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EDITORIAL

There are certain dates in a school's history which naturally stand out, and last year, the completion of the first quarter century, was such a time in the history of this school. If it does not possess the glamour of a 21st birthday, a 25th is at least endowed with the first faint vestiges of wisdom and maturity. This year, by contrast, has no such immediate appeal, yet it and the next few years may well prove of greater, if unsung, importance to the future of the school than many preceding years. For, if 21 carries youth and vitality, 25 wisdom and maturity, then 26 may seem to be the first step towards decline. Having struggled mightily to become “established”, the greatest danger now facing the school is that it should regard itself as having attained some magical position of stability. Likewise, age produces a pleasant but often deceptive feeling of well being. Glorious images of happy associations begin to drift into the atmosphere of the school: “the crack of willow on cricket greens . . .”, “the pranks that old . . . used to get up to . . .” These are the very things to be avoided. Solid foundations and “unique traditions” seem to produce a grossly exaggerated respect in society's mind which can only too easily destroy the idealism and spirit which were the very cause of their own establishment.

The edifice has been erected; the school established; the traditions accepted. But, do not let us be afraid to pull down the now familiar structure of school life, if necessary, and begin all over again. If the sigh of pride and contentment which greeted the 25th year is allowed to slow the breathing rate of school life then only a lingering suffocation can result.

In fact, there are a few mild signs that the school is willing to be as young and inexperienced today as it was in 1938.

Speech Day, which had long assumed the role of a mammoth block in the calendar, has been bulldozed aside to make way for new ideas which, even if not adopted for any length of time, are to be praised simply because of their existence. And caps, we notice, have lost a little more ground to reason, being compulsory only for the first three years now.

Is it possible to detect within the school a greater sense of participation of the real school—the pupils? Certainly one of the greatest failings still to be overcome is the feeling which

persists, that school is a place which one attends to be taught, that the pupil has too passive a role. How can this be altered? Firstly, the whole conception of school society must be altered. The image of an institution to which one moulds oneself must be altered to that of an institution ready to shape itself to the needs of its inmates and society as a whole. The still awesome example of the public school whose introverted seclusion is entirely incompatible with the modern world, has no doubt inspired the former image, but it can win its fight for the undivided attention, loyalty and obedience of its pupils in a way that this school never can, simply because it has not the same external loyalties to contend with.

What should this school be like? Perhaps it would be better to be less a place of formal education than a club for learning—a club in which the pupils take a real and significant part. They should, for instance, have far more say in the running of the school. It would be possible to begin by introducing a council of members of all parts of the school which would have some genuine power to influence decisions on administration, policy, teaching methods and so on. It could be constituted so as to allow all boys the chance to serve for a period. This would bring the opinion of the school, which is as mature as it is allowed to be, into a position of greater power and help to foster an increased sense of participation and responsibility earlier in the school.

Why not replace the prefectorial system of authority with a more collective system of responsibility? The prefects' duties could be tackled on a rota system, or each form or year could be responsible to its own 'prefects.'

Could not the strangling examination courses be relaxed enough to permit some general lessons earlier in the school, to develop personalities by wider discussion and reading, rather than leave it to the Sixth Form by which time many have already formed rigid opinions? Why not try to introduce some instruction in more practical knowledge for future life: explanation of taxes and insurance; the legal system and how to act in common situations involving it, vehicle maintenance and safety, elementary economics, first aid and so on . . . How many people will one day be inconvenienced or will actually suffer as a result of such apparently petty ignorances?

These few suggestions could be the beginning—more important than specific changes is the desire to change, experiment, improve. The school cannot relax on attaining this small goal of years, of foundation, of establishment. It must look always to the future and self improvement.

R. S. BYDE, Upper VI Science.
(Editor).

SCHOOL NOTES

On 2nd June the School heard with sorrow of the death of Sir Frank Foster, C.B.E., aged 84. At the February meeting of the Governing Body the Governors had received with very great regret the resignation of Sir Frank who had been a member since his appointment as a representative of the County Council on 13th July, 1942, and who was thus the senior member of the Governing Body. He was Vice-Chairman from 1943 to 1954 and Chairman for the year 1954 to 1955. These bare facts, admirable in reminding us of length and continuity of service, do not reveal the quality of Sir Frank's loyal devotion to this school, one only of a number of which he was a Governor. He did much by his association with, and advocacy of, the school to promote and enhance its reputation, and he was scrupulous in fulfilling his obligations to it. He has been present at some time at all its occasions—one recalls his having to run for it from the bottom of the field on a thundery Sports Day—and there has never been an occasion to which he has been invited which either he has been able to attend or scrupulously send his apologies for unavoidable absence owing to his many public commitments. His wide experience of education and of County administration have been of unique value to a new school. Even this fails to convey the essential humanity, kindness and humility of the man. He was for many years Chairman of the Chigwell Urban District Council and very shortly had hoped to complete his fiftieth year as a member of the County Council of which he had been Chairman and was an Alderman. We shall above all else remember him with gratitude as a gentleman with the strongest sense of service to the community and a fine exemplar of the spirit of the school motto.

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We are delighted to welcome to the Governing Body a second Old Buckwellian, John Redfern, who was a pupil from 1939 to 1944, a member of the second rich vintage, and a contemporary of Colin Bradley and Desmond Slade, the Secretary of the Old Bucks. On looking up his record card the Headmaster discovered what he thought of him in 1944 and found he had written two short words, 'sound, reliable', and all Old Bucks will agree that these two words epitomise his loyalty to the school since he left it. We hope that Mr. Redfern will be as long associated with his old school as one of its Governors, as he must be as one of its former pupils.

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The school was stunned and deeply shocked by the tragic death of William Paul Anthony Keens, of the Lower VI Science, on the morning of the 9th March, in Wanstead Hospital. He died without regaining consciousness a few hours after a collision between his scooter and a delivery van in Chigwell Rise. At Assembly the next morning the Headmaster spoke of him as an intelligent,

diligent, scrupulous and devoted boy who had already shown himself a very good friend to many. The Head Prefect took as the morning reading the following lines of Ben Jonson:—

“It is not growing like a tree
In bulk doth make man better be;
Or standing long an oak three hundred year
To fall a log at last, dry, bald and sere.
A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May;
Although it droop and fall that night,
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see
And in short measures life may perfect be.”

Many members of the Sixth Form were present at the funeral service at Chigwell Church and wreaths were sent by the School and the Parents' Association.

One's first instinct on hearing tragic news is to seek to do anything to relieve another's anguish. When the shocking news of the assassination of President Kennedy was broken on November 25th a letter of sympathy was sent to the two American exchange teachers who had each spent a year with us, Mrs. Mary Herbert and Mr. Dean Stout. We were grateful to have a letter from Mrs. Herbert who, owing to sickness, had heard and seen the television news in hospital. In thanking us for our letter of sympathy she was most appreciative and sent her best wishes to all at Buckhurst Hill. We have not been surprised not to have heard from Dean Stout who, we last heard of, was teaching in Uganda whither we sent our letter.

We were proud to read in the local press that two of our former pupils were amongst the first to steer their respective craft to the rescue of the S.S. Lakonia on fire in the Atlantic. Captain E. J. Kempton (45-51), captain of the S.S. Montcalm, was able to manoeuvre his ship and rescue 277 passengers. Lieut. Comdr. John Parry, R.N., (41-48) was the first to land on the burning deck of the Lakonia by helicopter from H.M. Aircraft Carrier Centaur. How surprised these men would have been to learn that two contemporary Old Bucks were joined in so dramatic and distinctive an act of life saving.

With the completion of the four Sixth Form Division rooms for September we are not likely to receive any further bountiful gifts from the Essex Education Committee for years to come. They will very greatly ease the spatial pressures of our rapidly expanding Sixth Form by providing four teaching spaces for a total of eighty boys; sliding doors between the two rooms on each floor will give useful accommodation for forty or fifty boys in a

single session. What Sixth Forms really need is a Senior Common Room in which the desperately hard-working Sixth Former may relax. At least one Grammar school in Essex has provided by its own insight and from its own resources what is a necessity and not a luxury.

When he leaves at the end of the term to train for the Ministry of the Church of England Mr. North will have completed fifteen years of service to the school. A man of Yorkshire, Mr. North had some varied five years of war service, first on the Personnel Selection Staff, then after six months' intensive training course in Rumanian at the School of Slavonic Studies, he took a counter-Intelligence course at the School of Military Intelligence enabling him to be transferred to the Intelligence Corps in which he served in North Africa and Italy. Before coming to Buckhurst Hill, Mr. North taught at Southport, Ilford and Highbury. He has taught French at all levels and not many boys could have had a more kindly, sympathetic and patient teacher, nor could any Headmaster a more willing and courteous colleague. Our best wishes go with Mr. North on his change of direction.

We said good-bye to Mr. Brian Martell last December on his resignation to teach, with his wife, at the Kangaru School at Embu, Kenya. He has written to us about his experiences and of the desperate need for teachers. We admire him for his decision to lend a hand in Africa, and we know that his kindness, sympathy and teaching skill will find infinite scope and yield invaluable return in this one of many regions of Africa hungry for learning and light. We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Nivison, one of our student teachers this year, on going to teach in Nigeria.

The school, involuntarily but happily in the event, made a new venture in time of peace with the appointment to the permanent Staff of Miss Beryl Blomfield to teach Mathematics. After gaining an Open Scholarship in Mathematics to St. Hugh's College, Oxford, from Loughton High School, she proceeded to teach at Roedean, Christ's Hospital School for Girls and at the Essex and Herts Girls' School. She will have completed five years with us before taking up a post at her old school, a fact that will to some extent assuage the sense of loss in the hearts and minds of all who taught with or were taught by her. Blessed by nature with a very strict sense of duty, a sturdy poise and good humour, Miss Blomfield was also endowed with a keen and tenacious mind and a total willingness to give all she can to as many as possible. Even her modesty can no longer be proof against her fear, and hers alone, that she has not pulled her weight in a boys' school. This kind of co-education has found very great favour at Buckhurst Hill both inside and out of the Staff Room, where to have been

taught by Beryl Blomfield has conferred a distinction and named an era.

The end of this term marks the departure of Mr. Tomlinson after an all too brief stay of four years. During that time he has taught both Geography and Mathematics with a vigorous, forthright approach that has stirred the lethargic, encouraged the pedestrian and challenged the pace-makers to give of their best. Outside the classroom, he has organised the School's National Savings, re-introduced the showing of geographical films and played a prominent part in the annual field courses. Mr. Tomlinson has earned the respect of colleagues and boys who join in extending to him sincerest good wishes for further success in his appointment as Senior Geography Master at Blackdown School, Leamington.

Mr. Raymond Palmer will be leaving us at the end of this Summer Term to become Senior Chemistry Master at Grays Technical School. During the course of the past four years we have all come to have a very warm personal regard for him as well as an appreciation of the interest he has shown in all that goes on in school. Apart from his work in the class-room Mr. Palmer will be remembered for his enthusiasm on the sports field, and in particular by those boys who have played in the Under 14 Football XI. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Palmer has come to identify himself with the life and well-being of the school, and we are sorry he has to go. At the same time we may hope that the experience he has gained here will stand him in good stead in his future career, and that he and his wife will be happy and successful in all their future endeavours.

To fill the vacancies made by the above resignations we have been able to appoint and are glad to welcome the following:

Mr. K. O. Morris, B.A., University of Wales, to teach Mathematics.

Mr. J. A. Robins, B.A., Queen Mary College, London, to teach French.

Mr. D. R. Birch, B.A., Leeds University, to teach Geography.

Mr. J. Lakeman, B.Sc., Queen Mary College, London, to teach Chemistry.

We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to appoint additional members of Staff in **Mr. M. J. Ellis**, B.Sc.Econ., London School of Economics and Political Science, to assist with Economics and History and **Mr. A. J. Bartlett**, B.Sc., King's College, London, to teach Botany and Zoology.

We were very pleased to welcome **Mr. A. L. Beckingham** when he came to us in January to join the Staff in place of **Mr. Martell**.

Our thanks are due to **Mr. A. Rodgers** for filling so admirably a sudden vacancy in the French Department from March to July. We are pleased to congratulate:—

J. R. Ringrose (43-50), for being our first former pupil to achieve Professorial status on his appointment to the second Chair of Pure Mathematics at Newcastle University.

Duke Maskell (50-58), on his appointment as Lecturer in English at the University of Western Ontario.

N. Wilkins (48-55), on his appointment as Lecturer in French at the University of St. Andrew's.

M. F. Hawker (43-49), for obtaining a first class Honours Diploma of Technology in Mechanical Engineering.

M. P. Hammond (56-63), for being the first boy in the school to gain a pass at G.C.E. 'O' level in Russian.

M. H. Maple (53-61) of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, for obtaining Honours in Part III of the Mathematics Tripos.

P. R. G. Aston (56-63), for being awarded a World Sports Plaque for the best performance in the 17-19 age group when establishing a record in Throwing the Hammer of 200 ft. 6½ in. in the A.A.A. Junior Championships; for winning a National Schools' Championship, and for representing Birmingham University versus Cambridge University in this event.

J. Myers (56-63), for winning the Triple Jump in the National Schools' Championships, 1963, for establishing a new A.A.A. Junior Record in this event and for achieving his best jump of 49 ft. when representing Essex versus the Army.

D. J. Cox & C. J. E. Jones (57-64), for being offered provisional places in the first entry at the University of Essex, 1964.

J. A. Johnson (50-57), on his appointment as Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of East Anglia as from October, 1964.

P. Robjant (53-61), of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Part II of the English Tripos.

DONATIONS 1963/64

	£	s.	d.
Alexandra Rose Day	...	...	...
Poppy Day Appeal	...	...	...
National Children's Homes	...	...	...
War on Want	...	...	...
Oxfam	...	...	...
British Empire Cancer Research	...	...	...
	114	0	0
	115	0	0
	35	0	0
	35	0	0

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

The Committee decided to raise the yearly subscription from 6/- to 12/- from the Spring Term of this year as it has become increasingly difficult to meet the growing demands on the Fund. This is not, in fact, a 100% increase, as no separate charge is now made for "The Roding." We are very grateful to boys and

parents for responding so well to this appeal, for, without the help of this fund, the sporting, cultural and intellectual life of the school would be markedly impoverished.

R.M.

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1962-3

The Headmaster gave an informal report on the School Year 1962-3 at the A.G.M. of the Parents' Association on October 31st. He mentioned his reasons for giving up Speech Day—it was too much like a shop window and too repetitive. Examination results: 76% of our 130 candidates at Ordinary Level had obtained 5 or more passes, 40% 8 or more. Advanced Level results for our 53 candidates were less good but 21 passed in 3 subjects. The new 'clearing house system' for university entrance had worked pretty well; perhaps 2 of our candidates had been unfairly rejected. Boys would obviously have to include CATs and Technical Colleges in their future applications. The new Lower Sixth was of record size (78) and presented serious staffing problems. 'Minority studies' and 'general culture' in the Sixth Form were also referred to. School games, societies and activities continued to flourish, the athletic feats of Aston and Myers being most spectacular. Looking back over 25 years, he gave thanks for being able to start a school like this one and admitted to some degree of satisfaction; there still remained, however, in his opinion, a vast gap between actual achievement and human potential.

Dr. J. S. Pippard, Chairman of the Governing Body, informally presented prizes on Wednesday, December 18th, the penultimate day of the Autumn Term.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

IX: I. Moss	IY: A. Haine	IZ: J. Sutton
IIA: L. J. Huke	IIX R. J. Wheatley	IYY: P. J. Gill
IIIA: T. J. Taylor	IIIX: B. H. Smith	IIYY: J. H. Mason
IVA: M. J. Pippard	IVB: M. P. Hancock	IVC: D. D. Faulkner

Art—Middle: S. M. Jones; Junior: C. W. Davison.

Gym—Senior: D. A. Nicholas; Junior: A. C. Pippard.

Verse Speaking—Senior: P. M. Weaver; Middle: W. A. S. Kennedy;
Junior: R. J. Palmer.

Music—P. M. Weaver.

Woodwork—Third Year: I. Strugnell; Second Year: H. J. Rootkin.

The Headmaster's Prize—"for the finest speaking of the year": P. M. Weaver.

The C. J. Bradley Prize for English Composition—A. J. Hamilton.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education, Cambridge

"Ordinary" Level

English Language: R. J. Brazier
English Literature: C. S. Rowland
Bible Knowledge: D. J. G. Burrows
Latin: J. M. Morris
French: P. S. Lewis
German: A. R. Mumby
History: C. G. Batey
Geography: C. W. Vose
Mathematics: W. P. A. Keens
Physics: S. C. M. Wright
Chemistry: P. S. Lewis
Biology: P. S. Lewis
General Science: C. G. Batey
Art: P. S. Lewis
Woodwork: C. S. Rowland
Music: C. S. Rowland

"Advanced" Level

English Literature: J. R. Roberts
French Language and Literature:
G. C. Waite
Latin: B. G. Cossey
German: B. K. Nickels
History: P. M. Weaver
Geography: D. E. Andrews
Economics: A. E. Banks
Music: B. J. Mountford
Pure Mathematics: R. J. Sansom
Applied Mathematics: R. J. Sansom
Physics: N. D. Cumbers
Chemistry: R. J. Mynott
Zoology: J. D. Dow

Prize awarded by the Parents' Association
for the best results at "Ordinary" Level
P. S. LEWIS

The Old Buckwellians' Cricket Bat
awarded to the most improved Cricketer of the year
K. F. GRANT

The Old Buckwellians' Hockey Stick
awarded to the most improved Hockey player of the year
J. R. ROBERTS

The "John Sargent" Cup presented by
Col. Sir STUART MALLINSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P.
"for the finest sportsman of the year"
K. F. GRANT

The "Mallinson" Cup
"to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"
P. R. G. ASTON

The "T. H. Knight Memorial" Prize, presented by the Staff
A. E. BANKS

The Head Prefect's Prize, presented by the Governing Body
K. W. W. HURLEY

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1962/63)
FOREST HOUSE

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE, 1963

“ Ordinary ” Level:—

Adams, J. C.	(3)	Gevaux, T. A.	(3)
Andrews, J. C.	(2)	Gibbins, R. W.	(8)
Atkins, T. E.	(8)	Glasscock, I. W.	(7)
Austin, P. M.	(9)	Glasscock, M. J.	(9)
Baker, M. C.	(9)	Goddard, P. J.	(9)
Barrett, G. P.	(9)	Goody, K. R.	(8)
Batey, C. G.	(8)	Gorham, M. E.	(10)
Bernard, J. C.	(6)	Gower, J. E.	(10)
Berry, K. P.	(7)	Grey, D. M.	(8)
Bishop, R.	(3)	Gross, A. W.	(8)
Blyth, G. C.	(8)	Gullen, J. R.	(1)
Bonning, R. S.	(6)	Gyngell-High, C. R.	(5)
Boyman, M. B.	(5)	Hamilton, A. J.	(6)
Brazier, R. J.	(6)	Hannah, G. S.	(7)
Brett, N. J.	(7)	Higginson, M. P.	(7)
Bull, R. A.	(6)	Hobbs, B. D.	(6)
Burgess, D. R.	(5)	Humphrey, T. J.	(5)
Burrows, D. J. G.	(9)	Hyam, P. J.	(4)
Butler, R. J. D.	(8)	Impey, I. R.	(7)
Byde, G.	(5)	Ingles, T. A.	(3)
Campbell, G.	(9)	Iszatt, G. M.	(7)
Coomber, I. G.	(8)	Jackson, B. I.	(10)
Cox, M. D.	(7)	Johnson, P. E.	(10)
Crabb, R.	(10)	Jones, C. T. M.	(8)
Crawford, M. J. M.	(7)	Jones, M. J.	(9)
Dane, J.	(10)	Keens, W. P. A.	(8)
Davis, R. A.	(7)	Koller, R. G.	(7)
Deith, J. H.	(3)	Lacey, G. J.	(7)
Dixon, R. P.	(1)	Lewis, P. S.	(10)
Donno, A. E.	(3)	Lilley, T. M. F.	(5)
Dukes, P.	(8)	Lyon, P. H.	(3)
Fenton, D.	(8)	Maker, P. M.	(9)
Fergusson, R. J.	(5)	Mann, G. W.	(1)
Forbes, G. H.	(4)	Marshallsay, B.	(5)
Foxen, S. J.	(5)	Martin, A. G.	(4)
Fullman, A. J.	(5)	McKinley, I. D. P.	(9)
Gammon, R. J.	(1)	Millard, D. F. J.	(5)
Mitchell, G. D.	(3)	Prout, G. K.	(6)
Moir, A. D.	(5)	Reeves, D. A.	(10)
Morgan, D. J.	(3)	Rice, A. A.	(5)
Morris, J. M.	(9)	Ricketts, P. J.	(7)
Morrison, P. J.	(9)	Roach, W. J. A.	(4)
Mumby, A. R.	(8)	Robson, R. T.	(7)
Mustill, P. L.	(6)	Rodger, S.	(8)
Mutch, A. G.	(9)	Rogers, C. C. S.	(2)
Neville, R. D.	(3)	Rowland, C. S.	(9)
Newberry, S.	(10)	Rowsell, C. N.	(6)
Page, G. P. R.	(7)	Sachon, D. A.	(2)
Pagett, D. J.	(4)	Schofield, P. K.	(7)
Patient, R. A.	(4)	Shadrack, M. J.	(4)
Payne, C. J.	(4)	Sharp, R.	(6)
Phillipps, J.	(8)	Sherborne, R. K.	(6)
Phillips, P. J.	(8)	Smith, H. L. S.	(3)
Poole, D. A.	(6)	Smith, R. F.	(4)
Price, B.	(8)	Snell, G. H.	(8)
		Spinks, M. R.	(4)
		Spooner, H. F.	(7)
		Stephenson, M. J.	(5)
		Street, C. G.	(8)
		Sykes, G. M.	(6)
		Tapper, G. F.	(7)
		Thomas, R. M.	(5)
		Thorogood, P. V.	(8)
		Vose, C. W.	(9)
		Whaley, K. J.	(7)
		Wood, L. G.	(6)
		Wood, P. F.	(9)
		Woodfine, C. J.	(8)
		Woodstock, J. H.	(9)
		Woodward, D. R.	(3)
		Worley, R. T. S.	(6)
		Wright, S. C. M.	(10)
		Wynn, B.	(9)

Additional passes were also obtained by:—

Banks, A. E.	(1)	Hammond, M. P.	(1)	Mynott, R. J.	(1)
Fowle, A.	(2)	House, P. W.	(1)	Turner, H. W.	(3)
Frizelle, M. N.	(1)	Mannakee, C. A.	(2)		
Goodwin, R. C.	(1)	Morden, A. R.	(1)		

Number in parentheses indicates number of subject passes.

“ Advanced ” Level:—

ARTS:

Andrews, D. E.*	B.K., G., Ec.	Kusel, B.*	H., G. (Dist.), Ec.
Banks, A. E.*	H., G., Ec.	Logan, M. S.*	F., Ge.
Blythe, D. J.	G., Ec.	Mountford, B. W.*	E., B.K., Mu.
Chambers, P. R.*	H., G.	Nicholls, A. M.*	E., L., F.
Cossey, B. G.*	G., L., F.	Nickels, B. K.*	L., F., Ge. (Dist.)
Grant, K. F.*	H., G., Ec.	Pinker, M. J.	E., Ec.
Hammond, M. P.*	E., L., Ge.	Roberts, J. R.*	E.(Dist.), H., Ec.
Holmes, D. A.*	F., Ge.	Sweet, P. A.*	E., H.
Horsnell, M. J. H.	E., H.	Toms, C.*	E.
House, P. W.*	G., Ec.	Waite, G. C.*	F.
Hyam, S. J.*	Ec.	Weaver, P. M.*	E., H. (Dist.), Mu.
Jobson, I.*		White, B. G.,	Ec.

SCIENCE:

Aston, P. R. G.*	P., C.	Hurley, K. W. W.*	Ec., F., P.M.
Bardrick, I. D.	C.	Jones, H. M.*	Ec.
Bishop, D.*	P.M., A.M., P.	Lyon, G. T. S.*	Z.
Cripps, H. J.*	P., C.	Mockridge, F. J.	A.M., M., P.
Cross, D. J.*	P., A.	Myers, J.*	P., C., Z.
Cumbers, N. D.*	P.M., P., C.	Mynott, R. J.*†	P.M., P., C. (Dist.)
Dow, J.*	C., Z. (Dist.)	Palmer, C. J. F.*	
Duffield-Harding, C. P.*	P., C., Z.	Sansom, R. J.*	Ec., P.M., A.M.
Ellington, P. W. P.,	C.	Thomas, R. M.*	P.M., P., C.,
Hales, C. C.	A.M., M., P.	Trott, V. W. C.,	Z.
Harding, J. A.	M.	Watts, R. F.*	P.M., A.M., P.

* Pass in Use of English. † Pass in General Paper.

B.K. = Bible Knowledge. Dist. = Distinction in Special Paper.
 G. = Geography. Ec. = Economics. H. = History. L. = Latin.
 F. = French. E. = English. Ge. = German. Mu. = Music. P. = Physics.
 C. = Chemistry. P.M. = Pure Maths. A.M. = Applied Maths. A. = Art.
 Z. = Zoology. M. = Mathematics.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

P. N. Lammas Exhibition in History, Trinity College, Cambridge.
 J. R. Roberts Open Scholarship in English, Leicester University.

County Major Scholarship

A. E. Banks	J. Myers	R. J. Sansom
R. C. Goodwin	R. J. Mynott	P. M. Weaver
B. W. Mountford	J. R. Roberts	

County Major Exhibitions

P. R. G. Aston	K. F. Grant	A. M. Nicholls
D. Bishop	C. C. Hales	B. K. Nickels
P. R. Chambers	M. P. Hammond	C. Robertson
B. G. Cossey	D. A. Holmes	P. A. Sweet
H. J. Cripps	K. W. W. Hurley	R. M. Thomas
N. D. Cumbers	B. Kusel	G. C. Waite
C. P. Duffield-Harding	M. S. Logan	R. F. Watts
P. W. Ellington	F. J. Mockridge	
M. N. Frizelle	D. A. Nelson	

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Ablett, D. A. 1954-59 Certificate in Agriculture (Distinction), Essex Institute of Agriculture.
 Brasier, C. M. 1954-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Bot.), Class II, Hull.
 Brill, M. J. 1951-58 B.D.S. (Lond.), L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.), London Hospital Medical College.
 Bull, J. M. 1952-59 B.A. (Modern Languages), Pass, Reading.
 Burr, R. W. 1953-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Chem.), Class II, Exeter.
 Chowns, T. M. 1953-60 B.Sc., (Hons. Geology), Class II, Leicester.
 Dowsett, J. R. 1952-59 B.Sc. (Hons. Agricultural Chemistry), Class II, Nottingham.
 Freeman, T. J. 1949-55 L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.), Guys Hospital Medical School.
 Frost, M. E. 1950-57 B.Sc. (Hons. Economics), Class II, Southampton.
 Hamshere, J. D. 1953-60 B.A. (Hons. Geog.), Class II, Birmingham.
 Harrow, T. A. 1953-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Chem.), Class II, Exeter.
 Hawker, J. F. 1952-60 B.Sc. (Pure Science), Mathematics, Pass, Birmingham.
 Hayden, J. 1951-59 B.A. (Modern and Mediaeval Languages Tripos, Part II), Class II, Cambridge.
 Jones, R. 1956-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Econ.), Class II, Hull.
 Lawrence, P. W. 1953-60 B.Sc. (Spec. Hons. Physics), Class II, Hull.
 Leveridge, P. W. 1952-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Civil Eng.), Class I, Bristol.
 Murrell, J. D. 1953-60 B.Sc. (Hons. Chem.), Class II, Exeter.
 Owen, A. 1949-56 L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.), Guys Hospital Medical School.
 Robjant, P. 1953-61 B.A. (Eng. Tripos Part I), Class II, Cambridge.
 Shephard, D. E. 1952-59 B.Sc. (Agriculture), Pass, Nottingham.

OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1963, or not previously reported)

Aston P. R. G.	1956-63	Birmingham University.
Banks, A. E.	1956-63	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Cumbers, N. D.	1956-63	Manchester University.
Frizelle, M. N.	1955-63	University College, Oxford.
Goodwin, R. C.	1955-63	St. John's College, Oxford.
Kusel, B.	1956-63	Leeds University.
Lammas, P. N.	1955-62	Trinity College, Cambridge.
Logan, M. S.	1956-63	Hull University.
Lovell, K. M. B.	1955-62	King's College, London.
Mockridge, F. J.	1956-63	Northampton College of Advanced Technology, London.
Mountford, B. W.	1956-63	Durham University.
Myers, J.	1956-63	St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.
Nelson, D. A.	1955-61	Kingston Technical College.
Nicholls, A. M.	1956-63	Southampton University.
Nickels, B. K.	1960-63	Birmingham University.
Roberts, J. R.	1956-63	Leicester University.
Rouse, I. M.	1954-61	Northampton College of Advanced Technology, London.
Sansom, R. J.	1956-63	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Stephens, B. P. R.	1951-58	West Ham College of Technology.
Sweet, P. A.	1960-63	Nottingham University.
Thomas, R. M.	1956-63	Birmingham University.
Waite, G. C.	1956-63	Woolwich Polytechnic.
Watts, R. F.	1956-63	Nottingham University.
Weaver, P. M.	1958-63	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Wickens, A. J.	1957-59	Chelsea College of Science and Technology.

UNIVERSITY LETTER

Trinity College,
 Cambridge.
 April, 1964.

Dear Sir,

As they slowly recover from the shock inflicted by the Robbins Report the two ancient universities find their positions more vulnerable than ever. In many respects Cambridge remains the home of causes abandoned long ago by Oxford. The most conservative elements fear that the Report—especially in the Age of Technocracy envisaged by Harold Wilson—might be used to justify a Beeching-like test of utility which would find the University inadequate for the demands of the new era. Public manifestations of the controversy have already been numerous and in some aspects exhaustive—Richard Crossman's debate with the Master of Downing College in the correspondence column of "The Observer" being just one of the many interesting contributions. From the "inside" the issues become more personal, the emotional appeal more compelling. Opinion is too often influenced by the

isolated example of injustice or inefficiency, so that those who are most immediately involved become incapable of rational disinterested judgment.

My impressions form just such a hybrid mixture. The novels of Kingsley Amis, and C. P. Snow's Cambridge mythology have been largely responsible for the popular image of college life: the mental picture of a group of grey-haired, port-drinking Fellows conspiring to defeat the lone radical heretic in their midst is often held even by people who have never read "The Affair." But though he can discern the elements of truth in such pictures the undergraduate may have no more real knowledge of the inner workings of College hierarchies than the layman. The ritual, the mediaeval pageantry, what Anthony Sampson described as "the eccentric muddle" of College life remains a mystery to the student, a mystery he can scarcely hope to solve in nine eight-week terms of residence. The solemn processions that thread their way through the town centre for no visible motive attract more awed attention from undergraduates than from the townsfolk, who over many years have learnt to live with the University, smiling tolerantly on its eccentricities and welcoming the prestige and business it provides.

The student may be most sharply made aware of what one handbook calls his "monastic and semi-feudal existence" by comparing his way of life with that of his contemporaries in the town. The youth of Cambridge differs little from youth in general and only a recluse or a member of the "top 5%," who spend their time commuting between parties in Cambridge and parties in Belgravia, can avoid any contact with the town's young people. A special and delicate relationship exists between town and gown. Although the days of pitched battles in the street seem to have ended with the disappearance of the Teddy Boy cult, memories in the town are long: the Market Square remains out of bounds for undergraduates on November 5th; the scene of so many gang-like struggles in the past is now patrolled by police reinforcements from the surrounding countryside armed with walkie-talkie radios. Trouble seems most likely when the town feels its private preserves being encroached upon by the undergraduates. There is less danger of friction when—as on Poppy Day—townsfolk can participate freely in University activities. But when the inhabitants are prohibited—by cost or by tradition—from events like the May Balls, they naturally resent being expected to share the town's amenities with privileged undergraduates. Critics of public schools accuse them of fostering class consciousness. Certainly for many public school boys Cambridge affords the first opportunity to mix freely with others less wealthy than they: grammar school boys in College, townspeople in social life. Few of them will share the new attitudes they encounter, but they must at least acknowledge their existence and respect them. For in Cambridge it is the under-

graduate who is the outsider: if he is regarded as a haughty intruder in the town he will have failed to learn one of the University's most valuable lessons about life.

Yours sincerely,

P. NICHOLAS LAMMAS (1955-62).

TEACHING IN KENYA

An extract from Mr. Martell's letter to the Staff, 1964

" . . . I am finding that teaching African boys is quite different in many ways. It is far more exhausting but more exhilarating. I find that all I have been told about their willingness to learn is quite true. We begin school at the unearthly hour of 7.45 a.m. and, when I go across, many of them are studying in the classrooms. Disciplinary problems in class just don't exist; every boy I have met so far is inclined to work far too hard. One of our biggest problems is to stop them reading under the blankets by torchlight after the main lights are switched off. They have very firm ideas on educational methods — progressive ideas are out as far as they are concerned. Give them an exercise book of notes to learn and they are happy. They ask questions by the score but seem unable to discuss any topic at any but a superficial level, and seem to always take the line that the teacher can't be wrong. It is very flattering, but can be very frustrating !

" On the whole they are much older than schoolboys in England. At the pre-Uhuru elections many of the third formers went home to vote, and some of the Sixth are 26 or 27. It has not been unknown to have ' boys ' with a wife or even wives and children. . . . "

A LABOUR MANIFESTO

Amateurs at heart, the Tories of the 1960s are afraid of change; they are afraid of centralisation, afraid of efficiency, afraid of the voters, afraid of you. They claim that their government is part of the natural order of things.

Today, when Russia and America are reducing their defence budgets, why should the Tories be allowed to set Britain's at a record level? Can Britain morally and economically afford to lavish money upon Polaris, cancelled missile projects like Blue Streak, or wildly underestimated projects like Sea Slug? It was these same Tory " patriots " who, in 1962, attempted to ditch the Commonwealth and enter the previously spurned Common Market.

Labour defence policy has certain clear, main objectives— a single Western nuclear centre, the prevention of the spread of

nuclear weapons, especially to Germany, and the reversal of the Tory policy of coolness towards the U.N. When he is himself in possession of nuclear arms it is hardly possible for Sir Alec Douglas-Home to reprove Nasser or Mao-Tse-Tung for simply following the trail blazed by Britain and then France. Logically, Britain should give a strong lead by not renewing her present nuclear arms when they become obsolete and by concentrating her resources on the conventional but vital "bush-fire" force. Labour policy runs parallel to that of the U.S.A. in its main essentials and would provide Britain with a reduced defence expenditure, a stronger Atlantic Alliance and a position of sanity in international politics.

The old myth of Tory business efficiency is again being propagated. In the last decade and a half, British industry and wages have grown at one quarter of the rate of our German and Japanese rivals! We have been treated to 13 years of boom-recession oscillations—doubled building and quadrupled land costs—and chronic education and hospital shortages.

Our economy, potentially a world-beater, is grossly unbalanced at present. Profits and dividends run on unchecked while wages are stringently restricted. The machinery of NICKY and NEDDY must be adapted to apply to all incomes. Nationalisation is an integral part of Labour policy. Even under the Tories, coal, gas, electricity and now even water are modern and flourishing industries—our vast nuclear power projects would never have been possible without the stimulus of nationalisation. Steel and urban building land are the logical next steps, the latter, along with rent control, being especially vital to control crazily rocketing land prices.

Labour social and economic policy is based upon a fairer distribution of wealth. It alone includes a complete revision of the anomalies of law and taxes, the setting up of the machinery for further running-reforms and provides the means—a comprehensive education system—to produce Sir Alec's "society of opportunity."

In 1964, a united Labour Party with its fresh policies is the only remedy for a stagnant Britain under a stagnant government.

J. M. MORRIS, Lower VI Arts.

A CONSERVATIVE'S CASE

At the General Election the only criterion on which the electors should base their choice should be the ability of the rival Parties to keep Britain prosperous and progressive at home and in a position to exert her full influence for good abroad. The

Conservative Party submits that it alone can fully meet this criterion.

During thirteen years the Conservatives have produced an amazing economic amelioration; a standard of living and a general prosperity have been attained which nobody in 1951 could have thought possible. Exports break records monthly; all incomes have kept well ahead of price rises, and business and industrial confidence is high.

The Conservatives, moreover, have used this new wealth unselfishly and wisely: they have provided on average ten new schools a week since 1951; a university population increased by half; nineteen major new hospitals and three-and-a-half million new homes. Provision for the aged and overseas aid have vastly increased. Through the social services, therefore, the Government is building a modern Britain fit for tomorrow's citizens.

Yet one cataclysmic disaster would ruin all this: a Labour Government and more outdated nationalisation. The Socialists have repeated that they would confiscate just whatever they thought fit. Yet all the achievements of the last thirteen years, unprecedented in British history, have been the result of free, individual enterprise, not of State direction and regimentation. Why let Labour dogma ruin our chances of even greater prosperity?

There again, the Socialists' defence policy would rob us of the ultimate independent means of defence and of our vital influence on the supreme nuclear councils of the world. To claim that it would have a mysterious effect on world disarmament, or on the intentions of France, or China, or Egypt, is utter nonsense.

On the other hand, the Conservative Government has the chance in world affairs to follow up the Test-Ban Treaty with a Prime Minister immensely experienced and competent in international relations, fully supported by the equally experienced, intuitive and realistic Mr. Butler. Conservatives submit that this team is better qualified than any alternative Labour could offer—indeed, without Mr. Wilson the Labour Party would be nothing.

At home, the Conservatives have exciting and imaginative plans for the widespread modernisation of Britain. They know what they want and—what Labour never succeeds in telling us—how they can pay for it. We have the chance to move nearer that free, vigorous, tolerant society, with expanding opportunities for all to lead useful and rewarding lives—in short, the Good Life—which is the aim of the Conservative Party. We must not throw our chances away: let us reject the novelty of Socialism and support the Conservatives for peace, progress and prosperity.

R. J. BRAZIER, Lower VI Arts.

YOUTH '64

Clacton—Easter, 1964; “purple-hearts” sold illegally and consumed in alarming quantities. At present these are some of the criteria by which the younger generation is being judged. Yet many do not deserve it. And is it right that whilst some are punished for their misdeeds, others are merely warned since what they do is put down to wildness or light-headedness?

But is youth today necessarily far worse than it was, for example, just immediately post-war? It is for the psychologists and committees to judge, but perhaps methods of crime detection have improved so much that more is brought to light than before. Unfortunately crime, in general, is on the increase, although it is difficult to say why, especially with low unemployment and our high standard of living.

Juvenile delinquency, however, is a much more difficult problem to deal with. More clubs and facilities are needed to occupy leisure time, whilst far deeper research and understanding of the problems of the younger generation must be reached before juvenile delinquency can effectively be decreased.

Before this happens, the problem must be attacked at base—in school. There must be revision of ideas about the value of Religious Instruction, as such, over discussion lessons dealing with current questions on crime and morals. This, one would hope, may make some young people think about what they do and try to improve, rather than just accept what they find, especially among their compatriots.

Thus, if both the young and those who are appointed to look after them co-operate and are given a chance to express their own particular ideas, one day Clacton and the “purple heart” era will be left to the historians. Let us hope it will be soon.

A. R. MORDEN, Upper VI Arts.

AN ENGLISHMAN IN PICARDY

The most striking feature of the Cité Scolaire of Amiens, which lies on the south side of the town, is its size. This is such that there was not sufficient building space available in the town itself when the National Education authorities decided in 1954 to build a new grammar school. It was agreed that the proposed school should be quite new in conception and take on an experimental nature. The result in red brick and hewn stone is a co-educational lycée covering one square kilometre, with 3,500 pupils, 1,000 of whom are boarders.

The size of the school naturally makes for economies in the provision of expensive teaching facilities, like laboratories, gymnasium, a swimming pool, television, a theatre, etc., but this mass-production aspect of the school has led some members of staff to liken it, not too unfairly, to a factory. This is particularly evident when one realises that the children come to school to be formally educated and for little else. There are very few after-school societies, no school houses and their attendant competition, no school magazine and few inter-school sporting activities. There are redeeming features however, including a thriving Parents' Association, and, for the material benefit of both pupils and staff, the penetration of the well-known high standard of French cuisine as far as school meals, which have all so far been not merely eatable but positively delicious!

The past year, spent partly in Lyon and partly in Amiens, has revealed to me many interesting and surprising facets of the character and outlook of the French, both as individuals and as a nation. Indeed, the blurring effect of a twenty-mile stretch of water is quite astonishing. The British image of the amorous young Frenchman who, in a rush-hour crowd in the Métro, is not above giving an attractive mademoiselle a playful pinch, is not altogether wrong, however, since it is the openness and lack of shyness of the French which give them a refreshing intellectual clarity, stemming from their lack of inhibition to express their true and deep-felt opinions. I have met very few hypocrites in France. Thus everyone seems to have his own theoretical, and I stress theoretical, conception of the ideal world, based on his own individual outlook. This gives rise to a doctrinal bias in French politics, and an accompanying lack of practicality. The result is the great number of parties in the National Assembly, the refusal or reluctance of each to contribute positively to a working coalition, and the succession of short-lived governments which we saw under the Fourth Republic. In this respect General de Gaulle has some notable achievements to his credit, particularly those of stabilising the internal politics of France and ending the useless bloodshed in Algeria. I think de Gaulle's image in Britain has been rather too much maligned by the recent refusal to see quite eye-to-eye with the U.S.A. and the U.K. on certain points, and far too little is heard of the success of the Franco-German treaty.

The layout of a French town is a good guide to the different ways in which Englishmen and Frenchmen look upon their homes. In Britain, the philosophy of ‘An Englishman's home is his castle’ has led to the encroachment on the countryside by sprawling estates of detached houses each with its small garden. French people, on the contrary, live in blocks of flats, all of about five storeys, which keeps towns compact and tidy. Amiens is not much larger in area than Epping, but has a population of 110,000. (Due to the absence of lifts in these flats, one's social standing is in-

versely proportional to the number of the storey you live on; 'The Jones' live on the ground floor.)

In many respects, however, particularly here in Picardy, the French show many characteristics which are usually considered to be the preserve of the British. One of these is their initial coldness and forced politeness towards foreigners. I noticed this when I first arrived, but since I have got to know some people here, I have discovered a hidden warmth and companionship, which is far more sincere and lasting than the spontaneous friendship of, for example, an Italian, which can easily turn to disillusion and dislike.

A year in France as an assistant is a most rewarding experience and well worth the while of anyone reading for a degree in French, or indeed, for anyone who can 'get by' in French and has a year to spare. It is valuable not simply from a language point of view, but as what is called 'general education.' One has the opportunity of studying from the inside as it were, the people who, after all, live just next-door. And a little too often, I feel, we tend to concern ourselves with far-away people and events and to remain ignorant of the country and people just across the Channel.

R. SPALL (1954-61).

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST"

This year the School Dramatic Society, in conjunction with Loughton County High School, presented, under Mr. Parker's direction, "The Importance of being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. The play ran for three evenings, one more than usual, and, judged by the enthusiasm of the audiences alone, was a remarkable success.

More than most others, this play must be judged as an entertainment. Its quality is very much a matter of surface brilliance and particularly of conversational wit and social style. Oscar Wilde is the genius of splendid and irreverent epigrams. And because Wilde is something of a showman, his characters are comic exaggerations and his story is full of preposterous crises, the total effect being a lively parody of the grim seriousness, the 'earnestness' of the earlier Victorians.

The production managed to capture just this sense of exaggerated style. Gill Anderton gave us a grotesquely flourishing Lady Bracknell and Eleonore Sindall had the right touch of delicate, overshadowed charm as her long-suffering daughter, Gwendolen. Jackie Fowler as Cecily combined an appealing schoolgirl naivety with an instinctive feminine cunning. In the leading male parts, R. Byde as John and P. Lewis as Algernon, both looking extremely dandy, gave good accounts of themselves as elegant young men about town, manifestly unfitted for any of

the merely practical questions of life. Of the supporting cast, Marion Park had a specially difficult part but gave us a good impression of the pinched and self-denying governess Miss Prism and, perhaps, collective mention of W. Kennedy's ebullient Canon Chasuble, W. Martin's very upright Lane and P. Johnson's very decrepit Merriman, all well acted smaller parts, may serve as a tribute to the fine all-round standard of the production.

The lavish and elaborate quality of the sets, one of which was an attractive garden scene, combined with equally elaborate costumes to convey a vivid, overall impression that the excesses of Wilde's characters are squarely based on excesses of material wealth.

A.I.N.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PLAY 1963

The annual Christmas production—traditionally arranged in aid of the school Christmas Charity ('War on Want' on this occasion)—was a double bill again this year.

In the first half Mr. N. A. Beer and the Junior Dramatic Society fulfilled a long-standing ambition by offering a special adaptation of William Golding's novel "Lord of the Flies." The play, which demands an almost entirely schoolboy cast, proved perfectly matched to the society's talents and the production will be remembered for the verve of the acting, the vitality of the group ensembles, the convincing desert island setting and lighting effects provided by a keen new production team and some electrifying (electronic?) sound effects. The leading rôles were played with great conviction by D. H. Smith (Jack), G. T. Standing (Ralph) and M. P. Gasper (Piggy), whilst N. J. Palmer was narrator, but all who took part deserve congratulation (including the seniors R. S. Byde and A. R. Morden who made a startling entrance in the immaculate drill uniform of the Pacific station to tower over the rest of the cast in the final rescue scene). We left for the interval thoroughly entertained and pondering worriedly over the profound political implications of the novel which this production so successfully conveyed.

After the interval the School Chorus and Orchestra (augmented by some generous friends, relations and old boys) performed "The Gloria" by Vivaldi with two visiting soloists—Janet Cass (Soprano) and Margaret Green (Contralto), under the direction of Mr. J. Rippin. Those of us who knew of their devoted preparation over many weeks, involving breakfast-time rehearsals and a return to school on many evenings, were particularly able to appreciate the pleasure all the performers must have felt when their polished and vivacious performances were loudly acclaimed by the large audiences that came on both evenings.

B.H.

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert, held on June 5th, demonstrated most effectively the flourishing state of the school's music-making; Choir, Madrigal Group, Orchestra and Junior Orchestra delighted the audience in turn. From the well-balanced programme, Sullivan's overture, "The Yeoman of the Guard," emerged as an ambitious choice well justified by the performance. Songs from "Friday Afternoons"—notably "Cuckoo!" and "Old Adam Brown"—reminded us of the precocious genius of Benjamin Britten. Among the more esoteric, though equally successful, items were Ernest Toch's "Geographical Fugue," Matyas Seiber's "Three Nonsense Songs" and Mr. Ripplin's own arrangements of Haydn's "Three Pieces for Musical Clocks." Altogether a pleasantly memorable evening.

P.E.S.

"THE TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON"

July 1963

John Patrick's "Teahouse of the August Moon" might seem a very doubtful choice for a Sixth Form play, especially one to be produced in collaboration with Loughton High School. Much of the dialogue is tedious and there are few parts for the girls.

The story, set in the Far East at the end of the last war, was a very dated account of an American project to educate the natives of Okinawa in the principles of democracy. To the consternation of senior officials, the natives managed to turn the project into a course in whisky distilling, although this was all painfully improbable.

Despite the play's extremely crude characterisation, the actual production was surprisingly good. I. Bardrick, as Sakini the witty self-educated interpreter, was excellent. His part was long and difficult, but his performance was undoubtedly the live wire of the play. T. Nicholls was a brisk and practical Capt. Fisby; K. Hurley gave us a suitably tired and vexed Col. Purdy; A. Banks, as Capt. Maclean, conveyed a strong impression of solemn authority.

On the more light-hearted side, there was graceful dancing by Jo Park, and vigorous wrestling by M. Hall and D. Cross. The sets were bright and ingenious, while production managed a real-life goat and a very creditable jeep.

A lively evening, all considered, and the tribute finally goes to T. Nicholls, the producer.

The proceeds were in aid of The Freedom From Hunger Campaign.

A.I.N.

VERSE SPEAKING

This year has seen a healthy growth in verse-speaking, for the school entered the newly inaugurated Forest E.T.A. competition, held at Fairmead School last November, when both Kennedy and Hardman won first prizes and Palmer a second. We also entered two groups this year in the E.F.Y.M.A. festival held at Bancroft's in March; the first gave a programme of poems, prose extracts and drama on the theme "The Menace of the Sea," the second a repeated performance of the set of rhythmic poems with jazz accompaniment which we originally presented at last year's Summer Concert.

Finally, the School's verse-speaking competition was held on Tuesday, May 12th. The finalists in the Junior section, with the set poem "Ozymandias," by Shelley, were P. P. Sutton, Naldrett, Skuse, D. A. Smith, and Reay; in the Middle School section, with the set poem Ted Hughes' "Wind," Muston, Hardman, Bedwell and R. J. Palmer; and for the Senior section, whose set poem was Manley Hopkins' sonnet "No worst, there is none," Hannah, Kennedy and Byde. We are most grateful to Mrs. Leek for her helpful and apposite adjudication of a contest which often demanded shrewd discrimination. The winners were: Juniors—Skuse; Middle School—Hardman; Seniors—Byde. Our congratulations to these, and indeed to all the contestants for the high standard achieved and for the variety of the poems they chose themselves.

N.A.B.

LIBRARY NOTES

First of all, 1962-3 deserves a mention for the steady and methodical work of R. J. Mynott and C. Toms (and D. E. Andrews), whose accumulated knowledge and experience proved of such great value. Their work has been vigorously continued in 1963-4 by R. J. Cumber and M. L. Turner, who have directed the re-arrangement of the books in the Library in a more logical Dewey order and prepared catalogue cards for the ever-increasing number of books on permanent loan to us from the County.

The County Library Service supplements our own resources by providing new books, taking back old ones and keeping timeless volumes in good condition. Consequently, although our School Library may not be large by public library standards, it is well stocked in relation to its size. Naturally, much of our stock is chosen because it gives scope for further researches into subjects studied in school, but there are general sections which provide for all tastes: the Senior Fiction section, for example, combines

a nucleus of established classics with a representative selection of twentieth-century fiction. I trust that the completion of the new Sixth Form block will free the Library from its use as a mere classroom and so enable many more boys to find out for themselves how valuable the Library is as a place where information and enjoyment can be found.

Finally, our grateful thanks go to those who have expressed their appreciation of the School Library by contributing a leaving present: D. P. Conway (1957-62)—“Britannica Book of the year 1958 and 1959”; B. G. Boddington (1960-2)—“Sailing Alone Around the World”; P. N. Lammas (1955-62)—“Crossroads of Power”; D. F. B. Pearn (1955-62)—nine books, too numerous to list here; P. Wood (1957-62)—“The Great Hunger: Ireland 1845-9”; M. J. Hinchliff (1955-62)—“Latin America”; C. Cuff (1956-62)—“The Relief and Drainage of Wales”; C. Holst (1955-62)—“What the Human Race is Up To”; A. F. Hawker (1955-62)—“The Architecture of Matter”; N. F. Lockett (1955-62)—“Collected Plays of T. S. Eliot” and “Shakespeare’s Happy Comedies”; R. A. Newnham (1956-62)—“The Making of Man”; R. Tindle (1955-62)—“Four Prophets” and “Structure and Mechanism in Organic Chemistry”; P. R. Chambers (1956-63)—“Chartist Studies,” “A Social History of the French Revolution,” and “The Dreyfus Case”; A. E. Banks (1956-63)—“British Political Facts”; N. D. Cumbers (1956-63)—“Biography of Physics”; A. M. Nicholls (1956-63)—“One-Way Pendulum,” and “Plays for England”; K. W. W. Hurley (1956-63)—“Economic Background to Agricultural Policy”; R. J. Sansom (1956-63)—“Nationalisation in Britain: the End of a Dogma”; D. A. Poole (1959-63)—“English Pronouncing Dictionary”; I. Jobson (1956-63)—“Britain’s Economy” and “The British System of Government”; D. A. Holmes (1956-63)—“Literature and Science”; P. R. G. Aston (1956-63)—“History and Philosophy of Science,” “Inspiration of Science,” “Autobiography of Science,” “Science and Music” and “The Complete Scientist”; B. K. Nickels (1956-63)—“The Mind of Germany”; E. Moore (1954-61)—“Athletics”; K. F. Grant (1956-63)—“The Age of Equipoise.”

G.B.P.

SIXTH FORM FORUM

The success of each forum depends largely on the ability of the speaker and his manner of presentation and so we have been very fortunate in obtaining a high proportion of notable and interesting speakers. Our most celebrated guest was General Sir Geoffrey Bourne who, after recovering from the shock that he was visiting a soccer and not a rugger-playing school, went on to give an expert analysis of “British Defence Policy.” He des-

cribed the basic premises behind it and succeeded in making it intelligible to all. He was critical of the present government’s insistence on an “independent” nuclear deterrent. Mr. Shuttleworth, who came to speak on behalf of the “Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament” thought the British deterrent immoral as well as useless. He pointed to the American Civil Rights Campaign as an example of what mass popular movements could achieve. His talk was impressive for his obvious sincerity if not his eloquence.

Domestic politics was well represented; Mr. Mirfin addressed the Sixth Form on “Trade Unions” while Dr. Elliot gave a severely critical account of the “National Health Service.” Mr. Radice spoke on the “Advertising Enquiry Council.” He kept the audience amused with quotations from television commercials and, uninhibited by the slander laws, hit out at a number of manufacturers and their products. Mr. McRobie dealt with the “National Council for Civil Liberties” whose aim it is to prevent the authorities encroaching upon the citizen’s rights. Though the speaker actually commended the great majority of policemen, one member of the Sixth Form accused him of being unfair to the police and trying to tie their hands. The speaker handled this, the year’s only heated outburst from the floor, with exemplary tact. Dr. Willett, who has since been commissioned by the government to make an enquiry into drunken driving, addressed the Sixth Form on “Motoring Offenders.” His talk, freely spiced with R.A.F. slang, contained the results of his considerable research into the subject. His most startling conclusion was that many habitual motoring offenders have marked criminal tendencies.

Turning to spiritual matters, the Rev. C. Wansey spoke on “Religion in the Sixties” in a most cheery manner. He expressed his confidence in the ability of the Church of England to adjust itself to modern society and declared that this was proving to be the most exciting decade for the Church since the turn of the century. Mr. Blackham, author of several books on the subject, gave a more sophisticated exposé of “Humanism.” He emphasised the need for a morality independent of the church and applicable to a secular society.

Not all the forums were on such weighty topics. Mr. Glassborow, a temporary member of staff, spoke on “Judo”, outlining its development from the various Japanese martial arts to a world sport. Dr. Carthy’s talk on “Communication between Animals” maintained the interest of all non-zoologists by the liberal use of slides and tape recordings. Mr. Kenneth Bray, an old boy of the school, gave an interesting forum on “Photography.” His account of the different facets of a professional photographer’s job was amply illustrated.

This selection from the year's forums shows the wide range of subjects covered by speakers of all shades of opinion (not just of left wing opinion as some have suggested) and the sort of balance achieved. The aim of Forum is for one short period a week to make the Sixth Former raise his attention from school subjects to matters of more general interest; to make him forget the narrow academic world and consider aspects of the "civilian" world outside. Thus the Forum represents an invaluable, if imperfect, antidote to the over-specialisation of current Sixth Form education.

J. DUNNE, Upper VI Arts.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The notable feature of the meetings this year has been the large variation in the number of members: from 80 early in the year to an average of about 20 more recently. Owing to an initial lack of support from the Upper Sixth the responsibility of providing the speakers at first lay mainly with the Lower Sixth. All meetings except one were devoted to the works of modern writers.

At the first meeting Mr. Neville gave an informative talk on Existentialist writers, then followed erudite talks on the characteristics of the work of a "pop" author, Ian Fleming, by A. Mumby, on D. H. Lawrence as a writer by J. Morris and on Ernest Hemingway by N. Brett. Following the dramatised version by the Junior Dramatic Society of "Lord of the Flies" Mr. Beer spoke on the other works of William Golding. The influences of D. H. Lawrence's life on his novels was the topic of another talk by C. Toms, and P. J. Cook spoke on the Royal Court Theatre and made a plea for a more realistic official attitude towards theatres producing modern and experimental plays.

The most important meeting of the Society this year was held on the quartercentenary of Shakespeare's birth, when six members gave short talks on various aspects of his life and works.

C. TOMS, Upper VI Arts.

MUSIC NOTES

Owing to the time of the publication of this magazine, the annual Summer Concert is never reported; last year's effort contained a number of items in a "lighter" vein and also had some original and unusual verse-speaking groups devised by Mr. Beer. Both experiments were definitely successful.

The annual pattern of school functions was broken by the absence of a Speech Day in the autumn. The School Choir, in the middle of rehearsing for the Vivaldi "Gloria," must have been glad of the chance not to have prepared work for a Speech Day. The Vivaldi is probably one of the most ambitious works attempted by the Choir alone (i.e. without parental or other assistance) and to perform it, as well as the Junior Play, on two nights was another innovation which, again, proved to be most successful. Our particular thanks go to the ex-pupils or friends who formed the orchestra for this occasion, and also the two soloists.

Also at Christmas, as has become almost tradition, a group of boys went off to swell the tenor and bass ranks in the choir at the annual Ernest Read carol concert, held in the Albert Hall.

The weekly anthems continue at Assembly, mostly unaccompanied (organ accompaniments tend to go badly on a piano) and range in style from such as Byrd's "Ave Verum" to simple Bach chorales

From singers to instruments: during the year we have received some gifts from parents—a cello from Mr. Boddington, a violin from Mr. Sutton and another from Mr. Sillars. The Parents' Association generously donated £25 to the orchestra fund and this, with the balance already existing, has enabled us to buy another flute, a snare-drum with stand and a pair of orchestral cymbals.

The numbers in the instrumental classes are still rising and we now have an average of one boy in ten in the school who learns an instrument at these classes. We could double it if we had the instruments available. The greatest increase has been in the junior brass and wind classes, both of which are larger than ever before, and to cope with this and give the elementary players a chance of playing together, a wind band is being formed (not to be confused with the wind ensemble). A number of boys have been entered for, and passed, examinations of the Associated Board.

About twenty boys from both orchestras attended the E.F.Y.M.A. orchestral day at the South West Essex Technical College for an instructing and rewarding time under the direction of Antony Hopkins. Amongst the works played were parts of symphonies by Haydn and Schubert.

At Whitsun a school party went to Sadler's Wells to see Donizetti's delightful comic opera, "Don Pasquale."

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society flourishes still, if only through the support of "the faithful few." This year's programme has included an illustrated talk on film music and various record recitals selected by members (from "Bach goes to Town" to the "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms).

One of our major attractions was our version of "Desert Island Discs," in which Mr. Samways (with a book of British and European road maps and a number 9 iron—there should be plenty of sand!) and Mr. Maishman (with a book of "Teach Yourself Greek" and a trumpet) allowed themselves to be cast away.

At other meetings we heard about the various facets of the organ, saw a film about the Renaissance, and Rowland, with much skill and mastery, gave an excellent violin recital. We also heard the favourite records of five members of staff.

For the future, we are going to see a performance of Don Pasquale, at Sadler's Wells. At school a Staff quiz has been arranged, and so has a talk on Bach, whose music still lives although he died over two hundred years ago something that I cannot foresee the Beatles or the like music doing!

M. D. COX, Lower VI Science.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Without a doubt, the most important society in the School is the Debating Society. It is only within the four walls of "the House" that a capacity for public speaking, concise argument and wit can be developed. Yet the senior school is unaware of the importance of the Society. Regular attendances have only averaged twenty, at a time when the Sixth Form is larger than ever. Apathy and lack of interest have been all too prevalent; only the stalwarts have attended regularly. That the seniors can make sufficient noise can be proved by listening to the reverberations which emanate from the upper school form rooms. That the seniors do hold strong views can be witnessed by the plethora of C.N.D. badges worn. Why then do not the seniors come to the meetings? Perhaps they are frightened of expressing their views; as Demades remarked:

"Fear impedes speech."

They should remember the words of Cicero: "Reason and speech unite men in a natural society. That is what distinguishes them from wild animals."

But justice must be done to the stalwarts. Vickers, Hyde and Cripps distinguished themselves in the new style "informal" debates. Motions covered a wide spectrum: the Beatles, emigration, the Church and the Channel Tunnel. A successful meeting was held at Loughton County High School when the motion: "This House would not return a Labour government" was debated.

Next year, the triumvirate of Morris, McKinley and Kennedy will provide a firm foundation on which to build. Only time will tell if the fruits of their labours prove to be monumental.

W. J. MARTIN, Upper VI Arts.

THE CRITICS

At the beginning of the year sixteen members enrolled and at subsequent meetings Mr. Clapton led discussions on the films "Heavens Above" and "Tom Jones." A showing of the film "Children of Hiroshima" attracted a large audience although noticeably fewer attended the subsequent discussion; and, despite Lewis's publicity efforts, a showing of "The Underdog" attracted too small an audience to warrant organising a meeting to discuss it.

On the whole the response this year has been disappointing though it is hoped that, with the growing interest in the modern theatre shown amongst the senior school, the society may fare better in the future.

P. J. COOK, Upper VI Biology.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club meetings on Fridays have attracted about the same number of people as last year, but there is still a very noticeable lack of seniors. A day 3 lunchtime meeting for juniors, just started, looks like being a success.

The annual knockout competition was won by Strauss. A junior all-play-all competition is being played in which Ball and Cook are leading. Later this term we hope to have a simultaneous display given by Mr. J. B. Howson.

Excellent match results have been recorded this year and fewer matches have been lost than last year although more have been played. We were pleased to reach the semi-finals of the region in the "Sunday Times" Competition. The three teams in the Essex Lightning Tournament all did well. An average score of nearly 70% has been attained with 6 matches being won by 6—0 margin. Members of the U-15 team also filled most of the senior team places.

Strauss, Turnbull R., Spinks, Cavill and Turnbull D. have played for Essex U-18 team, and the first two for Essex. Congratulations go to D. J. Strauss for coming equal fourth in the London Junior Championships.

Team from:

Seniors: Strauss (capt.), Turnbull R. I., and Spinks.

U-15: Cavill, Turnbull D. K., Blake, Yeshin, Brook, Ball, Cook T., Gue, Blackman, Smith R. J. F., Fitchett, and Allen.

Results

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Seniors	16	12	1	3	65½	32½
U-15	9	6	0	3	36	16

R. I. TURNBULL, Upper VI Science.

R. I. Turnbull, after two years as Chess Secretary, is handing over to M. R. Spinks. The Club owes him a lot, not only for the efficient and enterprising way in which he has arranged so many matches, but also for the initiative and patience he has shown in teaching the junior members some of the skills of the game—an invaluable investment for the future success of the Senior Team.

R.M.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AND THE S.C.M.

It was at the suggestion of Mr. Taylor, who, new on the School Staff, agreed without hesitation to lead the society, that the original fortnightly S.C.M. made way for a weekly alternation between the old S.C.M. and a new Christian Fellowship. The latter was designed as an introvert discussion group especially for Christians, the S.C.M. becoming a more outward, evangelical meeting.

The Christian Fellowship has, I believe, proved of more value to those attending than its counterpart, which has been better advertised and better attended, usually with a visiting speaker. Individual members have led the discussions, which varied from a one-sided debate on Mass Evangelism to some rather controversial proposals put forward to radically alter the pattern and form of Church Music. Although the S.C.M. still tends to resemble a "Christian" Sixth Form Forum, the society as a whole in its bipartite form is more alive than previously, and can expect to become less formal with time.

M. C. BAKER, Lower VI Science.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This Fellowship was restarted last term by Mr. Beckingham. At the first meeting, an American Bible Society film "Thy Word Giveth Light" was shown by Mr. B. A. Taylor to an audience of about fifty. At other meetings, a study of John through the New English Bible has been made, a film on the Crucifixion has been shown and a discussion on the Christian and gambling has taken place.

R. A. LEWIS, IIIA

SCIENTIFIC FILM SOCIETY

This year the Society has met with greater success than before probably due to the frequency of meetings and a wider selection of films; regular attendances of between 30 and 40 were kept up early in the School Year. The more non-specialist films shown tended to increase the junior contingency, at the expense of a decrease in the senior, although films such as "Magic of a Name" (Rolls-Royce), "The Ragged Edge" (Indianapolis 500-mile race) and the numerous Ford productions attracted audiences from both ends of the school. It is obviously necessary therefore either to arrange balanced programmes or to alternate between the two types. Many members of the school do not realise how difficult it is to achieve this balance since many of the most interesting films are booked weeks in advance. Much credit in this respect is deserved by Jude since the programmes this year have been a joint effort on our parts.

R. J. ORPIN, Upper VI Science.

ART CLUB

The beginning of the School Year as usual brought enthusiastic support from the junior school, but the initial interest of several of the new members soon declined. Fortunately a few continue to attend regularly, but the society as a whole needs to be more active. The general approach to art tends to be rather academic, and perhaps some freer and more abstract thought might make the society's activities brighter and more interesting.

R. CRABB, Lower VI Science.

RHYTHM AND BLUES CLUB

The club was formed last September as a result of revitalised interest in such artists as Chuck Berry, John Lee Hooker and Howling Wolf. Although membership has been limited to the Sixth Form, attendances have been good. The well-balanced programmes have included all forms of Blues from the Gospel Blues of Blind Gary Davis to the Folk Blues of Big Bill Broonzy, the sophisticated Blues of Billie Holiday and the Rhythm and Blues of Muddy Waters.

M. J. HALL, Upper VI Arts.

BIOLOGICAL FIELD COURSE, 1963

This was, for a change, a school field course blessed by fine weather. The visit was to Malham Tarn Field Centre, Yorkshire, which lies in beautiful Pennine countryside, 4 miles (and 750 feet up) from the nearest village. There we enjoyed the company of university students following official courses. We, however, were kept extremely busy by the projects devised by our task-master, Mr. Mattick.

Various aspects of limnology were studied from ecology of lotic (fast water) societies to the flora and fauna of marsh and bog-land. In the search for suitable habitats for study, our eager tutor even risked life and limb by coming upon a bull unawares!

Our only period of rest from toil was on Sunday afternoon, when in glorious sunshine, the party went for walks in the surrounding hills. Most made straight for Malham village to find a "bit of life," but were frustrated by arriving in the hamlet at 2.25 p.m. During the week we all undertook compulsory practical lessons in the art of "spud-bashing" and washing-up, but even our brilliant efforts failed to improve the quality of the food!

We are indebted to Mr. Mattick for the time and enthusiasm he spent in giving us a new approach to the science of zoology.

C. R. BOYDEN, Upper VI Biology.

GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD COURSE, 1964

At 8 o'clock on the 11th April, a party of 38 Sixth Formers, accompanied by three masters, set out for Whitby on a week's field course in North Yorkshire. We stayed in a Y.H.A. hostel perched on the top of windswept cliffs, close by the ruined abbey, overlooking the fishing town of Whitby.

The purpose of this trip was to study certain aspects of physical and human geography, by means of excursions and walks. The first half of the week was spent in the area to the south and west of Whitby. Coastlines, glacial overflows and settlement patterns were just a few of the subjects which we studied.

On Wednesday and Thursday we went on excursions to the industrial conurbations of Tees-side. On Wednesday we looked over the Furners Shipbuilding Company works where we were shown over a new ship. The following day we were shown around a power station on the banks of the Tees. The deafening roar gave those amongst us who could lip-read an excellent opportunity for practising this art on our guide.

On Friday morning a survey of Whitby was undertaken with varied responses from those who were interviewed: the police refused any information. (Perhaps in case they revealed the extent of their understaffing!).

The following day we returned home, tired but cheerful, after an enjoyable and very profitable week's work.

D. FENTON, Lower VI Arts.

WEST GERMAN TOUR, EASTER, 1964

After a night on the Harwich to Hook ferry and a day on a train crossing Holland and Germany, the party of thirty boys and three masters arrived at Trier on the River Moselle. The youth hostel, situated at a beautiful spot on the river bank, was to provide the starting point to our holiday. Our object was to spend about four days walking up the Moselle and then cut across to the Rhine valley in which we were to spend most of the holiday. Thus we set out on the third day to walk the best part of the thirty miles to Berncastel, and it was a very tired party of boys that arrived at the hostel that evening. However, with this initial barrier behind us subsequent ten-mile walks were taken in our stride and the excellent weather enabled us to appreciate the spectacular scenery in both the Rhine and Moselle valleys.

The youth hostels in which we stayed, varying from the extremely modern, such as Cologne with its double glazing and sprung mattresses, to a converted fortress at Coblenz, mostly had two things in common. Firstly, the warden who sang or played lustily to an unappreciative audience at seven o'clock in the morning, and, secondly, the inevitable situation on top of a large hill, a discouraging sight to the weary and footsore. The hostels were, however, on the whole adequate, and in many cases extremely modern buildings.

The highlight of the holiday was, undoubtedly, a three-hour boat trip down the Rhine with brilliant sunshine all the way. Most of the party had little time to get sunburnt, however, as it was soon discovered that our fellow passengers included some forty Japanese sportsmen. These gentlemen, on a goodwill tour of Europe, willingly exchanged oriental souvenirs and badges for pennies and threepenny bits, but in the lively bargaining that followed it was often not clear who was fiddling who. As their party included several judo and karate experts it was fortunate that we parted on good terms.

The holiday finished with two days sight-seeing in Cologne, although no one had the energy to climb to the top of the cathedral. We returned home on April 11th tired but well satisfied.

M. T. HOWES, V Alpha.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Twenty-fifth Sports Day on June 6th, was honoured by the presence of the owner of one of the oldest School records, Mr. D. K. Slade, Secretary of the Old Buckwellians, who distributed the prizes. As a tribute to his having added a new cup, for Under-15 High Jump, to the School collection, Asser equalled, and tactfully did not beat, his record of twenty-one years' standing.

Attendance by both parents and boys was not very high, owing to the prospect of bad weather, but the more adventurous were rewarded with some excellent tussles between the top athletes of the School. Rain, which had fallen all the previous week, had left the track most unsuitable for record-breaking purposes, and a strong wind worsened the conditions. This meant that times and distances were adversely affected.

As has been the case in previous years, the School's Athletics lacks depth, and the burden of making this sort of occasion successful falls on too few competitors. The outstanding performances were by Sly, who broke the School Under-15 880 yards record, despite the conditions; Asser, who equalled D. K. Slade's record; and Tubb, who equalled the Senior 220 yards record. (I should also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to A. D. Cook, who deserves a mention for his outstanding efforts.)

The final result was that Hainault House won the Inter-House competition for the second year running.

D. A. TUBB, Upper VI Arts

The winners in each event were as follows:—

100 yards. Under 12	1 mile. Under 15
Williams (R.), 13.7 secs	Sly (F.), 5 mins 6 secs
100 yards. Under 13	1 mile. 15 and over
Biggs (C.), 12.8 secs	Thomas (F.), 5 mins 6.4 secs
100 yards. Under 14	Hurdles. Under 13
Morecombe (C.), 12.0 secs	Biggs (C.), 15.7 secs
100 yards. Under 15	Hurdles. Under 15
Taylor (F.), 11.6 secs	Sullivan (H.), 18.8 secs
100 yards. Under 16	Hurdles. 15 and over
Reinelt (R.), 11.4 secs	Reeves (H.), 18.3 secs
100 yards. 16 and over	High Jump. Under 13
Tubb (H.), 10.9 secs	Dean (R.), 4 ft 4 in
220 yards. Under 13	High Jump. Under 15
Jones (C.), 28.7 secs	Asser (C.), 5 ft 2 in
220 yards. Under 14	(= record)
Morecombe (C.), 26.6 secs	High Jump. 15 and over
220 yards. Under 15	Sykes (H.), 5 ft 0½ in
Taylor (F.), 25.4 secs	Long Jump. Under 13
220 yards. Under 16	Giddings (C.), 12 ft 9½ in
Reinelt (R.), 24.5 secs	

220 yards. 16 and over	Long Jump. Under 15
Tubb (H.), 23.2 secs	Jones (R.), 15 ft 11 in
(= record)	Long Jump. 15 and over
440 yards. Under 15	Tubb (H.), 19 ft 0½ in
Sly (F.), 58.9 secs	Hop, Step and Jump. Under 13
440 yards. Under 16	Read (H.), 30 ft 2 in
Hughes (R.), 55.8 secs	Hop, Step and Jump. Under 15
440 yards. Over 16	Jones (R.), 36 ft 8 in
Reeves (H.), 57.6 secs	Hop, Step and Jump. 15 and over.
880 yards. Under 15	Tubb (H.), 40 ft 11 in
Sly (F.), 2 mins 15.1 secs	Pole Vault. Under 15
(record)	Baker (H.), 6 ft 9 in
880 yards. 15 and over	Pole Vault. 15 and over
Howes (F.), 2 mins 11.8 secs	Sykes (H.), 9 ft 3 in

Putting the Shot. Under 13 (6 lbs).	White (R.), 30 ft 7½ in
Putting the Shot. Under 15 (8.8 lbs).	Hyett (F.), 38 ft 6½ in
Putting the Shot. 15 and over (12 lbs).	Sylvester (H.), 38 ft 11 in
Throwing the Discus. Under 13 (2.2 lbs).	Read (H.), 68 ft 10 in
Throwing the Discus. Under 15 (2.2 lbs).	Hyett (F.), 104 ft
Throwing the Discus. 15 and over (3.3 lbs).	Smallbone (C.), 117 ft 2 in
Throwing the Javelin. Under 13.	White (R.), 92 ft 10 in
Throwing the Javelin. Under 15.	Baverstock (C.), 107 ft 6 in
Throwing the Javelin. 15 and over.	White (F.), 127 ft 1 in
Throwing the Hammer. 15 and over.	Reynolds (C.), 134 ft 4 in
Relay (4 x 110). Under 12.	Chigwell, 59.0 secs
Relay (4 x 110). Under 13.	Chigwell, 58.3 secs
Relay (4 x 110). Under 14.	Hainault, 54.9 secs
Relay (4 x 110). Under 15.	Forest, 50.5 secs
Relay (4 x 110). Under 16.	Roding, 50.4 secs
Relay (4 x 110). 16 and over.	Hainault, 47.5 secs

Final House positions:—

	<i>Trophies</i>
1. Hainault 102 points.	The "Bryett" Cup for Inter-House Athletics: Hainault.
2. Forest 87 points.	The "John Henry Taylor" Cup for the best senior performance: Tubb (H.).
3. Chigwell 86 points.	The Cup for the best performance. Under 15: Sly (F.).
4. Roding 77 points.	The Cup for the best performance. Under 13: Jones (C.).
	The "Hayward" Cup for jumping events: Hainault.
	The "Woodford Green A.C." Cup for throwing events: Chigwell.
	The "Slade" Cup for the Under 15 High Jump: Asser (C.).

ATHLETICS TEAM

Unlike so many of my predecessors I am unable to give a report glittering with successes. As has become evident over the last few years, apathy is on the increase, and the School Teams have had to depend on individuals rather than the combined efforts of the members of the School. As our better athletes are not of the standing of those of previous years (last year we had three members of this School representing the County) our standard has tended to fall. However, there is considerable strength in the intermediate age group, and there is plenty of promise for the future.

Mr. Palethorpe has had the arduous job of getting teams together, and managed to achieve some success, as could be seen by the way thirteen boys were selected to represent the Forest Division in the County Sports. Notable performances came from Sly in the 880 yards, Smallbone in the Discus, the Under-17 Relay Team, and the principal sprinters in the Senior School, Cook and Tubb.

I very much doubt whether a member of our School will reach the Nationals this year, but, as I was reminded the other day, after the phenomenal run of successes over the last few years, anything we would have done this year would have looked sub-standard in comparison. My only regret is that I had to captain the team when we went back to normal, but I know it will be only a matter of time before the School, once again, becomes a force to be feared.

D. A. TUBB, Upper VI Arts

CROSS-COUNTRY

During the 1963-4 season there were three outstanding features: the emergence of good senior runners from the fifth forms, the great interest shown by the first formers and the success in "private" matches against other schools, while all too often failure has happened on the "big occasion."

When the new season began, the senior team seemed very depleted, Mockridge, Grant, Sweet and Marshallsay having left; however, before long, several fifth formers, Hannah, Hughes, Pippard, Golding, and Smallbone proved very able and consistent members of the team. Together with the more senior members, Thomas, Coppin, Millard, Burgess, Cox, Dixon and Spinks, a very successful team was formed. Victories were gained over West Hatch (twice), Chigwell, William Morris, Ilford, Wanstead, George Monoux and Clement Dane's, while only two defeats were suffered, at the hands of Chigwell and then Wanstead, in return matches.

The consistent "packing" of the senior team, behind the individual leader M. Thomas, was better than we had seen for several seasons; but in the big races, the "Smeed," the "Burn," and the Forest Divisionals, the team just didn't seem to "click," and we were lucky to finish in the first five team placings. However, M. Thomas was chosen to represent the Forest Division in the Essex Divisional Race and ran well to finish 13th.

The U-15 team this year was somewhat weakened by the lack of able runners in the third forms, but through the individual successes of Taylor, Sly, D. Thomas and Cousins, and the support of Clarke, Hinchcliffe, Drakes and Banfield, victories were gained over Royal Wanstead, Chigwell (twice), and Ilford. As with the senior team, however, results were disappointing in the big races, the "Payne" Cup, the Forest Divisionals, and the Essex Schools' Race. Attention must be drawn to D. Thomas who, although in the fifth form and yet under 15, proved an invaluable member of the senior team towards the end of the season, and ran well to finish 4th in the Senior School House Race.

With the increase in the number of fixtures, and the great influx of keen first formers, this year's U-13 team had a very successful season. Led in by B. Jones and J. Moss (also proving worthy members of the U-15 team), they defeated Royal Wanstead and Ilford, and finished second in the Forest Divisional Championships. Other members of the team included McGregor, Wetton, Noldrett, Fitchett, Finney, Morgan, Littlewood, Nash, Giddings, Smith, Dean and Nicholls.

This year colours were awarded to Thomas and Coppin.

J. A. COPPIN, Upper VI Arts.

Inter-House Cross-Country, 1964

Senior School race: Won by Chigwell—individual winner: R. M. Thomas.
(Forest: 22 mins. 51 secs.)

Middle School race: Won by Forest—individual winner: M. D. Taylor.
(Forest: 20 mins. 7 secs.)

Junior School race: Won by Chigwell—individual winner: B. P. Jones.
(Chigwell: 16 mins. 4 secs.)

- Overall Result:**
1. Chigwell, 479 points.
 2. Forest, 592 points.
 3. Roding, 701 points.
 4. Hainault, 754 points.

GYMNASTICS

In the senior school, team spirit is lacking, although the juniors this year have shown keenness which undoubtedly will repay itself with success on future occasions. In the Forest Divisional Gymnastics Championships the senior team comprising Tulett, Baker, Pippard, Street, Mustill and Sykes, gained third position while the junior team were unfortunately unplaced. The Inter-House competition provided really keen competition and mention should go to Baker C. A., and Tulett who, to say the least, did extremely well. In the junior competition Mitchell proved himself an able gymnast. Colours were awarded to Sykes.

The results of the Inter-House championships were:

Junior:	1st Mitchell (R), 2nd Price (F), 3rd Ivens (R)	}	Individual
	1st Roding, 2nd Forest, 3rd Hainault, 4th Chigwell	}	House
Senior:	1st Sykes (H), 2nd Baker (H), 3rd Tulett (R)	}	Individual
	1st Hainault, 2nd Forest, 3rd Roding, 4th Chigwell	}	House

Next year, we hope for a more advanced and progressive Gym Club with more support from the senior school.

G. M. SYKES, Lower VI Biology.

FOOTBALL—1st XI

Record

P	W	L	D	F	A
25	14	10	1	80	50

This season proved to be one of the most successful in recent years, but even so it could have been better.

We had a very unsettled start, rarely fielding the same team two weeks running, and were grateful to be able to rely on the experience of Grant, Horsnell and Cossey, who had returned for an extra term. Grant was, in fact, chosen to play for the Essex Grammar Schools' XI.

Our away record (6 wins in 8 matches) was far better than at home, where we never really settled down to play constructive football.

Until Christmas, our main problem was to find a regular team, and play as one unit, not as two halves as was often the case. This co-ordination of defence and attack, or rather the lack of it, did not, however, prevent us from establishing a good goal average.

Grant, Horsnell and Cossey left at Christmas, and for the second half of the season Phillipps, Sylvester and Smallbone were than adequately replaced them. Now the problem was not so much co-ordination as scoring. While the defence held their own, the forwards were not nearly so confident. Had we taken our chances and improved our shooting our goal average could have been bettered. All too often, the last shot was left to Street, and if he was off form, then the team was lost in attack. The outstanding forward was undoubtedly Street, on whom we depended for goals.

Wynn excelled in defence, supported well by White and Phillipps. Reynolds and Sylvester, the full backs, were both cool players even under pressure, but never quite achieved a complete understanding with Barnes, our goalkeeper. Barnes played confidently throughout the season, and worthily held the position of vice-captain.

Generally the matches played on the softer pitches, and against the more competent schools, brought out the best in us. This fact was borne out by our successes over Chelmsford and Ilford, and by our achieving the "double" over Palmer's for the first time in the history of the school. The opposite was shown by the unexpected defeats we suffered to Beal and Chigwell.

The annual match against the Corinthian-Casuals XI produced some delightful football, and a narrow 5-4 victory for the school. By beating the staff in a good-humoured, but keenly fought match we rounded off a most successful season.

Chief goalscorers: Street (31), Reeves and Cook (9) Smallbone (8).

Colours were awarded to White, Barnes, Cook, Street and Wynn.

Players: Barnes, Reynolds, Sylvester, Phillipps, Wynn, White, Cook, Street, Smallbone, Reeves, Impey.

A. D. COOK, Upper VI Science.

2nd XI

Record

P	W	L	D	F	A
23	9	11	3	74	64

As can be seen from the playing record this was only a moderately successful season for the 2nd XI. The second half of the season was particularly disappointing, since the team managed to win only three of the ten games played after Christmas.

Our main weakness seemed to be lack of cohesion between defence and attack, and all too often there were large gaps in the centre of the field. The attack was very inconsistent, although it managed to score seventy-four goals. Our two best forwards were Goodwin, who was top scorer, and Fergusson.

In a defence that was often suspect under pressure, Jones played consistently well throughout the season. Phillipps, also, proved himself a very reliable centre-half, but we lost him to the 1st XI in the second half of the season.

Three matches spring to mind as the closest, most entertaining games of the season: the home victory against East Ham, and the away games with Beal and Chigwell, both of which we lost by the odd goal.

Players: Bartholomew, Jones, Bartlett, Grantham, Phillipps, Boyden, Dunne, Bonning, Fergusson, Hassall, I., Burgess, Mannakee, Howes, Goodwin, Knight, Coosey, Impey, Smallbone, Sylvester.

A. C. SMITH, Upper VI Biology.

Under 15 XI

Record	P	W	L	D	F	A
	21	3	15	3	44	81

As in previous seasons our record was rather poor through lack of consistent teamwork. The introduction of the "off-side" trick in defence proved rather successful in the majority of games, despite good opposition. The forward line, due to several changes, had only a fair season but one or two players showed up quite well.

Team from: Lightfoot, Jarvis, Sullivan, Dorking, Munday, Cousins, Drakes, Evans, Hyett, McDermott, Fuller, Reeves, Hardman, Baverstock.

W. E. BAVERSTOCK, IVC.

Under 14 XI

Record	P	W	L	D	F	A
	22	6	12	4	57	76

After a good start, the team seemed to deteriorate and lose some matches which should have been won. One of our weaknesses was in attack due to the lack of practice during the season. Considering that we lost so many matches we were able to keep our goal average fairly low.

Team: Patient, Ball, Terwey, Kincey, Mitchell, Donald, Dewey, Ivens, Spinks, Johnson, Shepherd. Reserves: Morecombe, Galea, Angel.

P. J. IVENS, IIIX.

Under 13 XI

Record	P	W	L	D	F	A
	22	7	11	4	47	76

We started the season rather badly due to lack of practice as a team and experiments to find the best available side. After six or seven matches we settled down and were more successful having a period in which we won five matches and drew one whilst losing only one.

Team from: Woods, Nash, Brewster, Bounds, B. Jones, White, Hughes, Giddings, T. Jones, Freeman, Standing, Read, Dulwich.

B. L. HUGHES, IIY.

CRICKET

1st XI

Retrospect of 1963	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn
	12	3	6	3

Leading Averages

	Innings	Runs	Not out	Highest score	Average
Grant	12	179	2	43*	17.9
Reeves	11	125	4	30	17.86

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Reynolds	166	44	350	53	6.98
House	30.4	2	105	9	11.67
Reeves	112	44	191	14	13.64

1963 was, in essence, a year of reconstruction. Only three members of the previous season's very powerful XI remained and it seemed doubtful whether enough young players would be able to fill the deficit.

The opening matches seemed to confirm this as losses were incurred against weak sides. Although the bowling lacked variety this difficulty could well have been overcome by some resolute batting. However, this was not forthcoming, and as a result matches were lost that should have been won.

This position remained for half the season but the outlook changed after an exciting win by one wicket against the Old Bucks after which not one school game was lost. The change in fortunes was due mainly to some excellent batting by skipper Grant, Smith and Reeves. Grant had throughout been the one mainstay with the bat and, when his burden was relieved somewhat, he played several attractive high scoring innings. Reeves showed tremendous promise as a stylish batsman as did Cox, but without achieving the same results.

The bowling consisted of an unvaried seam attack but was supported by some enthusiastic fielding with Smith outstanding in the slips. Wicket-keeper Grant was always round and, by his personal example, led the side ably throughout the season.

Team from: Grant, Smith, Reeves, Cox, Davis, Strauss, White, Chambers, House, Wood, Logan, Aston, Marshallsay, Reynolds.

Colours were awarded to Grant, Reeves and re-awarded to Reynolds.

	<i>Matches</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
1964 to date	5	4	1	—

The promise of the latter half of last season was confirmed when the first four matches were won by large margins and the fifth lost by only two runs. Reeves quickly hit form with an undefeated 40 in the opening game while Cox, Smith and Davis have all scored consistently. These four form the nucleus of what is a strong batting side although it has not yet been thoroughly tested.

The mainstay of the bowling has been Reynolds, and he has been joined by Gorham, who has emerged as a promising opening bowler and with his left arm action has caused batsmen many problems. Another promising bowler is Hearn, whose medium paced deliveries show both control and accuracy. The bowling has been assisted in home games by a square which to say the least has been unpredictable.

Wicket-keeping is a strong department this year with Smith showing excellent form, while an able deputy is available in Wynn, who is worth his place on his fielding alone.

Luck, too, seems to be present as the toss has been won in all five games. If this continues there is no reason why the second half of the season should not be as successful as the first.

The 1st XI, captained by Reynolds, has been represented by: Smith, Reeves, Cox, Davis, Hearn, Sylvester, Wynn, Harbott, Kirman, Gorham, Strauss.

A. REYNOLDS, Upper VI Arts

2nd XI

To date, the 2nd XI has not had a great deal of success. We have lost all three of the matches played so far by 16 runs, 8 wickets and 15 runs respectively. The reason for this poor record is clearly the apathetic attitude of many members of the school. Interest in cricket this year has been almost non-existent, and this, combined with the competition from "Saturday jobs," has sadly depleted the strength of the team.

The batting has generally been poor although Spinks, Bartlett and Thomas have each put up reasonable performances. The bowling has been better with Brett, opening the bowling capably, and Spinks fooling the batsmen and gaining some success with his off-breaks. If the batting has been poor, the fielding has been atrocious. With the exception of Thomas behind the wicket, no one has fielded well, and dropped catches and mis-fields have interspersed every match.

However, the spirit of the team has not been affected over much by the lack of success, and the players seem to enjoy the game for its own sake. We must now wait for their cricketing skills to become more evident.

Team from: Bernard, Captain; Spinks (M.), Thomas (R.), Thomas (D.), Brett (N.), Mutch, Harris (R.), Austin, Trowbridge, Dungate, Bartlett, Dewar, White (H.).

J. C. BERNARD, Lower VI Arts

Senior Colts

So far this season we have played only three of our six arranged fixtures, losing two and drawing one. We hope to do better in the remaining three! Outstanding performances so far have come from Vickers (an innings of 45) and Taylor (3 wickets for 0 runs in 2 overs).

Team from: Drakes, Hardman, Lincoln, Sutton, Turnbull, Armstrong, Bounds, Muston, Vickers, Brice, Cousins, Evans (Howard) and Taylor (M.).

J. W. DRAKES, IVA

Junior Colts

Rain and the cancellation of fixtures are, unfortunately, the only items to report so far.

Under 14 XI from: Allan, Angel, Ball, Blair-Harborne, Dewey, Gershon, Grindrod, Ivens, Morris, Needle, Smith, Terwey, Travis.

Under 13 XI from: Brewster, Dean, Deboos, Dodson (R.), Dulwich, Freeman, Hughes, Jones, Nicholls, Pryde, Read, Standing, White.

HOCKEY

P	W	L	D	F	A
16	8	8	0	45	38

With 8 players in this year's team from last year's 1st XI, 3 defeats represented a disappointing start to the season, but once again the team's enthusiasm turned the scales and we finished off the autumn term with 4 good wins. From January onwards the team played consistently and were only beaten by a few very good school sides.

Our goal-keeping was shared by Thomas and Brett, the latter being a little unlucky on occasions, while Thomas, a new member of the team, developed well to become a regular and successful member of the side. We had two sound backs in White and Harding, White's hitting, indeed, being an inspiration when the defence was hard pressed. The half-back line played well throughout the season but the loss of Bull near the end of the season seemed to unbalance them and they never fully recovered. The forwards played consistently well and were quite successful although more practice would have produced better co-ordination. Bernard played excellently and was top-scorer, while Lewis, Grew and Robson also put in creditable performances.

In all, an enjoyable season while the enthusiasm and increasing skill shown by the players augurs well for next season.

Colours were re-awarded to Harris and awarded to Bernard, Bull and H. White.

Team from: Thomas, Brett, White H., Harding, Cox, Bull, Bowles, Grew, Harris, Lewis, Bernard, Robson, Eastal and White R.

R. H. HARRIS, Upper VI Science.

BASKETBALL

Record	P	W	L
Seniors	16	8	8
Under 16	17	13	4

The number of fixtures was substantially increased this season and, as a result, the standard of basketball rose.

The Seniors had a not unsuccessful season recording victories over several powerful teams yet did not always manage to show its superiority over lesser sides. There tended to be too much reliance placed upon one or two individuals although the side was at its best when playing together as a single unit.

The season was enlivened by participation for the first time, in the Essex Knock-Out Cup and, although only the second round was reached, one excellent win was recorded.

The Under 16 team had a particularly successful season which promises much for future senior sides. They moulded together excellently and developed a style of play which was wholly dependent upon teamwork.

Colours were awarded to Street, Tubb and Reynolds.

Seniors: Tubb, Street, Reeves, Burgess, Lewis, Goody, Harris, Reynolds.

Under 16: Smallbone (Capt.), Sylvester, Cumbers, Reinelt, Knight, Thomas K. M., Thomas D. C., Bartlett, Hassall I. T.

A. J. REYNOLDS, Upper VI Arts.

SWIMMING

In the last two years, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Shaw, School Swimming has prospered. A Monday evening "Swimming Club" has been introduced for members of the School Team. Unfortunately, owing to the short season (somewhere around 3 months), the team doesn't train together often, but, due to the members' own efforts in joining local swimming clubs, they have been able to continue their training throughout the year. This, no doubt, accounted for two of our boys, Sly and Hyett, being selected to swim for the Forest Division this year. In the 1963 Divisional Gala an average of 50% of those entered for the School reached the finals. School's overall position was fifth out of eleven schools.

In inter-school matches the School has not done well, but that is probably due to the difficulties of training. The School has put up a good showing but not yet won.

The Inter-House Gala last year was notable for the introduction of several new events such as the Butterfly Stroke and the Individual Medley. The result was:

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| 1. Hainault 110½ points | 3. Roding 89½ points |
| 2. Forest 106 points | 4. Chigwell 88 points |

M. J. M. CRAWFORD, Lower VI Arts

GALA RESULTS AND SCHOOL RECORDS

Event	Record	Gala Results 1963	Time (in seconds)
1. Senior 100 yards Freestyle	M. Crawford (C.), 1963 : 63.2 secs	Crawford (C.)	63.2
2. Intermediate 100 yards Freestyle	B. Sly (F.), 1963 : 82.2 secs	Sly (F.)	82.2
3. Junior 66½ yards Freestyle	M. Mitchell (R.), 1963 : 57.5 secs	Mitchell (R.)	57.5
4. Junior Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	W. Brett (R.), 1963 : 1 min 50 secs	Brett (R.)	1 m 50.0
5. Intermediate Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	B. Sly (F.), 1963 : 1 m 33.2 secs	Sly (F.)	1 m 33.2
6. Senior Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	M. Crawford (C.), 1963 : 1 m 27 secs	Crawford (C.)	1 m 27.0
7. 1 length Backstroke (under 13)	W. Bowles (C.), 1961 : 28.4 secs	Standing (H.)	30.8
8. 1 length Backstroke (under 14)	M. Crawford (C.), 1961 : 25.2 secs	Brett (R.)	29.0
9. 1 length Backstroke (under 15)	C. Waghorn (R.), 1953 : 24.2 secs	Bolton (F.)	24.4
10. 1 length Backstroke (under 16)	S. Jones (F.), 1963 : 22.2 secs	Jones (F.)	22.2*
11. 2 lengths Backstroke (over 16)	M. Deady (R.), 1961 : 53.2 secs	Forbes (C.)	1 m 5.4
12. 1 length Breast-stroke (under 13)	G. Gatland (H.), 1961 : 30.2 secs	J. Moss (C.)	31.8
13. 1 length Breast-stroke (under 14)	G. Murray (F.), 1961 : 28.6 secs	Travis (F.)	29.6
14. 1 length Breast-stroke (under 15)	A. Hyett (F.), 1963 : 25.2 secs	Hyett (F.)	25.2*
15. 1 length Breast-stroke (under 16)	W. Hardwick (C.), 1961 : 23.8 secs	Ryder (H.)	26.4
16. 2 lengths Breast-stroke (over 16)	J. Saward (C.), 1955 : 49.8 secs	Cook (H.)	59.2
17. 1 length Freestyle (under 13)	P. Hurley (H.), 1963 : 25.2 secs	Hurley (H.)	25.2*
18. 1 length Freestyle (under 14)	M. Crawford (C.), 1961 : 21.4 secs	Mitchell (R.)	25.2
19. 1 length Freestyle (under 15)	R. Combes (F.), 1953 : 19.8 secs	Sly (F.)	21.2
20. 1 length Freestyle (under 16)	J. Matthews (R.), 1956 : 20.2 secs	Harding (H.)	22.0
21. 2 lengths Freestyle (over 16)	J. Saward (C.), 1955 : 42.6 secs	Forbes (C.)	54.2
22. 1 length Butterfly (Junior)	P. Hurley (H.), 1963 : 30.8 secs	Hurley (H.)	30.8
23. 1 length Butterfly (Intermediate)	J. Ryder (H.), 1963 : 26.2 secs	Ryder (H.)	26.2
24. 1 length Butterfly (Senior)	M. Crawford (C.), 1963 : 24.6 secs	Crawford (C.)	24.6
25. Junior Medley Relay (3 x 1 length)	Roding 1963 : 1 m 35.6 secs	Roding	1 m 35.6
26. Intermediate Medley Relay (3 x 1 length)	Forest 1963 : 1 m 9.6 secs	Forest	1 m 9.6
27. Senior Medley Relay (4 x 1 length)	Hainault 1963 : 1 m 43.0 secs	Hainault	1 m 43.0
28. Junior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	Chigwell 1961 : 1 m 44.4 secs	Roding	1 m 52.8
29. Intermediate Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	Hainault 1958 : 1 m 42.2 secs	Hainault	1 m 43.0
30. Senior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	Forest 1954 : 1 m 34.0 secs	Hainault	No time recorded

* Indicates New Record

TENNIS

This year, there have been many boys in the Sixth Form wishing to play tennis at Grange Farm, so many, in fact, that a rota system has been necessary. The keenness of the masses has resulted in the increased ability of the few, and the School Team is as yet unbeaten, notable victories being against West Hatch and Beal. The present School Team consists of three pairs of almost equal ability, consistency rather than individual brilliance being the winning factor.

Team : Barnes and Impney ; Thomas and Robson ; Dunne and Ferguson.

R. E. BARNES, Upper VI Arts

BADMINTON

This season we discovered some very keen and able players within the school. Under the patronage of Mr. White, a completely new team was formed and began with a convincing win over Bancroft's reserve side. For our last fixture we played their experienced first team and came out victors by five games to four in a most exciting match. All of the present team will still be at school next year, and we look forward to a longer and more ambitious season.

Team from Bernard, Cross, Jones B. P., Kirman, Newberry, Thomas, Toms R.

R. M. THOMAS, Lower VI Arts.

ARCHERY CLUB

The Toxophilist Society is perhaps the least known of the school's activities, as we only meet in the summer term, after school on Fridays. We are grateful to the school for an excellent new target and if we get enough support it is hoped to obtain some other equipment. All those interested in joining are welcome.

I. MCKINLEY, Lower VI Arts.

HOUSE NOTES

Chigwell House

The House Championship this year is very close and Chigwell's present position should be improved after the Cricket and Swimming competitions. The House should now have been in second position but for a poor display in Gymnastics and a disappointing second place in the Football competition, this being due to the several Senior House matches which were lost or drawn in the last few minutes of play. An excellent victory in Cross-Country was, however, some compensation, the keenness shown being as gratifying as the result. On Sports Day, Chigwell finished a very close third, only one point behind Forest, the ability and enthusiasm of the Juniors shining through on this rather dismal afternoon. Success in the House Championship is inevitable if this keenness is maintained.

R. E. BARNES, Upper VI Arts

Forest House

If we can maintain our present effort, Forest will be Cock House for the third successive year. Although locked in fierce competition with Roding, Forest should overcome the challenge, provided that the old enemy—apathy—does not set in.

Several boys in particular have worked hard for the House this year. Kirman, who led the Basketball team, has been an excellent House Vice-Captain; Street ably captained Football and Gymnastics teams; Thomas led the House in Cross-Country running and Price championed the cause of Athletics; Davis and Jones, Cricket and Swimming captains respectively, will prove their worth by the end of the Summer Term.

All facets of the House have displayed a wealth of talent; White, Howes, Sly and Taylor in athletics; Angel, Dunkerley and Yeshin have highlighted the activities of the juniors. With such enthusiasm and potential, the future well-being of the House is assured.

W. J. MARTIN, Upper VI Arts

Hainault House

With five of the nine games captains in Hainault, the Senior House had little difficulty in winning their Football, Basketball and Gymnastics competitions, but, unlike last year, the Juniors let us down. It was sheer apathy, not lack of ability, that led to their losing every Football and Basketball match. Any credit that is due for the Cross-Country victory should go only to three or four boys.

With Lewis as Athletics Captain we repeated last year's performance, winning the overall championship, and the "Jumping events" cup. Mention must be made of Tubbs, who has been a great asset to the House, especially in Athletics in which he won all his four events and took the "Best Performance" cup.

Although Cricket and Swimming are still to be decided we must be content with second or third place, and hope for better things next year.

A. D. COOK, Upper VI Science

Roding House

Watts reported last year that the Junior section of the House was far more alive and energetic than the Senior and sadly this is still the case. The Junior Football team, in not losing a game, won the Football championship on their own, while the Junior Gymnastics team was so large that any quality belonging to other Houses was drowned by our quantity.

There continued to be difficulties in fielding a Senior Athletics and Cross-Country team. The apathy can be judged from the fact that half the over-16 Relay team did not turn up on Sports Day.

However, Roding passed Sports Day with not too much damage to our position, and I feel we can look forward to the Cricket and Swimming competitions with a degree of optimism.

A. W. VICKERS, Upper VI Arts

House Championship 1963-64 (June position)

Forest	67.36
Roding	63.08
Hainault	57.82
Chigwell	51.78

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Captain and Head Prefect:

R. S. Byde

Second Prefect:

W. J. Martin

Library Prefects:

M. L. Turner and R. J. Cumber

School Prefects:

R. E. Barnes, C. R. Boyden, A. D. Cook, J. Dunne,
O. M. Hammond, C. J. E. Jones, J. A. Kincey, J. E. Kirman,
A. R. Morden, A. C. Smith, D. J. Strauss, A. W. Vickers,
B. N. White, R. Woods.

House Captains:

Chigwell: R. E. Barnes	Hainault: A. D. Cook
Forest: W. J. Martin	Roding: A. W. Vickers

Games Captains:

Athletics: D. A. Tubb	Gymnastics: G. M. Sykes
Basketball: A. J. Reynolds	Hockey: R. H. Harris
Cricket: A. J. Reynolds	Swimming: M. J. Crawford
Cross-Country: J. A. Coppin	Tennis: J. Dunne
Football: A. D. Cook	

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The first event with which these notes are concerned took place not in the School year starting in September, but in the previous term while last year's "Roding" was at the press. This was our "Summer Fair," the proceeds of which were earmarked as a contribution to the Old Buckwellians' Playing Fields and Pavilion Fund. In this enterprise we met with a fair mixture of good and bad fortune. We were favoured with good weather, and even more by having a large band of helpers whose efforts were co-ordinated by Mr. Peter White. Widespread help lightens the load. The Committee expressed its thanks at the Annual General Meeting, and they are repeated here. On the debit side, we had difficulty in finding a date in the Summer Term which did not clash with some other important activity, and, in fact, we were left with the only date which had not been eliminated. Similar difficulties must have confronted other organisations in the district because at least three other fêtes took place the same afternoon. Despite this, the total raised, if not as great as our highest hopes, was the useful sum of £400.

At our Annual General Meeting, which takes place in October each year, a feature was introduced which gave much added interest. Prize-giving now being entirely a School function, and the only parents present being those of prize-winners, the Headmaster agreed to take this opportunity to give parents an informal but informative report on the year's progress of the School. Our President, Dr. Pippard, Vice-President, the Headmaster, and all our officers were returned unopposed, and the places of the retiring members of the Committee were filled by re-election, the only new member being Mr. Parmenter. We were sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Munday who has for several years looked after our catering, and we have been fortunate in having Mrs. Morden to step into her shoes.

Also in October the Parents' Association organised a Jubilee Dinner and Dance to celebrate the School's twenty-fifth anniversary. During the whole of this time Mr. J. H. Taylor has been Staff, as has "Robbie" the School Keeper. This was a most enjoyable occasion, and the 120 people who attended were representative of all the different groups interested in the School—the Chairman and the Governors, the Divisional Executive, the Staff, the Old Boys, and parents past and present. Our Chairman and Mrs. Lilley presided, and Mr. Lilley's "introduction" of the notabilities present to the assembly created a spirit of conviviality which permeated the evening. Many tributes were paid to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Scott, and Mr. Taylor in turn paid generous tribute to his Staff, especially the senior members, and to Mrs. Taylor who was also with us. There were a number of presentations—the Parents' Association presented a record-player to the Head-

master, a portable typewriter to Mr. Scott, and a cheque to the Old Boys for the money raised at the Summer Fair. Mr. Colin Bradley, an Old Boy and now a Governor, presented the School with a Visitors' Book on behalf of the Old Buckwellians. A very important occurrence was suitably commemorated: "School Gets Top Marks for Progress" read the headlines of one of the Press reports a few days later.

Once again we held a Christmas Social. Originally intended as a family festivity, we find it ever more difficult to devise entertainment which will appeal to all ages, as the tastes of the ages differ more sharply. Our M.C.s worked very hard and gave great pleasure to many. Refreshments, laid on by Mrs. Morden and her helpers, were a great success, but the basic problem is still unsolved.

We are pleased to find that the Swimming Pool which the Association completed two years ago has proved popular, and great use is made of it. A sub-committee under Mr. T. Allen, Deputy Chairman of the Association, has prepared a plan for shielding the two exposed sides with wind-breaks and providing a changing room on the spot. It is hoped to carry out this work in the near future.

The funds of the Association are not as high as they were; parents are reminded that 10s. 6d. makes both parents Life Members, and for those who prefer to pay yearly, the annual subscription—again to cover both parents—is 2s. 6d., due each September. These subscriptions are an important part of the income we use in the pleasurable object of helping the School in various small ways, and we welcome the support of all parents, financially or by active participation.

E. J. DUNNE, Hon. Secretary.

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

I have just read back over my reports of the last few years and each contains a hopeful forecast of when the Pavilion would be completed. For a variety of reasons every one of these forecasts has been wrong, but at last there is no doubt about it—it is there for all to see. Our Pavilion is up and near completion! And what a pleasing sight it is. The hard work and worry which went into it now seem well worth while.

We must now ensure that we make full use of it in every way possible. The scope is unlimited and I hope that many new sections will be formed thus increasing our membership and providing a good income. It is our intention to furnish the Clubhouse attractively so that our members and friends will be able to enjoy any time spent there.

Needless to say we still need a lot more money, and I would like to suggest that you go to see the Pavilion and then consider whether you have borne your share of the cost. I feel sure that many of you will feel somewhat ashamed and wish to make a donation or a loan. It is up to us all to ensure that the Association thrives by visiting the Pavilion as often as possible and by getting other Old Boys to join our ranks. 1964 must indeed be a year to remember!

DES SLADE, Hon. Secretary,

"Oaklands," Hall Green Lane, Hutton, Brentwood.

OLD BUCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

74, Grenville Gardens,
Woodford Green,
Essex.

We started the 1963/1964 season with our membership considerably strengthened by Gordon Bassett's recruitment drive. The standard of football was high, all three teams playing well up to Christmas, especially the First Eleven under the captaincy of Trevor Lebentz, who had good runs in two local cups.

On Boxing Day, a team composed of members from all three teams gave the Old Foresters a resounding 8—0 thrashing which many of our players thought the highlight of the season.

After Christmas the Club was beset with various difficulties. Many of our more stalwart members stopped playing on account of injuries, marriage or old age, and we no longer had more players than places. Numerous members of the Committee were kept from their duties by business and other commitments.

Nevertheless, all necessary league and cup fixtures were completed by the end of the season, and the First Eleven narrowly missed promotion after a strong run at the finish. The end of the season was marred by vandalism at our premises at Bradwell Road.

Next season we will be playing for the first time at the new Roding Lane North ground. At our pavilion there we will be able to offer the best facilities in the district, including changing rooms for a hundred players, hot and cold showers, catering facilities, a dance floor and a bar.

We will again start the season with teams in divisions one, three and five of the London Old Boys League, and should therefore be able to provide attractive football for players of all standards. Teams have also been entered for the Debden five-a-side and Loughton six-a-side competitions. Anyone who would like a game for the Club next year should contact either myself at the above address, or Gordon Bassett at 49, Barfields, Loughton, or should just turn up at the School gymnasium on any Thursday evening from September.

We expect that an Easter tour of Holland will be arranged next year with probable fixtures against the Sporting Club of Amsterdam and Utrecht University. This was a great success two years ago.

At the recent Annual General Meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. They are:

President: J. H. Taylor.
Chairman: G. Harrington.
Secretary: L. G. Cordes.
Fixture Secretary: M. Crisp.
Treasurer: A. Burley.

L. G. CORDES, Hon. Secretary.

OLD BUCKS CRICKET CLUB

The title of Sir Donald Bradman's book—"The Art of Cricket"—describes in four words the intricacies of what really is England's national sport. From the serious endeavours in Test Matches with the Ashes at stake, to the friendly rivalry of neighbouring village sides in the heart of the country, playing cricket is an Art.

Science and Mathematics obviously play their part in the actual course of a game, but the batsman's ability to "read" the cunning tricks of the spin bowler will always remain an Art.

However, it is my purpose in this instance to paint the picture of the Old Bucks C.C., not the subject in general. Over the past two or three years new faces have come on to the scene, and these, together with a few of the older members, are shaping the future of the Club. I feel this has to be so as it is obviously the younger element which plays the most games.

The social side is obviously important and in this respect we shall always be strong, but the strength of a cricket club in the end rests on the attitude and efforts on the field.

The second half of the 1963 season ended on a good note and so far this season the Club is enjoying a string of successes. At the time of writing our Sussex Tour is still to come and many enjoyable week-ends on the cricket grounds of Essex. This is the time when all future Old Boys of the School could usefully lift our Club to even greater heights.

MICK COOPER, Hon. Secretary.

OLD BUCKS HOCKEY CLUB

1963/1964 proved to be an interesting season. We started playing on our new ground, but because of the lack of facilities enthusiasm waned and recruiting dropped off. Now, however, the amenities are being improved, and we hope that there will be many new members next season.

The First XI had several team changes, but after many ups and downs they seemed to settle down after Christmas, with some very fine games of a high standard being played. The opposition was again improved.

The Second XI and the Third XI suffered from the shortage of players at times, but both teams advanced in their play as the season progressed. Much enthusiasm was shown by some younger members, and we have great hopes for them.

Next season should be a good one for the Club, after Summer hockey to keep us fit, and after an excellent festival where our opposition from Germany were worthy victors over us. The facilities at the new ground will improve the Club, and we trust that we will see more boys from the School joining our ranks this year.

Results

	P	W	L	D	F	A
1 XI	18	7	10	1	37	44
2 XI	20	5	12	3	39	50
3 XI	14	3	11	0	17	68
Sunday XI ...	7	4	1	2	17	11

P. J. LODGE, Hon. Secretary.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Raymond E. Caswell (1952) is married with a family, living at Loughton. He is Company Secretary for BEN FURNITURE at Houndsditch.

Peter J. Hewing (1961) lives in Woodford Green and works in his father's paint business.

Geoff Hunter (1958) works for MALLARDS OF REDHILL in Electronics.

Peter T. Bodding (1956) is still single. He is advertising Manager for BEX Brushes with BX Plastics.

M. I. Orrey (1947) is a very keen supporter of the Old Bucks, especially selling our football tickets to his fellow officers and men at BUKIT GOMBAK, R.A.F. TENGAH, Singapore.

A. J. Burley (1954) is back in England again and sometimes plays football for the Old Boys.

Stanley R. Banks (1962) is working in insurance. He is waiting for the pavilion to be finished so he can enjoy his hobbies which are darts, table tennis and billiards.

Robin J. North (1958) is in banking. He has become engaged to the sister of John Hampshire (1960).

John Dyke (1953) is off to New Zealand with his fiancée to work for the Bank of Australia and New Zealand. We all wish him luck. I understand he was having a farewell party with some of his contemporaries, i.e. John Waskett, Peter Cave, Bob Martin, Malcolm Dunkley and Vic Dolden.

Roy Webb (1945) is home from his job as assistant shipping manager with HALAL in ADEN. During his 4½ months' leave he can be contacted at 6 The Meadway, Woodford Green.

D. G. Browning (1956) is reading for a B.Litt. in Latin-American studies at Worcester College, Oxford, spending one day a week on leave from "Ditchleys." His wife, Greta, has recently presented him with a son.

R. H. D. Smith (1949) has been licensed as a lay reader of the Church of England, by the Bishop of Colchester. He was surprised and delighted to see John Lane, (1942-1949) among the other nine new readers.

Brian Cossey (1963) will be going up to St. John's College, Cambridge, in October.

R. L. Connell (1959) is English Master at the Ghana National College, Ghana, Cape Coast.

Greville Guard (1960) is hoping to be accepted in October for a Teacher Training College.

Eric H. Mason (1956) has applied for admission to Waterloo University, Winnipeg. He is an electronics technician serving with the U.S. Army in Alaska—about the furthest north to which the "Roding" has penetrated, as far as we know.

T. J. Freeman (1955) has qualified as a dentist.

Trevor Lebentz (1952) is to be married in August and will settle in Broxbourne. Trevor has run the dances for several years with great success and captained the 1st XI at football. He is sales manager with a firm of Scrap Metal Dealers.

Mick Leveridge (1957) has just got married.

Bill Riddell (1943) moved to the Midlands 11 years ago and lives at 83 Station Road, Polesworth, Tamworth, Staffs. He is married with two daughters, 7 and 8½. For 5 years he has taught in the boarding branch of a Birmingham Grammar School and the last 6 years in a Warwickshire High School where he is head of the main stream. He has been press and Parliamentary Secretary to his local association of the National Union of Teachers.

Keith Lovell (1962) has moved to Chelmsford. He is studying for the Church at London University.

Robert Auvache (1951) is a production controller at an engineering works in Leyton.

John A. C. Auvache (1948) is a pattern designer although when I met him, he and his wife were hoping to open a ladies' hairdressing saloon.

Frank W. Sweeting (1960) is studying at the Walthamstow Tech.

Andrew W. Wickes (1961) sent his sub. while on leave from Calcutta.

Tony M. Nicholls (1963) is now at Southampton University.

Leslie E. V. Smith (1960) is technical adviser at PILKINGTONS, the glass manufacturers.

Neil A. Cornwall (1957) is married and lives in Leyton. He is a stockbroker's clerk.

Charles R. Summers (1944) is married with a youngster and lives in Chelmsford. He works at Martins Bank in Lombard Street.

Denis W. J. Vines (1944) travels frequently to Aden and Cyprus in his various capacities as Company Director and Secretary. He is married with a family and lives at Chingford.

John D. Murrell (1960) is a B.Sc. and works for Standard Telephones, Harlow.

Peter J. Wright (1952) works in insurance on Lloyds.

Dick H. Wheatley (1945) still a supporter of Leyton Orient, is a schoolmaster, married and has four children.

Bernard E. J. Chamberlain (1946) has recently married and moved to Harlow, although he intends to carry on his teaching at Walthamstow.

John P. French (1944) is married and lives opposite Dick Wheatley. He is architect for Cheshunt.

Robin H. French (1950), his brother, is married with a family and also lives at Loughton. He works for a city insurance firm.

John E. Norton (1962) works for Wiggins Teape the paper firm.

Norman A. Flack (1959) works in the Trustees Dept. of the Westminster Bank.

Brian M. Sparks (1949) is married, lives in Woodford Green and is a sales engineer.

John T. Marett (1960) studies at the Walthamstow Tech. for a B.Sc.

VALETE

Barber, C. W. F. (1957-64). Athletics Team.

Barnes, R. E. (1957-64). School Prefect; Chigwell House Captain; 1st XI Football (Colours); Tennis Team.

Boddington, I. C. (1957-64).

Bowen, J. P. (1957-64). School Play.

Boyd, C. R. (1957-64). School Prefect; 2nd XI Football.

Burgess, R. G. (1957-64). Basketball Team; 2nd XI Football.

Byde, R. S. (1957-64). Head Boy 1963-64; Athletics Team; Social Services Committee.

Cook, A. D. (1957-64). School Prefect; Captain of 1st XI Football; Hainault House Captain; Athletics; Swimming; Badminton and Table Tennis Teams.

Cook P. J. (1957-64). Secretary of Critics; Chess Team.

Coppin, J. A. (1957-64). School Cross Country Captain (Colours); Athletics Team.

Cox, D. J. (1957-64). Cross Country Team.

Cumber, R. J. (1957-64). Library Prefect; School Choir and Orchestra.

Delahaye, R. G. (1957-64).

Dixon, G. J. (1957-64). Cross Country and Athletics Teams.

Dunne, J. (1958-64). School Prefect; Secretary of Sixth Form Forum; 2nd XI Football; Tennis Captain; 2nd XI Cricket.

Dunwoody, N. F. (1957-64).
Gold, J. (1957-64).
Hall, M. J. M. (1962-64). President of Rhythm and Blues Club; Sixth Form Play.
Hammond, O. M. (1957-64). School Prefect; Athletics Team.
Harris, R. H. (1957-64). School Hockey Captain (Colours); Basketball Team.
Holman, J. M. (1956-64). Athletics Team.
Howard, A. J. C. (1957-64).
Johnson, M. H. (1957-64). School Plays.
Jones, C. J. E. (1957-64). School Prefect.
Jones, N. W. (1957-64).
Jude, R. F. (1957-64).
Kincey, J. A. (1957-64). School Prefect.
Kirman, J. E. (1957-64). School Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; Badminton Captain; School Choir.
Lawrence, B. C. (1957-64). Athletics and Cross Country Teams.
Mannakee, C. A. (1957-64). 2nd XI Football.
Martin, W. J. (1957-64). Deputy Head Prefect; Forest House Captain; Secretary of Debating Society; Social Services Committee; School Play; Badminton Team.
Morden, A. R. (1957-64). School Prefect; School Plays.
Orpin, R. J. (1957-64). Badminton Team; Joint Secretary of the Scientific Film Society.
Palmer, N. J. (1957-64).
Reynolds, A. J. (1957-64). 1st XI Cricket Captain (Colours); Captain of Basketball (Colours); 1st XI Football; Athletics Team.
Seabrook, M. F. (1957-64). Representative on Road Safety Council (Chairman 1963-64); Social Services Committee.
Smith, A. C. (1957-64). School Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XI Football Captain.
Spink, D. A. (1962-64). School Play.
Strauss, D. J. (1957-64). School Prefect; Chess Captain; 1st XI Cricket; Badminton and Table Tennis Teams.
Toms, C. (1955-64). Library Prefect; Secretary of Literary Society.
Tubb, D. A. (1957-64). Athletics Captain (Colours); Basketball Team (Colours).
Turnbull, R. I. (1957-64). Chess Captain.
Turner, H. W. (1958-64). Chess Team.
Turner, M. L. (1957-64). School Prefect; Library Prefect.
Vickers, A. W. (1959-64). School Prefect; Roding House Captain; Dramatic Society; Athletics Team.
White, B. N. (1957-64). School Prefect; 1st XI Football.
White, H. K. V. (1957-64).
Wilkins, G. C. C. (1957-64). Athletics Team.
Woods, R. (1962-64). School Prefect.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1963-64.