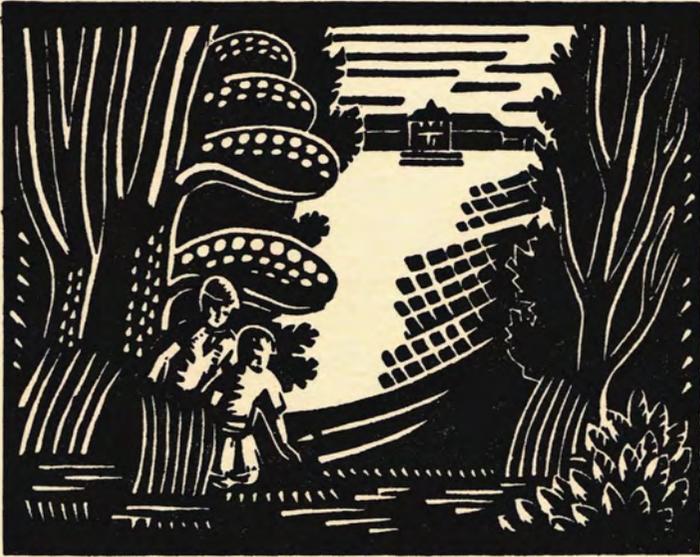


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Mr. A. S. Newens (1941-1948)
M.P. for Epping since October, 1964

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After a quarter-century and more of becoming established, of accumulating traditions, of attaining that degree of stability which comes from the first twenty-five years of a school's life, the School has shown that new ideas are not to be precluded merely because they alter fundamentally its steadily developed structure: the spirit of experiment which must have been present at the dawn of the first year was still present at the dawn of the twenty-seventh. For it was in this spirit that a whole new dimension was added to the School with the introduction of the Sixth Form Council. The aims behind it were simple but exacting: to spread throughout the Upper VI a sense of participation and responsibility, and to commit all its members to the welfare of the School.

Given this unexpected chance to display its maturity, the Upper VI soon invented machinery to try to achieve these aims: a Council of all members was set up to discuss any matters concerned with the School's well-being; a Chairman, Secretary and Management Committee of six to act as a co-ordinating body was elected from the whole, while a House rota was introduced through which the functions of the former Prefects could be carried out—although each Upper VI Former was given equal disciplinary powers for the entire year. In these initial stages, and indeed throughout the ensuing year, the wise, sympathetic and untiring advice of Mr. Samways was quite indispensable.

What have been the Council's successes so far? A thoroughly laudable achievement has been the demonstration by many boys, who under the former organisation would have languished in oblivion, that they are fully capable of assuming their share of responsibility. They have experienced the sacrifices and rewards of duty where they should first be undergone—in School. The value of this is incalculable. Experience in the trials and returns of democracy may also prove immensely valuable. The Council has heard the demagogues and the captious; it has also heard the growing number of members who are prepared, intelligently and patiently, to argue a case through, and to accept in good heart the decision of the majority. Council meetings have varied, at the extremes, between Lawrence's Arab Council and the House of Lords on a sultry summer afternoon, but always something has been gained.

Recommendations to the Headmaster have ranged from suggestions on educational policy—for example, certain changes in Minority Studies have been proposed—to trifles—such as that Form Room numbers should be included in the School Roll. Various useful changes have been initiated, on the Council's advice, in day-to-day School life, most significantly over Lunch procedure. Within the framework of the Council a welcome and quite successful start has been made on social service.

Yet there have been failures, which must act as warnings to future Councils. First, a cleavage has developed between those boys who carry out their tasks conscientiously, and those who could not care less. This division is the rock on which the concept may founder. Second, while rejecting Pope's dictum that "Whatever is, is right," the Council is nevertheless often unable to put forward constructive alternatives to the status quo where change is clearly needed. Many recommendations have been wholly negative, and the majority of the total have been for the benefit of the Upper VI only. Third, it was expected that with the creation of such a large group of boys with prefectorial powers, that the standard of discipline would improve, yet it has probably remained about the same.

While the idealism which helped create the system must now be tempered by the realities of its early history, this is a brave experiment which deserves to succeed. One central issue cannot be avoided: the experience of the year has shown that, as in every society, it is wishful thinking to suppose that each and every member is willing to place public good before private pre-occupation. There may come a time when the proportion of the selfish rises so considerably that the Council may have to select a number of its members to perform the more onerous duties. Then again the Council must acknowledge that the Management Committee provides much of the initiative and ordinary, yet vital, administration: it must therefore be chosen with scrupulous care and then given the necessary executive authority to carry out its functions with efficiency. Lastly, the advantages of having in School a public exemplar—a Head Boy—with qualities of leadership are surely considerable, especially for the more junior boys, and serious thought should be given as to whether one ought to be appointed afresh next year.

This has been a completely personal appraisal, but all will agree that the one criterion for the system, or for any amendment to it, must be whether it promotes the general good of the whole School. If this is so, and if the attribute of service is sufficiently dominant in each Council, the School's first experiment in democracy may well prove to be, in the words of the greatest Prime Minister of this century when describing democracy, "the light of civilised progress, with its tolerances and co-operation, with its dignities and joys."

R. J. BRAZIER, Upper VI.

SCHOOL NOTES

We most cordially welcome and value a new Governor in Mr. E. G. Perry, a very well-known and respected personality in Buckhurst Hill where 'Perry's Corner' is a familiar focus. Mr. Perry is the oldest serving member of the Chigwell Urban District Council to which he was first elected as long ago as 1933, and is an elected member of the County Council and member of the Education Committee.

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Our twenty-seventh school year has been saddened by three deaths: that of one of its most distinguished former pupils, Basil Chase, more fully mentioned below, and of two of its present pupils. On September 17th John Phillipps, of the Upper Sixth, was killed on his way home to Loughton in a collision between his scooter and a lorry, and, on January 26th, Colin Gershon died suddenly in the playground, from natural causes. John Phillipps had played football for the First Eleven since 1962 and his death was a terrible shock to his team-mates of this and the Basketball team, who respected and liked him not only for his tenacity and team spirit but for his modest nature and good-temper. Colin Gershon was also a cheerful and good-tempered boy with a love of cricket remembered by his form-mates in their memorial gift to the Library. Those members of the school whose sorrowful duty it was to represent it at the funeral services were deeply moved by the loving courage of the parents to whom we again offer our deepest sympathy.

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The death of Sir Winston Churchill reminds us of his connection with our school. On two occasions during the course of his two election campaigns in Chigwell, in 1947 and 1951, when Chigwell was then part of the parliamentary constituency of Wanstead and Woodford, Sir Winston spoke from the school platform. Earlier, in 1946, the Governors, with greater optimism than hope, invited him to be the guest of honour at Speech Day, offering as 'bait' the undoubted fact that Buckhurst Hill was the sole boys' county selective school in his constituency. We were not surprised that Sir Winston was not able to accept but we treasure in our official scrap-book his letter of reply, which is a very pleasing example of his graciousness and stylish urbanity, signed by himself, as follows:

Chartwell,
Westerham,
Kent.

Dear Sir,

August 7, 1946.

Thank you so much for your letter of July 4. It is good of you and the Governing Body of the Buckhurst Hill County High

School for Boys wish me to present the Prizes on Speech Day in October next. It would indeed give me pleasure to perform this Ceremony, especially in such congenial circumstances.

I fear however that the pressure of my affairs is so great and the number of my engagements for the coming months already so numerous that I find I cannot add to them at the present time. It is with much regret therefore that I have to decline your very kind invitation, which it is most agreeable for me to receive.

Pray convey to all concerned my expressions of disappointment that I cannot be with you all on this occasion and my best wishes for a happy and successful day.

Yours truly,
(signed) WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

The Chairman of the Governors,
Buckhurst Hill County High School.

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We are happy to record that a cheque for £33 was handed by the Headmaster to Mr. Beresford, our war-time Schoolkeeper, on the twentieth anniversary of his total blinding by a V.1 that landed on the road outside his house on 11th July, 1944. Many former pupils at the annual dinner contributed to this sum, and we are glad to report that Mr. Beresford is in good health and is a very busy and highly-skilled rug-maker at number 7 Blackmore Road, Buckhurst Hill, watched over with loving care by his most gracious wife.

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The origin of the School motto 'Donata reponere laeti'—'rejoicing to repay'—has more than once been revealed by the Headmaster in past numbers of 'The Roding,' but what he did not know was whether his Senior Tutor's suggestion was original or derivative. We are therefore grateful to Mr. Samways for discovering that these very words appear in line 39 of the seventh chapter of Book I of the Epistles of Horace:—

"Inspice si possum donata reponere laetus"
"Try me whether I can restore your gifts cheerfully."

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It is a matter of pride that two former pupils and one present pupil are current leaders of sections of the Essex Youth Orchestra; Christopher Rowland leads the Orchestra as first violinist, David F. B. Pearn (1955-62) is Viola Leader and David E. Perkins (1955-62) is leader of the Double Basses. We also understand that Nicholas Reader (1955-60) is a Bassoonist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

After the ten years of devoted service given by Roger Webb as Head of the P.E. Department in which he had built up such excellent all-round standards, we wondered if his successor would maintain them; we need have had no fear since Peter Shaw came to us with warm approbation from the St. Clement Dane's Grammar School where the sporting traditions have always been first class; indeed so strong were his all-round sporting abilities that we could hardly hope to enjoy the fruits of his experience as long as we would wish; in effect Mr. Shaw has been with us a term less than three years before being appointed a Lecturer in Physical Education at Nottingham College of Education. Since Mr. Shaw is an international Basketball player it is not surprising that he has greatly extended the range and raised the standards of our Basketball which is now honoured with a leaf on our winter fixture card. Swimming standards have been raised and the Under Thirteen Football XI has been greatly encouraged by Mr. Shaw's strenuous support on the touch-line and by training sessions. His is not an aggressive or strident personality for he is able to achieve his quietly resolved ends by courteous and persuasive means. He exemplifies the poise and balanced restraint of physical fitness and we have been impressed by and thankful for his zeal for the Greek ideal.

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Mr. Norman Beer will long be remembered at Buckhurst Hill for his verse-speaking work, particularly for the programme, "The Four Seasons," which he compiled and which he so skilfully directed at the Summer Concert in 1963. The Junior Play, too, is his memorial, since he established it and showed us by his productions, not least by his own adaptation of "Lord of the Flies," that it could be a performance of value to the whole school and that it was worthy of a permanent place in the School Calendar. These are only two of the many contributions Mr. Beer made to the life of the School. He did all that he did with passionate sincerity and wholehearted dedication, whether it was coaxing the best out of his actors or arguing his pupils—and his colleagues—out of their prejudices. We have already missed him since his departure at Christmas, 1964, to become Head of the English Department at Chingford County High School. His many friends here recall with gratitude his fine work for the School and wish him success in all his future ventures.

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We say goodbye this term to Mr. A. I. Neville, who has been with us for three years teaching English at all levels in the school. A challenging and stimulating teacher, he will be remembered for

the intellectual seriousness and responsibility which informed his teaching and stirred the apathetic. Mr. Neville has been in charge of the Literary Society and the School's Tennis and has given valuable help to the Chess Club. We wish him and his wife every success in their venture into teaching in America.

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The School owes a great deal to Mr. Desmond Berghofer, a Queenslander from Brisbane, for so capably taking Mr. Beer's place for the remainder of this last School Year. Although we are foreigners to him, he has tolerated our idiosyncrasies with imperturbable calm, and shown us what can be achieved by Australian good sense, hard work and friendliness. We hope he has enjoyed his stay with us and that he will enjoy the rest of his working holiday from his own country.

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We are sorry to be losing the services of Mr. White at the end of the summer term upon his appointment to the French Lycée in London. During his brief two years with us he has by his earnestness, his wide cultural interests and his readiness to oblige gained the respect and regard of pupils and colleagues. In addition to his service in the class-room teaching French and Russian, he has given much appreciated help with Games and Badminton. As a Francophile he will find the atmosphere of the Lycée Français particularly congenial. We congratulate him on his appointment and wish him success and happiness in his new environment.

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Herr Uwe Kock came to us at the beginning of the School year from Kiel University to help with German conversation in the upper school. As we had to share his services with Chingford County High School, we only saw him twice a week but during this time he made a very useful contribution towards the knowledge of spoken German in the School. He also gave an interesting talk to Sixth Form Forum on 'Education in Western Germany.' He will return to Germany having seen a lot of Britain, learnt a lot of English and having acquired a very fine beard. We wish him every success in his future studies.

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To fill the vacancies made by the foregoing resignations we have been able to appoint and are pleased to welcome the following gentlemen:

Mr. C. R. Broomfield, B.A., Magdalen College, Oxford, to teach English.

Mr. A. T. Griffiths, B.A., Aberystwyth, University of Wales, to teach English.

Mr. D. A. Hargreaves, B.A., University College, London, to teach French.

Mr. E. Moore, Loughborough College, for Physical Education and Games.

'Ted' Moore (1954-61), will be the second old boy to be appointed to the permanent teaching Staff. He was awarded the 'John Sargent' Cup for the finest sportsman of the year in 1960, represented Essex Grammar Schools at football and pole vaulted for Essex Schools and was Captain of Gymnastics. At College he played football for the First XI, was in the second Basketball seven and Athletics team. Last season he played for the Corinthian-Casuals Senior XI scoring goals at left half-back. We can anticipate a happy collaboration between him and Jon Palethorpe who has been promoted to the place of Mr. Shaw.

Mr. R. Orrowe will be leaving us for a year to take a supplementary course at Goldsmiths' College and his place will be temporarily filled by Mr. D. A. Stancer, Loughborough College.

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We are pleased to congratulate the following:

Dr. J. Pippard, Chairman of the Governors, for being elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

A. S. Newens (1941-48) for being the first pupil in the School to be elected Member of Parliament, for Epping.

J. A. Johnson (1950-57) for gaining his Doctorate of Philosophy at Trinity College, Cambridge.

I. M. Rouse (1954-61) for gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Industrial Chemistry at Northampton College of Advanced Technology.

J. Dunne (1958-64) for being awarded a Baring Open Scholarship in Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford.

P. S. Lewis (1958-65) for gaining a Ford Trust University Scholarship and an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

C. S. Rowland (1958-65) for being awarded an Open Exhibition in Music at Trinity College, Cambridge, and a Henderson Scholarship for the Violin at the Royal Academy of Music.

D. J. Strauss (1957-64) for being awarded an Open Scholarship in Mathematics to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

R. I. Turnbull (1957-65) for being awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences to St. John's College, Cambridge, and for being the first boy in the history of the school to be awarded a 'Cicely Courtauld' Scholarship by the Essex Education Committee for his performance at Advanced level.

J. Smallbone (1959-) for being the first boy to be a member of the Essex Schools' Basketball team.

- D. A. Reeves and B. Wynn** (1958-65) for representing Essex Grammar Schools at Football.
- P. R. G. Aston** (1956-63) for winning the 'Hammer' in the U.A.U. Championships and for obtaining second place in the 'Hammer' at the British Universities Athletics Sports.
- Michael Simmonds** (1956-59) for being commended by the Commissioner of Police for initiative and determination in arresting a very troublesome criminal.
- J. F. Batchelor** (1952-59) for winning the Essex A.A. Six Miles Championship.
- Michael Standen** (1948-54) who left in the Sixth to go to the High Pavement School, Nottingham, and thence to Cambridge University, for his novel about Sixth Formers and the University. This first novel, "Start Somewhere," has been favourably reviewed by the critics; "Mr. S. has written a quiet first novel full of warmth and integrity." 'The Times' reviewer said that "nothing that Mr. S. does is better than the subtle way he suggests the doubts and self distrust of the Sixth Former."
- P. N. Lammas** (1955-62) of Trinity College, Cambridge, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Part I of the Historical Tripos.
- P. Robjant** (1953-61) of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Part II of the Law Tripos.
- M. J. Norgett** (1954-61) of Magdalen College, Oxford, for obtaining First Class Honours in Chemistry.
- E. A. Hart** (1955-62) of Magdalen College, Oxford, for obtaining Third Class Honours in Mathematics.
- P. J. Morden** (1954-61) of University College, Swansea, for obtaining Second Class Honours in German.
- P. W. Anderson** (1954-62) of Southampton University, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Chemistry.
- R. G. H. White** (1956-61) of Manchester University, for obtaining Third Class Honours in Psychology.
- R. W. F. Yoell** (1955-62) of Southampton University, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Chemistry.
- Robert Druce** (1940-47), now lecturer in English at Trent Park Training College, on the publication of his book, "The Face of Innocence: Children and their poetry" (Brockhampton Press).
- R. Cochrane** (1955-62) of Birmingham University, for obtaining First Class Honours in Psychology and Sociology and for being awarded a Research Fellowship.
- R. W. Street** (1955-62) of London Bible College, for obtaining his B.D.

- I. P. Freeman** (1955-62) of Imperial College, London, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Engineering.
- R. Britton** (1954-61) of Leicester University, for obtaining Second Class Honours in Zoology and for being awarded a Research Studentship in River Biology at Reading University.
- B. D. A. Waite** (1949-54) for obtaining his Ph.D. in Industrial Chemistry.

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It was reported in the "Roding" of 1955 that with the admission of Alan Hawker his family had established a record of having four brothers as members of the School. We are now able to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hawker on their sons' achievements of reaching graduate status as follows:

Geoffrey	1940-45	B.Sc. Honours Engineering.
Michael	1943-49	First Class Honours Diploma of Technology in Mechanical Engineering.
John	1952-60	B.Sc., Science and Mathematics.
Alan	1955-62	B.A. Special, Social Studies.

When, if ever, will this record be beaten in the history of the School?

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1963-1964

The Headmaster gave a brief review of the year's record at the informal prize distribution on December 21st. He recalled with sorrow the deaths of Sir Frank Foster, a former Chairman of the Governing Body, M. Keens and J. Phillipps, two most promising Sixth Formers, and Dr. Basil Chase, one of the original 89 of 1938. Examination results—notably those of Byde, Strauss and Turnbull at 'A' level—had been very satisfactory. The Sixth Form now numbered 150 and the newly built Division Rooms were already overcrowded. The Sixth Form Council was a vitally important experiment recently started—too important to be allowed to fail! The 'Devonia' cruise had been a great success and a Russian Easter visit in 1966 was in preparation. Of the sports, basketball and swimming were making the most progress while the success of the chess team was quite spectacular. In "The Importance of Being Earnest" the Loughton County High School girls had been superb; Lewis and Byde had almost been worthy of them! He referred with pride to the first Old Buckwellian M.P., Mr. Stanley Newens, and to the rescue activities of Captain

Kempton and Lt.-Commander Parry in aiding the 'Lakonia.' Whatever changes awaited the school its future would still depend on "individual response to individual stimulus."

Mrs. H. A. Mustill, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, distributed the prizes and spoke on the problem of human relations, especially that of loneliness: "We need the company of others, we need their respect and affection."

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

This being the first full school year with the subscription at 4/- per term, the General Purposes Fund has more easily met the growing demands on its resources. "The Roding" (£145) and expenditure in connection with games travel and catering (after refund on travelling expenses, about £150), continue to absorb a high proportion of the total income from subscriptions (£330, approx.), but the wider social, cultural and intellectual life of the School is given ready support at all times.

J.B.W.

PRIZE LIST

First year:	P. J. Ekblom	B. M. Pritchard	D. P. Worth
Second year:	2a C. I. Kay	2x P. P. Sutton	2y R. M. Wright
Third year:	3a R. Goudge	3x B. C. Patient	3y R. T. V. Tyson
Fourth year:	4a S. L. Mussett	4b D. Withnall	4c R. J. Coney
Art:	Middle School: B. Tulett	Junior School: C. E. West	
Gym:	Senior School: G. M. Sykes	Junior School: M. D. Mitchell	
Woodwork:	Third Year: N. H. Dewey	Second year: P. P. Sutton	
Verse Speaking Festival:	Senior: R. S. Byde	Middle: A. M. Hardman	Junior: A. G. Skuse
Music Festival:	Piano intermediate: R. J. Smith	Piano advanced: T. E. Atkins	Instrumental novice: S. J. Sillars
	Instrumental intermediate: M. C. Baker	Instrumental advanced: N. W. Blake	Composition: M. C. Baker
Music Plaque:	awarded to the boy rendering the greatest service to School Music:		T. E. Atkins
Headmaster's Prize:	"for the finest speaking of the year": R. S. Byde		

Examination Prizes:

Ordinary level:		Advanced level:	
English	K. M. Thomas	English	R. Woods
German	K. M. Thomas	French	A. W. Vickers
French	R. M. White	German	A. W. Vickers
Latin	M. J. Pippard	Latin	J. Dunne
History	A. C. Bazlinton	History	W. J. Martin
Geography	M. Easteal	Geography	W. J. Martin
Mathematics	J. S. Trowbridge	Economics	W. J. Martin
Physics	J. D. Smallbone	Pure Maths.	D. J. Strauss
Chemistry	C. M. Cumbers	Applied Maths.	D. J. Strauss
Biology	D. A. Hughes	Physics	R. I. Turnbull
Gen. Science	D. D. Faulkner	Chemistry	R. I. Turnbull
Music	R. J. Harding	Zoology	C. R. Boyden
Art	S. C. Bazlinton	Botany	B. N. White
Bible Knowledge	K. R. Mitchinson		

Prize awarded by Parents' Assoc. for best result at Ordinary level:	R. M. White
The 'Old Buckwellians' Cricket Bat for the most improved cricketer:	A. C. Smith
The 'Old Buckwellians' Hockey Stick for the most improved hockey player:	H. K. V. White
The 'John Sargent' Cup for the "finest sportsman of the year":	R. E. Barnes
The 'Mallinson' Cup awarded "to the boy with the best record of service to the school":	A. J. Reynolds
The 'T. H. Knight' Memorial Prize presented by the Staff:	C. Toms
The 'Bradley Essay' Prize presented by C. J. Bradley, Esq.:	C. R. Avery
The Head Prefect's Prize presented by the Governing Body:	R. S. Byde
The 'Chapman Memorial' Cup—Inter-House Sports Championship 1963/64:	Forest (capt.: W. J. Martin)

EXAMINATION RESULTS UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION SYNDICATE, 1964

Ordinary Level			
Althorp, R. J.	(2)	Bonfield, G.	(7)
Anderson, T. J.	(1)	Botting, J. C.	(3)
Andrews, J. C.	(1)	Bowles, W. A.	(8)†
Ashton, L. R.	(7)	Bridle, P. S.	(8)†
Austin, P. J.	(7)†	Brown, K.	(1)
Avery, C. R.	(8)†	Chase, A. J.	(2)
Barclay, I. L.	(7)†	Clive, K. B. J.	(7)
Bartholomew, K. C.	(6)†	Croxton, P. J.	(1)
Bartlett, T. J.	(3)	Cumbers, C. M.	(8)†
Bazlinton, C. A.	(6)	Deith, J. H.	(1)
Bazlinton, S. C.	(8)	Dewar, M. J.	(7)
Beavis, A. K.	(9)†	Dungate, D. J.	(9)†
Betts, D. A.	(3)	Dyason, C. R.	(4)
Bishop, R.	(5)†	Dyson, G. S.	(9)
Bone, J.	(7)	East, D.	(1)

ORDINARY LEVEL (Cont.)

Easteal, M.	(9)†	Reynolds, J. Q.	(2)
Edson, D. H.	(4)	Rich, J. S.	(7)†
Faulkner, D. D.	(8)	Richardson, A. J.	(3)
Fitchett, M. A.	(7)	Roach, W. J. A.	(5)
Forbes, G. H.	(6)	Robinson, P. B.	(5)
French, R.	(5)	Russell, D. G.	(4)
Golding, N. K.	(4)	Ryder, J. E.	(9)†
Golding, S. W.	(9)†	Smallbone, J. D.	(8)†
Goodwin, P. E.	(2)	Smith, H. S.	(5)†
Grantham, S.	(9)†	Spinks, M. R.	(3)†
Green, R. E.	(3)	Starns, G. D.	(1)
Greenaway, G. J.	(8)†	Stratum, A. F.	(9)†
Hancock, M. P.	(9)†	Stringer, K.	(3)
Hannah, J.	(9)†	Sylvester, I. L.	(8)†
Harbott, B. J.	(5)	Taylor, P. L.	(9)†
Harding, R. J.	(9)†	Taylor, T. A.	(1)
Harris, R. G.	(7)	Thomas, D.	(8)†
Hassall, C. M.	(6)	Thomas, D. C.	(6)
Hassall, I. T.	(5)	Thomas, K. M.	(8)†
Hearn, B. M. W.	(6)	Thompson, R.	(9)†
Hendrie, R. V.	(7)	Thorn, P. N.	(1)
Higgs, G. A.	(5)	Toms, R.	(8)
Hooker, J. A.	(6)	Trevelyan, A. M.	(8)
Howes, M. T.	(8)	Trowbridge, J. S.	(9)†
Hughes, D. A.	(9)†	Trumble, D. J. C.	(3)
Ingles, T. A.	(3)†	Turner, M. H.	(6)
Jones, M. P.	(5)	Tyndall, J. R.	(9)†
Jones, S. M.	(9)	Vince, N. J.	(2)
Kennedy, W. A. S.	(7)†	Walden, C.	(9)†
King, J. A.	(5)	Webster, J.	(1)
Kingsley, S. D. P.	(6)	Weisner, P. S.	(9)†
Knight, G. E.	(6)†	Wheatley, A. P.	(7)†
Linsdell, N. E.	(4)	White, A. D. A.	(7)
Mann, G. W.	(4)	White, R. M.	(9)†
Mitchinson, K. R.	(9)†	Whitehead, H. J.	(1)
Morgan, D. J.	(5)	Wilks, F. J.	(3)
Muench, E. V. C.	(1)	Winter, R. G.	(9)†
Neish, R.	(1)	Wood, A. F.	(1)
Pippard, M. J.	(9)†	Woodward, D. R.	(2)
Porter, G. A.	(3)	Woodward, M. J.	(8)
Prevost, A. A.	(5)	Worth, R. C.	(9)†
Reinelt, G. E.	(7)		

(Number of passes in brackets; those with † include passes obtained in November, 1963.)

Advanced Level

Arts:	Barber, C. W. F.	French, German
	Barnes, R. E.	Geography, German
	Bowen, J. P.	French
	Burgess, R. G.	English
	Coppin, J. A.	History, Geography, Economics
	Cox, D. J.	History, Economics
	Cumber, R. J.	Geography, Economics
	Dunne, J.	History, Latin, French
	Dunwoody, N. F.	Economics, Latin, French
	Hall, M. J.	Economics
	Howard, A. J.	Geography, Economics
	Jones, N. W.	Geography
	Kirman, J. E.	Geography, Music

ADVANCED LEVEL - ARTS (Cont.)

	Martin, W. J.	History, Geography, Economics
	Morden, A. R.	Geography, Economics, French
	Palmer, N. J.	History, Geography, Economics
	Reynolds, A. J.	History, Geography, Economics
	Spink, D. A.	History, Geography, Economics
	Toms, C.	English, Latin, French
	Tubb, D. A.	Geography, Economics
	Turner, M. L.	English, Latin
	Vickers, A. W.	English, French, German
	Woods, R. J.	English, Bible Knowledge
Science:	Boddington, I. C.	Applied Maths, Maths/Applied, Physics
	Byde, R. S.	Pure Maths, Applied, Maths, Physics
	Delahaye, R. G.	Pure Maths, Applied, Maths, Physics
	Gold, I.	Mathematics, Physics
	Hammond, O. M.	Geography, Economics
	Harris, R. H.	Geography
	Holman, J. M.	Pure Maths, Applied Maths
	Jones, C. J. E.	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics
	Jude, R. F.	Physics, Chemistry
	Mannakee, C. A.	Pure Maths, Maths/Pure
	Orpin, R. J.	Applied Maths, Maths/Applied, Physics
	Strauss, D. J.	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics
	Turnbull, R. I.	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry
	White, H. K. V.	Geography
	Boyden, C. R.	Chemistry, Zoology
	Cook, P. J.	English, Zoology
	Johnson, M. H.	Chemistry, Zoology
	Kincey, J. A.	Physics, Chemistry, Zoology
	Lawrence, B. C.	Pure Maths, Physics, Zoology
	Seabrook, M. F.	Economics, Botany, Zoology
	Smith, A. C.	Chemistry, Zoology
	Turner, H. W.	Zoology
	White, B. N.	Chemistry, Botany, Zoology

County Major Scholarships

J. Dunne	C. J. E. Jones	W. J. Martin	B. N. White
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County Major Exhibitions

R. E. Barnes	O. M. Hammond	R. J. Orpin
C. R. Boyden	J. M. Holman	N. J. Palmer
J. A. Coppin	M. H. Johnson	A. J. Reynolds
D. J. Cox	J. A. Kincey	A. C. Smith
R. G. Delahaye	J. E. Kirman	D. A. Spink
N. F. Dunwoody	G. T. S. Lyon	C. Toms
M. J. Hall	A. R. Morden	A. W. Vickers

OLD BOYS SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Bassam, A. K.	1954-61	B.A. (Hons. History), Sussex.
Bernhard, D. F.	1954-61	B.A. (Hons. History), Reading.
Buckley, M.	1953-60	B.A. (Hons. Psychology), Manchester.
Buckley, M. A.	1954-59	Law Society's Part I Examination, Distinctions in Contract Law and Criminal Law.
Claydon, M. F.	1953-60	B.Sc. (Hons. Chemistry), Southampton.
Greenwood, C. A.	1952-59	B.A. (Hons. History), Hull.
Harrington, R.	1953-60	B.A. (Hons. Geography), Southampton.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES (Cont.)

Ienkins, G.	1954-61	B.Sc. (Hons. Zoology), Chelsea College of Advanced Technology.
Lewis, J. D.	1954-61	B.Sc. (Hons. Physics), Nottingham.
Maple, M.	1952-61	B.A. (Hons. Maths Part III) Cambridge.
Mayo, R. F.	1946-54	Ph.D., Physics, Cambridge.
Norgett, M. J.	1954-61	B.A. (Hons. Chemistry Moderations), Oxford.
Robjant, P.	1952-60	B.A. (English Tripos Part II), Cambridge.
Rutherford, G. J.	1954-61	B.A. (General Studies), Liverpool.
Sargood, A. J.	1954-61	B.Sc. (Hons. Physics), Southampton.
Snashall, P. D.	1953-60	B.Sc. (Hons. Physiology), Charing Cross Hospital.
Vince, J. M.	1954-61	B.Sc. (Civil Engineering), Queen Mary College, London.
Wilkinson, A. J. A.	1954-61	B.Sc. (Hons. Physics), Southampton.

OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1964, or not previously reported)

Boyd, C. R.	1957-64	Queen Mary College, London.
Cook, A. D.	1957-64	Nelson Hall Training College, Stafford.
Cossey, B. G.	1956-64	St. John's College, Cambridge.
Cox, D. J.	1957-64	University of Essex.
Cripps, H. J.	1956-63	West Ham College of Technology.
Dow, J.	1957-63	Edinburgh University.
Dow, N. L.	1957-62	Newcastle University.
Dunwoody, N. F.	1957-64	Manchester University.
Ellington, P.	1956-63	Hull University.
Grant, K. F.	1956-64	University College, Swansea.
Hall, M. J.	1962-64	Mid-Essex Technical College.
Jones, C. J. E.	1957-64	University of Essex.
Lyon, G. S.	1959-63	Royal Veterinary College.
Martin, W. J.	1957-64	London School of Economics and Political Science.
Morden, A. R.	1957-64	University College, Swansea.
Mynott, R. J.	1956-64	Magdalen College, Oxford.
Rumbol, N.	1961-62	University College, Aberystwyth
Toms, C.	1956-64	Buckland Hall, Berkshire.
Tubb, D. A.	1957-64	Loughborough Training College.
Vickers, A. W.	1959-64	Woolwich Polytechnic.
White, B. N.	1957-64	Nottingham University.

BASIL HUGH CHASE

The sudden death of Basil Chase came as a very severe shock to those who had taught him and been taught with him. He was one of our originals, number four on the school roll and a member of Mr. Scott's 1A. He took the school prizes for English and Maths on the School Certificate results—our first—in 1943 and, two years later, he obtained distinctions in Physics and Applied Maths, taking the H.S.C. prizes in these subjects and in Pure Maths and Chemistry; he was awarded a State Science Bursary—the forerunner to the State Scholarship—to King's College, London. He was the first pupil to obtain a First Class Honours degree, in Chemistry, and the first Honorary Secretary of the Old Buckwellians.

To him the Headmaster turned for an account of the first seven years for the Silver Jubilee number of 'The Roding.' We will always remember Basil as a cheerful, genial pupil of pawky wit, a natural debunker, whose native modesty could not conceal from his friends his high ability and generosity of nature. To the Old Bucks he bequeathed a legacy of one hundred pounds, but infinitely more precious he has left to all who knew him an inefaceable memory of modesty, good humour and courage in the knowledge of inevitable and early death. To his parents, wife and family we express our sorrow, and pride, that Buckhurst Hill was privileged to enroll him amongst our pioneer pupils. We have been permitted to reprint from 'Chemistry in Industry' an obituary notice which shows in what high respect he was held as a man and research scientist by his Division of I.C.I.

BASIL HUGH CHASE

1927 - 1964

Basil Hugh Chase was born on 9th January, 1927, at Epping, and died of Hodgkin's disease on 22nd May, 1964, at Bebington, Cheshire. From Buckhurst Hill County High School he entered King's College, University of London, in 1945 and graduated with first class Honours in 1948; he gained his Ph.D. in 1950. He then spent three years at the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, before going to Cambridge, where he held an I.C.I. Fellowship in Sir Alexander (now Lord) Todd's laboratory and was a member of Clare College. At the end of 1956 Dr. Chase joined the Unilever Research Laboratory, Port Sunlight, in a post of considerable responsibility which he held until his untimely death.

Wherever Basil Chase worked he was successful and greatly respected. His Ph.D. work under Professor D. H. Hey yielded a substantial paper on rearrangements of acid chlorides from half-esters of dibasic acids. At Mill Hill he collaborated with Dr. James Walker in extensive investigations of medicinal chemistry, mainly relating to anti-malarials. The paper on preparation of enol ethers from ketonitriles⁽¹⁾ is especially worthy of notice, because these compounds are intermediates in syntheses of certain aminopyrimidines, including the important prophylactic anti-malarial, pyrimethamine. At Cambridge Dr. Chase explored syntheses of complex organic phosphates related to nucleotide coenzymes, such as coenzyme A. In Unilever he was responsible for work connected with detergents, for example on fluorescent pyrazolines, and germicides. Papers from all four laboratories mentioned above appeared in the Journal of the Chemical Society between 1952 and 1963, and patents were granted for work done at Mill Hill and Port Sunlight.

Any account of Basil Chase's life must emphasise his sympathetic, truly gentlemanly character and his rare sense of humour. Nothing ruffled him and he never expressed an unkind thought. Quiet and unassuming, equipped with a ready stock of puns and a curved pipe, he was a sure source of harmony in the laboratory. In research teams he was inevitably popular, always steadily working towards the goal and never worrying about questions of individual credit for success. In addition to his research work at Unilever he was very successful in promoting co-operation between the laboratories at Port Sunlight and Colworth House, between chemists and biologists.

In 1953 Basil Chase married Ann Hacking, also a member of the Mill Hill staff. Their hospitality was well known among many friends, who only recently learnt, and can still hardly believe, that Basil had known the full implications of his illness for over three years. The Chases accepted this tragedy together with amazing courage; their gaiety was undimmed, and Basil still maintained his interests, which included bridge, coin collecting and music. He leaves a widow, daughter and son.

G. W. KENNER.

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UNIVERSITY LETTER

University College, Oxford.

May 16th, 1965.

Sir,

One of the great advantages Oxford can claim over Cambridge is that—for most people at least—only the last summer in one's career is marred by the immediate threat of exams. Summer term, for first and second year men is, then, a time when all manner of temptations present themselves to distract one from the lecture room and the library. Two Old Bucks, at least, have found that the only effective way to deal with temptation is to give in to it.

Spending a lot of time on "outside activities" is not necessarily the same as wasting time however. Organisation of time is the great problem and, I suppose, the test of any university career. The man who sits with a haunted look in the Bodleian all day and every day, may not be making the best of what Oxford has to offer. For the chances are that a person with theatrical interests—whether his talents lie backstage or on-stage—will never again have the opportunity to develop them at near-professional level. The same is true of the aspiring journalist, politician, sportsman, etc. The majority of people who are now in control of this Dramatic Society, of "Isis," the Union or the University Sports

Clubs will probably work in industry or commerce but their activities will not have been wasted. Nor will the activities of those who had worked at a more humble, collegiate level be later regretted. The abilities required to organise a university society will in many cases, of course, prove extremely practical in business but more important than this is the experience itself—of meeting a wide range of people on terms other than purely academic ones and of doing something one enjoys as well as possible.

The principle of enjoying to the full college facilities during one's three years applies equally strongly to Oxford social life. The chance of enjoying first-class dinners and wines at reasonable costs in college dining societies is not likely to come again. Those of the more zealous dons who claim that Oxford is too much like a holiday camp and that increased pressure should be brought to bear to compel undergraduates to work at prescribed hours in the day are surely missing the point of leaving the responsibility for striking a balance to the individual. They would make a university an intellectual cramming house. A society of stereotyped technocrats is a frightening prospect and Oxford, happily, seems to be an institution that is providing an effective buffer against such a society ever coming into being.

Yours etc.

MARTIN FRIZELLE
(1955-63)

THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL DEBATE

With the victory of the Labour Party at last October's General Election, the whole debate over the advisability of a nationwide system of comprehensive education has been highlighted.

Perhaps of all the political discussions at the moment this is the one which promises to change the established order of our country the most. It also promises to raise social and class problems which always generate the highest political temperature throughout the land. But the problem about this controversy, as has been clearly shown by the multitude of conflicting reports, is that no proper nation-wide survey has yet been taken to say once and for all whether or not the comprehensive school gives a better education.

What, then, are the main arguments for a comprehensive school system? Within the last few years the eleven-plus examination has been generally discredited throughout the country. The obvious conclusion to this, since that exam was the best we could devise to classify children for the segregated schools, is that the whole education set-up is wrong. Whilst the chosen few go

to a grammar school, the rest are pushed into secondary modern schools where, as the Robbins Committee found, their abilities tend to decrease rather than increase. Under a comprehensive system all would, at least in theory, have equal opportunity, and the "late developer" (whose mystical quality ranks with that of the "floating voter") would not be branded for life by an inferior type of education. Sir Edward Boyle, Tory Minister of Education, has said: "None of us believes in pre-war terms that children can be sharply differentiated into various types and levels of ability."

Arguments against the system mainly depend on the fact that the comprehensives have still to be proved. Thus, arguments that the clever will be held back by the slower ones, and that there is not much movement between the streams anyway, will, in time, either be proved or disproved. Perhaps their most valid point is that parents will lose the freedom to choose which school they want their children to go to. Some also believe that the loss of the grammar school will also cut down the number of intellectual "high flyers," and they point eagerly to the recent visit of a Czech delegation which was complaining of a lack of pupils of high intelligence in Czech comprehensive schools.

One point of the Labour Party's programme on education needs to be clarified, however, for it is widely believed that they intend to implement their plan as quickly as possible. This is far from being the case, and matters as vital as education should not be rushed, especially before any proper study of the question has been implemented. The cost will also need looking into. For example, the Swedes found that it would cost £165 million in new buildings alone to produce a properly comprehensive system. In addition they found that the cost for each pupil would go up from about £148 to £170 per year. Is there room for this amount of expenditure if public spending is only to rise by 4%?

It is to be hoped, though, that when, as is probable, the time comes for a change in Essex the issues will be fought on the educational value, and not, as is happening in some parts of the country, on the snob value of the grammar school. It is far better to go with the wind of change than fight vainly against it.

M. EASTEAL, Lower VI Arts.

"A RESOUNDING TINKLE"

Every year a small band of enthusiasts—a producer, actors, set builders, painters, lighting experts, and a props man—devote themselves to putting on a play. After weeks of strenuous, and often nerve-fraying rehearsal, it is ready for public performance, and a reluctant school is persuaded to come and see it.

This year's production by Mr. Bartlett was particularly enterprising. "A Resounding Tinkle" by N. F. Simpson is a modern play and therefore dangerous. We were not treated simply to a story: all there was in this line was a glimpse of the strange, suburban home-life of Bro and Middie Paraddock (played convincingly by N. Brett and Miss Carol Salmon), the antics of their two private comedians (I. McKinley and W. Kennedy, both natural humorists), and the problems caused by the delivery of their annual elephant. A neighbour (Miss Jill Smyth) and a daughter (Miss Tina Perrin) also made brief, eccentric appearances. This comic but puzzling sequence was continually interrupted, first by the author himself, then at intervals by a technician, two cleaners, five critics, a member of the audience and the producer (played in order of appearance by A. Hughes, J. Rich, Miss Katherine Murphy and Miss Angela Squires, J. Hannah, A. Stratum, A. Hardman, Miss Jean Taylor, Miss Gillian Dodson, J. Muston, and J. Ryder). The aim, modern and questioning, was to force the audience to think about the whole business of making plays and to reconsider what is normally expected of them.

The production itself was clearly a success. The acting was word-perfect, distinct, confident, and worthy of the play. Judging by its unobtrusiveness, work backstage went equally well. And there were moments of hilarious wit.

But despite its novelty and its gay refusal to make obvious sense, "A Resounding Tinkle" is an unsatisfactory play, I think. The lack of continuity and the intrusion of all the paraphernalia of production give it an over-technical, theatrical quality. The difference between "absurd" theatre and mere jumble is not always evident.

A first former said he liked it because of all the unexpected characters in it, especially the floor-cleaners. A fourth-former said: "The acting and the production were excellent, but I couldn't understand what it was all about." A sixth-former, overheard in the corridor: "It's the kind of play we shall be thinking about in three weeks' time." Others applauded the "with it" quality that links the play with "T.W.3" and "Beyond the Fringe." And Mr. Bartlett, commenting on the problems of production, said "The actors, though probably rebels against their own suburbia, were asked to become ingrained suburbans. That they succeeded in doing just this gives some idea of the very considerable talent and effort involved."

Whatever your verdict "A Resounding Tinkle" was an interesting, controversial play, and the School needs controversy.

This year the School loses most of the regular stage-team, including P. Maker, A. Mutch, M. Higginson, H. Spooner, I. and

M. Glasscock. Their work, now developed to a fine art, has contributed enormously to the success of this and many previous productions, and they will be very difficult to replace.

A.I.N.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PLAY 1964

The end of the Christmas Term once again brought the pleasure of the combined entertainment provided each year by the School Choir and Junior Dramatic Society, who performed before full houses on 18th and 19th December.

In the first half, the Choir and Orchestra rendered "A Christmas Cantata" by the contemporary English composer Geoffrey Bush, thus introducing a new work to most of the audience but one containing some familiar reference points like the Coventry Carol. A large choir of over fifty voices accompanied by a string orchestra of twelve performed with discipline and élan under the vigorous and enthusiastic direction of Mr. Rippin and were rewarded by generous (and genuine) applause.

Once more the success of the concert owed much to the two visiting soloists—Janet Cass (soprano) and Mary Mathieson (oboe)—and the friends of the school who augmented the orchestra. But above all we must congratulate Mr. Rippin and his enthusiastic young musicians for bringing their many hours of out-of-school rehearsal to such an enjoyable climax and note with regret that three boys who have been stalwarts of the orchestra—Atkins, Crawford and Rowland—were performing in their last Christmas Concert as pupils of the school.

The Junior Dramatic Society turned to a very different period for their contribution to the evening by performing what is generally claimed to be the first English comedy—written by the anonymous Mr. S. in 1550—"Gammer Gurton's Needle." Its simple, earthy humour proved well suited to a youthfully uninhibited cast drawn from the first three years. We will long remember the drinking song crooned by the servant Hodge—played by A. Haine, who revealed a real talent for the stage; and the fight between Dame Chat, prettily played by A. J. Giddings and Gammer Gurton herself (A. C. Dowling) that had all the ladylike qualities of a women's wrestling match. Other confident performances came from M. C. Read as Diccon, J. F. Perkins as the impish and energetic boy Cocke, T. M. Cook as "gaffer vicar" (both the latter seemed type-cast), J. B. Sutton as the commandingly clear magistrate, and K. S. Anderson as his wily clerk.

The action took place in front of a pleasingly pretty village scene prepared with the usual loving care we have come to expect

from the stage team of Higginson, Koller, M. C. and I. J. Glasscock, Maker, Mutch and Forbes. In all, Mr. Maishman must have been well pleased that he had given us the opportunity to see a rarely performed, seminal work and had introduced yet another group of young players to the pleasures of the stage. B.H.

SUMMER CONCERT: JULY 16

The School's musicians, under Mr. Rippin's guidance, gave us a most varied and enjoyable programme including a Chopin Nocturne (played by T. E. Atkins), J. C. Bach's Concerto for Clavier and Orchestra, first movement (with M. Cox as soloist) and J. S. Bach's Concerto for Violin, Oboe and Orchestra, first movement (with C. Rowland and N. Blake as soloists). The Choir excelled in four Folk Song settings by Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Imogen Holst and Ernest Moeran and rendered with great solemnity—and to much applause—Deryck Cooke's "Closing Time" (words traditional!). Music from the rarely heard "Callirhoe" by Cécile Chaminade provided an exotic finish. P.E.S.

VERSE SPEAKING

Of the School's entrants at the Forest A.T.E. Speech Festival at Fairmead School in November last, W. A. S. Kennedy won the Over-15 and R. J. Palmer the Under-15 Serious Poems Section.

Our entry in the E.F.Y.M.A. Festival at Bancroft's in March was a mixture of individual and choral items, entitled "A Variety of Places": while some of the individual performances were highly commended, the warmest praise was reserved for the School Choir's rendering of Ernst Toch's "Geographical Fugue for Speaking Chorus," which provided a resounding climax to the whole programme.

For the School's own verse speaking competition this year, there was a full entry and, on the day of the final competition, an appreciative audience. We were fortunate, too, in our experienced and keenly enthusiastic adjudicator, Miss S. M. Smith, Headmistress of Lucton Girls' Secondary School. R. J. F. Smith won the Junior Section from J. J. Pollard and G. E. Cox; the set poem was "Adlestrop" by Edward Thomas. In the Middle School Section, R. J. Palmer was placed first, the other finalists being A. Haine and C. J. F. Reay; the set poem was "Seascape" by W. H. Auden. In the Senior Section, the set poem—a Yeats' Centenary choice—was "Sailing to Byzantium." The standard in this section was very high: the contestants' own choice of poems showed discrimination and their performances were commendable in a variety of ways, thus making it difficult to choose between them. P. S. Lewis emerged as the winner from A. M. Hardman, J. M. Morris and I. D. P. McKinley. G.B.P.

LIBRARY NOTES

An innovation this year has been weekly library periods for all forms. These have resulted in a marked increase in the number of books on issue, especially to the junior forms, as boys have had an opportunity of learning how to find their way around the shelves more easily: some are, in fact, now using the library for the first time! Also increasing constantly is the library stock: the shelves are very crowded now when all books are called in and in a year or two's time the need for more shelving will be urgent.

Both of these factors have placed additional burden on the Librarians, R. J. Brazier, J. M. Morris and I. McKinley, who deserve the School's thanks for the hours they devote to this important and responsible work, and on the monitors who give valuable service at lunch time and after school. Now is a fitting time to ask all boys to help by replacing chairs after use, returning books and magazines to their proper places and generally maintaining the order in the library that enables it to be used most efficiently by everyone.

Finally there are old boys, parents and staff to thank for donations made to the library. The more Fifth and Sixth-form leavers who donate books to fill for future generations gaps in our stock which they themselves have noted, the more the library will genuinely be a school library.

Donations made since September, 1964:

A. K. Beavis—"British War Production 1939-45"; R. J. Cumber—"The Faber Atlas"; A. J. Home—"Art Treasures of the World"; D. R. Woodward—"Reader's Digest Great World Atlas"; H. J. Turner—"The Science of Biology"; "Comparative Embryology of the Vertebrates"; "Invertebrate Zoology"; J. Dunne—"Asquith", "Labouring Men"; The Headmaster—"Learning to Philosophise", "A University in the Making"; Mr. Beer—"The Fellowship of the Ring", "The Two Towers", "The Return of the Ring"; Mr. Irving—three French readers; Mr. Rippin—seven novels; Mr. W. J. Bennett—"Everyman's United Nations" and three U.N. Reports; Mr. G. C. Burnhill—ten volumes about voyages in the Pacific; Mr. P. J. Wilkins—"New Zealand in Colour" (2 volumes). Book tokens for 21/- and 63/- have been received from J. H. Deith and D. A. Spink.

R. M.

SIXTH FORM FORUM

The weekly Forum is potentially the most valuable of the Sixth Form's general periods. If at present it is lacking in bite, the fault can be traced on the one hand to the many members who are content to sit back and let it all pass over their heads, and on the other hand to certain of the speakers whose unimaginative

deliveries effectively kill talks containing much valuable material.

One of the occasions on which the audience was fascinated was when Miss Hal Dyer unveiled "Behind the Scenes on T.V." Despite some harsh words, chiefly about make-up and lighting techniques and the state of B.B.C. rehearsal-rooms, her verdict on British television was generally favourable. Her account of how she enacted a love-scene in a railway carriage, while two men were feverishly shaking it, evoked an especially enthusiastic response.

Political partisans have been well catered for. The Chigwell Conservative Party Agent unashamedly washed his dirty linen in public, flaunting in our faces the election skullduggery in which he and his fellow Tories are accustomed to engage. On a more neutral level, Mr. G. A. Faulder, an assistant director of Gallup Polls Ltd., expertly filled in the background to the hows, whys and whens of political trends. In addition, we have also enjoyed our normal quota of lectures on various aspects of world affairs from "Malaysia" to "The United Nations at Work."

There was an unfortunate display of bad manners during the visit of Mr. Stanley Newens, this School's first Member of Parliament. His talk, however, was both revealing and amusing. Here again an anecdote—concerning an ageing constituent who demanded that he should obtain a replacement for the false-teeth which she had vomited up—produced a warm reaction.

Bad manners were also all too evident during Mr. Gruber's lecture on "The Case for Apartheid." Much of the blame must rest with the lecturer, who, despite the fact that he had a well-organised and well-argued case, which was quite an eye-opener on the subject of South African culture and society, did not see fit to deliver it in the politest of fashions.

Each year we seem to obtain one guest speaker who is under the impression that he is addressing a Sunday school. Last year we had the Reverend C. Wansey with his naive little parables. This year we had an official from the Canning Town "Mayflower" Welfare Centre. He treated us to a seemingly endless succession of group photographs on slides—in colour and very pretty—but not particularly stimulating.

Apparently, some of the best talent is to be found at home. Our oldest-established member of staff, Mr. Taylor, delivered a well-balanced talk upon the University of Essex, putting it in the perspective of both local and national educational development and problems. Our newest member of staff, Mr. Berghofer, delivered an equally palatable talk upon his native land of Australia. In a most enjoyable study he ranged far and wide from

the federal system of government to Aborigines, "going walk-about."

The most warmly received of all the Forums was the two-piano recital given by that highly accomplished team of Messrs. Rippin and Ray. Perhaps Sixth Formers are not so unappreciative of culture after all.

J. M. MORRIS, Upper VI.

MUSIC NOTES

The most interesting and successful innovation for school music during the year was the first competitive Music Festival held at the end of the summer term, 1964. Providing competition for solo and group music-making, it drew entries from more than sixty boys in a wide variety of classes. Mr. Hubert Dawkes, accompanist, organist, harpsichordist and professor at the Royal College of Music, was a most sympathetic and helpful adjudicator in what was a difficult task; nevertheless he managed to sort out some marks. Certificates were awarded to second and third placed boys and group winners, prizes to the following, solo winners in their classes.

Piano—

intermediate—R. Smith 1x.

advanced—T. Atkins, Lower VI Arts.

Instrument solo:

novice—S. Sillars IIA (Cello).

intermediate—M. Baker, Lower VI Science (Guitar).

advanced—N. Blake, IVA (Oboe).

M. Baker also won the composition prize with an orchestral work.

At Christmas, our usual contingent of tenors and basses travelled to the Albert Hall to help swell the choir for the annual schools' Carol Concert of the Ernest Read Music Association. At Buckhurst Hill our own choir performed Geoffrey Bush's "Christmas Cantata" for solo oboe, soprano and string orchestra, for two evenings with the junior play.

The instrumental classes still increase in number and successes have been recorded for a number of boys in their Associated Board examinations. About twenty instrumental players went over to the S.W. Essex Technical College in the autumn, joining with players from other surrounding schools for a second orchestral day, tackling a large number of works including some by Mozart, Gounod and Britten.

Other activities will have been noted in the Music Society report, no doubt. It is pleasing to see, though, that the idea of splitting up into junior and senior sections, with lunchtime meet-

ings, has brought an increase in the number of boys attending the club.

Finally, one other tentative experiment: the large number of junior wind and brass players has prompted the formation of a sort of wind band. It is too early to say how successful this will be, but there seems to be a nucleus of talent, which should point well for the future.

J.W.R.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

This has been a year of change for the Music Society. It has been formed into two sections, Junior and Senior, meeting on alternate weeks, after their respective lunches, with two combined meetings after school. It has also been a successful year if one is to judge a society by its attendance figures.

We have presented four live concerts and derived much pleasure from playing chamber music amongst ourselves, while satisfaction has also been gained from recordings of more mammoth orchestral works. Talks have been given on subjects ranging from "Musical Cats" to Mozart and Grieg.

Of our meetings after school, the more successful was a Quiz, in which the boys had a close victory over the Staff (Did you know that the composer of the Cat was Scarlatti? It is a fugue not an animal!). The other combined meeting was held to see three films—"The Symphony Orchestra," "Looking at Sounds" and "Journey into History." Outside school, a well-supported trip was made to Enfield to hear a recital by John Ogdon, whose playing enthralled the entire audience.

For the future, a balloon debate has been arranged, and also a visit to the Royal Festival Hall. So another year of music making has nearly ended, and may the future of the Music Society be even more prosperous.

M. D. Cox, Upper VI.

THE MOCK ELECTION 1964

By their enthusiastic exertions, the candidates in the Mock Election succeeded in conveying the excitement of the General Election to the School. Throughout the campaign, propaganda of all types poured from their respective Party machines, so no intelligent voter was able to claim ignorance of the issues.

The playground speeches were largely howled down, thus bearing an unhealthy resemblance to many of Sir Alec's own meetings. Far more worthwhile was the Election Forum, held in the relative calm of the Library. The candidates had probing questions put to them on many dominant issues by a crowd of over

nfty, full of the Election spirit, partisan but tolerant. Mr. McKinley's astonishing honesty about the Conservative record undoubtedly gained him votes; Mr. Beavis won support by his lucid and competent expositions. Mr. Morris's sincere appeals on social topics were the best received of the evening.

A 95 per cent turn-out by the Fifths and Sixth on the 15th October was the reward for the protagonists' efforts. The national trend was reflected in the ousting of Mr. Morris of the Liberals from their traditional second place. The full result was:

I. D. P. McKinley (Conservative)	110
J. M. Morris (Labour)	69
A. K. Beavis (Liberal)	63

While Elections can raise in youth such fervour tempered by good humour, democracy is safe.

R. J. BRAZIER, Upper VI,
Returning Officer.

DEBATING SOCIETY

A policy of pandering to popular tastes has brought us some almost unprecedented successes this year. The politically minded rabble crammed itself into the Library for an Election Forum which brought passions and prejudices out into the open. A glimpse of members of the opposite sex is also apparently most stimulating, for the two debates with Loughton High School produced much light-hearted and enjoyable argument. In all we have arranged four inter-school debates this year and amassed six attendances of forty-five or over which must surely be a record. On the gloomy side, however, meetings without some special attraction have been rather poorly attended and on one occasion we were forced to cancel a debate to which only seven members turned up.

Although we can only boast a dozen really dependable speakers, the standard of speaking has been markedly higher than last year. We appear to have amongst us, at last, a bevy of little Witherspoons who follow his famous edict, "Never rise to speak until you have something to say; and when you have said it, cease..."

Especial thanks are due to Turnbull, McKinley, Kennedy and Darley for their work both on the Committee and in the Debating Chamber. The most improved speakers of the year are probably Brazier and Easteal. The solid support of Baker, Bernard, Austin, Beavis, A. C. Bazlinton and several others is also gratefully acknowledged.

J. M. MORRIS, Upper VI.

S.C.M.

Interest in theology, or even philosophy, having been at its usual rock-bottom level at school this year, the fortnightly discussion groups have had meagre attendances; but we have profitably broached the subject of worship in a series of meetings, and another two that spring to mind dealt with the various merits of atheism and theism. The corresponding S.C.M. meetings held every other week, have fared better, using films (one from the "Feed the Minds" Campaign), film-strips, a coach visit to Coventry Cathedral, and inviting a Brains Trust of Staff and boys, and not a few visiting speakers.

I do not foresee our S.C.M. raising up or stimulating any future Bishops of Woolwich. Is this its function? Perhaps not, but there is still much more work to be done in getting Christians at School to think about their faith, and, for the Society to continue at all usefully, this principle must be put further into practice, together with that of inducing the apathetic to consider *their* faith.

M. C. BAKER, Upper VI.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Our study of St. John's gospel has continued, organized by Mr. Beckingham. Mr. Robins has arranged our other meetings which have included talks by Mr. Myers on the "Scientist's View of Christianity," a Bible Quiz, tape recording of a play about Gideon and a Christmas "Juke Box Jury," when modern Christmas music was discussed. Two films have been shown, one on the "Feed the Minds" campaign and the other showing important places in the Passion story as they are today.

A. HAINE, IIIA.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Committee is a new venture on behalf of the Sixth Form Council, having been formed in October, 1964, with the intention of co-ordinating charity collections and organising voluntary social work.

The methods of raising the necessary funds included collections held after Assembly on alternate Fridays, to which the response was encouraging, although a number of boys found that giving sixpence each fortnight was too great a strain on their incomes. The Sixth Form Dance realised a further £70. Thus it has been possible to send £50 to both "War on Want" and "Cancer Research," and it is hoped that similar amounts will soon follow. This money helps to bring health, housing and education

to poverty-stricken Indian villages and to finance vital research into the causes and cure of cancer.

An attempt was also made to arrange for boys to carry out voluntary social assistance locally. The apathy shown by members of the School in this respect was deplorable, and this, together with other difficulties, prevented this scheme from coming to fruition. It is sincerely hoped that a successful effort will be made next year.

The Committee is indebted to the several Sixth Formers, and others, who offered their services, and to all those who donated so generously.

T. E. ATKINS }
I. D. P. MCKINLEY } Upper VI.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Due to considerable apathy from the Lower Sixth, Literary Society meetings have been limited this year. The insurmountable problem has been finding Lower Sixth Formers who are prepared to exert themselves to air their literary views in public. This unhappy state of affairs does not bode well for the Society's future. The Upper Sixth Form, however, has supported the Society with its usual intellectual enthusiasm, supplying every talk this year. The year began with a visit to Stratford to see 'The Edge of Reason' by Max Frisch, an exposé of the play being subsequently given by M. Baker. Later in the term M. Higginson gave an unexpectedly poorly attended talk on the life and works of George Orwell. One of the most popular meetings of the year was the spirited discussion on pornography in D. H. Lawrence, led by R. Thomas. Following the death of T. S. Eliot, A. R. Mumby gave a talk on Eliot's poetry and drama. In the Spring Term a talk was given by N. Brett, attempting to explain some of Samuel Beckett's themes. This was followed by R. Sharp's talk on the works of an American crime writer—Ed. McBain.

As the Upper Sixth will have been engrossed in examinations this term, the future of the Society remains doubtful, unless the Lower Sixth takes an active interest in it.

A. R. MUMBY, Upper VI.

THE CRITICS

This Society has changed radically over the last two years, and has been engaged in visits to the Aldwych Theatre and the National Film Theatre to see productions such as 'Endgame' by Beckett, 'Birthday Party' by Harold Pinter, 'Marat/Sade' by Peter Weiss, and Racine's French classic 'Andromaque.'

Both being state subsidised, these theatres are able to put on productions which have minority appeal, but which are historically and dramatically important, whereas other theatres have to consider commercial success as the criterion of a production.

The School has enabled Sixth Formers to join both Theatre Clubs at small cost and it is to be hoped that boys will take advantage of these facilities to see really worthwhile productions.

A. R. MUMBY }
M. P. HIGGINSON }
Upper VI.

SCIENTIFIC FILM SOCIETY

Since Christmas the Society has been meeting regularly once a week. However, the films shown have been of a more specialised nature than usual; this has caused a drop in attendances which has prompted us to arrange future programmes to include films of a broader technological nature. This, we hope, will allow greater scope in the choice of films and also enlarge our attendance figures.

C. G. BATEY }
G. BARRETT }
Upper VI.

MOTOR RACING SOCIETY

The Motor Racing Society was formed in the autumn term with the support of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mattick. It has now become one of the most popular societies with attendances of up to seventy. So far the programme has consisted solely of film shows with those on the motor cycling aspect and older films of the sport proving most popular. It is, however, hoped to extend the activities to include a car rally and, if a suitable venue can be found, driving-and-manoeuvrability tests.

C. BAZLINTON, Lower VI Science.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Philatelic Society has become well established because of the enthusiasm of its members, and also due to the assistance given by the Association of School Stamp Clubs and the Forest Philatelic Society. I hope this society will continue to flourish.

P. J. AUSTIN, Lower VI Science.

ART CLUB

The Art Club has usually been well supported in the past and this year has been no exception. The Junior School, as before, has provided most of the members, but this year, the seniors, espe-

cially the Sixth Form, have shown more interest than usual. Pastels have been a popular medium and some noteworthy examples have been produced. Several of the Art Room's murals have been replaced with new ones, which have been of a consistently high standard.

The criticism made last year about the lack of original ideas seems to have been taken to heart, the most interesting example of what might perhaps become Buckhurst Hill's "New Art" being Mustill's "working" abstract model.

R. CRABB, Upper VI.

CHESS CLUB

This year has been outstandingly successful for the School Chess teams, which have won over 30 matches. Our success might have been even greater had we not lost the services of Strauss and Turnbull shortly after Christmas.

Both senior and junior teams have reached the finals of the "Essex Schools' League." In the other major competition which we entered, the "Sunday Times National Schools' Tournament," the senior team reached the East Anglian Zone Final, only to be knocked out by Northgate Grammar School, Ipswich, the only school in fact which the senior team was unable to beat this year. In the same tournament, the junior team also did well, beating Alleyn's, Stratford Grammar, and East Ham Grammar, before being knocked out by William Ellis School, Highgate, in the semi-final round. A third team of boys in the first and second years was entered. They won one round before losing to Trinity School, Croydon. Some 30 boys have represented the school this season, although the usual teams have been:

Senior: Strauss, Turnbull, R., Spinks, Turnbull, D., Cavill and Yeshin.

Juniors (U15): Ball, Blackman, Cook, Gue, Fitchett, Brook, Curnow and Coote.

In addition to team matches, two simultaneous displays have been arranged. Mr. Howson, from the "Boys' Own Paper," played 20 boys and three masters, winning 17 and conceding 6 draws. Mr. Wade, an ex-British Champion, played against 20 boys and two masters, winning 19 and losing only to Ball.

Several boys deserve mention for noteworthy individual performances. Strauss finished runner-up in the under-21 section of the London Junior Chess Championships. Fitchett won the Junior School Championship, in which 32 boys completed. At the County Lightning Chess Tournament, Gue won the prize for the best performance by a player under the age of 14.

New members are invited to join the Chess Club which meets every Friday after school. Meetings for juniors are held most days after first lunch. Our urgent need now is for more sets and boards to accommodate our growing membership.

M. R. SPINKS, Lower VI Arts.

"DEVONIA" CRUISE, 1964

It was in the Autumn Term of 1963 that Mr. Leek first told the present fourth year of the School's intention to take a party of boys on an "educational cruise" aboard the m.s. "Devonia," a new and bold venture as it was to take place during term-time. The itinerary would include visits to Lisbon, Palma, Cagliari (Sardinia) and Ajaccio (Corsica). Thus, a year later, 45 boys and three masters from the school boarded the "Devonia" at Southampton.

On the voyage to Lisbon we were lucky to have fine weather, which stayed with us throughout the cruise, so that we had a relatively smooth passage across the notorious Bay of Biscay. Nevertheless most of us felt queasy, if not violently sea-sick, at the start of the cruise and, later, whilst passing through the straits between the islands of Sardinia and Corsica.

Whilst at sea, we spent much of the time in the classroom as the term "educational cruise" suggests, either learning about the next port-of-call, writing up notes about the last city we had visited or listening to lectures delivered by members of the ship's educational staff. Part of each day was set aside for deck games, generally deck hockey or playing in the small swimming pool. In the afternoon the pupils were allowed to devote one period to pursuing a subject they picked from a list including photography, navigation, chess and table-tennis.

The evening was ours to do as we pleased, although each evening the ship provided entertainment such as a dance or a film show.

At each port that we visited, the company provided a fleet of coaches to transport us on a guided tour of the city. Whilst visiting Cagliari we went to Nova to see the ancient Roman settlement.

After the guided tour we were left to our own devices to roam about the city as we pleased for a few hours, mostly touring the shopping centres, conversing with the local inhabitants mainly by the use of signs, or writing, and in Ajaccio, our schoolboy knowledge of French. On two occasions at Palma and Cagliari many of us took the opportunity to go swimming in the Mediterranean.

However, after thirteen days' cruising we reached our last port-of-call, Genoa, where, having spent a morning doing any

last-minute shopping, we boarded the train that was to make the arduous journey across Europe to Calais, whence by boat and train to familiar London.

Even after six months my mind is still full of a jumble of memories from which none stand out vividly except that this was an exciting, enjoyable and wholly worthwhile experience.

W. ALLAN, IV A.

BIOLOGICAL FIELD COURSE, 1964

The Lower VI Biology departed on July 22nd for the Field Studies Centre at Orierton, seven in a minibus with Mr. Mattick and nine by train. We arrived at the Centre, once the home of the Owen family, and five miles outside Pembroke, at 6 p.m. Our course consisted of an ecological study of seashore habitats on a variety of beaches, relating the species found to the environmental conditions. The beaches were reached in the minibus crammed with bodies and equipment, including a person on the roof providing a variation on the theme. The sunny weather made field work both enjoyable and interesting. We returned home on July 29th.

C. W. VOSE, Upper VI.

SKI PARTY TO SWITZERLAND, WINTER 1964-5

At 9.45 on the Sunday after Christmas, the journey to the snows of Switzerland began for our thirty strong party loaded with weighty suitcases full of heavy warm clothes. At 1.30 it came to an abrupt halt at Calais, which, though bitterly cold, could hardly be mistaken for a picturesque Alpine village. Here we were destined to remain until three o'clock the next morning when, after a meal at a nearby café the previous evening and a night spent on a silent Calais station, we resumed our course. That evening we arrived at Tschierschen, our destination, after a hair-raising drive up a narrow, twisting, icy road bounded on one side by the mountain face and on the other by a precipitous slope looking down to the lights of Chur, where we had left the train. When we had been fitted with ski boots and skis a hot meal in a warm hotel awaited us, and very soon its effects began to tell and we retired to bed in the chalet a few minutes' walk from the main hotel of which it was an annexe.

At 10 o'clock the next morning, struck twice by the village church clock as were all the hours, we made our way to the nursery slopes where half the party was to receive two hours' instruction in the morning and half in the afternoon. Our first lesson consisted mainly of exercises to accustom the feet to having slats

of wood strapped to them, but thereafter progress was swift and the more adventurous were soon making regular journeys up the nearby ski-lift; the descents may not have been so regular at first, being punctuated by several falls, but equipped with newly acquired knowledge of "traversing" and "stem turning," together with the art of coming to a dignified halt (all imparted by our able instructor), we made rapid improvements. Our daily routine soon became established: four or five hours skiing a day, broken by lunch, was followed by the drying out of clothes draped over all available chairs around the electric fires. After supper, a walk through the crisp night air brought us to the local café where a welcoming handshake from the owner awaited us and where chess or a game of cards was the order of the day. Late nights were out (though there were a few absentees from the morning class on New Year's Day!), for a hard day in the stimulating open air was hardly conducive to anything but weariness in the evenings.

We left on the following Monday morning to arrive home in double quick time with memories varying from the almost incredible skill of the local children tobogganing down the main street to the thrill of speeding down a slope on skis.

M. PIPPARD, Lower VI Biology.

GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD COURSE, 1965

BORROWDALE, LAKE DISTRICT

After only one day of the school holidays in which to prepare for the journey ahead, our party of 41 left Buckhurst Hill in high spirits. By the end of the day, however, these had been damped somewhat by the first of many second-rate meals which we were to sample at the "Glamara" guest house in Borrowdale.

Although we woke on the first morning of our week in the Lake District to brilliant sunshine, the weather during the remainder of our stay was unsettled in the extreme, and provided an excellent subject for study at close quarters "in the field." We were, however, able to spend some time fell walking, and excursions to Watendlath, Buttermere and Crummock Water, and Langdale proved most rewarding. The outing enjoyed most by many was the climb up to Grisedale Tarn, and although the weather wasn't sufficiently reliable to attempt the climb up to the summit of Helvellyn, the view of the Peak and of Striding Edge, from down below was most impressive.

We also conducted three surveys, one of the town of Keswick, one of the land use in the Eaglesfield district just outside the Lake District itself, and the third of the industries of the Cumberland coast.

On the whole, in spite of the food (or lack of it), most people found the field course rewarding and enjoyable.

R. CRABB, Upper VI.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

After a wet, miserable week which caused the preliminaries to be postponed from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday morning, the weather relented long enough to give us a rain-free Sports Day on Saturday, May 29th. However, the cold and the strong wind were not conducive to good track performances. In spite of this, one track record—the 100 Yards under 12—was broken by Hopkins with 12.7 secs., and two field event records were set up.

Greenaway convincingly won the Hammer with 164' 10", and Sylvester beat the previous shot record by over two feet with a putt of 43' 5¼". Smallbone, coming second to Sylvester with 42' 3", also beat the previous record.

The House Championship race was a fine tussle between Chigwell and Forest, the latter winning on the result of the last relay race.

Mention must be made of the fine individual performance of Griggs in the under 13 age group, winning 4 events and coming second in two. Meyer emphasised his all-round ability once again to win the under 15 best performance cup and Lewis took the over 15 cup.

The prizes were presented by Mr. M. D. Beard, himself an old boy and Vice-Chairman of the Old Bucks. In his address he congratulated the winners and all the "also-rans" whose efforts he emphasised were so important in making these competitions worthwhile. As a reminder of his own sporting days at school Mr. Beard was presented with a colours tie by Glass, 1Z.

J. D. SMALLBONE, Lower VI Science.

The winners in each event were:—

100 Yards—Under 12	Hopkins (C)	12.7s.*
100 Yards—Under 13	Williams (R)	12.1s.
100 Yards—Under 14	Jones (C)	12.2s.
100 Yards—Under 15	Morecombe (C)	11.7s.
100 Yards—Under 16	Taylor (F)	11.4s.
100 Yards—16 and over	Lewis (H)	11.1s.
220 Yards—Under 13	Williams (R)	27.9s.
220 Yards—Under 14	Jones (C)	27.6s.
220 Yards—Under 15	Morecombe (C)	26.1s.
220 Yards—Under 16	Taylor (F)	24.8s.
220 yards—16 and over	Lewis (H)	24.5s.
440 Yards—Under 15	Huke (C)	63.2s.
440 Yards—Under 16	Mills (C)	59.6s.
440 Yards—16 and over	Hughes (R)	57.9s.
880 Yards—Under 15	Dunkerley (F)	2m. 24.3s.
880 Yards—15 and over	Howes (F)	2m. 10s.
1 Mile—Under 15	Moss (C)	5m. 19.8s.
1 Mile—15 and over	Thomas (C)	4m. 55.6s.
Hurdles—Under 13	Griggs (C)	13.0s.
Hurdles—Under 15	Meyer (H)	17.5s.
Hurdles—15 and over	Street (F)	18.4s.

High Jump—Under 13	Patient (R)	4' 0"
High Jump—Under 15	Lewis (H)	4' 7"
High Jump—15 and over	Sykes (H)	5' 3"
Long Jump—Under 13	Holmes (R)	14' 0¼"
Long Jump—Under 15	Blair-Harborne(F)	17' 1"
Long Jump—15 and over	Street (F)	18' 9"
Hop, Step and Jump—Under 13	Griggs (C)	30' 11"
Hop, Step and Jump—Under 15	Meyer (H)	36' 9"
Hop, Step and Jump—15 and over	Thomas, K. (F)	41' 2"
Pole Vault—Under 13	Griggs (C)	5' 6"
Pole Vault—Under 15	Stanney (F)	6' 6"
Pole Vault—15 and over	Sykes (H)	9'
Putting the Shot—Under 13 (6lbs.)	Sutton (R)	33' 5½"
Putting the Shot—Under 15 (8.8lbs.)	Colling (F)	36' 11"
Putting the Shot—15 and over (12lbs.)	Sylvester (H)	43' 5¼"
Throwing the Discus—Under 13 (2.2 lbs.)	Chapman (H)	78' 1"
Throwing the Discus—Under 15 (2.2lbs.)	Ivens (R)	105' 1"
Throwing the Discus—15 and over (3.3lbs.)	Rodger (F)	112' 6"
Throwing the Javelin—Under 13	Griggs (C)	82' 8"
Throwing the Javelin—Under 15	Ball (R)	108' 10"
Throwing the Javelin—15 and over	Porter (F)	128' 2"
Throwing the Hammer—15 and over	Greenaway (C)	164' 10"*
Relay (4 x 110)—Under 12	Chigwell	61.8s.
Relay (4 x 110)—Under 13	Chigwell	58.9s.
Relay (4 x 110)—Under 14	Forest	58.2s.
Relay (4 x 110)—Under 15	Forest	54.6s.
Relay (4 x 110)—Under 16	Forest	52.0s.
Relay (4 x 110)—16 and over	Forest	49.8s.

* Record.

Final House Positions

1. Forest	107
2. Chigwell	104
3. Roding	79
4. Hainault	71

TROPHIES

The "Bryett" Cup for Inter-House Athletics	Forest
The "John Henry Taylor" Cup for the best senior performance	Lewis (H)
The Cup for the best Under 15 performance	Meyer (H)
The Cup for the best Under 13 performance	Griggs (C)
The "Hayward" Cup for Jumping events	Forest
The "Woodford Green A.C." Cup for Throwing events	Roding
The "Slade" Cup for the Under 15 High Jump	Lewis (H)

ATHLETICS TEAM

Apart from a couple of encouraging highlights, the School Team had an average season this year. At the beginning of the season our prospects looked good with Ian McCulloch (who represented Surrey last year in the National Schools' Champs.) giving some fine displays of sprinting technique. However, he pulled a muscle in the Divisional Sports and was out for the rest of the season. Consequently our running lacked any outstanding performers and we were disappointing in the Campbell and Russell Cups.

We did better in the Essex Championships with 15 boys representing the Division, seven of whom were placed in the first six.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the Bickersteth Cup Competition for Field Events. This competition depends upon teamwork and, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Palethorpe and Mr. Shaw, our team won the cup for the first time since it was started in 1937. This promises well for next year as we will have virtually the same team.

Colours were awarded to Sylvester, Thomas K., Greenaway, Hardman, Hyett, Thomas D., Fitchett and re-awarded to Smallbone.

J. D. SMALLBONE, Lower VI Science.

CROSS COUNTRY

Though individual form was inconsistent, the performance of the Senior Team as a whole was exceptional. This was due to the fact that, for the first time in many years, the team trained regularly and with a purpose. This not only brought everyone up to a higher standard than before, but also gave them a new-found confidence in their running. This training culminated in the Burn Cup, in which we finished an excellent 2nd to King Edward VI School, Chelmsford, an improvement of 13 places on last year. We won the Divisional Championship over Chigwell, Fitchett coming 2nd. Thomas R. and Fitchett were members of the victorious Forest team in the Essex Championship at Colchester. Thomas D. ran in the intermediate race, finished 8th and was selected to run for the county in the National. It was no surprise when he later won the School House Race, with Mills a surprising 2nd.

The whole season was in fact a gratifying surprise, with Fitchett making a successful come-back, and Thomas D. suddenly fulfilling his promise, already evident last year. Credit must go to every member of the team for playing his part in the good results achieved. If the same amount of enthusiasm and team-spirit is evident next year, the Burn Cup should be well within reach: I only hope we do not miss this opportunity.

Team from: Thomas R., Thomas D., Fitchett, Millard, Howes, Hannah, Hughes, Hearn, Mills, Banfield, Sly, Taylor M., Turnbull, Burgess, Spinks.

The Under 15 team was somewhat weakened on occasions by lack of support. The material is there for a good team, as is seen by their victory in the Divisional race. The other results were, however, not what they might have been, except for the last race of the season, the Southgate Harriers Inter-Schools,

where a rather makeshift team ran above itself to finish 2nd. Moss J. again proved to be the most consistent and dedicated member of the team, and should do well next year, backed up by the influx of good runners from the 2nd year. Team from: Huke, Dunkerley, Bywater, Ivens, Moss J., Jones, Rea, Giddings, Terwey, Harborne, Spinks, Golding, Hancock, Stanley, Morecombe.

The Under 13 Team had an impressive number of victories in "private" matches after school, though they could not quite produce this form in the larger open races. They did, however, finish 3rd in the Divisional Race, bringing our tally for that afternoon to two 1sts and a 3rd. The team has several very good young runners, and all do not seem averse to training. More than once a few of them were called upon to supplement the Under 15 team, putting up creditable performances each time. Team from: Fitchett, Wetton, Sutherland, Naldrett, Morgan, Finney, Littlewood, McGregor, Normington, Taylor, Griggs.

This year's colours were awarded to Fitchett M., Thomas D., and Thomas R.

R. M. THOMAS, Upper VI.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics as a sport in this school appears to be a subsidiary one. Regulars at Gym Club are few, at the most only totalling a dozen boys. Reasons for this are difficult to imagine since gymnastics is a noble, worthwhile and aesthetically pleasing sport. Perhaps the main reason for such support is that gymnastics has lost in this school all adventure. There appears to be too much importance attached to competition gymnastics—vaulting on the box and simple agilities on the mattress—to the exclusion of other forms of gymnastics. To attract other boys into the sport we must add more variety; we have parallel bars, a pommel-horse, a buck, rings, ropes and harnesses that are never used. Undoubtedly a trampoline should be added to our apparatus. This seems the only way to establish a more advanced and progressive Gym Club.

However, in the Forest Division Championships, the School Team (Sykes, Baker, Tulett, Price) were able enough to gain third position, only two points behind the winners. Competition in the House Championships was also keen, particularly in the senior event where there was a neck-and-neck fight between Baker and Tulett.

Results of House Competition:

Junior: 1st Forest; 2nd Roding; 3rd Chigwell; 4th Hainault.

Individual winner was Bounds, of Roding.

Senior: 1st Forest; 2nd Roding; 3rd Hainault; 4th Chigwell.

Individual winner was Tulett, of Roding.

Colours were awarded to Tulett, Baker and Sykes.

G. M. SYKES, Upper VI.

FOOTBALL 1st XI

Record:					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
23	7	4	12	60	63

This was a somewhat disappointing season in that our final record does not reflect our true potential. Unfortunately a series of injuries to key players made it extremely difficult to field the same team two weeks in succession.

Perhaps our true potential was seen in the first three games of the season, which brought us three wins and a total of 22 goals. At this early stage we seemed set for a fine season, but a spate of injuries, culminating in that of Street, undoubtedly our most dangerous forward, understandably rather reduced the quality of our play. Despite this, however, at times we played some fine open football, which lacked neither skill nor fight. This latter quality being particularly in evidence against strong opposition, as for example in the two fine games against Barking Abbey.

In general the defence was the more consistent part of the team, benefiting, unlike the attack, from being a fairly constant combination. In goal, Bartholomew was always quietly efficient, while full-backs Dewar and Jones seldom panicked even under the severest pressure. Knight was extremely reliable at right-half, and the other wing-half position was filled equally well by both Dunne and Sylvester.

The gap in attack left by the unfortunate incapacity of Street was never really adequately filled by any of the various combinations we experimented with. In fact most of the burden of organising, and at times, even spearheading attacks, fell on the shoulders of Reeves who, fortunately for the rest of his colleagues, was in excellent form throughout the season, being justly rewarded by his selection to play for the Essex Grammar Schools' XI. The rest of the forwards could not match Reeves's consistency, but all gave several outstanding performances, and Smallbone must be congratulated on being our leading goalscorer with some 17 goals.

Certainly our final record for the season is not an altogether impressive one, but results do not always paint a true picture of a team's performance. I would like to think this is true in our case, for throughout the season we tried to play open, attractive football, and certainly there never appeared to be any lack of spirit or effort in our performances.

Colours were awarded to Reeves, and re-awarded to Street and Wynn; both Reeves and Wynn being selected to play for the Essex Grammar Schools' XI.

Team from: Bartholomew, Dewar, M. Jones, Sylvester, Knight, Wynn, Dunne, Fergusson, Street, Smallbone, Reeves, Impey, I. Hassall, Spinks.
B. WYNN, Upper VI.

2nd XI

Record:					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
21	6	1	14	55	102

This was a most disappointing season, both from the aspect of success and general enthusiasm towards the game. With regard to the record, one may find some consolation in the irregularity of the team representation; thirty-one persons having played during the season, of whom only 6 appeared in more than half the matches. The promotion of Jones, Spinks and Hassall to the 1st XI in mid-season depleted our forces still further.

In the forward line Howes, Munday and Fitchett were the most regular and consistent players, Fitchett being the top scorer. The defence, despite the competent goal-keeping of Cousins, showed extreme weakness; for it was not until after Christmas that two settled full-backs were found in Hamilton and Porter, whilst Sykes, always forceful at wing-half, was frequently lost to the 1st XI. Moreover the lack of cohesion between defence and attack was an apparent feature of all but one or two matches.

The three most satisfactory matches were the away match against Parmiter's, producing our only draw, the away match against Barking Abbey, a narrow defeat, and the final game of the season, in which the team saw its dream fulfilled in a 10-4 victory.

Team from: Bonning, Cousins, Howes, Munday, Fitchett, Sykes, Reeves E., Rodger, Spinks, Spooner, Thomas K., Baverstock, Hamilton, Hassall I., Dungate, Rowland, Toms, Jones M., Porter, Woodward, Luke.
R. S. BONNING, Upper VI.

Under 15 XI

Record:					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
15	7	3	5	52	54

The team has had more success this year, winning more games despite the fact we played fewer times. The season could have been far better as only once did the theoretically best side play, the team being beset by various injuries.

Midway through the season contact was lost between the defence and forwards. This was rectified by a double centre-half system which, seeming defensive, brought goals in greater numbers

and strengthened the defence. This new life brought our goal average nearly even at the end of a season we can be quite proud of.

Team: Shepherd, Ball, Angel, Terwey, Kincey, Donald, Ivens, Dewey, Johnson, Major, Galea. Reserve: Spinks.

N. H. DEWEY, IVA.

Under 14 XI

Record:

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
20	6	8	12	47	85

The season started in much the same manner as last year's with several bad defeats inflicted upon us by the same schools. Our first and perhaps best win of the season was our 3-1 defeat of East Ham G.S. who last year beat us 1-8. After several victories we deteriorated as the season progressed having a period of only 2 wins and 7 losses. The season ended on a happier note, perhaps a sign of things to come, with 2 wins and a draw.

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

B. L. HUGHES, IIIY.

Under 13 XI

Record:

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
21	9	6	6	74	60

Our record was erratic in the first half of the season, but after Christmas we never lost and gained our revenge on teams who had previously beaten us. Our biggest victory (6-0) came in the last match of the season against Beal Grammar School.

Team from: Griggs, Fitchett, Patient, Dingley, Rippon, Curnow, Reed, Paisley, McGregor, Staughton, Finney, Maslin, Price, Harris and Taylor.

C. F. GRIGGS, IIX.

CRICKET

1st XI

Retrospect of 1964

In the latter half of the season, the promising start made by the batsmen was not maintained and only Smith A. C. was able to score consistently. It was usually left to Reynolds, the captain, to save his side with defensive batting. However, although our scores were low, we seldom lost—thanks to the excellent bowling of Reynolds and Gorham. Colours were awarded to Smith and Gorham and re-awarded to Reynolds and Reeves.

1965 Record	P.	W.	L.	D.
	10	5	2	3

Leading Averages:

	Batting			Bowling			
	Runs	Innings	Av.	Runs	Wickets	Av.	
Reeves	260	6	43.03	Reeves	141	28	5.0
Hearn	73	3	24.30	Gorham	161	23	7.0
Wynn	186	9	20.60	Hearn	68	9	7.8

This season, many players of the 1964 1st XI remained, thus making the team far more experienced than in previous years; this was particularly noticeable in the batting. Four bowlers formed a formidable attack. Gorham and Reeves were more hostile and, as a result, more successful than the change bowlers Hearn and Bernard (Gorham taking 9 for 21 v. Chingford C.H.S.). Hearn bowled both accurately and with pace and should, next season, prove a menace to the batsmen, as should the two spin bowlers Drakes and Porter who had little to do for lack of suitable wickets but, when used, did quite well.

The batting was always consistent and in only two matches did we fail to attain more than one hundred runs. Wynn opened competently and, with extremely powerful leg side sweeps, could always be counted upon to score at least 20 (58 v. West Hatch T.H.S.). Porter was usually the other opener and was able on several occasions to score when the other batsmen had failed to do so. Cox, with elegant strikes, made many valuable runs but Davis, who possessed some very strong shots, never seemed to be able to get going as he did last season. It was unfortunate on occasions that Reeves at No. 5 was often found in with Wynn, with few runs on the board, but these two always somehow steered the side out of trouble. Sutton and Hearn showed excellent promise at 6 and 7 and will probably, when more experienced and less erratic, become the mainstay of the batting in future seasons.

Wynn kept wicket outstandingly to the quick bowlers and the fielders were always keen and alert whatever the position of the match.

On the whole, this season produced one of the strongest 1st XIs for several years and it seems inevitable that next year's XI will be equally as strong, with players of the calibre of Sutton, Hearn and Drakes.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Richey for her excellent teas.

Colours were awarded to Wynn, Davis and Cox and re-awarded to Reeves and Gorham.

Team from: Reeves, Gorham, Wynn, Porter, Cox, Davis, Hearn, Sutton, Drakes, Austin, Spinks, Bernard, Street.

D. A. REEVES, Upper VI.

2nd XI

Record:	P.	W.	D.	T.	L.
	9	1	0	2	6

This season has been a rather disappointing one for the Second XI and one in which the team has rarely showed its true ability. Despite a keen approach from its members, the team seemed unable to make much impression on its opponents, who were seldom more skilful. However, we have not played too badly.

Our batting, though erratic, has usually been adequate. Vickers, Cousins, Taylor and D. Thomas provided the mainstay of the batting, supported by Brett, Brice and Robson. The season's highlights were an excellent 54 n.o. by Cousins and a boundary-laden 36 by Vickers.

Brett, Taylor and Spooner provided our attack, Brett trying hard with little success while Taylor deservedly gained increased success from increased effort. Our fielding, however, with the exception of Cousins, Fergusson and Robson, was lamentably weak, though we were fortunate in having two steady and efficient wicket keepers in R. Thomas and his versatile deputy, Cousins.

The most pleasing aspect of the Second XI's games has been the keen and sportsmanlike approach of all concerned. Though examinations and illness have limited selection, everyone who played exhibited a pleasing eagerness and willingness.

H. F. SPOONER, Upper VI.

SENIOR COLTS

Record:	P.	W.	D.	L.
	7	2	1	4

As can be seen, we have had a disappointing season, winning only our last two fixtures.

The side's failure can be attributed to the low level of batting which gave poor support to a good bowling attack, well led by Blair-Harborne who took half the wickets we captured, being ably supported in the latter half of the season by Terwey.

The fielding was inconsistent but Angel and Ivens both reached a high standard.

The Senior Colts have been represented by Allan, Angel, Ball M., Blair-Harborn, Deboos, Dewey, Goatly, Grindrod, Ivens, Morris, Needle, Nicholls P., Palmer, Smith J. B., Spinks, Taylor, Terwey and Travis.

W. ALLAN, IV A.

JUNIOR COLTS

The Under 14 XI had a moderate season, winning three matches, losing two and drawing one. Fielding was predominantly good and catching close to the wicket excellent. The main changes in our bowling were the spinners who developed greatly from last season. Batting was not out of the ordinary but there were a few good individual performances. Team from: Read, Dulwich, Dean, Deboos, Dodson A., Dodson R., Freeman, Hughes, Jones, Nicholls, Standing, Sutton, White, Wyles.

M. C. READ, III A.

The Under 13 XI had a successful season, winning three matches, losing one and drawing one. Apart from one match, the weather kept fine. Team from: Tatnall, Griggs, Hinds, Finch, Finney, Patient, Bell, Paisley, Fitchett, Curnow, Littlewood, Caplin.

A. R. L. TATNALL, II A.

HOCKEY

Record:	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
	20	13	5	2	61	34

This has been one of the most successful seasons for many years, thanks to a strong team spirit and good co-ordination which more than compensated for the absence of any brilliant individual players.

The team excelled on fast pitches, the wings being fully utilised, and the centred ball well collected by the centre and inside forwards. The occasional tendency to concentrate the attack in the centre of the field was unfortunate, especially against strong opponents, although the ability to 'dribble' the ball through was advantageous on wet ground. The lack of technique with corner hits was an evident weakness which should have been practised, but roll-ons were excellent especially from Cox and Brett.

Improvement in skill and co-ordination was gradual throughout the season. Valuable experience in sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct was gained from fixtures against the girls of Loughton and Woodford County High and West Hatch Technical High Schools.

Thomas played admirably in goal and Harding and Siebols as backs proved worthy defenders. Wing-halves Cox and Brett helped the defence especially but the major co-ordination between the defence and attack was the result of the concerted efforts of the centre-half Robson and the inside forwards White and Bernard. Grew played consistently well as centre-forward, being the top goal-scorer, and both McCulloch, who was injured half

way through the season, and Hannah, who replaced him, played well on the left wing.

Colling, Pippard, Mason, Vickers, Brice and Laver played well several times as reserves.

Colours were awarded to Thomas, Cox, Brett, Grew, Robson and Lewis, and were re-awarded to Bernard.

P. S. LEWIS, Upper VI.

BASKETBALL

Record:

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
Seniors ...	14	9	5	628	535
Under 16	8	4	4	240	235

The Senior team was not too successful at the beginning of the season, but improved a great deal during the latter part, even though Street, one of the leading players and captain, had to drop out of the team pending a leg operation.

The team was trained by Mr. Shaw, a keen basketball player himself; and it was unfortunate that four games in the second half of the season were cancelled, so limiting the rewards of his labour.

The Under 16 team had rather fewer games this season than last and, unfortunately, their performance in these was only mediocre. Even so, a strong, versatile team has developed, thanks to the training of Mr. Lakeman.

A new Under 15 team has been formed this season trained by Mr. Lakeman and captained by Ivens. The idea behind this is to encourage an interest in competitive basketball at an earlier age, and thus to produce an adaptable and stronger Senior team in future seasons.

Special mention should be made of Smallbone and Asser, who toured with the Essex team on the Continent this Easter.

Colours were awarded to Street, Goody and Smallbone.

Seniors: Street, Goody, Reeves, Lewis, Sylvester, Thomas, Smallbone, Knight and Cumbers.

Under 16: Munday, Asser, McDermott, Baverstock. Sly, Jarvis and Lightfoot.

K. R. GOODY, Upper VI.

SWIMMING

Thanks to the great efforts of Messrs. Shaw and Palethorpe, School Swimming in general, and the School Team in particular, has prospered, and it will be a sad loss when Mr. Shaw leaves at the end of the Summer Term to take up a new appointment.

The School Team has won about half its matches this year against very stiff opposition. Notable have been the efforts from the Junior and Intermediate boys Myers, Brooker, Kulecki, Donn, Giddings, Skuse, Brett, Wheatley and Morris. The Senior Team from Forbes, Sly, Harding, Hyett, Moulton, Ryder and Crawford has maintained a steady rate of improvement especially in back-stroke, butterfly and breast-stroke swimming.

In Divisional competitions the School has done well, gaining third position in the 1964 Forest Divisional Gala. Three boys, Sly, Hyett and Wheatley, were selected to swim for the Division in the Essex Schools' Championships and nine boys were selected to swim for the Southern section of the new West Essex Division against the North.

Colours have been awarded to Sly, Hyett and Ryder and re-awarded to Crawford.

The Inter-House Galas for 1964 and 1965 showed a marked improvement in School Swimming, sixteen new records being set up in the former and eighteen in the latter. The result of the 1964 Gala was:—

1. Forest 111 points
2. Roding 101 points
3. Chigwell 91 points
4. Hainault 86 points

and of the 1965 Gala:—

1. Chigwell 127 points
2. Forest 112 points
3. Roding 100 points
4. Hainault 88 points

M. J. M. CRAWFORD, Upper VI.

1965 GALA RESULTS AND SCHOOL RECORDS

EVENT	OLD RECORD	1965 GALA RESULT
1. Senior 100 yds. Freestyle	71.9 secs. M. Crawford (C) 1964	Sly (F) 68.3 secs.*
2. Intermediate 100 yds. Freestyle	70.8 secs. B. Sly (F) 1964	Brett (R) 82.0 secs.
3. Junior 66½ yds. Freestyle	55.9 secs. A. Skuse (F) 1964	Myers (C) 47.8 secs.*
4. Junior Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	1 m. 50 secs. W. Brett (R) 1963	Myers (C) 1 m. 30.9 secs.*
5. Intermediate Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	1 m. 23.2 secs. B. Sly (F) 1964	Brett (R) 1 m. 34.0 secs.
6. Senior Individual Medley (3 x 1 length)	1 m. 23.5 secs. M. Crawford (C) 1964	Sly (F) 1 m. 20.4 secs.*
7. 1 Length Backstroke (under 13)	28.4 secs. W. Bowles (C) 1961	Leech (F) 27.4 secs.*
8. 1 Length Backstroke (under 14)	25.2 secs. M. Crawford (C) 1961	Donn (R) 27.5 secs.
9. 1 Length Backstroke (under 15)	24.2 secs. C. Waghorn (R) 1953	Standing (H) 27.0 secs.
10. 1 Length Backstroke (under 16)	21.3 secs. P. Moulton (F) 1964	Brett (R) 25.9 secs.
1. 2 Lengths Backstroke (over 16)	53.2 secs. M. Deady (R) 1961	Crawford (C) 52.0 secs.*
2. 1 Length Breast-stroke (under 13)	30.2 secs. G. Gatland (H) 1961	Kulecki (C) 30.8 secs.
3. 1 Length Breast-stroke (under 14)	28.5 secs. J. Moss (C) 1964	Brooker (C) 28.3 secs.*
4. 1 Length Breast-stroke (under 15)	25.2 secs. A. Hyett (F) 1963	Giddings (C) 26.2 secs.
5. 1 Length Breast-stroke (under 16)	23.8 secs. W. Hardwick (C) (1961)	Tyson (R)
6. 2 Lengths Breast-stroke (over 16)	49.8 secs. J. Saward (C) 1955	Ryder (H) 55.1 secs.
7. 1 Length Freestyle (under 13)	25.2 secs. P. Hurley (H) 1963	Myers (C) 21.1 secs.*
8. 1 Length Freestyle (under 14)	21.4 secs. M. Crawford (C) 1961	Bell (H) 23.2 secs.
9. 1 Length Freestyle (under 15)	19.8 secs. R. Combes (F) 1953	White (R) 21.9 secs.
10. 1 Length Freestyle (under 16)	19.4 secs. B. Sly (F) 1964	Wheatley (F) 20.2 secs.
1. 2 Lengths Freestyle (over 16)	42.6 secs. J. Saward (C) 1955	Sly (F) 42.2 secs.*
2. 1 Length Butterfly (Junior)	30.8 secs. P. Hurley (H) 1963	Donn (R) 26.0 secs.*
3. 1 Length Butterfly (Intermediate)	25.4 secs. A. Hyett (F) 1964	Wheatley (F) 24.9 secs.*
4. 1 Length Butterfly (Senior)	24.6 secs. M. Crawford (C) 1963	Crawford (C) 24.1 secs.*
5. Junior Medley Relay (3 x 1 length)	1 m. 29.8 secs. Chigwell } 1964 Forest	Roding 1 m. 20.1 secs.*
6. Intermediate Medley Relay (3 x 1 length)	1 m. 6.5 secs. Forest 1964	Chigwell 1 m. 17.6 secs.
7. Senior Medley Relay (4 x 1 length)	1 m. 38.4 secs. Hainault 1964	Forest 1 m. 31.9 secs.*
8. Junior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	1 m. 42.2 secs. Roding 1964	Roding 1 m. 34.2 secs.*
9. Intermediate Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	1 m. 30.8 secs. Forest 1964	Forest 1 m. 30.5 secs.*
10. Senior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 length)	1 m. 28.3 secs. Chigwell 1964	Forest 1 m. 27.1 secs.*
1. Plunge (Open)	50' 0½" J. Ryder (H) 1964	Ryder (H) 53' 0½"
2. Diving (Open)		Glass (C) 37½ pts.

* Denotes New Record.

We regret that the full results for the 1964 Gala cannot be recorded but the Records and overall result from that Gala have been included.

TENNIS

This year School Tennis suffered its greatest possible loss: at the beginning of the season we learnt that the courts at Grange Farm were to be converted into building land. This has meant that only boys belonging to clubs have been able to play and the usual fixtures against local schools have been seriously disrupted. It is, therefore, particularly encouraging to be able to report one very outstanding success—a win in the Final of the Junior Section of the Essex County Tournament for B. L. Hughes and D. J. Fitchett 6—1, 6—2. Well done!

A.I.N.

BADMINTON

Having to rely on away matches our play was again restricted. We did, however, manage to arrange five fixtures, three of them being against Chigwell, who came out victorious by the odd game. The other two matches, at Bancroft's and West Hatch, we won. Unless some new blood can be found it is unlikely that the club will be able to continue next season with five of its present members leaving this year. Team from: Bernard, Gross, Jones B. P., Newberry, Reeves D. A., Robson, Thomas R. M., Toms.

R. M. THOMAS, Upper VI.

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL HOUSE

Although in many spheres we are still suffering from a self-perpetuating tradition of apathy, Chigwell has had an encouraging year. On Sports Day, only unfortunate injuries prevented Smallbone and his team winning the victory they deserved. In Swimming, however, victory was ours, thanks to the leadership of Crawford and the efforts of such individuals as Myers and Giddings. Under Hannah's captaincy we won the Cross-Country and in the Junior Football we came a worthy second. In Gymnastics and Senior Cricket and Football the outlook has been bleak. Only the efforts of a few isolated individuals such as Cox have served to brighten it. However, with house-spirit being strong in the junior and middle schools, if boys continue to exert in all fields the effort which has become evident in a few, the future for Chigwell must be bright.

FOREST HOUSE

1964-5 has proved to be yet another triumphant year for Forest, a high standard being maintained in all sporting activities throughout the year. An excellent start was made by the two Gymnastics teams achieving an overall first position. Despite Street's withdrawal through injury the Football teams still secured second place with outstanding performances from Bonning and Fergusson. The House forged still further ahead with victories in Cross-Country and Basketball. Amidst keen competition, Rodger led the Athletics team to yet another victory while the House secured second position in the Swimming Gala—thanks to the fine performances of Sly and S. Jones. The final points gained by Forest in obtaining second place in Cricket made victory certain, thus making us 'Cock House' for the fourth year in succession.

B. PRICE, Upper VI.

HAINAULT HOUSE

The House's performance this year has been marred by the apathy of some, yet highlighted by the keenness and the hard work of others. Hopes were high for a rewarding year after success at Football but this was not to be. A shortage of ability was the main cause of the House's failure in Cross-Country and Gymnastics, while in Basketball many were not sufficiently keen to play.

In the Athletic Sports, too, we unfortunately trailed but certain individuals, notably Lewis and Meyer, excelled in their respective events, as did Ryder in the Swimming Gala.

This year we have failed to become 'Cock House,' but with luck and increased effort this could be changed.

D. A. REEVES, Upper VI.

RODING HOUSE

The apathy which has prevailed in recent years among Senior members was, I am glad to report, largely dispelled this year. Indeed, Roding's success this year has been based on the efforts of the Senior Football, Cross-Country and Gymnastics teams.

This is not to say that the Junior School has not made its contribution, but here the problem was one of lack of talent rather than spirit or effort.

During the Autumn and Spring terms we seemed to have a good chance of capturing the House Championship, but a disappointing display in the Athletic Sports put an end to these hopes.

B. WYNN, Upper VI.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1964-65

1. Forest	101.3
2. Roding	84.9
3. Chigwell	81.7
4. Hainault	67.9

This was Forest's fourth successive victory, thus equalling the record previously set up by Hainault.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Chairman of the Sixth Form Council:

B. Wynn (Christmas Term)

C. S. Rowland (Easter Term)

I. D. P. McKinley (Summer Term)

Secretary of the Sixth Form Council:

R. J. Brazier

Past and present members of the Management Committee:

M. C. Baker, R. S. Bonning, R. A. Davis, K. R. Goody, A. W. Gross, M. J. Jones, P. S. Lewis, I. D. P. McKinley, C. N. Rowsell, C. G. Street, C. W. Vose, R. T. S. Worley, B. Wynn

Senior Librarians:

R. J. Brazier, I. D. P. McKinley, J. M. Morris

House Organisers:

Chigwell: J. M. Morris; M. D. Cox

Forest: C. G. Street; R. A. Davis

Hainault: D. A. Reeves, G. M. Sykes, D. Fenton

Roding: M. J. Jones; C. W. Vose; G. M. Iszatt

House Captains:

Chigwell: J. M. Morris

Hainault: D. A. Reeves

Forest: B. Price

Roding: B. Wynn

Games Captains:

Athletics: J. D. Smallbone

Gymnastics: G. M. Sykes

Basketball: C. G. Street

Hockey: P. S. Lewis

Cricket: D. A. Reeves

Swimming: M. J. M. Crawford

Cross-country: R. M. Thomas

Tennis: I. R. Impey

Football: B. Wynn

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

So largely and so long has the subject of the Swimming Pool been featured in our discussions, that it might seem we are so proud of the Association's major achievement that we are determined to keep it for ever in the limelight.

The case is otherwise, and, splendid as the pool undoubtedly is, we are very conscious of its deficiencies. English weather being what it is, even in the Summer Term, the boys find it bitterly cold in the water, and draughty out. Although many unheated pools are in use, and are made good use of, lack of a heating system is a severe drawback. It is important for boys to learn to swim, not least for reasons of safety, and the opportunity to learn would be doubly improved if the temperature of the water was more often tolerable, and the season lengthened a week or two at both ends.

In the past there seemed no real chance of heating because of the high initial costs of the plant, and we settled down to getting out plans and quotations for a windbreak which would at least provide shelter from the prevailing wind. These plans had nearly reached fruition when we had news that two schools in the county had installed Calor Gas heating systems which were cheap to buy and apparently satisfactory. We set up a sub-committee under Mr. T. Allen which investigated and reported back favourably. To keep running costs within bounds a cover consisting of polystyrene panels was floated over the top of these pools when not in use. The total cost of this scheme was under £500, and it was proposed to raise the money by a direct appeal to parents to contribute, plus funds we already had in hand.

At the time of writing the matter is still under consideration. Although the cover is not an integral part of the heating system, upkeep without it might be more than the authorities would provide—and that might be true of heating by any system. Unfortunately, one of these covers has broken up after a year's use, and although the manufacturers replaced it free of charge and improved the pattern, a question-mark hangs over the project. Despite the urgent efforts of our chairman, Mr. F. C. Lilley, there is as yet neither heating nor windbreak.

We have welcomed on to the committee this year new members in Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Kulecki, Mrs. Nicholls and Messrs Beer, Dowden, Harrison and Walker. Our thanks are due again to the Headmaster, and also Mr. F. A. Scott and Mr. Samways who have attended our committee meetings.

E. J. DUNNE, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

We have not progressed with the completion of our Pavilion as well as we had hoped. Many things still need to be done, but finance and voluntary labour have not been abundant.

Nevertheless we have every reason to be pleased and proud of the first few months in residence. The Club is becoming increasingly popular as a social venue and the bar takings are running at a higher level than we had anticipated. These are being given a further boost by profits from the "one-armed bandit" and the more recent addition of Bar Football. Table Tennis and Darts have also been installed, and soon there will be every amenity.

This year's Annual Dinner was held at the Pavilion and was a roaring success. Our visitors were absolutely delighted with our Club and lost no opportunity to say so. A Dramatics Section has been formed and has already staged its first production most successfully in the circumstances.

The Sports Sections have settled down well and are pleased to be "at home" at last. The 1st XI of the Football Club have celebrated their first year on the new ground by winning their league and bringing high honours to the Association.

And so the story continues! We must all play our part in this success story—there is still much to be done and only we can do it. There is little doubt that if we just finish the job and support the activities we shall have one of the finest Old Boys' Associations in the country.

DES SLADE, *Hon. Secretary,*
"Oakland," Hall Green Lane,
Hutton, Brentwood.

OLD BUCKS FOOTBALL CLUB

After a poor start to the season, all three elevens picked up very well and were each in the running for promotion at the turn of the year. The first eleven maintained the pressure and won the championship of Division One (North) of the Old Boys League on goal average after a very exciting finish. This means that next season they will be playing in the Central Division, and will be competing in a very high standard of football. The other elevens both finished comfortably in the top half of their respective divisions.

There has been a great improvement in the social side of the club this season now that we are based at the new clubhouse at Roding Lane North, and we are able to enjoy good facilities and to provide proper hospitality for our visitors.

During the summer, a five-a-side football league is being held at the new ground and all spectators are welcome on any Tuesday or Thursday evening up to 12th August, when training for next season will commence. It is heartening to note that we are regarded as the centre for Old Boys football in the local area.

We are anxious to increase our playing strength for next season, and we recommend any school leaver who would like a game to contact the new secretary:

A. Burley,
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It is expected that we will be organising another Easter tour to Amsterdam next year which will round off, we hope, an even more successful season. L. G. CORDES, *Hon. Sec.* 1964/5.

OLD BUCKS HOCKEY CLUB

The loss of 8 players from the 1st XI and 2nd XI sadly reduced our playing strength at the beginning of the season. Most of these players left because they changed their jobs or went to University. Consequently we did well only to lose about half of all the games we actually played. An unhappy season which had its moments of brilliance.

Our Easter six-a-side went off better than we had dared hope and will now probably be held annually over Whitsun. 10 clubs joined the two Old Bucks teams this year, Centymca narrowly beating Bucks 'A' team in the final.

The club also sent a large party of 29 to represent the Old Bucks at the Thanet International Hockey Festival. Playing as the 'Farmers', we enjoyed a grand weekend's hockey and made friends with the Dutch Club—Push Breda. This has led to an invitation for the 'Farmers' to visit Breda next Easter. Then in 1967 we in turn will be host to them over the Easter holiday.

Next season we must field 4 XIs. We have a very strong fixture list and badly need all the players we can get. Club night is Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. and training sessions, Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, both at the Club house in Roding Lane North. Do come—you won't know what you have been missing till you do!

PETER LODGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

OLD BUCKS CRICKET CLUB

If one looks at the overall picture of cricket it is surprising what an everchanging scene is portrayed. In years gone by it was unheard of for a professional to captain England. Now there is no such thing as professional or amateur status. All are merely players.

Plans are afoot to redevelop parts of the Oval and now even the Tavern at Lords. Recent years have seen the introduction of knockout cups and single-wicket competitions, and this year two official touring sides are coming to this country. Throughout these innovations the love of cricket will always smoulder in the English-speaking nations, and even in its own small way the Old Bucks' Cricket Club is now undergoing many changes.

Our new home is, of course, now almost beyond praise, and we must be indebted to those stalwarts, both in and outside the Association, who helped to achieve such a magnificent project. The Cricket Club, with splendid isolation in the summer months, must progress from its relatively modest standing and perhaps now is the time for new and inspiring leadership—we shall see!

At the time of writing 1965 lies ahead of us. There is a full fixture list, Sussex Week-end in June and a single-wicket contest later in the season. To date, 3 out of 5 matches have resulted in victories and all is set fair for an enjoyable season.

MICK COOPER, *Hon. Secretary.*

OLD BUCKS DRAMA SOCIETY

A week before Easter the newly-formed Drama Society presented two one-act plays to a small, but appreciative, audience at the Pavilion. The first was "The Public Eye," by Peter Schaffer, in which the 'eternal triangle' is given an interesting new twist. The second, "The Bald Prima Donna," is described by its author, Ionesco, as being an 'anti-play,' and whilst some members of the audience professed not to understand it, the cast appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Our thanks must go to Tony Nicholls, the producer, Clive Hales, who looked after the technical side, Dave Cross, who transformed the Bar area into both an office and a living room, and last, but not least, the cast for their enthusiasm.

C. PALMER, *Hon. Secretary.*

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Brian Tidiman (50-58), was English assistant at Lille University, was married at Strasbourg in September, 1964, is now at the Bible College of Nogent-Sur-Marne, and is sailing for the Ivory Coast in September to work with the Ivory Coast Bible Mission, teaching English and History at a secondary school founded to train African Evangelical Christian teachers and other workers.

Ivor Ponting (53-60) has passed the Part Three of the I.E.E. and is now an assistant in the Engineering Electronics development Branch of Plesseys.

- P. A. Booth (54-61) is a Computer Programmer with Marconi Computers Ltd.
- S. J. Agambar (54-61) is taking a three years Postgraduate course at Exeter for his Ph.D. in Chemistry.
- Jan Dow (57-63) is at Edinburgh University reading for a Bachelor of Commerce Degree
- Nigel Dow (57-60) is reading Accountancy and Economics at Newcastle University.
- Clive Greenwood, B.A. (52-59), in the Secretarial Branch, R.A.F., now has a daughter.
- R. S. Bye (57-64) has secured an Engineering appointment with the B.B.C.
- R. E. Barnes (57-64) is articled to a firm of Chartered Accountants.
- Owen Hammond (57-64), after his visit to the U.S.A. has secured Direct Entry to the R.A.F. and is now a Pilot Officer flying jets.
- Michael Burks (57-61) is reading for the Honours School of Mathematics at Manchester University.
- P. D. Snashall (53-60) has taken his B.Sc. Physiology degree winning two prizes in the process and is gaining clinical experience in the State University of Iowa. His wife is also a medical student and was able to join him by getting a clerkship in a Canadian Hospital. They are looking forward to a tour of the U.S.A. and Canada by the Greyhound Coach "See America" Ticket which allows 99 days unlimited travel for 99 dollars.
- Peter Robjant, B.A. (53-61), is in his Postgraduate year at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, reading Law, at which College he is Junior Librarian.
- Ian Gold (57-64) is a Trainee Engineer with I.C.I.
- Trevor Hyde (55-61) is taking additional 'A' levels at Harlow College of Further Education, preparatory to university admission.
- Stanley Millis (51-58) has passed Part Three of the Law Society's Exams.
- Colin Mannakee (57-64) is one of two males out of the 'classed' Staff of 40 in the Bank of England.
- Edward Cocking, Ph.D. (43-50) has been doing research work in the Chemical Department of the Max Planck Company at Gottingen for the winter term but is now back at Nottingham University.
- Reg. Harrison, Ph.D. (39-44) is Senior Lecturer in Economics at Victoria University, N. Zealand.
- R. T. Worth (55-61) is an assistant production manager with Ozalid, Loughton.

- Keith Grant (55-63) is in the University College, Swansea, Football first eleven.
- Karl Wiggins (49-54) is now an Associate of the R.I.C.S. and has taken up a two-year contract with Nairobi City Council.
- Alan Horne (42-49), who graduated B.A. English Honours at Birkbeck College, London, in 1960, is a qualified Librarian with the Commonwealth Institute in London. His brother, Nigel (39-46), is teaching English at Dover Grammar School.
- Ray Smith (41-49) is now reading for his B.D. at the London College of Divinity.
- Keith Brewster (52-59), is teaching English at King's College, Budo, Kampala, Uganda.
- Robin Smith (53-60), was promoted to Lieut., obtaining the highest marks in the R.A.F.'s Royal Naval School Course. He is in Pembrokeshire flying Hunters and will soon be back at sea flying Sea Vixens and Buccaneers. He has just been granted a permanent commission on the General list, 9 only of which are awarded annually, and which places him on equal footing with officers passing out of the B.R.N.C. Dartmouth.
- P. Mercer (53-59) is an Assistant Lecturer in English at the University of East Anglia.
- Dennis Grey (59-63) is stationed at Syerstone R.A.F. and hopes to get his 'wings' in August.
- R. J. Woods (62-64) is teaching a class of backward children at Newham and hopes to be admitted to New College in September, 1966.
- Nicholas Lockett (55-62), after taking his Finals this summer, is taking a Dip.Ed. at the Institute of Education, Oxford, next year and is going into Approved Schools service.
- W. B. Branch (41-46), M.I.P.H.E., is now a senior engineer in Public Health, and has two children.
- D. G. Browning (49-56), who has been secretary to the Ditchley Foundation for the last two and a half years, has been awarded a Studentship at St. Antony's College, Oxford, enabling him to visit El Salvador for six months.
- Roy Penny (42-49) is now Lecturer in the Engineering Department, Cambridge University, and met Mr. F. A. Scott recently at a Conference at Clare College.
- R. G. Burgess (57-64) is studying for the first examination (general section) of the R.I.C.S.
- R. W. G. Yoell (54-62), has obtained an appointment in the Unilever Research Department.
- B. D. A. Waite (49-54) has obtained his Ph.D. and is with Pilkingtons at St. Helens.
- A. W. Jones (52-59) and F. J. Sykes (52-59) are now fully qualified dentists.

VALETE

- Atkins, T. E. (1959-65). Social Services Committee; Music Society Committee; School Choir and Orchestra; Cross-Country Team.
- Austin, P.M. (1958-65).
- Baker, M.C. (1958-65). Management Committee; Secretary of S.C.M.; School Choir and Orchestra; School Plays; Forest Division and School Athletics Team.
- Barrett, G. P. (1961-65). Joint Secretary of Scientific Film Society; School Plays.
- Batey, C. G. (1959-65). Joint Secretary of Scientific Film Society; School Plays; Cross Country Team.
- Bernard, J. C. (1959-65). Social Services Committee; Captain of 2nd XI Cricket; 1st XI Hockey; Badminton Team.
- Blyth, G. C. (1958-65). School Choir, Orchestra and Madrigal Group.
- Bonning, R. S. (1959-65). Management Committee; Captain of 2nd XI Football.
- Brazier, R. J. (1959-65). Secretary of the Sixth Form Council; Senior Librarian.
- Brett, N. J. (1958-65). School Choir; School Play; Secretary of 1st XI Hockey; 2nd XI Cricket; Cross-Country Team.
- Burgess, D. R. (1958-65). Cross-Country and Athletics Teams.
- Burrows, D. J. G. (1958-65). School Orchestra.
- Butler, R. J. D. (1958-65).
- Campbell, G. (1958-65). School Play.
- Colling, S. J. (1964-65). 1st XI Hockey.
- Coomber, I. G. (1958-65). S.C.M. Committee; School Choir; School Verse Speaking Team.
- Cox, M. D. (1958-65). Chigwell House Organiser; Secretary of Music Society; School Choir and Orchestra; 1st XI Hockey; 1st XI Cricket.
- Crabb, R. (1958-65). Secretary of Art Club; School Plays.
- Crawford, M. J. M. (1958-65). School Orchestra; Captain of School Swimming.
- Davis, R. A. (1958-65). Management Committee; Forest House Organiser; 1st XI Cricket.
- Dukes, P. W. (1959-65).
- Fergusson, R. J. (1958-65). 1st XI Football; 2nd XI Cricket; Athletics and Tennis Teams.
- Fenton, D. (1958-65). Hainault House Organiser.
- Foxen, S. J. (1958-65). School Choir.
- Glasscock, I. W. (1958-65). School Plays.

- Glasscock, M. J. (1958-65). School Plays.
- Goddard, P. J. (1958-65).
- Goody, K. R. (1958-65). Management Committee; School Plays; Captain of School Basketball; Swimming Team.
- Gorham, M. E. (1958-65). School Orchestra; 1st XI Cricket.
- Gower, J. E. (1958-65).
- Grew, R. C. (1963-65). 1st XI Hockey.
- Gross, A. W. (1958-65). Management Committee; Badminton Team.
- Hamilton, A. J. (1958-65). 2nd XI Football; Athletics Team.
- Hart, J. S. (1964-65).
- Higginson, M. P. (1958-65). Social Services Committee; School Plays.
- Hobbs, B. D. (1958-65). Athletics and Cross-Country Teams.
- Impey, I. R. (1958-65). Captain of School Tennis; 1st XI Football; 2nd XI Cricket; Athletics Team.
- Iszatt, G. M. (1958-65). Roding House Organiser.
- Jackson, B. I. (1958-65). Social Services Committee.
- Jones, M. J. (1958-65). Management Committee; Roding House Organiser; 1st XI Football.
- Koller, R. G. (1958-65). School Plays.
- Lewis, P. S. (1958-65). Management Committee; General Purposes Committee; Forum Committee; School Plays; Essex and School Chess Teams; Captain of 1st XI Hockey; Forest Division and School Athletics; Basketball Team.
- Lilley, T. M. F. (1958-65).
- Luke, D. A. (1964-65). 2nd XI Football.
- Maker, P. M. (1958-65). School Plays.
- McCulloch, I. J. (1964-65). 1st XI Hockey; Athletics Team.
- McKinley, I. D. P. (1960-65). Chairman of the Sixth Form Council; Senior Librarian; General Purposes Committee; Secretary of Toxophilist Society; Social Services Committee; Debating Society Committee; School Play; School Verse Speaking Team.
- Millard, D. F. J. (1959-65). Cross-Country and Athletics Teams.
- Morris, J. M. (1960-65). Chigwell House Organiser and House Captain; Senior Librarian; Secretary of the Sixth Form Forum; Secretary of the Debating Society; School Verse Speaking Team.
- Morrison, P. J. (1959-65). 1st XI Hockey.
- Mumby, A. R. (1958-65). Social Services Committee; Secretary of Literary Society; Secretary of Aldwych Theatre Group.
- Mustill, P. L. (1958-65). Social Services Committee; Athletics and Gymnastics Teams.

- Mutch, A. G. (1958-65). School Plays; 2nd XI Cricket; Athletics and Table Tennis Teams.
- Newberry, S. (1958-65). School Plays; Badminton Team.
- Price, B. (1958-65). Forest House Captain; Athletics Team.
- Reeves, D. A. (1958-65). Hainault House Organiser and House Captain; School Plays; Captain of 1st XI Cricket; 1st XI Football; Essex Grammar Schools' XI; Basketball, Athletics and Badminton Teams.
- Robson, R. T. (1958-65). 1st XI Hockey; Tennis and Badminton Teams.
- Rodger, S. (1958-65). 2nd XI Football; Athletics Team.
- Rowland, C. S. (1958-65). Chairman of the Sixth Form Council; Social Services Committee; School Orchestra and Choir; Forest Division and School Athletics Teams; 2nd XI Football.
- Rowsell, C. N. (1959-65). Management Committee; General Purposes Committee; School Plays.
- Schofield, P. K. (1958-65). Captain and Secretary of Toxophilist Society.
- Sharp, R. (1958-65).
- Sherborne, R. K. (1958-65).
- Spooner, H. F. (1958-65). School Plays; 2nd XI Football and Cricket.
- Street, C. G. (1958-65). Management Committee; Forest House Organiser; Captain of School Basketball; Forest Division and School Athletics; 1st XI Football; 2nd XI Cricket.
- Sykes, G. M. (1958-65). Social Services Committee; Captain of School Gymnastics; 1st XI Football; 2nd XI Cricket Athletics Team.
- Thomas, R. M. (1958-65). Captain of Cross-Country and Badminton Teams; 1st XI Hockey; 2nd XI Cricket; Tennis and Athletics Teams.
- Thorogood, P. V. (1958-65). Athletics and Cross-Country Teams.
- Vose, C. W. (1959-65). Management Committee; Roding House Organiser; 2nd XI Cricket.
- Wood, P. F. (1958-65).
- Wood, R. W. (1963-65).
- Woodfine, C. J. (1958-65).
- Woodstock, J. H. (1958-65). Athletics Team.
- Worley, R. T. S. (1960-65). Management Committee.
- Wynn, B. (1958-65). Chairman of the Sixth Form Council; Roding House Captain; General Purposes Committee; Captain of 1st XI Football; 1st XI Cricket; Essex Grammar Schools' Football XI.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1964-65.