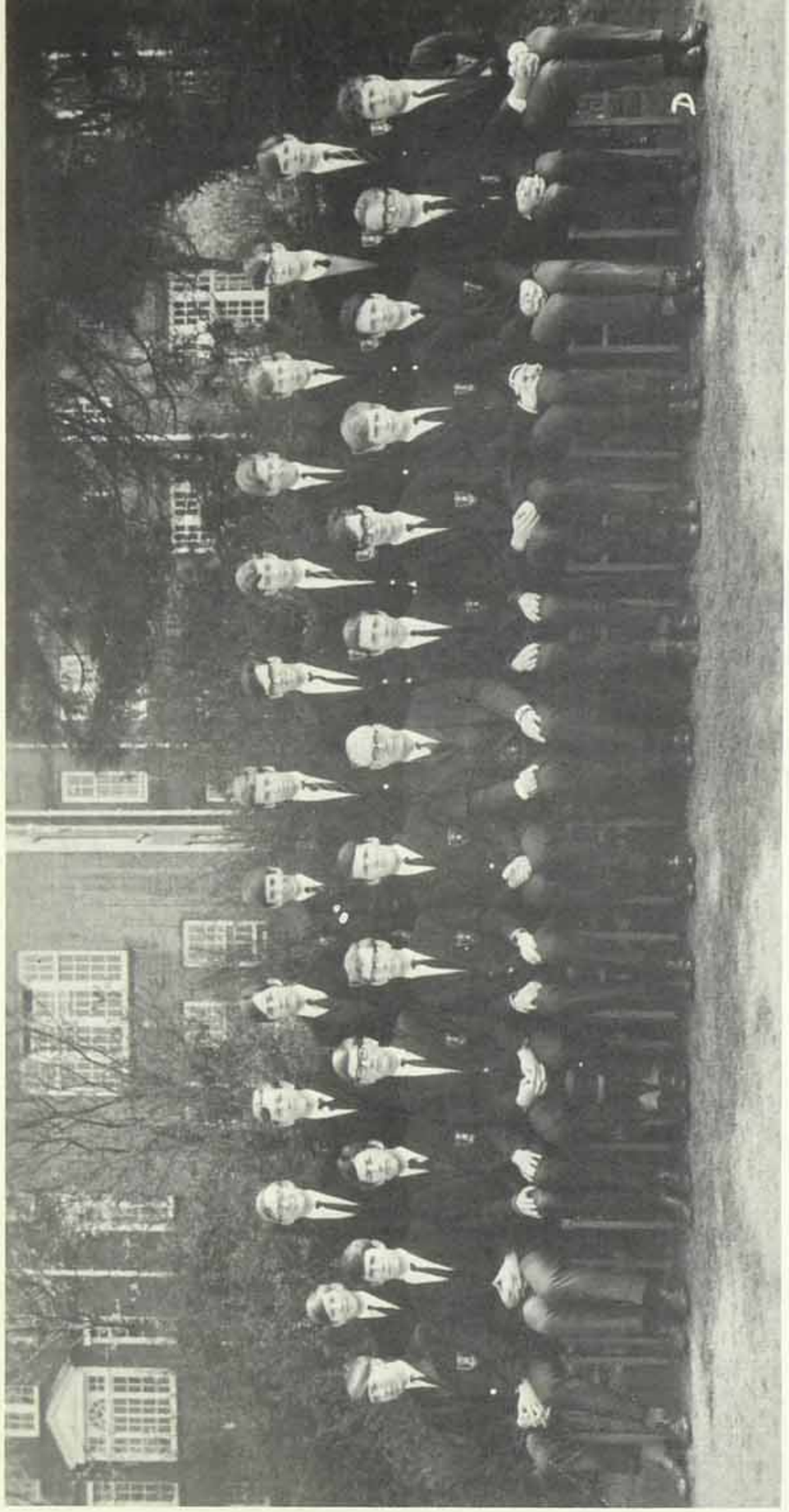


The Headmaster, Mr. R. W. Elliott, photographed with the last of the boarders

The address given by the Headmaster, Mr. R. W. Elliott, on Sunday July 6th 1969 on the occasion of the final attendance of the boarders at morning service in the Cathedral.

I have brought with me today this Psalter as a piece of tangible history appropriate for this particular Sunday in the school's long story. It falls into two sections. The second is the Psalter proper, with a beautiful title page which reads

> The Psalter, or Psalms of David, after the translation of the Great Bible, pointed as it shall be sung in Churches
>
> At the end – printed by William Seres 1562

The first section, printed by William Seres in 1563, has its own fine title page

> The Psalter or Psalms of David corrected and pointed as they shall be sung in Churches after the translation of the Great Bible: with certain additions of Collects and other the ordinary Service, gathered out of the book of Common Prayer, confirmed by Act of Parliament in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

Seres Psalters are very rare, and not even the collection in St. Paul's Cathedral contains an edition as early as this, or so I have been told by a scholarly student of Psalters known to Canon Rhodes.

I could have brought two. I have made no attempt to find out when or how they came into our possession. I have preferred to allow my imagination to roam and to see the then Headmaster or High Master as he was officially called, a man who had had to discard both the first and the second Prayer Books of Edward the Sixth whilst Mary reigned, purchasing two copies on publication, one for himself, and one for the Usher, the only other Master in a school of those days, each bringing his copy to St. James Church Sunday by Sunday. Certain it is that two books in such excellent condition were not brought by the boys Sunday by Sunday. And when the Prayer Book of James the First was introduced where would these two volumes go other than on the Library shelves–as they are today.

From roughly the time of the first landings of Europeans in that part of the world known to us as the United States, to, seemingly, that month that will see their descendants land on the moon, boys of King Edward the Sixth School have been attending this church–from 1550. There were those still living who remembered Columbus as a human being and not as a historical personage–Drake, seven years of age, was as yet no bowls player–Shakespeare had not yet written his set books for the G.C.E. Officially, conversation both in and out of school was in Latin. A wonderful picture it must have been–the boys proceeding to church indulging in lively chatter in that classical tongue.

Boys of the Winthrop family sat in this church and, although not amongst the Pilgrim Fathers, they followed hard behind them, and the history of Massachusetts and of Connecticut was in no small measure shaped by the Winthrop family. And this church in no small measure helped to shape the Winthrop boys and thousands of others.

And that thought led me to the last line of Psalm 15, which is read by our Head Boy at our first Assembly of the term, and our last:

> Whoso doeth these things shall never fall

which in its turn led me to

> If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them

For over four hundred years 'these things', these truths, have been presented to the boys of the school as an integral part of their education. The impact has surely been incalculable. And yet, today, in the world of education there are those who freely and seriously plead for the abolition of Morning Assembly and of religious instruction in schools.

It is sad that after four hundred years we shall not be here on Sunday mornings, and I am aware of the depth of good feeling that there is for us in this church at this moment no lack of belief in boarding. I am proud that our many friends here refused to allow today to pass unnoticed, and I am particularly proud that I have the honour of representing the school in the way that I am, by talking to you–especially as this service marks the end of 41 years of my attendance with the boys. It is not an idle boast that I have accompanied them on fifteen hundred occasions, and that I have had the privilege of knowing four Bishops of this Cathedral and three Provosts. Through the ages no small number of Headmasters have preached here, for once upon a time they had to be in Orders. Indeed, on one famous occasion, no sooner had the preacher entered the pulpit than he fainted–thereupon the quick-witted Verger marched straight to the school, beckoned to the Headmaster, and escorted him to the pulpit. It was St. Luke's Sunday and an extempore sermon was preached from the text 'Only Luke is with me'.

Those of you who know schoolboys, indeed those of you who remember your own school days, would not doubt for a moment that there has at times been a certain reluctance, a dragging of feet, sometimes my feet, through the Abbey Gardens on a Sunday morning and the last Provost didn't always help matters when, finding himself off duty on the occasional Sunday morning, he would waylay us, and, puffing immense clouds of tobacco smoke, gleefully commiserate with us.

Yet, dragging feet or no dragging feet, these seats produced an Archbishop– Sancroft, of Seven Bishops fame. Perhaps not the most outstanding of the Archbishops of Canterbury, for Archbishops, like Headmasters, vary, yet certainly one of the best known. A Bishop of Exeter sat here, a Bishop of Lincoln, a Bishop of Winchester, and a Bishop of London. But a recital of such names merely ignores the countless numbers who were to serve their generation well.

Through the ages Church and School have moved forward together. That is exemplified by the tablet at the far end of the north aisle. It repeats the wording that was formerly over the west doors–that our most noble sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth gave to the finishing of this church the sum of £300 and for the maintenance of a free grammar school within this town the sum of £80 yearly.

Yes, they moved forward together, for the first Statutes of the school, long lost, but ultimately found by chance, in the second half of the 19th Century, tucked away in the British Museum, and I don't need to tell you they remain there, record

> On Holy Days the whole school shall be assembled on the benches appropriated to them in church, and shall take part in public worship.

The church is not named but we know it to have been St. James'. The whole school, Boarders and Dayboys. In those days, of course, boarders were housed with local families.

In passing, other interesting regulations were:

> Let no one come to the school with uncombed head, unwashed hands and face, dirty shoes or boots, torn or untrussed garments

> When they have to write let them use their knees as a table

> Let not the Masters keep a family or have their beds under the roof of the school. Let women, like deadly plagues, be kept away.

The 1665 Statutes made a similar provision, but, with a degree of low cunning, added that the boys had to be present from the beginning of the Service and, what was more, had to remain to the end. By that time the school was housed in Northgate Street, most of the boarders within the building–hard by Schoolhall Lane, which was not so named in honour of the young ladies educated in that vicinity in a subsequent generation.

Not until the 1855 Statutes did the name of St. James' appear, nor until then was mention made of two attendances on Sunday, though that had long been the case. And willynilly, dayboys too attended twice. As the young ladies of the East Anglian School make their way

back after this service I hope they may be able to turn their thoughts from the present boys of the school and remember those of earlier generations who also made their way along Northgate Street.

Church and School together. Sometimes in odd circumstances. Lord Burleigh, Elizabeth the 1st's great statesman, who knew Bury well, wrote requesting the Governors of the school to confer with well disposed people of the neighbourhood and with the justices of the peace to consider the removal of the Headmaster. But, let me add, the removal of the minister of this church too, and, for good measure, the minister of St. Mary's.

And not even a book of Latin exercises written by a seventeenth century Headmaster—and I have a copy—could refrain from asking the boys to translate

> In Bury there are two churches in one churchyard, not many paces distant the one from the other.

and

> St. Mary's is the bigger of the two churches in Bury.

A pity.

As recently as 1899 a father sought permission for his son to attend St. Mary's with him. The Governors gave due consideration to this and ultimately agreed that he could do so for one, but one only, of the two services on Sunday.

When I came here in 1928 all dayboys attended the Sunday morning service, but not the evening. That custom ceased in the nineteen forties as did the boarder custom of attending in the evenings.

An Old Boy of the nineteenth century records that in those days the school was always granted its request to have the hymn 'Lord dismiss us with thy blessing' on the last Sunday of term. There was always great indignation amongst those who sat near the school at their rendering of the final verse. There ought to have been greater indignation amongst the English Staff:

So whene'er the signal's given
Us from school to call away,
Borne on train's swift wheels to London,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever,
Spend our happy holiday.

What each succeeding vicar of St. James has really thought about the boys has probably not been recorded. Our Minute Books of long ago record that the Vicar of St. Mary's had remarked that he dare not send his son to the school as 6 of its pupils had been seen smoking short black pipes in a frequented part of the town. Possibly the sin was in choosing a frequented part of the town.

In 1889 a Bury lady made a formal complaint about the very objectionable habit the boys had of walking up and down between St. James' and St. Mary's just before the service. I am happy to report that that particular piece of wickedness was stopped.

Twenty five years ago one of my boarders had organ lessons here under Percy Hallam. Not until years afterwards did Provost White tell me that the young man, determined to get down to basic principles, explored the interior of the organ and put his foot through something or other. Nor was the same Provost at all ready to tell me that the same young man left on a light by the organ and that the air raid warden had to get the Provost out of bed at midnight to put it out.

A boy who once sat here was to write

Awake, for Morning in the bowl of Night
Has flung the stone that puts the Stars to flight,
And lo, the Hunter of the East has caught
The Sultan's turret in a noose of light.

Whether one of those now sitting here will be inspired enough to attempt to equal it remains to be seen.

Mr. Provost, we thank you and your staff for your help and for your many kindnesses. We thank the congregation for our many friendships. And to my boys I say, as I say at the end of every term:

Go forth into the world in peace;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no man evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour all men;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in
the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have been taught to know these things.
Happy are we if we do them.

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

For the past two years the intake in September has not warranted more than two admission forms, with the consequence that our numbers have dropped to a little over four hundred. This year, however, we shall have a three-form entry once again, with admissions of ninety or more.

With the closing of the Boarding House, the terms 'Royalist' and 'Foreigner' will tend to be forgotten altogether. They were once of very great significance, for lower fees were paid by Royalists, and it was argued that to be a Royalist, one who participated in the benefits of the endowments, residence within the Borough boundaries was essential. Rougham would not do. Foreigners were Foreigners, whether boarders or not. In more recent times boarders only were deemed to be Foreigners.

Prizes have been awarded as follows:

The Bury St. Edmund's Prize for Science:	*R. M. D. Eales-White*
The Thedwastre Prize for Mathematics:	*M. W. D. Davis*
The Thingoe Prize for the Writing of English:	*P. S. Christie*
The John Green Bowl:	*A. H. Downing*

SCHOOL NOTES

The school Athletic Sports on May 15th were once again successfully held despite the poor weather. After great exertion, Boyman succeeded in equalling the long jump record which has stood since the late nineteenth century.

Also in connection with athletics, we congratulate Davies on reaching the All England Schools Meeting, and wish him success.

Messrs. Ashenden, Loose and Whysall are all taking their leave of the school this term. Each one of them has in his own way participated in the activities of the school, and we wish them every success in their future posts.

The end of this term marks the end of an epoch in the history of the school. The boarding house, which has been part of the school for over four hundred years in one form or another, is to close. No longer will the terms "Royalist" and "Foreigner" be applicable, and no more will the House system have that spirit that was engendered by School House. The boarding house was the source of a closely-knit society which was responsible for turning out some of the most notable old boys. The school will no longer be the same, and we should regard the disappearance of this historic institution as a great loss.

By way of conclusion, one of the most popular members of the staff is about to be married, and we all offer Mr. Little and his bride our best wishes for their future years together. We are of course, proud to know that this is in a way an all school marriage!

A. Downing

1st XI CRICKET

The summer term provides great difficulties, both in work and sport. In the field of cricket it is difficult to gather everybody together for net practices, and we have had to rely upon our own keenness, sadly lacking in parts, to keep us in trim. However, the season has proved successful at times, and there were two games which could have gone either way.

The batting was unsound for most of the season, but towards the end a high standard was reached. The bowling remained at a high standard throughout, unlike the fielding, which was good at times, but abysmal at others.

During the season we had three wins, three draws, three losses and three cancellations. Full colours were awarded to C. Allen, D. Boyman, M. Davis, B. Parton and C. Wilkinson. No half colours were awarded.

1st XI v Soham

Soham, playing in their first match of the season, treated the game as a net practice. They took two and a half hours to obtain 76 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. D. Collings showed unexpected promise by taking 5 for 11. The school was left one hour and twenty minutes to obtain the runs, which, had one or two of us had a bit more patience, would have been easy to come by. The match ended in a dull draw, the school scoring 64 for the loss of 9 wickets.

1st XI v Northgate G.S.

Northgate elected to bat, and on a day interrupted by rain, took two and a quarter hours to obtain 89 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. Parton bowled well, for a spell of 13 overs, and took 4 for 19. The school, left one and a quarter hours batting time, after a slow start made 51 for the loss of 7 wickets, P. Bullen scoring 26 not out.

1st XI v Bury C.C.

The school batted first in the 22 overs evening game, and made 71 for 3. P. Bullen batted well to give the school a good start, but generally the bowling was tight, and effectively held the scoring to a low total. Bury opened their innings with a flurry, but were soon restrained by a good spell of bowling from Davis, backed up by keen fielding, until hard-hitting Bury batsmen got on top to give them a total of 72 for 4 in 18 overs.

1st XI v Sudbury

On an unpromising wicket, the school, thanks to an undefeated 31 by Allen, managed to muster 72. With the absence of Davis, Allen came on as first bowler, and with Parton made good use of the bumps in the pitch. Both bowled economically, Parton taking 5 for 12, and Allen 5 for 22.

1st XI v Brockley C.C.

Brockley, having been put in to bat, made good use of the wicket and poor fielding. They scored 145 for 1 in 22 overs, a rate of scoring which commands great respect. The school then attempted to chase the total, but although scoring at a rate of 4½ an over, they could not manage it, only obtaining 96 runs.

1st XI v Culford C.C.

The Culford Captain, having won the toss, quite rightly elected to bat. They then made heavy work of attacking the bowling, which was by no means up to its standard, and only managed to score 61 runs off 20 overs. The school, under guidance of Boyman, scored at a rate which would have given us victory after 10 overs. Once Boyman had been dismissed for 23, everything fell flat, the middle order batsmen being dismissed for 2 runs. The "tail" attempted to wag, but were not quick enough in their running between the wickets. Culford eventually won by 4 runs.

1st XI v Newport

Faced with the task of wearing down the Essex Colts attack, the school batted sensibly, but runs came slowly. Caban scored 30 and showed all the regular members of the team how cricket should be played, he himself having been promoted from the 3rd XI. Newport left 92 minutes to score 91 runs, started off with a flourish, 23 runs coming from the first 3 overs. The bowlers then settled down, Allen bowling extremely well, and ending with figures of 5 for 36. Newport did manage to score 90 runs, and needed 1 run to win off the last ball, but Allen fortunately removed the batsman's leg stump from the ground in time.

1st XI v Thetford

The Thetford Captain on winning the toss decided to bat. The openers gave them a solid foundation, but the middle order batsmen were lacking in talent, and Parton and Rutter were able to remove them without too much difficulty, taking 5 for 22 and 4 for 24 respectively. The school then batted well, Boyman scoring 39 not out, and we passed their total of 90 with 4 wickets in hand and forty minutes left to play.

After a poor start the school scored very quickly, putting on 154 for 9 in 2 hours 11 minutes. Caban and Boyman remained at the wicket for a long time to give us a good chance, and even the Captain scored some runs (34) for once in the season. The 'tail' wagged violently, Allen scoring 21 and Davis an undefeated 15.
Thanks to good bowling by Davis, and excellent fielding by everyone, the Old Boys were at one stage 98 for 9, needing another 57 runs in 41 minutes. The two remaining batsmen batted well, and put the total to 146 for 9 before one of them played across a ball from Davis, only to find his middle stump knocked backwards. Davis finished with figures of 6 for 64.

The three cancellations were against The Perse School, The Royal Anglian Regiment and The Cyclops.

C.J.W.

LEADING AVERAGES

Batting	No. of Innings	Not Outs	Runs	Highest Score	Av.
Boyman	8	2	114	39 not out	19.00
Allen	7	2	71	31 not out	14.20
Bullen, P.	9	1	98	27	12.25

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Av.
Parton	17.1	19	20	191	9.55
Allen	74.5	21	18	216	12.00
Davis	79.4	17	16	201	12.50

2nd XI CRICKET

This proved to be a fairly successful season for the school second eleven, although two of our fixtures were cancelled. In the three matches played we won the game against the Silver Jubilee School, drew against Culford, and the game against Northgate G.S. was abandoned because of rain.

In the first game of the season against the Silver Jubilee School, they were bowled out for 39, thanks to some devastating bowling by Howlett, who took 9 wickets for 7 runs. However, the team found runs difficult to get, but a fine knock by A. Rutter, who scored 19, enabled the second XI to win by three wickets.

In the match against Northgate G.S. the second XI were put in to bat, and after a somewhat disastrous start, a revival of the batting was started by P. Long and J. Bullen, who scored 33 and 17 respectively. Thanks to these two the XI was able to score a total of 115. During Northgate's innings, the bowlers found difficulty in gripping the ball, owing to the wet conditions, and the game was finally abandoned when they were 53 runs for 4 wickets.

The match against Culford was the most enjoyable of the season, although it simply resulted in a draw. The second XI was put in to bat, and owing to fine innings by Francis, Long and J. Bullen, scoring 45, 20 and 33 respectively, we were able to declare at 132 for 9 wickets. In reply Culford were 106 for 9 wickets, thanks to some fine bowling by A. Rutter, who took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. C. F. Taylor for umpiring all our matches, and for his welcome support; and to Mr. Wyard for preparing the square.

The following boys have represented the Second XI:

R. B. Bugg; J. Bullen; J. R. Day; P. Edgar; M. G. Francis; R. P. Golding; S. W. Hill; S. W. Howlett; G. P. Lewis; P. J. Long; P. S. Rowe; A. Rutter; C. M. Walker; G. A. Williams.

C.M.W.

3rd XI CRICKET

This season's 3rd XI may well be compared with the Cyclops at their best. They had the same dexterity, ambiguity, competence and outright skill; the characters were as diverse, original and baroque, though perhaps a trifle lighter of foot.

The first of the two matches played was against Northgate G.S. when the 3rd XI won by 41 runs. The school batted first, and were soon piling up the runs. Caban ensured that all around him were aware that he scored 36, including a fine six. He then proceeded to shatter a pavilion window, although it is uncertain whether or not he was on the pitch at the time, or indeed if he was playing cricket of the English variety! A brilliant single by Baker inspired the team, and laid the way for the outstanding last-wicket partnership. It was rumoured that the tea was responsible for helping Anthony and Downing make this historic stand. They guided the score over the century mark until the innings ended, when Anthony attempted to hook a grass-cutter. The final score was 103.

The bowling was mainly in the hands of Edwards and Bartram, who both achieved relative success. However, it was not until the introduction of Fuller-Rowell, bowling his googlies, and Downing with his off-cutters that the rout really began. Of the fielders Downing was the only one who seemed to use his head, and take decisive action at the appropriate time. Our thanks are due to Mr. Loose for his umpiring and weather forecasting.

Despite the strong opposition, the second match, against Culford School, was won by 85 runs. Caban continued his fine form with 68 not out, and White also rose to the occasion with 22 not out. Allen's fine calling kept the runs moving, as well as his own wicket intact. Play was inadvertently held up for a time owing to some obvious positional difficulty with the sight-screens, and again when the roller was undoubtedly required.

The school bowling was once again in the hands of Edwards, who was well assisted by Allen, who achieved terrifying results. The wicket-keeper must be congratulated for his stalwart, yet modest work.

Thanks to Mr. Richards who umpired this match and to Isley, who acted as scorer in both.

The following boys have represented the school:
C. R. Allen; J. M. Anthony; A. M. Baker: R. H. Bartram; W. H. Brown; M. E. W. Caban; A. H. Downing; P. Edgar; P. D. Edwards; C. A. Fuller-Rowell; K. Jones; G. J. Wheeler; T. C. P. White.

T.C.P.W.

UNDER 15 CRICKET

In their one game this term, the Under 15 Cricket team convincingly beat Soham G.S. by seven wickets. Soham were soon out for twenty runs owing to some excellent bowling by R. Lewis, who took 7 for 10. Edwards took the other 3 wickets for 2 runs. The school soon made the twenty-one runs needed for victory, Hill hitting fourteen runs.

T. Jones, R. Lewis, P. Edwards and S. W. Hill managed to gain places in the upper-school teams.

A.C.

The Under 14 Cricket XI enjoyed a very good season. They played all their matches with great enthusiasm and verve. Usually, unlike many Under 14 elevens in the past, they played up to the limit of their potential. The reason for the great improvement in their performance during the season was undoubtedly the tremendous amount of practice put in after school, and the leadership of K. S. Peckham, the Captain. Peckham performed quite well with the bat, but it was as captain that he contributed most to the side. His keenness was infectious. Perhaps he could cultivate a little modesty!

The bowling was largely left to Bax and Harris. The latter was very fast and very wild—an arm-whirling Celt who succeeded in frightening 8 out for 9 runs on one memorable occasion. Bax was very steady, keeping the ball up to the bat with encouraging results. Although Smith and Wootton did not have much bowling to do, both bowled adequately when called upon.

Many of the team batted well on occasions; Shepherd, Bax and Peckham were among the most successful. The first two had sound defences and attacking legside strokes, whereas Peckham's defence was fallible, but he could attack violently all around the wicket. Morgan, Smith and West were batsmen who from time to time showed promise, while Walker contributed more than his average suggests. The side fielded well, keeping alert, and in touch with the state of the game.

Only two things marred the season, and one hopes they will not be repeated. Dutch courage and bat flinging are not conducive to good cricket.

J.F.M.R.

UNDER 14 CRICKET

RECORD Played 5 Lost 2 Won 3

AVERAGES

BATTING	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
Peckham	5	–	36	68	13.6
Shepherd	4	–	16	34	8.5
Bax	5	–	17	31	7.2
Smith	5	2	7	17	5.11
West	5	–	13	25	5
Harris	5	2	13	14	4.66
King	4	1	7	12	4
Rudland	4	–	12	13	3.25
Walker	5	–	6	14	2.8
Wootton	4	–	4	9	2.25

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Bax	49.4	21	81	18	4.5
Harris	50.2	13	90	14	6.42
Smith	15	–	53	5	10.6

The Under13 XI contained several very good natural ball players. This plus a keen competitive spirit carried the team to greater success than perhaps they deserved. Far less time was spent in practice than was necessary for a steady improvement through the season. Indeed, the team's batting grew poorer and poorer.

Except for the first two games, the batting was never good. Meyrick and Clarke, boys of promise, did not fulfil that promise. Meyrick in particular specialised in getting himself out. Snazell, Hartington, Andrew and Turner, all boys with a good eye, need to improve their defensive technique. Determined practice is vital. McNeill, Gaught and Sturgeon might be classified as hitters. McNeill was the most correct of the three, but was woefully suspect to the good ball. Iacovoux and Neill contributed a lusty blow from time to time, but generally did not last long. Only one batsman revealed a moderately sound defensive technique during the season, and that was Mayhew. If Mayhew could learn to hit the bad ball on the offside he could become a useful batsman.

The bowling was very much better than the batting. McNeill, Andrew, Clarke and Turner all showed some promise as fast bowlers. The first three all had good bowling analyses in at least one match. It was a pity that Snazell did not have more bowling to do. His powers of spin are phenomenal, and his length and direction improved during the season. Perhaps when the side can score a few more runs he will be given more opportunity to bat.

The side showed their competitive spirit in the field. Catching, stopping and throwing generally were very good. Some excellent catches were taken. Turner's one-handed catch inches from the ground taken behind him by falling backwards had to be seen to be believed.

With firm yet good-humoured captaincy, and a lot of disciplined practice a sound team could yet emerge.

J.F.M.R.

UNDER 13 CRICKET

RECORD Played 5 Drawn 1 Won 4

AVERAGES

BATTING	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
McNeill	5	1	17	62	15.5
Sturgeon	4	–	33	42	10.5
Mayhew	5	–	18	49	9.8
Clarke	5	–	23	40	8
Neill	4	1	6	17	5.66
Hartington	5	1	9	22	5.5
Andrew	4	–	10	14	3.5

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Clarke	14	1	20	12	1.66
Andrew	23	8	34	14	2.43
Turner	13	5	17	6	2.83
McNeill	56	25	67	16	4.20

SIX-A-SIDE CRICKET

For a second year it was decided that a six-a-side competition should be played instead of Senior House Matches. This requires each side to bowl 10 overs; should these not be finished within half-an-hour, then the batting side is awarded 2 runs for every ball not bowled. The games proved very interesting and entertaining, the following team being the winners.

R. Bugg; S. Howlett; D. Longland; C. Ronaldson; C. Walker and M. Wootton.

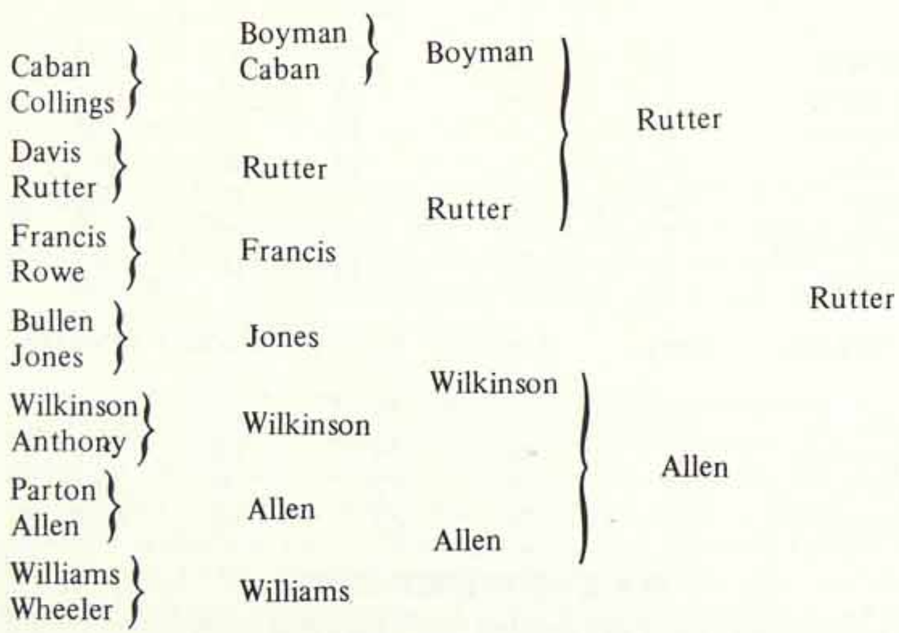
RESULTS

		A	B	C	D	E
E v B	: C v A	2	0	0	–	2
B v A	: E v D	0	2	–	0	2
D v C	: A v E	0	–	0	2	2
E v C	: B v D	–	0	0	2	2
A v D	: B v C	0	2	0	2	–
		2	4	0	6	8

THE SINGLE WICKET COMPETITION

In the Senior Age Group this had to be restricted to certain boys because of the difficulties involved after half-term. The competition provided some very good games, that of Caban v Boyman being the outstanding game. The final was convincingly won by A. Rutter, who batted extremely well, and whose bowling looked difficult to face.

C.J.W.



THE UNDER 15 SINGLE WICKET COMPETITION

Boys from the 1968 Under 14's and the present Under 14's entered this competition, which was played on Monday afternoons and on a Thursday afternoon set aside for this purpose.

A first round was played to find the quarter-finalists, and the ages of boys proved insignificant, as Edwards, Smith and Martin, all prominent in last year's Under 14 team, were knocked out. One of the quarter-finals proved the highest scoring match, with Lewis scoring 17, and the eventual winner, Jones, narrowly beating him with only a few balls left.

The sight of the semi-final draw seemed intriguing; it brought together the two former opening batsmen, also Hunt and Wootton, who had both played very well to reach this stage. The Hill–Jones contest did not live up to its expectations, as Hill had a badly bruised finger which hampered him considerably and he lost after a short-lived game. The other semi-final was also not so well matched as one first thought, and a younger boy, Wootton, beat his older contestant, Hunt, quite easily.

The final was played on a Wednesday lunch time, and the line-up was Wootton v Jones. The difference in size, age and strength proved meaningless, as the only difference was that a catch while Wootton was batting was taken, while Jones was dropped off an admittedly harder chance. This left Jones the winner of this Under 15 Single Wicket competition, with Wootton, the finalist, left to try again next year.

I am sure that all the boys wish with me to thank Mr. Richards for spending his time in organising and umpiring this most enjoyable competition.

T.H.J.

ATHLETICS

British weather succeeded this year in dividing the Sports Day events between two days. Heavy rain at the end of the morning's events postponed the afternoon's athletics until the following morning. A strong west wind also lessened the likelihood of any new records being set up.

However, the school has no lack of athletes, many of whom were prepared to give up time out of school to train.

The season has been outstanding not only in respect of results gained, but also in the great effort maintained by the school. A considerable team spirit developed, and hence it is difficult to single out any one competitor.

Nevertheless, one must congratulate L. J. K. Davis for maintaining a high standard throughout the season, culminating in his selection to represent Suffolk at the All-England Sports. B. R. C. Dow also maintained a high standard, and is to be congratulated on winning the Suffolk Intermediate 200 metres. Probably the most unpredicted performance of the season was that by D. Aldous at the County Sports, where he achieved second place in the Intermediate Triple Jump, and came only three inches short of the England standard. He beat his previous best performance by about two feet.

In the Junior team, M. A. H. MacNeill and G. J. Bradford ran very well, and can look forward to success in the future.

L. J. K. Davis also won the Thurlow Cup in the Suffolk AAA championships for his first place in the Triple Jump, Long Jump and High Jump.

S.R.H.

The following represented West Suffolk in the County Sports.

D. Aldous	Intermediate Triple Lump	2
R. H. Bartram	Intermediate 1500 metres	1
G. J. Bradford	Junior 1500 metres	–
D. R. Boyman	Senior Pole Vault and Relay	3
P. Bullen	Senior High Jump	2
M. G. S. Collings	Senior Shot	–
L. J. K. Davis	Intermediate Triple Jump & Relay	1
B. R. C. Dow	Intermediate 200 metres & Relay	1
S. R. Halls	Senior 100 metres and Relay	4
D. J. Horgan	Senior Long Jump	3
C. MacNair	Intermediate 100 metres & Relay	–
M. A. H. MacNeill	Junior 200 metres	–
C. Ronaldson	Senior 100 metres and Relay	–
J. W. Ross	Senior Discus	–
T. C. P. White	Senior Javelin	–

Athletics Colours were awarded as follows:–

Full Colours: D. Aldous
R. H. Bartram
L. J. K. Davis
B. R. C. Dow

Half Colours: D. R. Boyman
P. Bullen
D. J. Horgan
T. C. P. White

Junior Colours: G. J. Bradford
M. A. H. MacNeill

LANCASTRIAN HOUSE NOTES

The Athletics results were disappointing. The House lacks support from the older members, the majority of whom were unable to raise one standard point.

However, despite the low position in the House competition, there were those whose efforts stand out. A. P. Field attained a personal total of 34 points, winning the Under 15 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards. G. J. Bradford won the Under 15 mile and the Under 15 team won the House Relay. There is therefore, running counter to the apathy reflected in the position on Sports Day, sufficient potential to place it considerably higher up in the field.

Although the Junior House Cricket Team was enthusiastic and keen to win, a certain lack of ability was evident. Apart from a few good innings by K. M. Shepherd and D. B. Wootton, the batting was rather weak. However the fielding and bowling were considerably better. Wootton bowled consistently well through the season, ably supported by Shepherd, H. Kostecki and T. W. Banthorpe.

Lancastrians were very unlucky to lose a last over thriller against Yorkist House after an early break-through against the Yorkist batting. In all, the House won two and lost two matches. The first-formers, M. J. Abbott, C. M. Ford and M. N. Thomas were very keen, and played well considering their lack of experience.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

For as long as School House has been in existence, except in this last year, the House has won the Athletics Competition. However, this year, with the numbers down to 24, and with only 4 or 5 recognised athletes, the House put up a magnificent effort to achieve 3rd position in the competition.

All are to be congratulated for the effort in obtaining standard points and in particular the House would like to congratulate D. R. Boyman on winning the Adrian Gould Field Cup and L. D. Lewis for being the U15 Champion.

B.D.G.P.

Congratulations are also due to C. J. Wilkinson on a fine season as 1st XI Cricket Captain, and to his gaining full colours. Also to B. D. J. Parton, D. R. Boyman and C. Allen on being awarded full colours.

P.J.L.

STUART HOUSE NOTES

This season has been successful in both the summer sports. The cricket team has been very keen, and this has made up for lack of ability in batting; two games were won, two lost. The fielding has been quite good, but a casualness has resulted in valuable catches being dropped. The batting has been the main weakness, and the responsibility for scoring runs has rested fairly and squarely on the shoulders of McNeill, Meyrick and Morgan, all of whom did their job well. Southgate too, fulfilled his role of hitting the bowlers off their length. Most of the bowling was done by Harris and McNeill, although Andrew and Meyrick did well when called upon. King kept wicket efficiently, and set a good example to the other fielders. The games against Tudors and Yorks were won comfortably, but the Lancs. game was lost by a large margin, and that against Windsor by 18 runs, despite a fine innings of 19 by Meyrick.

In the sphere of athletics, the House did even better, which was indicated by the 2nd position in the Athletics Competition. Banham R.J. was once again a key factor in this success, due to his efforts to gain standard points.

However, the Junior House deserves the bulk of the praise for their spirit and determination. M. A. H. McNeill must be congratulated on winning the Junior Championship for the second year running, and amassing needed points for the competition.

It remains to thank Mr. Smart for his support throughout the season.

TUDOR HOUSE NOTES

It was very encouraging that this year the Tudor House members acquired the greatest number of standard points of all the Houses. This shows that there is some ability in the House, but once again on the actual Sports Day we did not have enough competitors, and therefore only managed to reach fourth position. However, Darkens is to be congratulated on his good efforts in coming first in the Intermediate High Jump and Triple Jump.

In the Junior Cricket Competition Tudors once again had a disappointing season, winning only one of their four games. The one game which Tudors won was that against the Yorkists. This victory was mainly due to some fine hard hitting by P. D. Pask (6 boundaries) and M. T. Sturgeon (5 boundaries). K. C. Clarke also bowled well in this match, taking 6 for 8. Although the batting was fairly good, the bowling strength was very weak, with the exception of Clarke. This performance would have been better if some members had turned up when picked to play.

WINDSOR HOUSE NOTES

This term the House has had exceptional success both in athletics and cricket. On Sports Day the House started lying equal first with Tudor House, and throughout the day pulled steadily away from all rivals to win finally by a clear margin. D. J. Horgan and L. J. K. Davies, of the senior boys, G. Brown and P. Saunders, of the Intermediate boys, C. Mayhew of the Juniors deserve special praise for their outstanding performances, but we must not forget all the other members of the House who also contributed to our success.

Davis, who was School Champion, must be congratulated on obtaining full colours and on being selected to go forward to the All England Schools' Championship—we wish him every success. Horgan and White are also to be congratulated on obtaining half-colours.

Our junior cricket eleven has also enjoyed a very successful season, winning all their matches owing to good bowling, sound batting, and excellent team spirit.

Of our bowlers T. L. Bax and K. M. Smith have bowled well and have been ably backed up by M. J. Snazell, who often had the batsmen (and wicket-keeper!) wondering how far the ball was going to turn!. The batting on the whole has been fairly sound, and our team has produced the two best House Match scores of the season; two thirty-sevens from Bax and K. S. Peckham respectively. C. R. Mayhew, D. M. Walker, Smith and C. A. Storey also contributed one good innings each.

The team was enthusiastically captained by K. S. Peckham.

C.R.T.

C. R. Timbers was the keenest of Athletics Captains, our most welcome success on Sports Day owes much to his interest and to his example.

P.F.J.D.

YORKIST HOUSE NOTES

This year's Junior Cricket Team has not enjoyed such a good record as last year's XI, winning only one match. However, some of the younger members of the team appear to have championship winning qualities. Of these, L. C. Turner has both bowling and batting ability when called upon. For a first-former, P. T. Rutter proved to be a most competent wicket-keeper.

The team consisted of: R. W. Underwood; M. N. West; N. R. McNiven; P. W. Stevens; L. C. Turner; P. T. Rutter; J. S. Daniels; H. V. Jones; K. D. Gaught; O. Carey; J. Glendinning.
P. E. Chapman and R. H. Ashenden were also called upon.

After making a very creditable total of standard points, which indicates a good all-round performance, Sports Day was a little disappointing for the House. Only two boys won events. R. H. Bartram won an exciting Senior Mile, in which two Yorkists finished in the first three. He also came second in three other events. K. D. Gaught won the Under 13 880 yards.

Overall we finished fifth with 157 points–97 points behind the winners. The poor result is indicative of the lack of athletes, rather than a lack of effort.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

On an average, two dozen boys each year leave this school for a University course–this does not include boys going to Colleges of Education, Art Colleges, and Colleges of Technology, which may also award degrees.

Many parents and boys are confused, however, on the qualifications required, the grants available, and the method of application.

In recent years, the general entrance qualifications have been simplified, so that basically, two 'A' level subjects and three other 'O' level subjects are the minimum requirements. Many universities specify that a test in English (Use of English or English Language) must be passed, and several ask for a language other than English, and Mathematics or a Science in the qualifications; these latter provisions can however be avoided.

As the competition for university places (particularly on the Arts side) is fierce, most universities ask for grades at 'A' level above the minimum pass. In many subjects specific qualifications may be asked for–medical courses usually demand biology, physics and chemistry; some branches of economics ask for mathematics for example. We are fortunate at Bury in that our 'O' level courses with their wide range of compulsory subjects cover nearly all entrance requirements.

It is surprising that many parents and boys do not realise that grants which cover the fees, and also give a reasonable living allowance (usually supplemented by holiday work) are given automatically on university acceptance. The allowance is on a sliding scale, depending upon parental income, and is usually sufficient for an adequate, if not very gay, life. Engineering students in particular, may also be sponsored by industrial firms which also provide technical training.

Application to all Universities is now made through the U.C.C.A.–a central clearing-house scheme–although Oxford and Cambridge still require, in addition, an approach to an individual college, or group of colleges. This is done half way through the Sixth Form course, and great care is needed in deciding the subject to be read at the university. It is not easy to change course until one is part-way through the university, and some applications are wasted by applying to universities (six universities may be chosen) for which a candidate is not qualified. All boys are advised to consult the careers masters before filling in their forms.

Even if a boy does not gain admission to a university, there are other methods of taking a degree course, for which the same grants are available, and for which similar qualifications are required.

D.L.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

Leon Wilkin, who read Architecture at Sheffield University, went to Uganda a year ago to work for a firm of architects in Kampala. One of his first jobs was to design a factory to be built here in Bury St. Edmunds.

B. Hatcher is hoping to be admitted to the Essex Institute of Agriculture for a two year course leading to the Diploma.

C. R. King is following an Art Teachers' Diploma Course in the coming year.

It was particularly pleasing to meet H. C. G. Henniker-Wright recently. He left in 1933 to work for Ford Motors, and is now in charge of the manufacture of tractors in this country. This necessitates an immense amount of travelling–almost weekly visits to Europe–to Brussels and back in the same day–and he has crossed the Atlantic sixty-two times (forty of them in two years).

It was good too, to meet E. Parkin once again. He left in 1939 and now lives in York.

R. E. Wright, after a year in Banking, during which he passed 'A' level chemistry, has been accepted at King's College, London, for a course in Chemistry.

P. Sheridan is hoping to go to Cambridge after completing his course at Welbeck and Sandhurst.

It is sad to record that W. I. Smith died as a result of a car crash shortly after gaining his S.R.N. He was to have specialised in mental nursing.

The following are to be congratulated on their University successes:

D. J. Addy: 2nd Class Honours at Newcastle
M. G. Armstrong: Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering
S. N. Crisp: Upper 2nd Class Honours in Physics/Electronics at Manchester
P. Downing: 3rd Class Honours in Law
P. Gorham: Upper 2nd Class Honours in Mathematical Science at Cambridge
M. Shinn: 1st Class Honours in English at Durham
M. J. R. Thompson: Finals of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors & the Chartered Land Agents' Society

COMPIEGNE 1

Compiègne est une ville d'importance historique. Jeanne d'Arc y fut prise par les Anglais, parce que le gouverneur de la ville ne voulut pas le laisser entrer dans la tour après qu'elle eut traversé la riviere, poursuivie par l'ennemi. Donc son arrivée à Compiègne était un triste événement. Cependant, presque quatre cents ans plus tard, quelque chose de plus heureux se passa: l'armistice qui termina la guerre de dix-neuf cent quatorze fut signé dans un wagon-restaurant pres de la ville.

Aujourd'hui, Compiègne est toujours une ville importante. Le chemin de fer qui passe par la ville va de Paris a Bruxelles, suivant la vallee de l'Oise. Sur cette riviere des chalands apportent les materiaux bruts et remportent les marchandises des usines. Les industries de Compiègne comprennent la fabrication des pneus et des biscuits.

L'Hôtel de Ville est peut-être l'édifice le plus important. Bâti au cours du seizième siecle, il abrite un musée de figurines historiques, vrai paradis pour les amateurs des soldats de plomb.

Dans le Palais, il y a un musée de vieilles voitures. On y voit des carrosses que Napoléon utilisa, et ceux d'autres hommes renommés.

Moi, j'aime beaucoup la ville. Elle est plus gaie que Bury St. Edmunds et c'est dommage que nous n'y soyons restés que onze jours. Il me semble qu'il y avait plus de magasins qu'à Bury St. Edmunds. Cependant, il y a des choses que je n'aime pas en France: la poussière se trouve partout; les trottoirs sont mal faits et les chemins aussi. Mais je ne veux pas me plaindre, car la France est un bon pays.

C. Willsher, 4F.

COMPIEGNE 2

Nearly everybody was excited, because, for many of us, it was our first holiday abroad. I wondered what the school, the food, the people would be like, but most of all I wondered whether I would be able to speak with and understand the French. We arrived at Lympne Airport, where we were to take off for Beauvais, at about 1 30 p.m. There we had our dinner, took some shots of aeroplanes and some changed money. As 2 00 p.m. approached, I felt very tense but some comforting words from others who had already been in a plane helped my nerves. We arrived at Beauvais at about 3 00 p.m. and it was here that some of us had our first chance to speak French. On the coah trip to Compiegne I noticed three things about the houses. Garages are being built under the houses to save space, the windows have shutters, and surprisingly, the exteriors are in poor decorative order. We arrived in Compiegne towards 4 00 p.m. and I was glad when we reached the dormitories for I was in need of a rest. When we had finished our letter home we

explored the grounds of the lycee and then our first French meal. It was not too bad I suppose. We had coq au vin. After dinner some played table tennis and others went along to the 'foyers' to dance and listen to records.

The next day we started our exploring. Breakfast was at 7 30 a.m.–Bread and coffee. I think I must be the World Champion at eating French bread, for I ate about seven pieces each meal. This amounts to roughly 180 pieces of bread in the nine days holiday. Before meeting the mayor at the Official Champagne Reception, we wanted to know something about Compiegne, so we spent the first three days learning about the historical figures like Napoleon and Joan of Arc who had left their mark upon the town. Naturally we visited the famous Palais de Compiegne and the site of the signing of the armistice. We also examined the country market town of Senlis and travelled to see the Chateau at Chantilly, the second most valuable in France for its treasures.

When term started for the French children we went to classes with them. Often I did not understand a word! But in English I was a great help reading. One morning we were all given a sheet of paper with the name of the family that was coming to collect us for the day. The family I went to visit has seven children, and I now have their son, Jean-Pierre, as my pen-friend. In the afternoon they took me shopping and bought me quite a few presents.

There were other visits to make however. We climbed up to the restored Chateau de Pierrefonds and went down into the Champagne "caves" at Epernay. The climax of our stay was a hectic day in Paris in which we managed to see the most famous landmarks, visit Notre Dame and the Luxembourg gardens, have a ride in the metro, a boat trip on the Seine and, of course, climb the Eiffel Tower!

C.G.C, 3M.

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

Although the closing of the boarding house severs one more link with the Cathedral, we still hold our traditional services there–Founder's Day and the Carol Service.

It is pleasing to report on the former service, held during the summer term, with good singing by the choir and congregation (even if the latter were a little reticent at times); and a very good and appropriate sermon by Provost Waddington.

Special music included the introit, 'Cantate Domino' by Pitoni, 'Jubilate' from 'Collegium Regale' by Herbert Howells, and responses set to music by Bernard Rose.

MUSIC RECITAL

A good number of music lovers gathered together in the boarders' dining hall on the last morning of term, to hear a very fine music recital. It was given by the County String Quartet (Mr. Hatfield, Mrs. Livermore, Miss Hart and Mrs. Balaam) joined on this occasion by Miss Long, oboist.

The programme, of well-chosen length and variety of pieces, proved most enjoyable, and the players received a well-deserved round of applause from the boys. All the instruments were heard to good advantage in these surroundings, and it is to be hoped that it will not be too long before we are given the opportunity of hearing another such recital.

The programme consisted of:

A sonata by Corelli arranged by Barbirolli.
A Mendlessohn scherzo for trio.
The slow movement from Mozart's Oboe Quartet.
A movement from Dvorak's Terzetto for two violins and viola.
A movement from A String Trio by Beethoven.
A piece for oboe and strings by C. J. Suck.
The final movement from Haydn's String Quartet No. 29.

MUSIC CLUB NOTES

An attempt was made this term to form a Music Club. A committee, comprising Messrs. Robertson, Keeble, Fuller-Rowell, Fresco and Jones, was democratically elected, and a pop session arranged for the following week. Unfortunately only a handful of people turned up, and although this first week was entertaining, it was found that future meetings with such poor attendances were not possible. We also found that many people were already committed to an activity for the term–and as the weather suited outdoor activity, this was the wrong time of year to form a music club. Hence, and unfortunately, after only a few weeks it was disbanded, and we now hope that there may be enough interest in the Autumn term for the club to be re-formed.

I.J.R.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Unfortunately the good weather of the Summer term has curtailed the activities of the group this term; members preferred the sun to lively discussion, and examinations intruded upon members' time. As a result speakers were hard to find, and very few discussions were held.

One early discussion was concerned with the problems of Ulster and the Rev. Paisley's effect upon them. M. Brabrook led this discussion, and members present agreed that religion plays a large part in the trouble.

However, the group prospers, if only in spirit, and next term we hope to commence further discussions. It is to be hoped that new members will be found in the new Fifth and Sixth forms, and that they will be willing to take part.

M.B.

SCOUT NOTES

This term, apparently, sees the end of the school scout group, owing to the departure of Mr. Loose, who has led us enthusiastically throughout the past four years. It has mainly been his devotion which has inspired many successful and adventurous projects. We all wish him luck in his new situation.

In the past term, the most enterprising task undertaken was the construction of an assault course. We made fun of Mr. Loose's vain attempts to complete this course; however, we found it more difficult than we had previously thought. Although we were not an official scout troop, we still carried on various scouting activities. I end with a special note to the masters–we are leaderless.

THE METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

There have recently been many changes in the Meteorological Society. The most obvious one is, of course, the regrettable discovery that our founder and leader, Mr. Loose, is leaving us; and not only he, but two of the society's original members, B. Isley and M. Morgan. Happily new replacements have been found, and Mr. Reed has agreed to supervise.

We have almost completed the construction of an anemometer. Many ideas were forwarded and some tried, but the major difficulty was to find a suitable generator for the wind speed indicator. A rev-counter from a motor car proved unsatisfactory. The best idea, and the one to be used, was the idea of a dynamo power unit, and a voltmeter (with a re-calibrated scale) as a wind speed indicator. The

main difficulty was then to find a strong low-friction dynamo. It remains to be seen whether the small motor chosen will in fact, withstand the weather.

Most recently a great deal of work has been put into an exhibition for Open Day. All members a great deal of work has been put into an exhibition for Open Day. All members giving up their spare time for its preparation. Despite the disappointing lack of interest shown by parents, the exhibition was considered a great success by all concerned.

M.B.M.

Month	Highest Temp. (°F)	Lowest Temp. (°F)	Monthly Average	Total Rainfall	Typical Average	Rain Days	Comments
JANUARY	54	29	41.5	2.1"	2.0"	17	Milder than usual
FEBRUARY	49	17	33	2.67"	1.4"	17	A very cold wet February
MARCH	54.5	22	38.7	2.62"	1.6"	13	A cold wet March
APRIL	72	27.5	45.8	1.25"	1.3"	15	A little cooler than usual with great night and day extremes
MAY	78	34.5	53.4	3.45"	1.8"	17	Average temps. but very wet. Nearly half the rain fell in 24 hours
JUNE	79	34.5	55.62	1.92"	1.8"	9	Cooler than usual

CHART PREPARED BY THE SCHOOL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

ALPHA–OMEGA

We were sorry to receive, earlier this term, the resignation of J. Aves, who founded the group, and who has been our chairman during the past school year. We are sorry also that C. Fuller-Rowell is leaving us. The new representatives from this school are M. W. Brabrook and A. G. Veal. It is proposed that the present committee, which is now chaired by a Culford boy, should resign in favour of boys of next year's first year Sixth in October 1969, and it is hoped that these boys will continue to raise money for charity.

To date we have raised more than £300 for Christian Aid, £257 of that total being collected during Christian Aid Week in May, when we held a dance, a cheese and wine party, and a 'starve-in'. The latter was by far the most successful.

I should like to thank all those who made this week so successful.

A.V.

MIXED FOOTBALL

Christian Aid Week commenced with a mixed football match held in the Abbey Gardens. On a slightly overcast and blustery day, two teams of unknown numbers, and in garb never before seen on a football field, kicked off. The score was not known at the end. One female member of a team scored a try, and the captain of the other team, braved the tempestuous waters of the River Lark to retrieve the ball. The main results of this activity were enjoyment and publicity.

DANCE

The dance held during Christian Aid Week raised £56. It was held at the Howard Estate Community Centre, and the group was the Village Green Road Show, with a discoteque given by Caroline. It was perhaps, our most successful dance to date, although we hope the Alpha–Omega dance planned for August 2nd with the same group and Blue Condition Mobile discoteque at the Old Town Hall will be an even greater success. A final thank-you to members of the school who supported us.

'STARVE-IN'

The 'Starve-in' raised £147 for Christian Aid. The sight of thirty odd sixth form students huddled in blankets was almost pitiful, yet nobody succumbed to the evil temptation of food. A joyful night was had by all at the Baptist Chapel. Music was provided by J. Hogg. Mr. Eldon Griffiths M.P. gave us moral support, visiting us twice, for which we are thankful. I think most of us had a greater appreciation of Christian Aid after the fast, and the St. John's Ambulance Brigade stood by to ensure that there were no ill effects.

M.B.

SIXTH FORM DIVINITY

Two visitors contributed to the series of talks and discussions under the general theme of "A Christian Life in the World at Large".

Mr. Booker, a minor canon at the Cathedral, dealt with the importance of the individual in contemporary society, stressing the love and concern which Christ showed to his fellow men.

Mr. Watts, of the local Probation Service, spoke authoritatively on the value of family life and the need to regard marriage as a "give and take" affair, a contract not entered into lightly, a companionship which affords mutual strength. The sad instances he gave of what so often results from broken homes lent extra power to his words.

The Upper Sixth clearly appreciated the visits of these two gentlemen.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The end of term saw the departure, not only from the School, but also from the Dramatic Society Committee, of a number of valuable members who have distinguished themselves in past productions.

Andrew Downing, following in the footsteps of his two elder brothers, has trodden the boards in several productions, and may best be remembered as the Prince of Arragon, suitor to Portia, in "The Merchant of Venice".

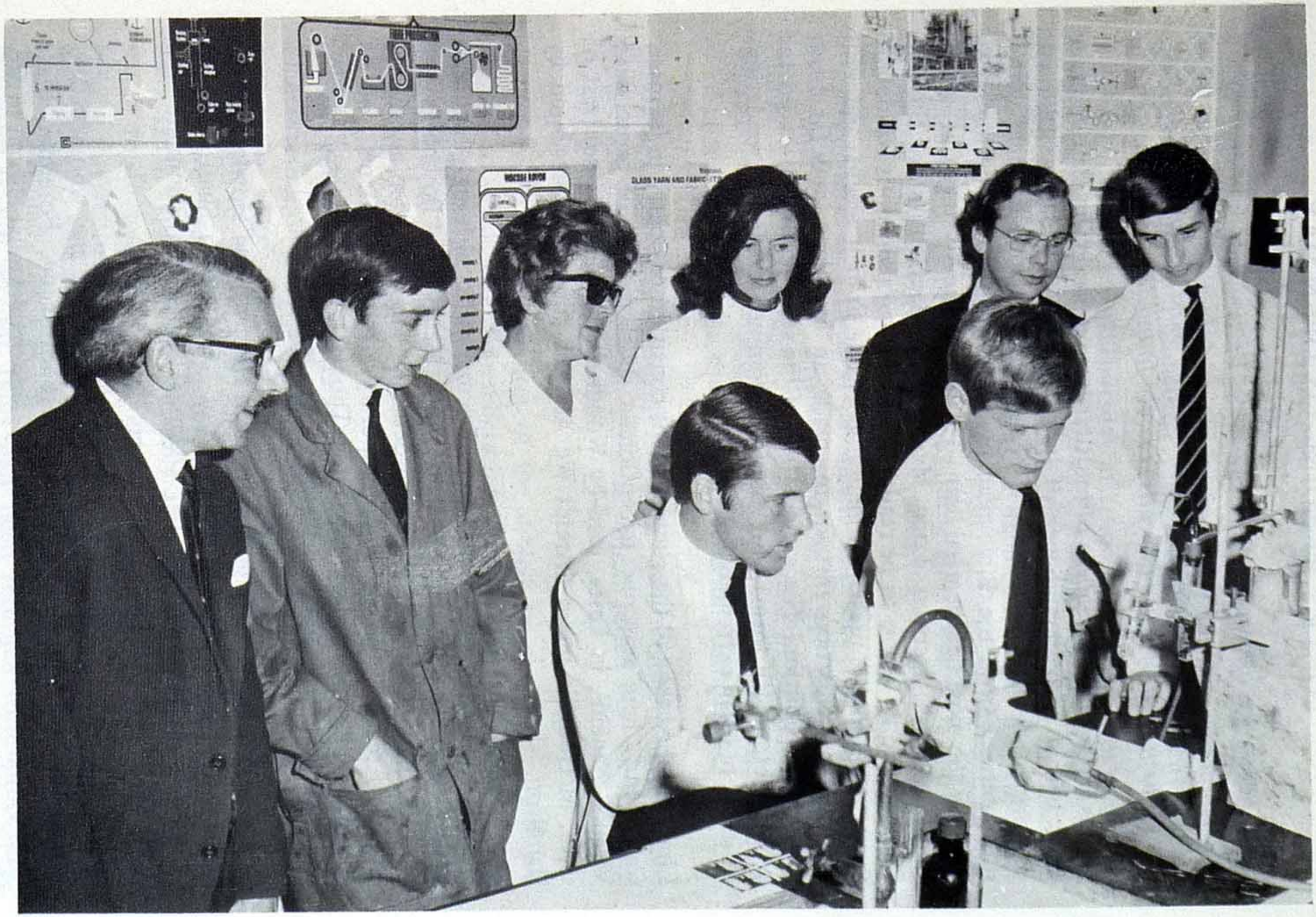
Alan Jeffrey has, it seems, always been involved in drama at the School. Many will remember him as the gawky schoolgirl in "The Happiest Days of your Life", although more recent characterisations, such as that of Portia, and of the knight, Hugh de Morville, in "Murder in the Cathedral", will perhaps be more lasting memories. He has also given praiseworthy performances with adult casts in Irving Club productions at the Theatre Royal, and even more recently in the French plays at the School.

Graham Cooper has a large number of smaller roles to his credit, with his most significant parts having been in "Henry IV" and "Murder in the Cathedral". He has also done much useful work in the administrative aspects of staging productions.

William Hay Brown's impish Bardolph in "Henry IV" and his equally puckish Launcelot Gobbo in "The Merchant of Venice" gave scope to his nimble agility, and fund of good humour.

It will be difficult for the Dramatic Society to replace these losses on its Committee, or upon the stage. However we wish all four departing members every good fortune in their various careers, and hope that they will find opportunity in future to continue their interests in drama.

Turning from the past to the future, it is hoped to stage R. C. Sheriff's "Journey's End" at the School towards the end of next term. Casting has already begun, and amongst the newcomers are P. Woodruff, M. Braybrook, M. H. Yeoell and R. Johnson, who have shown potential in spheres as contrasting as the recent French plays and the morning readings in Assemblies. It is also good to know that after Christmas, Mr. Ryder will be taking over the running of the Dramatic Society, with the able assistance of Mr. Taylor, and that already plans are being laid for the presentation of a French play at Easter.



P. J. Long and K. Jones perform their experiments in the Chemistry laboratory.

FRENCH PLAYS

The "Soiree de Petites Comedies" enabled a large number of boys to turn their knowledge of French to practical account. The necessary learning involved, of course, was beneficial to them, and the actors enjoyed portraying roles ranging from a glamorous film star to a mobile fir tree. The Sixth Form's play "Decapitez Ces Fleurs", written in the style of Ionesco, was fired with a wealth of imaginative business and provocative ideas, and performed with an enthusiasm which rendered plausible the outlandish situations.

The evening as a whole proved stimulating, although there was disappointment registered that the pistol fired at the Opera Singer was loaded merely with blanks.

CHEMISTRY EXHIBITION

In this scientific age there is no shortage of material suitable for presentation in a school's 'Open Day' programme. However, this year emphasis was placed on the chemistry related to more obvious things in everyday life and, we hope, both intelligible to the layman, and stimulating to the pundits.

To P. J. Long and K. Jones must go great credit and praise for their attractive and interesting show 'Man-made Fibres and Plastics'. Not content with a visual display, they ably demonstrated their prowess in producing nylon, rayon, various plastics and resins.

Perhaps not strictly part of a school's curriculum, the art of wine and beer making proved entrancing—indeed appetising and stimulating to some!—whilst the section 'Water' proved informative to the tutor and the tutored.

If visually attractive, the exhibition was not without a tingle for the olfactory nerves, for chemistry is, by nature, incomplete without odours—pleasant and otherwise—and ample proof of this was available through the chemical machinations of the Science Sixth in their various vegetable extractions.

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POETRY READING ON OPEN DAY

Alexander Pope once said:

> *"Words are like leaves; and where they most abound*
> *Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."*

Let us hope that the reading of multifarious poems in the Hall on Open Day, before a small audience of boys, masters and parents, did not conform to Pope's philosophy. It began, appropriately enough, with a short extract from the Bible read by Morris, which was followed by perhaps the most lighthearted item–"Macavity The Mystery Cat" (T. S. Eliot) by Brisk, Iacovou, Long, Mayhew and MacNeill (all of the 2nd form)–the only poem to be read in chorus. Hogg's sensuous Baudelaire Sonnet, "Le Chat", presented in an impeccable French accent, and with an English translation thrown in, made an excellent, and far from tedious contribution. The same is true of the several self-written poems by Middleton (4th form) who should be commended for his renderings which were of an extremely high standard.

I have implied that all the contributions consisted of poetry in its many forms, but there was one exception–a short passage of prose from Virgil's 'Aeneid', in Latin, read by Woodruff. In complete contrast of style, McGough's poem "Aren't We All"was admirably presented by Hamilton.

Perhaps the most credit should go to Boyman, who, although unable to attend, (like the elusive supermundane Macavity, "Boyman's not there!"), had previously been recorded and was submitted aurally on tape. His readings featured contemporary sixth form poems, and an extract from a short story by Dylan Thomas–"The Peaches"–which was put over in a magnificent Welsh accent.

Downing too, read some poems by sixth formers, and Howlett gave a most stirring and effective rendering of "And Death Shall Have No Dominion", again written by Dylan Thomas, to complete the programme.

Mention should also be made of the others participating, who added to a most enjoyable half-hour. These were Sturgeon, Foreman, Fish, Lloyd, Ferguson, Brabrook and Hoddy. Our thanks must also go to Mr. Hey for arranging and introducing the whole scheme.

P.W.

THE CINE CLUB

The cine club was started when Mr. Ryder came to the school. Mr. Ryder suggested to members of the camera club the possibility of making a cine film, and immediately we had six enthusiastic members.

We spent the first few Thursday afternoons deciding on our project, and among the suggestions put forward were: a documentary of local industry; a film with an agricultural theme, attempting to cover all aspects of farming in West Suffolk; a documentary on the R.A.F. or U.S.A.F. We were hoping to arrange visits to local Air Force Stations, with the possibility of some aerial photography, but on reconsidering, we thought we were setting our sights rather high!

Immediately we arrived at the inevitable problem of funds, as cine photography is a very expensive hobby. After discussing various methods of obtaining money to buy film stock, Mr. Ryder asked Mr. Elliott if he would be willing to finance. Fortunately he consented, and we obtained the film from the County Education Authority.

Our next problem was easily solved as two members of the club, besides Mr. Ryder, had cine cameras which suited our needs, being "standard 8 mm" cameras.

After careful consideration of the subject matter of the film, we decided to divide our 8 members into groups: one concentrating on Bury, (J. R. McKenzie, R. A. Johnson, D. R. Meek), one on Lavenham (P. J. Stow, R. J. Shreeve), and one on Pakenham (R. T. Suggit, A. D. Compton, A. P. K. Miles).

However, two weeks after we had started shooting, we decided that concentrating on Bury, Lavenham and Pakenham did not give us much imaginative scope. After a fair amount of argument, we settled for a general film of Suffolk, and the week after we had started to film in earnest. We agreed to film unusual shots, where possible, but to keep them fairly typical. Some Thursday afternoons we went out with Mr. Ryder to do some filming at local farms and landscapes. We had our filming interrupted by school examinations and G.C.E. and after these only Suggitt, Compton and Johnson were at school to continue the work. Eventually we reached the editing stage, but this was a slow business, as not all our films had been returned from processing. Nevertheless Mr. Ryder continued with the editing, with the aid of an editor from the County Education Authority–who did what he could with the available material.

We filmed the titles two weeks before open day when the film was to be shown. This was kindly done for us by Mr. Tapster, who painted the titles on a piece of glass in a frame. This was held in front of a cine camera against a suitable background and filmed. As Open Day was approaching, we were rather worried about whether the last film would

return in time. We were hoping to put a sound strip on our film, but lack of time prevented this. Meanwhile we recorded some appropriate music to suit each film sequence–which took one day's intensive work.

The first Open Day came, and still the film had not been returned; it did not arrive until the morning of the final day–Saturday–so the first hour of Saturday morning was devoted to final editing and extending the music length on the tape. The complete film was shown that morning, and appears to have been a successful enterprise. We thank all those who assisted in the making of this film.

R. Johnson, 4F

WEST SIDE STORY

The Silver Jubilee Schools together presented at the Theatre Royal, the modern musical 'West Side Story' by Leonard Bernstein, on several days in July.

This was to be one of those productions of which everyone was to say, 'Oh well, they tried hard'. But what a shock those critics received, when they were met by powerful singing, admirable acting, well-conducted music, and perhaps the most important, the overflowing enthusiasm of the cast.

The play is set in a typical American slum area, where Americans and Puerto Rican immigrants come face to face, fighting for their 'territory'. The scene opens to show a simple stage filled with young American children playing; a feeling of happiness prevails, which is almost immediately shattered by the coming of the American Jets, showing their menacing superiority and tough almost hoodlum-like qualities. The Jets were led by Christopher Emblem, who overcame a shaky voice by his powerful acting. "Action" (Honeyball) was his second, a very forceful character, who portrayed his part well.

The supremacy of the Jets is shattered by the arrival of the Puerto Rican gang, the Riffs, headed by Bernado (Clive Dow), whose acting and his accent pushed behind his seeming unwillingness to dance. Chino (Mark Waters) was his second, whose tough qualities were apparent, but he could perhaps have achieved a more sound accent. During the fight which ensued, and in the other fight scenes a credible realism was achieved, and a lot of work by Ian Waudby was apparent.

The girls in the cast–Anita and Maria (Linda Young) added life and colour, and Tony (Trevor Crack) soon showed his singing power. The Lieutenant of the Police, played by Gus Williams, was admirable; his voice and size fitted the part well.

The music was gay; many of the songs, such as "Maria" and "Somewhere, there's a place for us", "Ay, Ay, Ay, America" were well known already.

Perhaps one of the most effective scenes of the whole show was the one by a gang of boys, in which acting, singing and dancing were combined in an attempt to show the reason for the delinquency of the young Americans.

Certainly, the amount of applause showed how well it had come off, and thanks must go to Mr. Smith and the others who put in so much hard work to make this one of the greatest school productions I have seen.

B. R. C. Dow

STEAM ENGINES

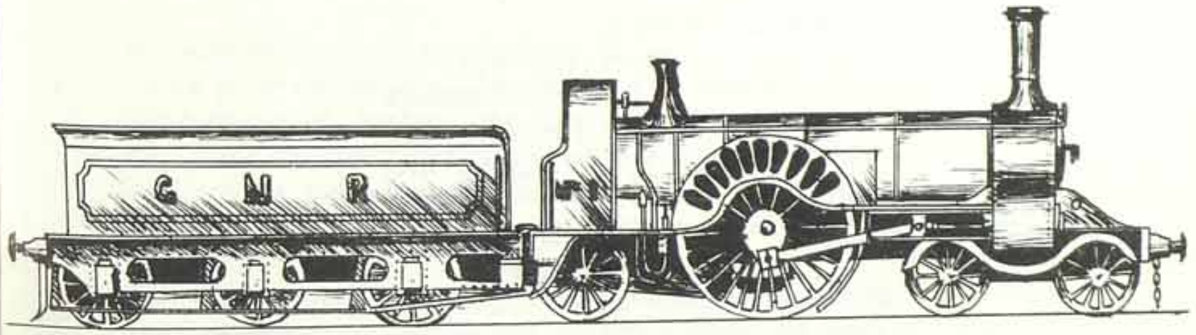
My hobby is a very unusual one. On Sundays I cycle to Bressingham Gardens, 9 miles north east of Wattisfield where I live. There I help a man who is paralysed in both legs. He looks after a Tidman Centre engine which was originally used to drive steam horses at old fairs in the 1920's. The engine is a small stationary one and it is stood on an iron trailer to be high enough for him to reach without having to bend down a lot.

I have an engine to look after as well. This is a Burrell engine that was originally used to drive a crusher at Wattisfield potteries. It stands beside Mr. Swan's little engine so that if he wants any coal or water for the engine I can get it.

A steam engine consists of a boiler which is cylindrical in shape, through which copper tubes are placed. The tubes carry the heat of the fire in the firebox, through the boiler filled with water that begins to heat. After the water is heated it turns to steam which, when released, drives a piston that drives the flywheel.

The main jobs on a steam engine are oiling, cleaning, stoking up with coal, and filling up with water.

G. Blake, 2F



THE FIRST DIP OF THE SEASON

I stood shivering by the edge of the pool, doubtfully casting glances now and then at my class mates, who were splashing each other, and generally making a racket! I gently put my foot in the pool to try it and hurriedly withdrew it. "Oh no!" I thought to myself. "Here comes the games master". The games master was quite a decent chap really, but he was one of those ultra-fit types who like everyone to go into the pool. "Come on then, Snowdon!" he said. So, steeling myself inwardly, I took a run up and jumped straight into the pool. The water was icy cold at first, but after moving around for a while, I felt quite warm, and was soon splashing around quite happily.

A. Snowdon, 2F

MY FRIEND

I saw her in the distance, her golden hair shining in the sunlight. I ran up and her eyes sparkled mischievously. She kissed me and then I ran my fingers through her silky hair, and fondled her. She's nice, my old spaniel.

M. S. Iredale, 3M

INSECTS

Swarming, swirling,
Biting, eating,
Always moving,
Never stopping,
Great black clouds
Of stinging demons,
Crop destroying,
and crop saving,
Flying, landing
Working, slaving,
Buzzing, chirping,
Shrilly, softly,
Being eaten
One by one,
Just as soon as
They are born;
Cursed and swatted,
Sworn at, hated,
Now by chemicals,
Far outdated,
Long to live
The insect tribe;
essential to
our daily
life.

S. J. Burton 3M

POWER

The sea crashed with all its force against the jagged rocks which were placed in outcrops along the beach. The wind blew against the sea and echoed in the caves with a resounding effect. Seagulls swarmed the cliffs and perched on the slimy green seaweed which had been abandoned by the sea. The debris of the sea rested in silence on the shore until the sea surrounded it and moved it to new locations nearer the rocks. Suddenly a shimmering ray of light adorned the shore and the sun could be seen rising in the distance shedding its glorious rays over the sea and land. A shimmering effect could be seen as the rays reflected on the water and in the distance the shape of a fishing boat could be seen. The wind dropped and everything became silent, as the sun held its power over the sea and the land, but it was impossible to hold its power over the crowds who were about to flock to the beach.

M. D. Sainsbury, 3M

THE WANDERERS

Three thousand years our silver ship Discovery has flown
Unto the realms of stars where man has never been before
To seek an ancient people who our long dead fathers visited
When I was only young; in years I numbered four.
Two thousand years ago that was, but seems only as one day
For on my journey I slept froze in cabinet of gold.

In that dread year of destruction, Foundation two-five-nine,
Discovery was poised between their universe and ours.
The message came, 'Our star has grown,
Soon we shall be engulfed', for hours
We pondered on their fate. Where could we go?
To a universe half-dead it would be pointless to return.

Forced to turn back to the Galaxy, from that now-dead universe
Whence another thousand years would have made Rossen our own
Fair dwelling-place, now she is dead, and we turn again
In vain attempt to make the human's planet, Earth, our home.
Five hundred people, doomed to wander in our silver ship
Until we find a place to live–this we must do, or die!

We came back to their green planet, and so we sent out spies
To see if our arrival would be welcomed on their soil.
But now men are barbaric, they fear a nonexistent God,
Ah, cursed be those years long gone, years of pointless toil
And struggle to teach men to build, and how to draw the plough
For like our home, in the self-same way the Earth shall be destroyed.

Take warning, men of Earth, from the penalty we have paid
In being helped and helping you, the last mistakes we made.

R. Largent, 4M

CARRIAGE ON THE ROAD

Wind blows quietly through tall trees,
Twin beams of light
Bob and weave as a gentle roar
Appears from the sound of the tree.
An animal stops, quivering,
Nose in the air, sniffing the sound
Of the car, gathering speed,
Lights attack the animal;
It stands petrified.
A slight bump,
It lies dead.

M. Brabrook, 6 I

WHAT IS A SIXTH FORMER

The sixth former is by no means an ordinary schoolboy. First and foremost he is a specialist. He studies science or arts, and occasionally other things which do not fall directly (or even loosely) into either category. The science student views "the arts people" as mere players on the stage of life, filling their minds with impractical, dying knowledge, or even no more than opinions, while the arts student views "the science people" as nothing more than uncultured and irrelevant. To quote the immortal bard:

"There is a kind of merry war betwixt them",

although the simple truth is that both parties fail to realise that all sixth formers are both impractical and uncultured.

The two rival groups have, of course, much in common. Each, or both, will discuss serious world problems, and produce a panacea for man's troubles in, at the most, forty minutes. He has been taught, or rather learned, to distinguish between straight and crooked thinking in others, but never notices the latter in himself.

The sixth former is thirsty for knowledge, but usually quenches his thirst in some other less painful way. He is hungry for learning, but usually makes do with a sandwich or Mars Bar, or any other edible object. In short, the sixth former is someone who rejects the fact that

"If all the year were playing holidays,
To sport would be as tedious as to work."–*Henry IV part I*

Let us look at a certain small, select group of sixth formers in somewhat more detail; the mathematicians/physicists. The sixth form **M/P**, who is quite pure (as opposed to applied), is in essence an extremely

considerate scholar. He is always considering something, be it weightless strings, infinitely small typical strips, or frictionless pulleys, none of which, of course, have even the most transient existence, and is obsessed with the most general equation of the second degree, and infinite series. In his spare time (if he has any) he enjoys a quiet game of fives, seeking the elusive buttress with enviable patience. To introduce yet another quote, Macaulay has something to say on the subject of lost points:

"Those behind cried "Forward!"
While those before cried "Back!""

As we can see, the sixth former is essentially a boy at heart, and in mind. Periodically he is convinced that he has once and for all disproved Newton's Laws, but then finds he has made an unforgivable arithmetic error, and his illusions are shattered. Despite the fact that life on a wooden stool is not the epitome of comfort, the sixth form physicist enjoys his work and play, and especially his play. To sum up, the sixth former is someone who is a dedicated, hard-working youth, dedicated to his own pleasures, and frequently hard at work doing nothing. The sixth former is also someone who tries to write satire for the school magazine.

P. Woodruff, 6 I

WHEN THE COWS COME HOME

They tell me the cows came home yesterday
And everybody still talked as usual;
They did the same things
Thought the same thoughts,
And didn't even notice that bovine wonder
Which everybody talks about.
But nobody really realises,
It happens every day.

P. J. Steward, 6 I

CHANGE

There's the same old moon
That brought us together
That night after the dance
When I walked her home under its guidance.
Now it casts only a languid light,
And a putrid shadow of myself
Lying in the gutter, or wishing I was there.

There's the same old rain
That brought us together
As we wandered through the town
And sheltered in the shops pretending to enjoy the records.
Only now it brings cold, pneumonia,
Lying in bed–alone
In the streaming gutter, or wishing I was there.

There's the same old sun
That found us together,
That we enjoyed in the park,
In the fields, or alone at the coast.
Now all it brings is hay-fever,
Burning skin–shrivelled
Like rubbish in the gutter, wishing I was there.

Here is the same old schoolboy
That enjoyed life so till she left;
That remembers monsters who took her
Along metal lines, away, forever;
That now feels rather cheated and disbelieving
Since she lied and left me
Lying in the gutter, or wishing I was there.

S. D. Hamilton, 6 I

THOUGHTS ON WAR

Gone are the days of the silver blade
when death was glorious;
flying manes and a cavalry charge,
a skipping plume.
a scarlet tunic with buttons brass
which a batman polished;
riding boots as black as death
but bright as a crystal pool;
the confrontation with the enemy,
a nasty but an honourable business;
excitement:
everything for Queen and country;
even life.

Gone are the days of the silver blade
when death was glorious;
now it's a bullet or shell,
a gas cloud;
now is no honour, it's kill or be killed;
infection, chemical or natural,
living in plastic suits,
not just soldiers, but civilians too.
Where is the honour now?
Stagnant greens and putrid browns,
death hanging like phlegm from a twig.
Where is that honour now, George?

P. J. Steward, 6 I

EDITOR'S NOTES

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