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IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term Friday, 19th July
Autumn Term begins Tuesday, 3rd September
Half Term Monday, 28th October to Friday,
1st November, inclusive
Autumn Term ends Thursday, 19th December

SALVETE

I. M. Knowlson, J. Miller

VALETE

KERSEY, Craig A., U6ScSch., Ev., 1967-74 (G.C.E. A5, O5).
Captain 1st XV 1974, Captain of House Rugby XV,
Senior Prefect, Life Saving Bronze Cross.
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Chairman Debating Society 1972-3.
Chairman Scientific Society 1973-4, Open Scholarship
in Natural Science at Manchester University, Feb.
1974.
McNORTON, Steven C., L6M, Ev., 1968-74 (G.C.E. O6).
Rugby Half Colours, Captain 2nd School Rugby XV.
GRIFFITHS, David J., L6S, M., 1969-74 (G.C.E. O6).
MARDON, Karl F., U5S, Lu., 1969-74.
House Rugby and Cricket Captain.
MARTIN, Neil S., L6M, G., 1969-74 (G.C.E. O3).
Hockey Full Colours, House Badminton Captain.
BROWN, Clive A., L5W, Hol., 1970-74.
ASHTON, Peter J., L5X, M., 1971-74.

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The following scholarships have been awarded this year, the total amount of money being distributed is £385:

P. MOONEY and C. M. ROBERTS, Easter vacation course in Seashore Ecology, Port Erin, Isle of Man.
S. C. FARROW, T. J. PATRICK, I. K. SPENCER, A. E. R. WADDINGTON, F. N. WHITELEY. A walk along the complete Pennine way.
A. L. AYLAND, S. N. W. SCOTT. A five-week Geographical tour of Europe.
N. E. A. CROMPTON, M. HARRISON, J. A. WOLSTENHOLME. ISCF work camp in Tynedale.
P. R. CUNLIFFE, D. W. PARRY, S. PROCTOR. A Geographical study of the Isle of Arran.
C. P. MARSHALL. A cycle tour of the South West of England.

SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate M. B. Caller on winning one of the European Schools' Day Prizes. Caller is the fourteenth boy to win one of these prizes in the last fourteen years. This year, in place of the prize giving in Europe which the Authorities were unable to arrange, he was given a cheque for £25.

We congratulate J. J. Deeley on being selected for the England U19 team to tour Australia in August.

We congratulate M. R. Sellars for being awarded a Major Open Scholarship at Manchester University to the value of £100 per annum.

The School Observatory. Unfortunately the activities of vandals at weekends have increased to such an extent that we have been forced to discontinue the use of this for the time being. The school's telescope and observatory were acquired after the death of the well-known astronomer, Oswald Bradley, who left the telescope to the school. It is most unfortunate that the use of this telescope has had to be discontinued as it was probably the largest and best telescope in use in any school in the country.

Parents' Association Annual General Meeting. The following elections were made:

Chairman:	Mr. E. G. Melville
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. J. C. West
Secretary:	Mrs. V. F. Stevenson
Treasurer:	Mr. B. Humphries

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Mr. J. R. Edwards

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EVANS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. H. Long
House Tutor: Mr. W. J. Cowburn
House Captain: C. Kersey
Vice-Captain: B. Culshaw
House Secretary: R. Swettenham

This year has again proved successful. Under the skilful leadership of Kersey the Seniors have excelled themselves by winning the Senior Rugby for the third year in succession, the 7-a-side competition, the Badminton final, and the Basketball inter-house competition. They also competed in the Senior cricket final—unsuccessfully, and gained a good position in the Athletics. The Intermediates had little luck this year although they contributed well to the tin foil collection. The House result in the Swimming Gala was not as good as it might have been because of the failure of some swimmers to attend. The Seniors did very well in the Cross Country but again the lower parts of the House failed to put in sufficient effort although some did try. The House Life Saving results were good and with two very good organisers in Thomas and Melville we look forward to more success next year.

At the time of writing it is possible to report that after some keen competition the Junior Cricket team reached the final and were successful in the game played on Founder's Day.

The successes gained are largely due to the leadership given by the seniors. We have been fortunate in having Culshaw who was able to take some of the responsibility when Kersey left at Easter. In addition to his House duties he has given valuable assistance in the organisation of the Sixth Form Common Room. After our good position in the Jubilee Cup competition last year we are hoping that we shall achieve complete success this year.

We thank all who have contributed to make this year so successful and look forward to 1974-75 with confidence. The House will have an able captain in Marshall who will have Langridge to assist him.

WOODHAM'S

—And we play all the way
For good, old Woodham's!
House Master: Mr. Berry
House Tutor: Mr. Cook
House Captain: J. Gunns

Chapter XLVIII of the Woodham's Saga shall open with Cross Country. Mr. Stainton, in his last term at school, ended in a blaze of glory with Woodham's retaining the Senior Trophy. This last Herculean task achieved our erstwhile Tutor departed for the Physics Department of St. Joseph's College, Blackpool. The whole of Woodham's would like to thank Mr. Stainton for the work he put in for the House over the years and for the fact that he judged the Cross Country!?

The first term of this year also saw the Swimming Gala. We seem to have to rely on far too few swimmers — always the same names. We have more swimming talent than this Woodham's! We even had to rely on the services of our German guest, Wolfgang Jurg, for the 50 yards breast-stroke! Congratulations go deservedly to Heath for his First in the backstroke and to Chester for coming second also in the backstroke (not the same race!). Wood, C. unfortunately only managed third in his race. We qualified only for the Over 16 squadron, Rymer will be looking for more swimmers next year!

Owing to a sudden and inexplicable increase in personal injuries our Senior Rugby results were not outstanding, but both Intermediates and Juniors put up a good fight. After an initial defeat by Honeybone's, Pinch's team proceeded to make short work of Hollands — Taylor, Edgeller, Bland, Bean and Wallace playing particularly well. In the 'Sevens' they were beaten by Amer's but beat Spencer's. The Juniors got through to the semi-finals (good show) but were beaten by Roger's. After beating Spencer's they then lost to them in the 'Sevens.'

In House Badminton we finished third, thanks to Halsall, Wootton, Wilks and Herman and succeeded in reaching the semi-final of the knock-out competition.

The Junior Chess team didn't do too well but the Seniors (Moore, Halsall and Chester) came third after losing their first two matches by default.

Basketball in the hands of Alan, Kung Fu and Towler (whose joking references to the strenuousness of the game we now, unfortunately, fully appreciate — we wish him a speedy recovery) may be passed over in silence.

The Cricket season opened auspiciously by our Seniors beating Spencer's. There was some solid batting through the order. Woodham's answer to Voltaire, Peter Moor, did some fine bowling. His feat of taking seven wickets led to a considerable increase in his hat-size and to a heightened keenness all round. The Muhammed Alis among us were silenced however, by Barr, the All-American Culshaw Ross (it's the game that counts), Marshall and their Evans' teammates. The Intermediates lost to Spencers but beat Edwards' thanks to good performances from Piner and Taylor. At the time of writing the matches have had to be replayed. The Junior team hampered perhaps by my coaching lost to Grear's and Lunn's despite good bowling from Wood, Hodgson and Warren.

In the Under-19 Athletics we came second to Edward's. Hogg, Gunns and Caine put up some good performances.

But enough of sports results. A word on personalities. Such characters as Porky Houghton, David (where were you at the House meeting?) Hogg, Take-the-money Parry, lend-us-a-fag (out of school, of course) Barrett will be long remembered. We must not forget to congratulate wee Davie Strong, our ex-House captain for beating his rival Gentile Sassenachs to Oxford and that pyrotechnic wizard Sellars on his Manchester award.

And we play all the way, for good, old Woodham's!

R. Bradley.

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ROGERS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. A. G. Jones.
House Tutor: Mr. A. G. Jones
House Captains: P. Broude and J. Wood
House Cynics: P. M. Price and A. R. Brookfield

Contrary to general trends, this report does not contain the usual tale of woe associated with Rogers' House. To our amazement the House did not win the Postlethwaite Trophy* for insignificance, poor performances, all round apathy and indifference (though the seniors fought with considerable enthusiasm to retain our reputation). Indeed, the old adage that some sporting years go badly for Rogers, while others go worse was destroyed in certain fields of House activity, namely Chess and Badminton. We congratulate the outstanding effort of Spalding, who took us into the Chess final, and Pearson, who at last won the K.O. trophy — yes folks, we won something!

This unusual trend was maintained by the Junior XV who slaughtered all opposition with over 200 points for, and only 12 against. Unfortunately the Intermediates and Seniors could not maintain this.

Cricket, too, was generally disappointing and the teams seemed to wield a wooden spoon rather than a cricket bat. However, athletics are off to a good start and the Cross-Country effort was defeated only by the disqualification of the seniors. There were technical difficulties over kit colour.

Swimming events produced a double record in the highest ever number of qualifying failures, a description which regrettably still seems generally applicable to Rogers' efforts.

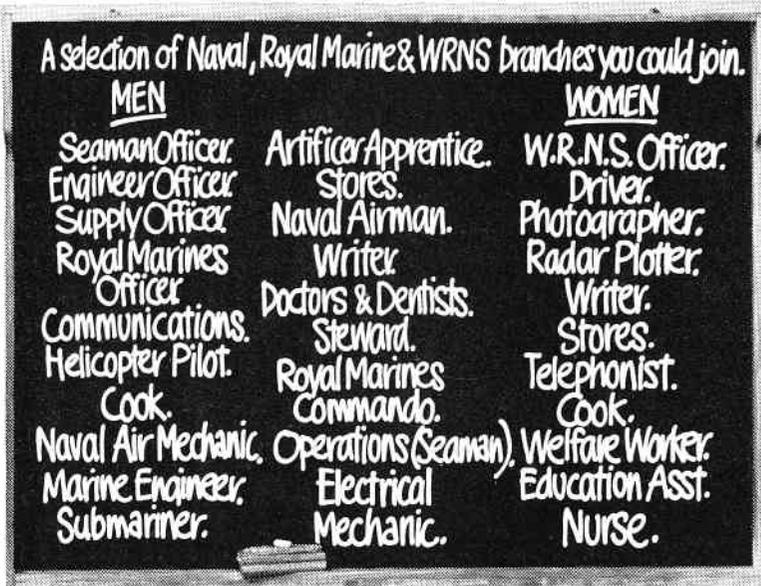
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EDWARDS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. E. S. Gale
House Tutor: Mr. H. T. Marsh
House Captain: J. I. Humphreys

Once again the time of year comes round when the housemasters, realising they have but one day left, rush round frantically to find some poor literary fool to write the House report. So here I am, ready and willing in the time-honoured fashion to go through a long list of our propaganda orientated successes and failures.

This year has been a good year for Edwards House in most fields of Inter-House activities. Our academic work was also satisfactory. In the Senior House Rugby we romped through to the final where we unfortunately lost. It was a most memorable match, and one claimed by many to be the best for years. The Intermediates, however, had a field day in their Rugby by winning both the 'Fifteens' and the 'Sevens' in blustering style.



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In the Swimming, we also did well. We won the Life Saving competition for the nth year (where n is a large number). This was due to hard work put in by our senior boys. We also obtained full laurels in the new individual life saving competition where Thornborough and Ayland came 1st and 2nd respectively. In the swimming gala we came second in spite of strong opposition from other houses.

Amongst our other notable successes this year were wins for the Seniors in both cricket and athletics where the opposition were slaughtered admirably at every stage of the game. Note must also be made of hard work put in by Bailey and Hall in the Badminton which earned our promotion to the First Division. Oh, and whoever turned up for our Chess matches, thanks, it was a noble gesture.

Well, that brings me to the end of our list of successes for this year, and it only remains for me to sum it all up by thanking me for writing this report. I might also add the invaluable help given to the House by Mr. Gale and Mr. Marsh, who have spurred us on at every opportunity to our dizzy height of achievement both on the field and in the classroom. They show the way, not only by words, but by example as well, and have in their loving kindness fostered a happy fellowship in Edwards where all work in unison for the good of House and School. (All cheques, crossed, signed, dated, made payable to me and placed in L.6.B register, please).

T.R.T.

MASON'S HOUSE REPORT — 1973-74

House Master:	Mr. H. Smith
House Tutor:	Mr. R. Clarke
House Captain:	R. McDonald
Vice-Captain:	R. Barton

So near, yet so far — the story of the year. Despite a profusion of talent, particularly in the Seniors, the House never fulfilled its potential. Joint favourites to win the Rugby 15 and 7-a-side competitions, the Seniors fell narrowly to the eventual winners. The Juniors and Intermediates, although under the expert tuition of Fairclough and Macleod, failed to apply themselves in their matches. Other events of the winter were Chess, in which Fitchett led the House to second place; in Cross-Country, the seniors alone showed stamina in attaining second place also, while the Badminton team, under Whiteley, were worthy runners-up. However, the House did not take too well to water, in spite of the enthusiasm of Gascoigne and West in the swimming events.

After the gloom and despondency of Winter, the great white hope of the House was its Senior Cricket team, odds-on favourites to win the competition. But casual batting led to a humiliating defeat in the opening match — Barton will never be the same again. The Senior Athletics squad fared surprisingly well and was always in the running (sorry about that) to take top spot.

So, despite a relatively poor showing this year with numerous second places, we eagerly await next season to silence our critics, and prove ourselves worthy of a couple of trophies.

Finally, thanks must not only go to all those who helped in the organisation of the many sporting activities of the year — Fairclough's enthusiasm in training the younger elements in the arts of Rugby and Cricket deserves particular mention — but also to Mr. Smith and Mr. Clarke for their encouragement to everyone in the House throughout the year.

R.McD.

LEECH'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master:	Mr. E. T. Johnson
House Tutor:	Mr. G. Rogers
House Captain:	J. J. Deeley
Vice-Captain:	H. Nutter

This year has been one of general improvement and near-success. The Badminton team finished half-way up the table and only lost in the final of the knock-out. Our thanks in particular to Catterall, Sawyer, Patrick and Jones.

We reached the semi-final of the Basketball tournament thanks to good play by Deeley, Sawyer, Stott, Nutter and McIntosh.

In Rugby we beat Rogers' and drew 4-4 (a moral victory) with Edwards.'

In Swimming, we are making a slow return to former glories, managing to produce three finalists this year.

After beating the hot favourites, Mason's, mainly thanks to a fine knock by Stott, in the Senior Cricket, we lost the semi-final to Edwards' in the last over.

The Juniors reached the final but were unable to contain a strong Evans XI, despite some good cricket by Dean, Patrick, Salt and Maddock. There were many first-year boys in the side and they should form the nucleus of a strong team next year.

The most significant event of the year was, of course, the success of our House Captain, Jim Deeley, on the Rugby field. We congratulate him on his selection for the England Under19 XV's versus Scotland and France, and for the first ever Schools Tour of Australia on which we wish him every success.

Our best wishes to Jim and his Vice-Captain, Henry Nutter as they leave school for the last time. We thank them sincerely, for all they have done for Leech's, a House which is better for having known them.

Regretfully we must also say farewell and thanks to Mr. Rogers. While we are sorry to lose him, we wish him well in his new post.

THE AMAZING CASE OF GREAR'S HOUSE

Sherlock Holmes took his bottle from the corner of the mantel-piece, and his hypodermic syringe from its neat morocco case.

"You see, Watty," he said, "it all fits."

I was baffled. That very morning a half-dead schoolboy with a rugby ball in one ear and a trophy in the other had been found stretched out on our doormat. He had only had time to stutter out a few gasping phrases before consciousness had left him . . .

"S-s-semi-finalists in b-b-basketball . . . se-second in life saving . . . and relay . . . f-first in the G-Gala . . .

The boy was lunatic; he had to be. But it was not long before Holmes spotted the vital clue. He linked together, uncannily, the boy's derangement and something called the Inter-House competitions. The connection, he said, was obvious. I remained confused.

Clearly tired by the effort, Sherlock went on to explain: the absence of a right collar bone indicated keen effort in "the Sevens," whatever that was, and a general deficiency restricting the boy's efforts in rugby. This, Holmes felt, was the case in most of the boy's House for that particular sport. With this the great detective dramatically folded his newspaper, badly worn from being folded so often in the opening chapters. He paused.

"But why", I asked, "should he be so exhausted?"

"Elementary" came the reply, reflecting Sherlock's great capacity for new clichés.

"His House had fared above average in most activities: there was clearly plenty of effort in Athletics, but with little success. And, if you look there," Holmes said, pointing to the boy's bulging head, "the excess brain indicates some skill at Chess."

I pointed to the boy's bulging right biceps.

"From Cricket practices?" I ventured.

"Quite. But also quite useless," he went on.

"But in Cross-Country his House was far better — they won the intermediate section and the overall contest outright. Hence this boy's breathlessness; he must have taken the wrong route and been running here since last December."

Now it was making sense. But Sherlock Holmes had more to say.

"You will have observed the rare spark of keenness in the eyes of this near-departed pupil. It was clearly inspired by his House Master and his officials. But precisely how, I could not say."

"Nor me, squire."

"All that remains is to deduce precisely which House the boy came from. It all goes back to his lunacy, I feel."

"Then he must be from Edwards?" I exclaimed.

"But it says Grears on the cup, Watson."

'Ah, that's what I said.'

M.F.

House Master: Mr. T. B. Davies

House Tutor: Mr. Mawer

House Captain: M. Halsall

Secretary: M. Fitton

Other Officials: M. Townson, J. Berry, C. Watson, A. Holmes

HONEYBONE'S HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Miley

House Tutor: Mr. Metford

Another year has passed us by,
To boast success would be to lie.
Although we showed we had the skill,
We never really made the kill . . .
But one thing happened that we couldn't guess —
We finally won a game of Chess!
The Badminton team was good and sound,
And as worthy players they were crowned.
Cross-Country was our greatest hope
But our runners simply couldn't cope.
On the rugby field we fixed our stare
As the trophy cupboard was still bare;
With a flash of brilliance our team did play,
Sweeping the weaker teams away.
So then we all asked who'd go up
To shake hands and collect the cup . . .
Our minds were quickly put at ease
When Edwards' put us on our knees.
But not without another fight
In which we played with all our might,
For the Sevens was a thrilling game.
And the school took notice of our name.
The Juniors shone in the Cricket matches.
And if they hadn't dropped those catches
They would have claimed a noble win
To put us on the map again.
The Intermediates battled through.
Now we wait to see just how they do.
So all in all, a mixed kind of year,
But the next we face without such fear . . .
To see what it brings, we can but wait,
This report was written by A. HOLGATE.

AMER'S HOUSE REPORT — JULY, 1974

House Master: Mr. Amer.

House Tutor: Mr. Greenhalgh.

Another year has passed and the House has increased by another 12 members. Loyal members of the House have been increasing with each year since its foundation five years ago and now we are able to boast of two Sixth-formers amongst our ranks. The House has gone from strength to strength and at the beginning of the year, which promised to be our best year yet, we were all stunned into unbelieving silence, when during the Cross-Country, a sport which strikes fear into many a weak heart, the Juniors added to our trophy total of one by winning this event. This team, led by Parkinson have won the admiration of the whole House, especially since this is a sport we have a habit of losing. The rest of the House lived up to this standard.

After the half-term and several swimming practices, the House was ready yet again to challenge the established Houses in the swimming. Determined not to be beaten into second place again, we set off with high hopes, armed with the speed of Halsall, Eyes, Bennet and Ellis. Our combined efforts, however, proved not quite good enough and we retained second placing.

The Junior members proved yet again to be a very useful asset when during the Rugby season they fought their way in the 7-a-side competition to be losing semi-finalists, beaten by the eventual winners. Such players as Fletcher, Halsall and McPherson however, failed to repeat this performance in the '15s'.

The skills of Bennett, Ball and Jelly in the Intermediate Rugby 15s tournament gained them the place of losing finalists also.

The summer term continued with disappointments when both Intermediate and Junior teams failed to reach the semi-finals of cricket, despite the hard-hitting of Bennett and bowling of Deakin. The ever-keen Seniors managed to end up with a points total hardly worth quoting in their efforts to forward the honour of the House in the Athletics. Despite these defeats the stage has been set for next year when the dam will be burst and a flood of victories will begin.

M. J. ELLIS, House Captain.

SPENCER'S HOUSE REPORT

Captain: G. S. La Court

House Master: Mr. Rimmer.

House Tutor: Mr. Wohlers.

After winning the Jubilee Cup in fine style last summer, the House began the Autumn term confidently. In the Cross Country and Senior Rugby events we performed well but always seemed to miss victory narrowly. We had a number of excellent individuals but as a team they lacked co-ordination and experience. When I became Captain of the House at Christmas it was clear that the best thing to do was to regroup our forces and prepare to make a fresh assault in the Summer. Thanks to the help of Meredith, my Vice-captain and Ball, we have been able to do this. Next year the House should once again find itself in a very strong position.

I would like to thank those people in the Lower Sixth and Upper Fifth who have helped in various activities and I hope that they will continue to support Mr. Rimmer throughout next year. My thanks also to Roberts, C. M., Irving, Ward, and others in the Upper Sixth who have given their time and assistance in the last twelve months.

Academic progress also has an important part to play in the House and I am very pleased to report that we have a high standard of work in Spencers once again, especially in the junior part of the School.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Rimmer, Mr. Wohlers and A. Meredith for their support and to wish the House continuing success in the future.

G. S. La Court.

HOLLAND'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Ward.

House Tutor: Mr. Bruce.

This year the general standard of the House was good in the academic and sporting spheres. We had our first full year of Upper 5th 'O' level students and two of us embarked on 'A' level.

In the Cross Country we achieved our first ever individual 1st place (Nigel Crompton) in the Intermediates. However, there was a disappointing performance by the Intermediate team in Rugby although the Juniors showed promise. Andrew Pulhum and David Halsall led their respective teams with enthusiasm.

The Cricket saw poor starts for both teams but there was a great improvement in the final games. The Juniors were enthusiastic but unlucky with the results. The Intermediates have several outstanding cricketers who should develop next year.

I. Halsall, N. Moorhouse and C. Bowden were called upon to take practices and help with team organisation.

Next year a new batch of "willing" (?) recruits will swell our numbers to a full scale House, which we have been looking forward to for some time.

C. B.

LUNN'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Comfort.

House Tutor: Mr. Stichbury.

Every Tuesday morning an assortment of individuals converge upon the isolation of Room 24. The first to arrive tend to be the younger elements, overflowing with energy and enthusiasm. Indeed, it is hardly surprising to note that in the past year they have been rewarded with the junior Sevens title and victory in the cross-country. Furthermore their physical exertions resulted in many near-misses, while at the same time success in the Junior chess has removed any doubts concerning their mental abilities.

Unfortunately the senior members of the house, hampered by numerical weakness, have failed to follow this example. They can be identified by their late arrival in house-meetings, a generally ragged appearance, and the habit of sleeping during the biblical reading. Naturally therefore, efforts in the chess competition often suffered from the team's absence, whereas the badminton players would have been wise to follow their example. Few need to be reminded of S. Potter's exploits in the cross-country. On the other hand though, small numbers cut participation down to a minimum, and some individual achievement has been evident.

No longer is the characteristic figure of Mr. Savage to be seen amidst the turmoil of house-meetings. At all times he was willing to give encouragement and will be well remembered by the recipients of his help. His departure saw the arrival of Mr. Stichbury, who, together with Mr. Comfort, has seen Lunns survive yet another year.

M. T. W.

DON'T GET THE BALL, GET THE MAN (Sub-titled: K.G.V. Hockey Report — 1973-74)

Both teams seemed under the weather this year due to the loss of a few valuable players last year, though failure of the 1st XI was due mainly to inconsistent play.

The 1st team consisted of Catterall, who somehow managed to score 90% of all goals, the most remarkable when he scored for the 2nds when not listed in the team. "Great stuff there Mike, and congratulations for being picked to play for Lancashire despite breaking your ankle the week before."

Roberts in goal had a good season, his significant total being a couple of centre forwards and a winger. His kicking saved the day on many occasions, but there are rumours that he takes special ballet lessons for the practice. The forward line had a good?? season, passing the ball to Catterall, and special thanks go to Sutton, Hepworth and Howarth for scoring the other goals which he missed.

The 2nd XI — Apart from losing X-0 to Caldey Grange (x = 12), they had very little to do apart from supplying the 1st XI with reserves. They **must** hope for better things next season, well it can't be any worse, but with the Upper Vth lacking match practice, and having no experience of the intolerable, immense pressures . . .

Special thanks to Messrs. Amer and Comfort for their undying sympathy during the season. No match against the High School last year, but we'll give you a laugh next season.

1st XI	P	W	D	L	F	A
	15	3	3	9	21	36
2nd XI	P	W	D	L	F	A
	8	1	1	6	4	a lot

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SCHOOL RUGBY

1st XV

Firstly, it is very pleasant to report that much of last season's promise was realised. Even this would have been improved upon, had the Gods been kinder in matters of weather and injuries. For the cancellation of so many matches took the momentum out of any successful run. Injuries kept Pickering, Halsall and Armstrong out of the side from November to the end of the season. All this, coupled with the tightly scheduled fixture list at the end of the season proved too much of a handicap, and spoiled what should have been a better end to the year.

Any success that came the team's way was built upon the very solid platform of the pack. Apart from the first game when they were not fit though, the forwards were usually able to get well on top of the opposition. The back play improved slowly as the season went on and at times handled quite nicely. It was also a good season from the point of view of playing several new fixtures namely Ellesmere Port G.S., Broxbourne School (Herts), Willowgarth H.S. (Yorks.), Belvedere College, Dublin, and a Hertfordshire Schools XV. Next season's list will include Liverpool College and Rossall. We went down to Broxbourne in October, and came back empty-handed in terms of winning, but with impressive forward displays, and in turn hosted Broxbourne, Willowgarth and Belvedere at the end of the Easter term. The best displays of the season were against St. Joseph's College, Blackpool, St. Edward's College, Liverpool (a magnificent forward battle in the mud), Belvedere College and the first half against Willowgarth. The most inept displays were against Lancaster (lost), Hutton (won') and Ormskirk (lost).

The forwards were, at times, very good. They were usually heavier, bigger, stronger and more efficient than their opponents. It all starts in the front row, and here Macleod, Kersey, Humphreys and Halsall (when fit) proved very capable in the tight with Macleod and Kersey also outstanding in the loose. Marshall and Harding worked hard in the second-row and were more than useful in the line-out. The back-row was normally very sound with or without Deeley. Charters, Berry and Fairclough were never less than efficient, and usually fiery. Behind the scrum, such efficiency was not usually forthcoming. McInerney, at scrum-half,

could be very good but it was too inconsistent to bring out the best in the rest of the backs. But he was not helped by having three different partners during the season. In the centre too, there were problems brought about in part by injury and partly by selectorial whims. It was only after Christmas for example that Ainsworth was able to play regularly at full back. There were however two heartening features about the backs. Their handling and confidence improved greatly and they were eager to work overlaps for the keen wingers. But the tackling of the three was often shoddy, with the notable exceptions of Rich, Ainsworth and latterly Wilks.

Characters of the XV

C. Kersey (Captain - Hooker) - Evans): Technically very sound and splendidly aggressive. His loose play was always direct and vigorous, leading his team by example. His throwing-in into the line-out was often cock-eyed but it did improve slowly. Congratulations on being chosen to hook for the Lancashire U.19s.

J. Deeley (Vice-Captain - No. 8 - Leech's): Clearly the outstanding player in the side, adding fine skill and attitude to an excellent physique. His technique in both tight and loose made him formidable. He played a tremendous amount of Rugby, proving himself to be adaptable, as No. 8 and flanker for Lancs., No. 8 and 2nd row for the School and No. 8 for England at U.19 level.

D. Macleod (Prop - Mason's): Immensely strong, with an excellent physique. His technique came on tremendously in this his first season in the front row. But he still needs to practise helping his hooker more, both to protect him and to win the ball. A real tiger in the loose, he should be of county standard next season.

J. Humphreys (Prop - Edwards'): Always moaned during practices and didn't like the scrummaging machine! But gave his all during matches. He managed occasionally to catch the ball in the line, too.

R. Marshall (2nd Row - Evans'): Ross grew tremendously in both physique and playing ability this season. His line-out play was often first-class. He handles and runs well. He should be the backbone of next year's pack.

C. R. Marshall (2nd Row - Rogers'): Good in the middle of the line and usually ferocious in the rucks. Unfortunately after scoring a few tries with his strong running he developed a tendency to hang out of the rucks.

J. Berry (Flanker - Gear's): Not too keen on training, but loved playing matches. He has an uncanny sense of where the ball is going. He is ferocious in the tackle and a superb competitor.

G. Charteris (Flanker - Rogers): Quietly efficient in all he did, with a good technique on the ball. Quick around the field and a good handler.

N. Fairclough (Flanker - Mason's): Absolutely fanatical in all he does on the field and will tackle anything. Was unfortunate to have to act as deputy to an excellent back-row.

J. McInerney (Flanker - Evans'): On infuriating player. Possessor of a lovely spin pass which was on target when he concentrated. Very fast and strong in the break, but over-inclined to kick possession away, but he did score a lot of points.

N. Pickering (stand-off - Woodham's): A promising young player with a devastating side-step. Very sound in defence too, but plagued by injury which we all hope will mend soon.

C. Matthews (stand-off - Mason's): Came into the side after Christmas. The passing in the backs improved greatly with his appearance. Not confident enough yet in his own ability to go through gaps. An excellent goal kicker, and the team's top scorer, despite appearing in only half the games.

C. Harman (wing - Woodham's): Started as full-back, then centre and finally wing. His defence was poor but he is a fast direct runner and handles well.

K. Rich (wing - Rogers): Despite having played most of his Rugby as a forward he showed real games ability by appearing with success on both wings, usually as a reserve. Handles well, sound in defence and a robust runner.

A. Wilks (centre - Woodham's): A fast centre whose confidence grew greatly as the season progressed. He handled well in the Easter term and his tackling came on a treat. I hope he can keep this up next year.

R. Ball (centre - Spencer's): Came into the side due to various injuries and had to play out of position for all his matches, being normally a forward. Lost some of his confidence at the end of the season but this experience should pay off next year.

P. Broude (wing - Rogers'): Missed a few games at the end due to others. A strong, bustling wing who took a lot of stopping. Had some excellent games, but his best was on tour against Herts. schools.

D. Ainsworth (full back - Edwards): A most promising player who catches and tackles well with a sound positional sense. He times his runs into the attack well and could easily be up to county standard next year. A useful place-kicker when he concentrates.

M. R. Halsall (Prop - Grear's): Always scrummaged well and was a real trier. Not fast about the field but very strong. Injured in January he unfortunately never came back to peak fitness.

As already stated above, the school was honoured by the selection of Kersey to hook for Lancashire and to captain the Waterloo R.U.F.C. Colts. And Deeley, after an astonishing piece of work by the Lancs. selectors and being omitted for their first game, recovered his place in that side, gained a place in the North-Western Counties squad and after various trials played for England against Scotland and France. He was finally picked to tour Australia this summer with the England U.19 squad.

We congratulate both on their honours and thank them for their efforts and loyalty to the school, together with P. Broude and J. Berry, through thick and thin since their early days in the U.12s.

Also appearing for the First XV were: P. John, a clever and promising player. W. Fletcher who always moans about packing in the 2nd row, but is a young forward of much promise. J. Caine deputised as full-back and earned a great reputation for his tackling. B. Armstrong played variously as centre or wing, often bravely until his injury. C. Price played on the wing until he decided to let the side down by his non-appearance.

Thirteen of these named above return next year and should be able to put their experience to good use. Younger players will have to rely on them.

2nd XV and 3rd XV

This season saw a big pool of willing players capable of producing winning Rugby.

2nd XV: Played 12, Won 8, Lost 4, Pts. for 236, Agst. 112

The 2nd XV have only lost four of their players and most of the 3rd XV come back as they were nearly all members of the Under-16 age-group. There was alas a fairly larger turn-over in both teams. Some were promoted to the First XV as that team's injuries piled up. There was also an attempt to give most junior players a game at higher level

when the 3rds didn't have a match. They were very ably led by Fairclough who was able to impose his own uncompromising attitude upon the rest of the side. Both teams tried to combine hard forward play with flowing Rugby and their results speak for themselves. John was able to get the pack moving forward and once the momentum had been gained the ball was moved quickly, no matter what the conditions were. Most remarkable indeed was the handling of the line when they played on a pitch suitable for water-polo at Cardinal Allen.

U.15 RUGBY — 1973-74

Playing Record

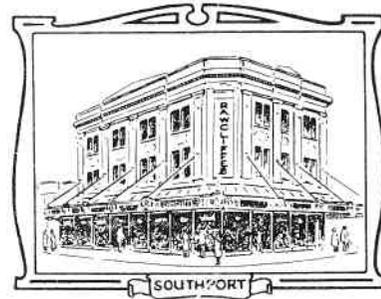
	P	W	L	F	A
	16	14	2	465	52
v. Blackpool (A) ...	11-19				
v. Arnold (H)	56-0				
v. Hutton (H)	6-3				
v. Cardinal Allen (A)	31-0				
v. King Edward, Lytham (H)	62-4				
v. Manchester (H) ..	23-0				
v. Ormskirk (A)	30-3				
v. St. Joseph's (H) .	66-0				
v. St. Edward's (H)	6-0				
v. Bolton (C'ts) (H)	25-0				
v. John Rigby (A) ..	3-23				
v. Cowley (H)	23-0				
v. Balshaws (A) ...	36-0				
v. Stonyhurst (H) ..	21-0				
v. Willowgarth (Yorks.) (H)	32-0				
v. Broxbourne (Herts.) (H)	34-0				

The playing record of the team almost speaks for itself, but hides much of the work the team as a whole was prepared to put into practising — the amount of time and effort spent at dinner-times and after school proves the old adage 'Practice makes perfect' — if not perfect, certainly along the way to it. They began as a high-scoring team but defensively only average; they ended as a high-scoring team and defensively brilliant. The backs may well feel they could have scored more points if only their handling and passing were better, but they defended so well that their tackling often set up attacking positions for the team. Certainly 11 clean sheets in 16 games, and only eight tries against overall is a remarkable record.

The pack was the dominant force — winning good possession most of the time. If only they had developed the intuition for letting the ball out to the backs at the correct time, even more points would have been scored. But offensively, they developed into a powerful eight, and on top form proved almost unbeatable.

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Sevens Competitions

The team always played well if without showing the necessary flair. At Blackpool and Merseyside, they lost games which would have taken them through to the final; at Stonyhurst, they actually reached the final, but the shock of playing before two dozen spectators proved too much for them. Bennett offers thanks to Mr. Stichbury for the penalty move which actually worked, though to the detriment of Berry's health.

Players

The following all received their colours award:

"Fish-face" Haddock (full back): Who? The quiet member of the team; cool calm and consistent with a safe pair of feet.

"Yellow-Streak" Wilcox (wing): Too good for Lancashire — his own words. Quick and brave with a startling right-foot sidestep; a pity his left "kneeds" strengthening (14 tries).

"Blush" Beresford (wing): Despite supporting Man. Utd. and Wales, he proved the mighty could be felled regularly — his one try was worth waiting for. But rumour has it he bribed Mr. Allen by offering to double his monthly salary — it cost him a week's spending money.

"Ears" Edwards (wing): Known as Florence, he deserved more than the one try he scored; a valuable team member who showed his best form at the Merseyside sevens.

"Woodstock" Williams (wing): Summoned to greatness at short notice, and ably put his red flag up at correct moments.

"Kung-Fu" Bennett (centre): Defensively "they shall not pass", nor did they; offensively his brick-wall tactics brought him five tries, including the winner vs. Hutton, but he could develop a new style — the David Bailey of the side, and a notable shorts-shedder.

"Rev. Einstein" Yandell (centre): He improved his defence and even caught a few balls — his dummy developed, bought and sold at Cowley, was a surprise to us all; he will be sorely missed. (3 tries).

"Dids" McCandish (fly-half): The P.G. tripper — brilliant when awake with a safe right foot converting tries regularly — totalled 151 pts., to his own surprise.

"Shush yer marf" Pinch (scrum half): A pity he wasn't taken to the Merseyside trials — a sad omission on my part. Leading try scorer (20), his strength and competitiveness led the team through many dark pinches — even known to pass the ball on occasions.

"Piggy" Holgate (Prop): Got his fat little legs running well enough to clinch three tries; his best game at Willowgarth when he had no idea what was going on — a regular state of affairs.

"Doggy" Pulham (Prop): Suspected affinity for short-haired Scotties, and prone (usually) to miss the bus if not the boat. A genuine back-of-the-line specialist, and hard in his own right — lifted the team v. Manchester, and deservedly scored nine tries (that's altogether, not in one game).

"Grocer" Ball (hooker/captain): A true leader, although few listened — seriously though, he worked hard and improved his own contribution, AND he scored more than the one try he was credited with; if only he could have found the athleticism to bend down and grab the ball. General organiser of penalty moves, one of which worked at least once — suspected of being where the ball wasn't; fastest player on three legs.

"Mires" Hancock (Prop): Relinquished art school to grace us with his presence—and scored a try; a real trier.

"Danny" Daniels (Prop): The parallel kid; broke all school records by being threatened with expulsion after one minute of his first match for the school—another trier (1).

"Brickwall" White (Second-row): Prize fighter, though his footwork needs improving. An ever-present whose work rate was often hidden by the more flamboyant (posers) members of the pack (1 try).

"400m man" Robinson (Second row): As a centre, he was a good second-row, as witnessed by his inclusion in the Merseyside team. While not exactly constructive, his enthusiasm for the game (and also for rugby) rubbed off on everyone—if only he could keep his mouth shut and eyes open (5 tries).

"Big Dick" Henderson (No. 8): The fairground king; a line specialist who actually got his feet off the ground twice, and neither time during rugby. An important member of the team who improved tremendously. (7 tries).

"Basho" Jelley (Flanker): Another who improved; well-known for spoiling, and a highlight of the season was his try—he deserved it.

"Bog" Bailey (Flanker): Injury-prone; a good team member who started off like a bomb and then went off—his speed and fighting spirit will be useful in the senior teams. (1 try).

"Joe 90" Nissenbaum (Flanker): A lifelong ambition to fly thwarted by a weak collar-bone; the only blind flanker in the world, his blindness led him into situations where none but the brave would tread—and he trod. A good player (4 tries).

"Wigin" Porter (Flanker): Deserved to play more often —dip that elbow in vinegar, lad.

"I'm better than Edwards" Chandler (wing): He had real enthusiasm for the game, and took the rough with the smooth, particularly as full-back for the U.14's.

J.R.W.

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BADMINTON

This season, for the second consecutive year, our U.16 team (D. Halsall, P. Goggin, S. Norris, G. Foster and G. Bailey) won the Intermediate section of the Lancashire 'Red Rose' competition. Unfortunately we lost to Cumbria in the national finals, but the side's victories and the strength of our Junior and Senior teams gives weighty justification to K.G.V's claim to be the strongest badminton school in the country.

The seniors have been successful but for their defeat in their section of the Red Rose competition, but they were able to field only a very depleted side that day. A young side, well led by the more experienced B. Hepworth, they can expect to do well next year. The Juniors also enjoyed the fruits of success and without being too presumptuous they can perhaps hope to complete K.G.V's hat-trick of victories in the intermediate Red Rose contest.

In retrospect, this seems to have been one of the School's best ever seasons. But the Red Rose competition still has one year to run; can the seniors and intermediates really clinch that elusive 'double'?

D.H.

P.S. I would like to thank Messrs. Miley and Hodgkins for willingly wasting so much of their time; without them this would all not have been possible.

THE EUROPA SOCIETY REPORT

I have gambled on the brevity of this report's ipso facto catching your attention. Therefore, for those still awake, I shall now proceed to enumerate the achievements of the Europa Society during the summer term of 1974. . . .

. . . There! Pretty staggering, eh?

Chairman: M. G. Davies.

Secretary: P. A. C. Moor.

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Many people today think that Christians are boring people who never enjoy themselves and live a life of 'don't do this, don't do that.' This is wrong. The J.C.U. exists to do something in particular: to have fun. As we enjoy mixed indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) activities and games, we also learn about God and about the way He wants us to enjoy ourselves, with Him.

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Despite a lack of enthusiasm by all but the very oldest of Old Faithfuls, the G.S. soldiers on bravely. The first meeting, on the construction of two power-stations-which-shall-be-nameless, drew in nine people (including NEARLY all the committee—but at least the elusive Mr. Whiteley did turn up between cricket practices). One of the films was the wrong type for our projector, but ran very nicely in reverse, to the delight of the more junior members. The other film lasted for about twenty minutes.

Our high spot was the next meeting, when Mr. Clowes gave a very interesting talk on the scenery of Wales in a Rhondda-bout way which was patronised by sixteen (shows what a bit of name-dropping does!) and was very amusing. No 'leeking' information jokes, please. We would like to thank Mr. Clowes very much for his contribution to the Society's programme. At time of writing we have not had our much publicised field trip or debate, so I can only hope these last events of the year's schedule will be more successful; the coach is already fully booked, so, weather permitting, the trip should be a good one.

Finally, thanks go to all those who supported our efforts come again next term! (please!!)

M.C.

THE PREFECTS REPORT

This was quite a normal year for prefects, with plenty of invigorating boredom broken only by the occasional "special event". One of these involved commissioning some local artists to decorate the room with the odd mural and paintings of Andy Capp, Master Spy and others. Not long afterwards the darts board contracted a hideous disease and fell to bits, but not before passing on its affliction to the now pock-ridden walls. Then in Spring, plans were made for converting the room into a padded cell, but these fell through. (The window, that is). Midsummer saw the air cleared by fumigation in readiness for staging the famous Angus Bond movie, "Greenfinger," but the production was halted in favour of a new competition connected with bodies and telephone booths.

Winners of this year's Infamy Awards included:

"RONNIE RUGBY" HALSALL: Cricketer extraordinaire, disillusioned military tactician, and laughter-maker first class; became the only Head Boy in England to spend his pension on buying windows for the Women's Institute. Unsure of his vocation, he may well join Billy Smart's.

PETE BROUDE: His three main weapons were a hyena's laugh, a set of Coles Notes and a nice striped uniform. Plans to become a B.B.C. studio audience.

BARRY "TWO BAGS": Founder member of the Royal Armoured Culshaws, he camouflaged his waistcoat after being mistaken for a wizened-tooth relative of King Lear; Watkinson and bond red rose — 8 appeared regularly on "Pot Black" (not to be confused with "Skit Black").

MICHAEL DAVIES: Boon companion of the Lesser Grey Moorsky, he plans to read "Punch" at the Baden-Baden College of Giggles.

DEREK BARNETT: Early editions of his "Layrians Guide to Hairstyling" sold out almost as fast as he lost his briefcase. Fled to Hampshire in late June to join Debtors International.

TIM PATRICK: Special Christmas offer from Leeches free with a rude pin-up of Harold.

JIM 'DISCO' DEELEY: Took to dragging a sack of straw round the fields on a piece of string after being selected for the British Sun-Bathing team which goes Cobber-bashing this summer.

PHILIP BUCKELS: See under 'Oldham'.

JON GUNNS: Patented the S.M.P. course as a sleeping drug early in the year, but became too bored to find an antidote.

ROB MUCK-DONALD: Deeply and bitterly upset by the Highland Council of Rapists' refusal of his plans to nationalise the sheep industry; hopes to become a Scotch egg.

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CHRIS 'UNDER-THE-COUNTER' HARMAN: Leader of The Room's vice-squad, and he nearly got arrested for it; awarded the O.B.E. for services to the bear industry; turned down by every monastery in Europe.

J. M. OLDHAM: Boo!!

TEZ 'PICKACARD' FLEETWOOD: Took S-level Black Jack to qualify for the leading role in Ainsdale's version of 'The Family'; soon to take on a captive audience of chartered accountants in his own dazzling answer to the David Nixon Show.

ANDY HOLMES: What's he doin' in 'ere?

STEVE WAINWRIGHT: Exercised his talent for thrift by starting his collection of hockey sticks SIMPLY on borrowed bus fares!! Another lawyer bound for the lonely wilds of North Staffs . . . but not necessarily.

MIKE FITTON: Denied all rumours of ancestral links with the Fuzzies; founded the Alan Whicker Appreciation Society; plans to read waffle at Purley College of Drama and Imitation.

RICK HARDING: One of the stalwart heavies holding The Room together and the walls apart . . . advertised his injured limbs as the perfect ice-breakers for naughty parties, but they just never caught on.

WILL THORNBOROUGH: Takes all the credit for Ray Stevens' latest hit; very nearly picked for "It's a Muckabout" but too busy chopping bricks in half.

JOHN HUMPHRIES: Brain surgeons carefully replaced his mini-mind with a baked bean in the late Spring, after which he was accepted by the Navy. Ambition: to lead a crew of two on a raid on Guatemala, using rubber dinghies and Ark Royal, but don't tell anyone.

PETE DICKINSON: Malcolm MacDonald's better half, he kept being mistaken for Dicky Kent. Hopes to play the triangle for E.L.P.

CHRIS WATSON: Scaled the North Wall of the Fireplace in mid-summer, but then became a Womble and ran away to a Scottish lake with a yacht and two sailors.

ROY "THE MOUSE" BARTON: Delivered sunning impersonations of a bulldozer gone beserk . . . not appreciated by the furniture. Offered to drink up all Newky-Brown stocks in Britain (free of charge) . . . offer was rejected. A regular back-street brawler and bar-room fly, he hopes to become a Cambridge don.

All complaints should be addressed to me, wrapped round a brick, lightly sprinkled with Extract of Armadillo, slowly basted in a cold oven, and thrown in the Brook.

M.F.

Martin Bedyk interviews

The Leader of the Opposition

The Rt. Hon. EDWARD HEATH, M.P., M.B.E.

Can you give details of your early life

I was born at Broadstairs in Kent during the first World War on 9th July, 1916. My father was a builder. I have a brother, John, who is four years younger than me.

How were you educated?

At St. Peter's-in-Thamet Church Primary School, Chatham House Grammar School, Ramsgate, and Balliol College, Oxford.

Did you ever consider taking up music as a career?

Yes, I did consider becoming a conductor while I was at University.

What positions did you hold at University?

I was President of the University Conservative Association and President of the Federation of University Conservative Associations and during my final year I became President of the Junior Common Room at Balliol and President of the Oxford Union.

What did you do after leaving University before the outbreak of the War?

I spent some weeks touring Germany, Poland and France. War was declared shortly after this visit.

What were your war-time experiences like?

At the outbreak of war I volunteered for the Royal Artillery, which I joined in 1940 as a Gunner. I was later commissioned in a Royal Artillery Regiment, and after periods as a Troop Commander, Adjutant of my Regiment and as a Battery Commander I became second-in-command of a regiment of the Honourable Artillery Company. I took part in the campaign in North-West Europe seeing service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Did you know anyone at school or university who has since become famous?

Yes, many in the field of politics, the church, diplomacy, government and the arts.

Could you describe what you did between the ending of the war, and your entrance into politics?

In 1946 I became an administrative Civil Servant and I was appointed to the Ministry of Civil Aviation. I resigned from the Civil Service when I became Conservative candidate for Bexley and became News Editor of the Church Times, which I later left to join the merchant banking firm of Brown Shipley and Co., in the City of London.

Could you give details of your political career to date?

I entered the House of Commons as Member for Bexley in February 1950, and was appointed a Whip for Churchill in February 1951. I was then Deputy Chief Whip before becoming Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Government Chief Whip from December 1955 to October 1959: I was Minister of Labour from then until July 1960. I became Lord Privy Seal with Foreign Office responsibilities from then until 1963. During this period I was in charge of the first negotiations for Britain's membership of the European Community. From October 1963 until October 1964 I was Secretary of State for Industry, Trade and Regional Development and President of the Board of Trade. In 1965 I was elected Leader of the Conservative Party and in June 1970 I became Prime Minister until February of this year.

What are your recreations?

My two main recreations are music and sailing.

What is your reaction to being impersonated by Mike Yarwood. Do you like his show?

Mike Yarwood is one of my favourite comedians.

During your recent visit to China, what impressions did you get of the country and its people in general, and of Mao Tse-Tung in particular?

China is a vast country with 800 million people. We saw a great deal of the country, travelling from Peking to Shanghai, Sian, Kunming and Canton. They are making impressive progress in modernising their industry and agriculture, but this will clearly take a very long time.

I had long talks with Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and other Chinese leaders during which we discussed all aspects of world affairs.

What do the Chinese think of us?

We were very warmly received wherever we went. They want to increase trade with us and to continue to maintain friendly relations between our two countries.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Kirkmuirhill Lists" (Grapplethorpe and Trollope, £1.85) by Ernest Smedley.

Once again the sharp analytic mind of the famous historian Ernest Smedley has produced what must surely become a standard textbook in its field. Following "The last of the great Kirkmuirhills," "Lord Kirkmuirhill: a man alone" and "Kirkmuirhill: Buffoon, Bolshevik or Burkeleian?", Grapplethorpe and Trollope have seized this opportunity to publish the latest of Smedley's well-documented and superbly analytical studies into the grocery lists of the 12th Lord of Kirkmuirhill. It is a timely publication, for on the day of its release, the Kirkmuirhill family celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the twelfth Lord's death.

Throughout this masterly, if not magnificent, piercing examination of the peer's transactions with Harrods all through his political career, one is kept fully conscious of the broad sweep of history, of the relentless march of events. Smedley neatly illustrates with receipts the significant drop in orders for tomato sauce after Kirkmuirhill's discovery that his wife had defected to the lunatic fringe of the Tory party in 1926. Even more exciting is Smedley's illustration of how the twelfth Lord's consumption of oysters rose after getting up in the House and yelling "Resign, you cad! Yaroooh!"; this was his maiden speech, in 1934. But perhaps the foundation of the book lies in the speculation caused by Smedley's interpretation of the relationship between tuna fish and Kirkmuirhill's unusual concept of . . .

Smedley's supreme talent as a historian is in making political history intelligible and real. In this he has no living equal and has seldom, I think, been surpassed.

A. R. B.

MY HUSBAND AND I . . .

"I mean to make a success of this job. I am not going to be just a polite shadow behind the throne. I shall strike out in due course in my own way."

Prince Philip, 1947.

(Scene: A drawing room in Buckingham Palace. H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth is seated delicately on the edge of a corgi, with a chair on her knee, and smiling fixedly at her husband. He is reading).

Philip: Great scott, Liz' I think I've done it' (Her Majesty is motionless. Prince Philip snaps his fingers).

Elizabeth: (calmly startled): Sorry, beloved husband, one was practising.

Philip: (neatly folding copy of 'The Sun'). The first blow has been struck. The wheels of royal authority have been oiled in preparation for action. (Reads aloud): "Following the incident of the overturned carriage, Prince Philip commented testily, 'Of course I'm not giving it up.'" Does that not smack of arrogant autocracy? The stiff upper lip? The whole ethics of the English nation? A real dominant figure, wholly capable of leading his people in times of crisis?

Elizabeth: One must not overestimate the significance of

Philip: With Westminster in uproar, Ted and Harold out of favour, why, I could . . .

(Enter a fat little American, followed closely by strong smells of strong hamburgers and greasy cigars).

J. P. Offenheimer Jnr.: Now what you need is a good P.R. man! Why, with the backing of the Offenheimer Agency a new constitution and a General Election could be yours for the asking by mid-October. Gee! I can see it now: "The Royals move in at Number 10." Oh boy! what a set-up!

(Enter Princess Anne. Trips over corgi. Swears loudly).

Anne: Seen that b*** husband of mine, mater?

Elizabeth: (placidly) One should maintain one's decorum at all times, beloved daughter.

(Enter flustered, red-faced young man. Trips over remains of trampled corgi. Says nothing).

Flustered, red-faced young man: I say, Mr. Windsor, you know it's jolly unfair the way these press chaps have reported my pranging the tank! It's just not cricket you know!

J. P. Offenheimer Jnr.: Now with an Offenheimer designed constitution, press censorship can be an integral clause—no embarrassing quotes, just glossy colour spreads and biographies full of heart-warming anecdotes. For just a mere two million dollars, the firm that brought you "Things go better with Coke" . . .

Philip: No! Stop! I will not have this sordid commercialism injected into our heritage! Can the England of Wellington, Palmerston and Churchill bear such humiliating materialism? I must consult my people . . .

Elizabeth: (aside) One is forced to ask oneself at this juncture just whose people one's people are?

Philip: (Rising to his feet) Go, polluters of the English culture! I do not need your spurious gimcrackery. My heart and my conviction are enough for the people. I shall do it my way.

For what is a man?

What has he got?

If not himself, then he has not . . .

(Orchestra reaches crescendo, as does female choir in background. Cameras fade.)

A. R. Brookfield.

EMERSON, LAKE AND PALMER

Lester Bangs, the eminent music critic, once declared E.L.P. to be "the biggest group in the world." But with or without a critic's praise, the group's music must be able to stand up for itself. It is there for the taking, and it reaches outwards like ripples on the water:

"Just take a pebble
And cast it into the sea,
Then watch the ripples . . ."

("Take a Pebble", on the first L.P. "Emerson, Lake and Palmer").

The ingredients of the first record were mainly organ and drums with convincing lyrics in short supply. One of the tracks, "Tank", contained a truly amazing drum solo by Carl Palmer, which leaves most contemporary drummers bobbing in his wake. Not only does he play the solo but takes his shirt off while keeping the rhythm going on bass drum and high-hat. Meanwhile, back at the melody line, Greg Lake wrote a beautiful acoustic track, "Lucky Man", arguably their most famous song.

On the second album, "Pictures At An Exhibition", E.L.P. took the famous Mussorgsky piece of the same name, distilled it through various electronic gadgets, threw in a few Watkinson & Bond Red Rose 10 of their own songs, recorded the whole thing live, and, not content with that, rounded off the L.P. with an incredible version of "Nutrocker" as an encore. Thus they produced what is arguably the finest record ever. Again, Greg Lake produced a beautiful acoustic guitar-accompanied song, "The Sage", while Keith Emerson got intricately involved with his organ and produced the most incredible sounds since Bikini Atoll. Apparently he used to climb inside his Moog Synthesiser when performing "The Curse of Baba Yaga", but after electrocuting himself he took up the more sedate, but equally interesting, hobby of throwing knives at guitarist Greg Lake.

Chronologically, "Tarkus" was the third record, having appeared in 1972. The entire first side was devoted to seven songs composed by Keith Emerson and Greg Lake, depicting the life story of the Tarkus, a surreal creature, half tank, half armadillo.

"The Bishop said a prayer,
Saved every single hair on his head . . .
he's dead."

This L.P. first showed the group's predilection for lyrics concerning religion, war and death. The above lines came from "Mass", while later on the same album we were given "Battlefield", yet another Greg Lake song, and we were introduced to the "Manticore", a mythical beast destined to become the symbol of the group's own record label. On side two of "Tarkus", death again reared its ugly head in a Bach inspired hymn, "The Only Way".

"Can you believe
God makes you breathe?
Why did he lose
Six million Jews?"

The final song was a tribute to engineer Eddy Offord in the form of a rock and roll pastiche "Are you Ready Eddy".

"Trilogy" was the fourth L.P. and possibly the group's worst. "From the Beginning" was quite pretty. "Abuddon's Bolero" built up subtly to a racing, screeching finale; while "Hoedown" made history as the first American square dance played on synthesiser, but as a whole Trilogy was a springboard to higher things, issued to clear the dead wood from the growing E.L.P. edifice.

"Now that it's done,
I've begun to see the reason
Why I'm here."

"Trilogy" was the fourth L.P. and possibly the group's Emerson, Lake and Palmer presented the incredible "Brain Salad Surgery". The major part of this album was given over to an intricate piece of music: the "Karn Evil Nine", consisting of three impressions, the first being in two parts.

"Cold and rusty morning,
I heard a warning borne in the air.
About an age of power . . ."

Perhaps we were being warned about the sound of E.L.P., who pack enough watts to blow anyone's head off. The "First Impression" was a description of a space-age travelling carnival:

"Left behind the bars. rows of
Bishops' heads in jars
And a bomb inside a car.
Spectaculor! Spectaculor!"

Again the predilection of religion and death, but worse still was in store . . .

“. . . not content with that, with
our hands behind our backs,
we pull Jesus from a hat.
Get into that! Get into that!”

The “Second Impression” was an indulgent piece of jazz piano played expertly at high speed by Keith Emerson . . . who else?

Barely having finished punishing the piano ivories, Keith Emerson swapped instruments to play synthesiser on the opening chords to the fabulous “Third Impression”, a tale of Mankind’s struggle against the computerized society. “No computer stands in my way” growled Greg Lake and he was right, after all . . .

“Man alone; borne of stone;
Will stamp the dust of time.
His hands strike the flame of his soul;
Ties a rope to a tree and hangs
The Universe

Until the wind of laughter blows cold.”
And there we were, left with the computerized synthesiser doing its mechanical nut, reflecting on the brilliance of the music as summed up by Greg Lake:

“Come inside, the show’s about to start;
Guaranteed to blow your head apart.
Rest assured, you’ll get your money’s worth:
The greatest show in Heaven, Hell or Earth.”

Some people are entitled to exaggerate.

Written by J. M. Gunns, U.6.W.

Spelling mistakes courtesy of ‘Honest’ Mark Sellars.

MUSIC REPORT (July, 1974 — Summer Term)

The Spring Concert, held this year on April 1st, provided an opportunity for the performance of Michael Freyhan’s “Toy Symphony”. The school orchestra strings were joined on this occasion by virtuosi on such instruments as the buckets, metronome, alarm clock, nightingale and hair drier.

The school choir acquitted itself well in the Vaughan Williams and Seiber folksong arrangements, as did the madrigal group which included in their contribution some 2 part carzonets by Morley, whilst the medieval pieces, directed by C. Mason added a new dimension and contrasted with the sentimental ballads rendered by the staff vocal ensemble (during which the odd handkerchief could be seen in the audience!). The solo contributions included some well articulated trumpet playing from K. Vickers, J. Metcalfe and C. Pierce, confident execution from P. Bergi, piano, and a mature performance from M. Suddaby (violin) in a Vivaldi movement.

The entertainment offered by the complete first year forms in the shape of “The Daniel Jazz” proved, judging by the applause, to provide just that, the evening being a well varied selection of items.

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Summer term is a notoriously difficult one in which to hold school concerts, but despite internal and external examinations, and various sports activities, the choir continued to function by rehearsing and eventually performing Schubert’s Mass in G major with Southport Bach Society, as part of a concert in the Trinity Festival — a performance which the distinguished music critic of the Liverpool Echo hailed as ‘excellent’.

Musically this has been a hectic term for several members of the school, since, in addition to the Schubert concert, a production of Britten’s “Noye’s Fludde” involved various singers and instrumentalists from this and four other Southport schools. Produced by Mr. P. Holland and musically directed by Mr. D. Williams, also as part of the Trinity Festival, this proved to be a moving experience for both performers and the two large audiences. Trinity Church, with its dimensions and impressive though difficult acoustics, provided an impressive background for the work, and Mr. A. Jones’s scenic design, Mr. Allen’s lighting and Mr. Comfort’s behind-the-scenes efficiency contributed much to the success of the whole venture. Ian Ormesher and Robert Stevenson coped commendably with their roles as Ham and Japhet, and it was generally felt that all who had taken part had gained much in the experience.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

- A. M. ABRAHAMS (M. 1924-31) has retired after 25 years as a Consultant Surgeon in the National Health Service and has been appointed Honorary Consultant-Surgeon to the Wirral Area Health Authority.
- E. J. BOND (S. 1954-62) was elected to the Salford City Metropolitan District Council in May, 1973.
- J. BOOTH (Le. 1964-70) has been elected Sabbatical President of the Salford College of Technology Students' Union, 1974-75.
- C. E. BRACKEN (Le. 1950-53) is now a Director of the Burton Group - Peter Robinson and Evans Division.
- DR. P. W. BRUNT (Ev. 1950-54), who is a Consultant Physician (Gastroenterologist) to the Aberdeen Hospitals, has been elected Senior Lecturer in Medicine at the University of Aberdeen.
- J. W. G. CASS (S. 1968-73) is now working as a Clerical Officer in the Civil Engineering Department of British Rail, Liverpool.
- J. CHAPMAN (S. 1945-51) has been appointed Secretary and Finance Controller of Edinburgh Industrial Holdings Ltd.
- E. G. COWEN (S. 1945-52) has been appointed Assistant Clerk (Legal Services) of Lancashire County Council. He was previously Assistant Solicitor with the Liverpool Corporation.
- A. V. CUNLIFFE (Ed. 1920-23) has been appointed joint Registrar of the County Courts at Southport, St. Helens, Wigan and Leigh, and joint District Registrar of the High Court Registrars at the first three mentioned places.
- C. DYER (M. 1949-53) is now Head of the Department for non-communicating children, Whitefield School, London Borough of Waltham Forest.
- J. K. C. FITTON (G. 1963-70) has been elected Associate of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors and is employed as a Building Surveyor by Jones, Lang, Wootton in the City of London.
- P. P. GUBBINS (S. 1961-68) has been awarded an M.A. degree in German Language and Literature at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.
- D. H. HAMILTON (Ev. 1945-53) is Head of Social Studies, Chelmsford Secondary Mixed School, Grimsby.
- G. L. HOSKER (Ev. 1962-69) has been awarded the M.Sc. Degree in Cryogenics and is researching in the same subject for a Ph.D. at Southampton University.
- G. T. HOWARD (S. 1968-70) is taking a course for his M.Sc. degree in Radiological Health and Safety at Salford University.
- M. H. IRVING (Ev. 1945-53) has recently been appointed Professor of Surgery to the New Salford Medical School based in Manchester.
- A. R. JONES (G. 1959-66) has been appointed Assistant Plant Manager with the firm of Ward, Blenkinsop & Co., Widnes.
- G. P. JACOBS (Ev. 1957-65) has gained his Ph.D. degree in Radiation Microbiology at Manchester University and is now teaching Pharmacy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
- W. K. JEWELL (Ed. 1954-60) is now a Captain in the Royal Corps of Transport and is at present serving on landing crafts based at Gosport.
- J. F. KERMODE (Le. 1954-62) has been appointed Assistant Area Manager in the Group Export Department at Laporte Industries Ltd., Luton.
- C. G. KNOWLES (Ev. 1950-57) has been appointed Public Affairs Manager, Imperial Tobacco Ltd., and has been admitted to the Freedom of the City of London.
- J. S. LEE (S. 1960-67) has been appointed to a post as Lecturer in Social Psychology at Manchester University.
- R. L. LEVER (S. 1953-60) is Senior Medical Representative for the North West Region of Duphar Laboratories Ltd., Southampton.
- J. K. McNAUGHT (M. 1962-69) gained his M.Sc. degree at Salford University in Environmental Resources and is at present studying for a Ph.D. degree at Bradford University, researching into the Management of Hardwoods for social and commercial needs.
- D. W. NEWTON (R. 1960-67) has been appointed to a post as Assistant Housemaster at Ruffwood Comprehensive School, Kirkby.
- A. P. NOLAN (M. 1956-63) is now Manager of the Potteries Office of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
- P. S. OGDEN (M. 1924-28) retired in September, 1972, from his post as Manager of Barclays Bank Ltd., Hartlepool, and has recently been on a world tour of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.
- PROFESSOR S. V. PERRY (1929-36) who is Professor of Biology at Birmingham University, has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society. Professor Perry is a former Rugby international.
- J. C. POWNCEBY (G. 1959-66) has a post as Chief Securities Officer at the Midland Bank Ltd., Formby.

- M. S. RIGDEN (Ev. 1926-33) has been appointed Treasurer to the new Trent Regional Health Authority.
- D. RIMMER (Ev. 1958-65) has been appointed Housemaster at Woodway Park School, Coventry.
- F. J. RIMMER (M. 1950-58) is now employed by Aramco as Senior Quantity Surveyor in Dhahran-Saudia, Arabia.
- M. RIMMER (Ev. 1958-65) now has a post as English Teacher at the Herschel School, Hanover, Germany.
- A. J. RUSSELL (Le. 1963-70) has a post in Telecommunications Laboratories, Harlow.
- S. SALT (Le. 1956-63) has just completed 2½ years attached to the Fishery Protection Squadron of the Royal Navy covering the area of the Bear Island and Murmansk coast.
- J. V. SEYMOUR (W. 1959-66) has just completed his post-graduate diploma in Librarianship at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- R. J. SINCLAIR (Ev. 1947-53) has been appointed Director of Johnson Bros. Division of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Ltd.
- R. N. SUFFOLK (S. 1963-70) has been promoted to Flying Officer and is flying Canberras at R.A.F. West Raynham.
- R. T. K. SYMINGTON (W. 1952-59) is now Associate Professor, Department of German, University of Victoria, Victoria B.C., Canada.
- P. S. WALSH (M. 1944-49) has been appointed Assistant County Personnel Officer of the Merseyside County Council.
- R. WILLIAMS (Ed. 1952-59) has been elected a member of the Milton Keynes Borough Council.
- G. R. WOOD (Ed. 1958-65) is Axminster Production Manager of the Carpet Manufacturing Co., Kidderminster.

THE KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND AND LONG RIGG

The accounts of the above Fund are given below and show that financially we are in a very healthy state. However it must be mentioned that we have, over the past eighteen months, been unable to get any of the essential improvements done which we had planned. For nearly two years we have had on order a new boys' toilet for downstairs and we have also given an order for the lining of the games room. In addition we have ordered a fire escape for the upper floor in accordance with the instructions of the fire officer and also certain other minor items. Apparently the reason for the delay in local firms undertaking this work is that they have been very much occupied with work which attracted a government improvement grant and which has to be completed by a certain date. However, we are hoping that the situation will be easier in the near future and that the work will then proceed rapidly. The total cost of the various items mentioned above is in the region of £800 which of course would make a considerable difference in the appearance of our Balance Sheet if we had been able to get it all done.

The hostel has continued to be fully used in the summer months and this term we have had two visits from H.M.I.'s who have expressed themselves in very complimentary terms about both the accommodation and the courses which have been undertaken there.

KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND

Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1974

	1974	1973
INCOME:		
Covenants & Subscriptions	552	626
Income Tax refunded during the year	429	317
Donations	83	26
Bank Interest Received	31	6
Dividend Received	8	—
Building Socy. Interest Received	—	2
	1103	977

LESS EXPENDITURE:			
Travelling Expenses	—	40	
Insurance	25	25	
Sundry Expenses	3	4	
Repairs, Renewals, Maintenance of Property & Equipment	127	187	
Mortgage Interest Paid	—	21	
Accountancy & Bank Charges ...	42	39	
Depreciation: Equipment	79	61	
Mini Bus	200	237	
	<u>476</u>	<u>614</u>	
	<u>£627</u>	<u>£363</u>	

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1974

Long Rigg, Sedbergh, Yorks (at cost)	3904	3904	
Equipment purchased for the House (per last Balance Sheet) LESS Depreciation	379 79	440 61	
	<u>300</u>	<u>379</u>	
Mini Bus (per last Balance Sheet)	400	637	
LESS Depreciation	200	237	
	<u>200</u>	<u>400</u>	
Investment: £600 4% Transport Stock	509	—	
Cash at Bank	972	717	
Cash in Hand	1	1	
	<u>5886</u>	<u>5401</u>	
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Creditors	53	195	
	<u>£5833</u>	<u>£5206</u>	
FINANCED BY:			
Accumulated Fund:			
Balance as at 1st April, 1973	5206	4843	
ADD Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year ...	627	363	
	<u>£5833</u>	<u>£5206</u>	

We confirm that these accounts and balance sheet are in order having been examined by us.

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