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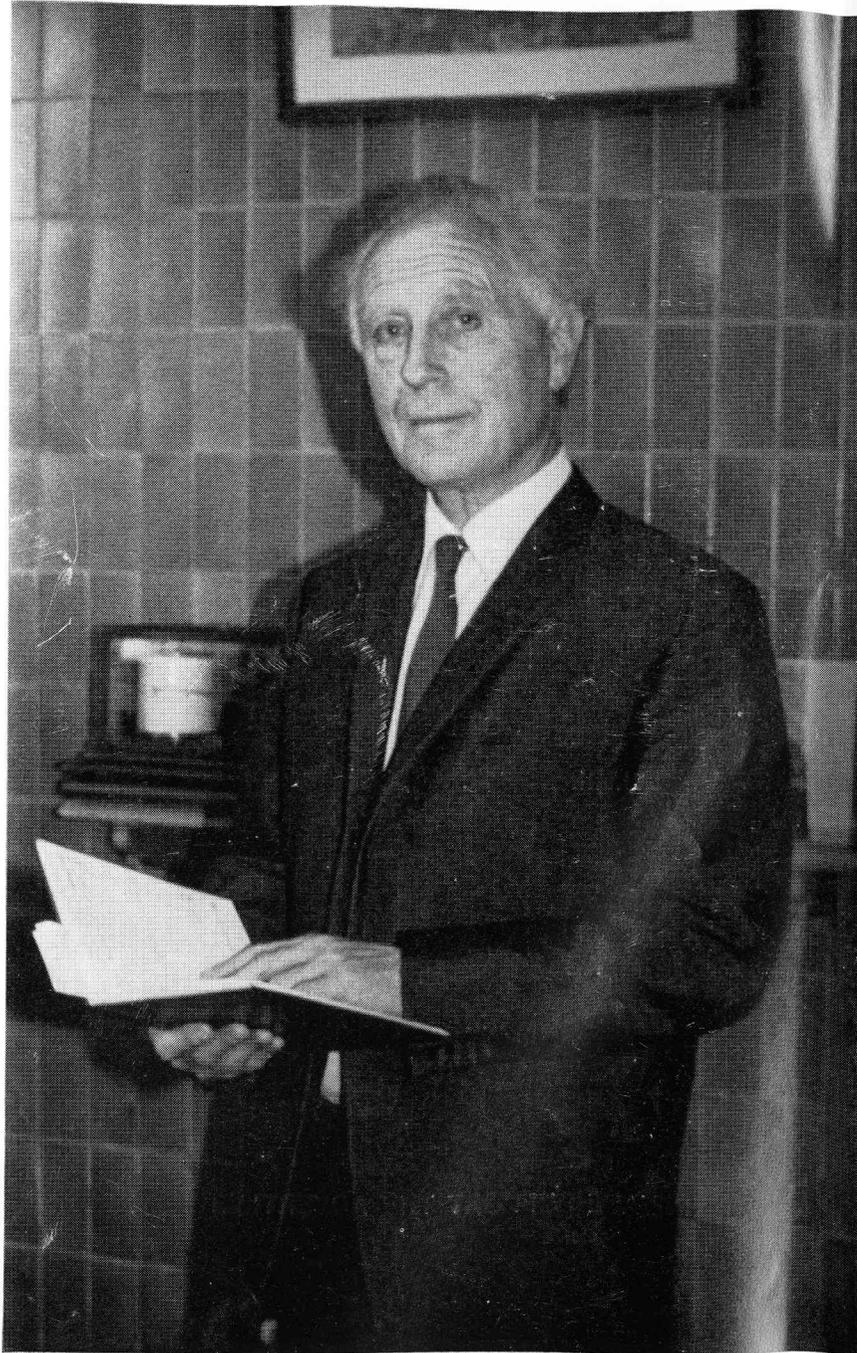
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## FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

For me this is a sad moment. My life's work has seen its whole achievement in the activities and success of King George V School and its pupils and it is a wrench to realise that, after 27 years, my part in promoting this success is drawing to its inevitable end.

Throughout this time the Red Rose has faithfully recorded the activities of the school and the literary efforts of its members. May it long continue to do so. One of the greatest pleasures of my job has been to prepare for publication the news received of Old Boys' careers and promotions. It is heartening to read of the considerable accomplishments of Old Georgians and of the important part so many of them are taking in the life of the country. I have always felt that the success of a school can only truly be judged by the lives and careers of those who have passed through it. We can indeed be justly proud of their record.

Great organisational changes will soon come upon the school. In a few years it will be transformed from an institution devoted to the care of its pupils throughout most of their teenage life to a finishing school endeavouring to draw together in a brief two years pupils, both boys and girls, with varying backgrounds and achievements and with a stiff academic course to follow. In the immense task of this change-over I am sure my successor, Mr. D. J. Arnold, will have the goodwill of all concerned, staff and pupils alike.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those connected with the school, boys, staff, parents and governors, for their unfailing kindness and consideration, their hard work and loyal co-operation and for their patience and tolerance. All this has made these last 27 years most pleasant and rewarding for me. May I wish all at King George V School happiness and success in the future.

### Mr. G. F. DIXON

It is not an easy task to pay tribute to a lifetime's work. For twenty-seven years Mr. Dixon's work has been King George V School and during that time he has been responsible for the guidance and welfare of several thousand people.

He came to King George V School after teaching for a considerable time at Uppingham, commissioned service during the war and a short period as a civilian instructor in charge of science teaching at Sandhurst. Without first-hand experience of the state education system he took over a school which during twenty-nine years under its first headmaster, G. A. Millward, had established a reputation as one of the most successful maintained grammar schools in the country. For a time, content to listen and learn, he made no changes, but the school was growing rapidly and the increasing demand for further education of all kinds caused a great expansion of the sixth form. Mr. Dixon always anticipated the changes that these developments required. He constantly sought to improve the timetable so that more variety of subject choice may be offered, he initiated the formation of the parents' association and the institution of regular parents' meetings to discuss the welfare and progress of boys, he improved the system of assessment and end-of-term reports and he increased the number of houses from eight to twelve to facilitate the pastoral care of the pupils. These are only the most significant improvements among many which have reflected his unflagging concern to make a good school even better.

Mr. Dixon has played his part as a class teacher, especially in Physics with senior forms until his appointment as a member of the Royal Commission on Medical Education obliged him to be away from school for occasional short periods, and he has always given close personal attention to the academic work of every boy in the school. He has taken great interest in all the school's sports and games and he has made notable contributions to a variety of activities outside school hours. His skill and experience as a mountaineer must surely stand first among these. He has led innumerable climbing and fell-walking expeditions, inspiring a love of the sport in many pupils whose continued enthusiasm as Old Georgians he has frequently shared with them on the rock face. A talented musician, he was to be found at his desk, leading the cellists he had himself tutored, in most performances by the school orchestra, and in later years he devoted much spare time to coaching boys for the school Bridge team.

The career may be outlined, but the portrait of the man is elusive. Mr. Dixon has never aspired to be a "character", the kind of figure so often remembered in old boys' gatherings and all too often a liability in the profession. He offers no easy profile to the cartoonist, nor has he ever sought a facile popularity. He is a man without prejudice or malice whose many decisions have sometimes been criticised but have always been taken because he believed them to be right. No man could have been more keenly aware of his duty to the school he has led for so long and with such distinction. His scholarship and his insistence on the importance of scholarship have played a decisive part in the many academic successes of his pupils in the most competitive fields of education in the country. To boys, staff and parents he has always been the most accessible of headmasters, and many people who have been to him for help and guidance have cause to be grateful for his wisdom. It is perhaps some measure of the man that such gratitude has on occasion been mingled with surprise at the depth of sympathetic understanding he has shown when only reproof was expected.

But it is for his imaginative leadership that we are most notably in his debt. Almost every boy in the school, over the past nine years, has had his conception of the possibilities of school life transformed by one project, Long Rigg, the Sedbergh field studies centre. It has been made possible by the devoted labours of staff, old boys and parents, and especially by the parents' generous financial help. But it would have been impossible, even unthought of, without Mr. Dixon's vision and enthusiasm. This is happily no time for a memorial. But when that time comes I believe he would ask for none better.

We should like to offer our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for a long and happy retirement. May his alpine plants continue to thrive.

G.P.W.

### THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

On the fifteenth of April the school's Old Boys' Association held a dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel at which the guests of honour were the Headmaster, who retires this summer, and Mrs. Dixon. Old Georgians, members of staff, parents of past and present members of the school, gathered to mark this occasion and to pay tribute to a man who has given dedicated service to the school over many years.

With the retirement of Geoffrey Dixon not only does the school lose its Headmaster, but the Old Boys' Association also loses the services of only its second President in the 56 years since the school was founded.

In that time Old Georgians have enjoyed 27 years under the leadership of a man for whom the Association has provided a lasting and rewarding link with the many hundreds of boys who have passed through the school.

In his role as President he has acted as a central point of contact between Old Georgians and has done much to encourage the Association and further its aims. At meetings he has guided the committee with his advice, always ready to make available whatever facilities were requested, his intention being to maintain a strong bond between Old Boys and the school, to their mutual benefit.

For Old Boys' weekend gatherings, invariably in mountains or hills and, in recent years, always at Long Rigg, his enthusiasm has never diminished. On these occasions he has relished the prospect of a day's walking, enabling him to enjoy again surroundings from which, over the years, he has clearly derived much pleasure. Those who have shared these occasions with him have admired his agility on the slopes and there are many members of the Mountaineering Club who are thankful for his climbing skill in conditions far more challenging than those encountered in the Yorkshire Dales. In the relaxed atmosphere after a day's exercise in the hills it has been interesting and informative to hear of his climbing experiences in the Alps and elsewhere. One hopes that he will continue to grace these occasions for many years to come.

The President's closest contact with large numbers of Old Boys has been at the Association's dinner. In his annual address to the assembly his words, always charged with news of the continuing success of the school, have expressed the pride and strong sense of purpose he felt as Headmaster. Similarly, in his insistence on editing items about Old Boys for the newsletter and Red Rose he has displayed great interest in the life and careers of those he has guided through the school.

To have held the central position for so long and with such distinction is an outstanding achievement. It is with sincere gratitude that the Old Boys of K.G.V. wish Geoffrey and Nancy Dixon a long and happy retirement. S.B.R.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term Ends .....	21st July
Autumn Term Begins .....	1st September
Half Term .....	25th-29th October
Autumn Term Ends .....	17th December

### SALVETE

Airs, J. D., Barratt, P. G., Beevor, R. H., Dexter, M. G., Donker, A. S., Halsall, D. J., Hawksworth, R. B., Hitchinson, N. A., Holloway, J. F., Jones, H., Kneen, A. J., Murdoch, S. G., Ogden, T. P., Packwood, S. W., Powell, N., Seddon, D. J.

### VALETE

- BARTON, J. C., U6ScSch. Ev. 1969-75 G.C.E. (A4, 05). Senior Prefect.
- BROOKFIELD, A. R., U6MSch. R. 1969-75 G.C.E. (A4, 07). Senior Prefect. House Vice-Captain. Editorial Committee of the School Magazine.
- CUNLIFFE, P. R., U6MSch. Ed. 1969-75 G.C.E. (A4, 07). Senior Prefect.
- GOGGIN, P. M., U6ScSch. Ev. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A5, 03). Senior Prefect. Badminton Colours. Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
- HALSALL, D. G., U6MSch. W. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A4, 07). Senior Prefect. House Captain. Captain School Badminton. Badminton Colours. Hockey Full Colours. Senior Librarian.
- MASON, C., U6MSch. Le. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A4 04). Senior Prefect. Choral Exhibition, Exeter College, Oxford.
- SAUNDERS, I. M., U6ScSch. W. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A4 06). Senior Prefect. Hockey Full Colours. Captain of Hockey 2nd XI. Chairman, Photographic Society.
- SEDDON, J. G., U6ScSch. Ed. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A5, 03). Senior Prefect. House Captain. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.
- STREET, R. B., U6MSch. M. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A4, 05). Senior Prefect. Cross Country Half Colours.
- WALSH, M. T., U6MSch. Lu. 1969-75. G.C.E. (A4 06). School Prefect. House Captain.
- WILSON, S. J., U6W. S. 1969-75. G.C.E. (06).
- BRADLEY, S. W., L6M. G. 1970-76. G.C.E. (03). Full Colours Cross Country.
- COEN, E. S., U6ScSch. A. 1970-75. G.C.E. (A5, 04). Senior Prefect. Open Exhibition in Natural Science at King's College, Cambridge.

SINCLAIR, B. R., L6M. Hol. 1970-76. G.C.E. (08).  
 ABRAM, R. B., L6Sp. M. 1971-76. G.C.E. (01).  
 FOSTER, S. N. U6B. R. 1971-75. G.C.E. (A3, 05). Hockey  
 Full Colours.  
 HARRISON, M., L6S. A. 1971-76. G.C.E. (03).  
 JENNINGS, M. W., U5B. A. 1971-76.  
 MILLER, R. G., L6B. Ev. 1971-76. G.C.E. (07).  
 ROBOTOM, S. J., L6W. Hon. 1972-75. G.C.E. (06).  
 GRANT, C. G. L., U6ScSch. S. 1973-75. G.C.E. (A2, 05).  
 SCHOFIELD, P. R., L5S. M. 1973-75.  
 BROUGH, A. H. S., 4M. R. 1974-76. U13, U14 XV's.  
 DOUGHTY, R. P., 3S. Lu. 1974-75.  
 FOSTER, M., 3M. R. 1974-75.  
 READ, K., 4M. S. 1974-76.  
 WOOD-GLOVER, N., L6M. Lu. 1974-75. G.C.E. (04).  
 BURCHER, J., 2M. W. 1975-76. Elementary Life Saving Award.  
 FOWLER, N. C., 4S. Ed. 1975-76.  
 JACKSON, M. G., 3B. 1975-76.  
 YOUNIS, P., 2B. Hon. 1975-76.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

We were sorry to lose Mrs. C. M. Ralph from the staff at the end of the Easter Term. Mrs. Ralph, who had been with us since September, 1974, in the Mathematics Department, has taken a post at the Southport Technical College. Mrs. Ralph's place on the staff has been taken by Mr. G. W. Dudley who comes to us after several years experience at Bournemouth School.

We are very grateful to Mr. K. Horrocks who has come in a temporary capacity this term to take the place of Mr. A. R. Bickerstaffe who has been absent through illness.

In April a combined committee of Governors and Education Authority appointed Mr. D. J. Arnold as Headmaster of the school and prospective Headmaster of the Sixth Form College from September, 1976. Mr. Arnold is at present Senior History Master and Sixth Form Tutor at Stowe School, Buckingham, and previously held appointments at Quintin School, London and Clifton College, Bristol.

In addition to a Music Scholarship at Oxford, won by C. MASON, which was reported in the December Red Rose, we must congratulate the following three members of the school who won Awards at Oxford and Cambridge in December:

- P. M. GOGGIN, Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Corpus Christi College, Oxford;
- I. P. CONNERTY, Open Exhibition in History at Lincoln College, Oxford;
- E. S. COEN, Open Exhibition in Natural Science at King's College, Cambridge.

## MASON MEMORIAL FUND

There were 26 applications for Mason Scholarships this year and the following were successful:

- M. ELLIS, a geographical survey of the beaches at Ainsdale and Marshside;
- D. B. COLLINGE, M. I. THOMAS, S. N. MENTHA and D. A. BICKERTON, Ecological study of Fair Isle;
- J. P. MASON, I. I. NISSENBAUM, A. D. MITCHELL, cycling tour of Belgium and France;
- S. ROBERTS, J. LAWRENCE, study of Swiss Alpine Plants;
- J. D. MORTON, A. M. HOLGATE, visit to France;
- S. A. MELVILLE, youth hostel visit to Wales;
- R. S. STEVENSON, Geological study in the Lake District;
- D. J. CHANDLER, walking the Pennine Way;
- J. W. WOOLSTON, study of Old Chests in the West Country.

A total of £435.00 will be distributed. This is a considerable increase on sums available in previous years and is made possible by re-organisation of the investments.

### JOSEPH EDWARDS' MEMORIAL FUND

£23.20 was distributed to boys from this Fund this year. The Fund continues to be invaluable in enabling members of the staff to assist boys who might otherwise not be able to do so to take part in school activities.

### JUBILEE FUND

The Jubilee Fund's accounts are published in this issue of the Red Rose and show a rather different picture from previous years. Whereas previously we have been steadily building up a capital fund this has now almost disappeared. There has, of course, been considerable expenditure during the year. The main item was the new minibus which cost nearly £3,300.00 but there was also expenditure of over £1,100.00 on improvements to the hostel and its equipment. These included the provision of a fire escape, the fireplace in the upstairs sitting room, new floor covering for the dining room and a number of other smaller items. It is not anticipated that major items of improvement will be required for some little time so that we may hope that the healthy state of the Fund will soon be restored.

The popularity of the courses at Long Rigg continue to increase and the hostel is very fully used to the great benefit of members of the school.

### OLD BOYS' NEWS

- R. AINSWORTH (M. 1951-56) is Assistant Manager of the chief accountant's office of the London Headquarters of Barclays Bank Ltd.
- C. M. BASON (Le. 1940-47) is Senior Scientific Officer with the Ministry of Defence.
- M. A. BASON (Le. 1940-49) left his job with J. Bibby Ltd., Liverpool, in 1972, and now runs his own business in Penzance, Cornwall, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Penzance.
- A. F. BLOWER (Ed. 1956-63) has taken up an appointment as Deputy Project Manager for P.S.C. Ltd., responsible for all stressing work on the largest concrete North Sea Oil Platform ever constructed.
- E. J. BOND (S. 1954-62) is Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group of the Salford City Council.
- M. A. CAHM (S. 1964-71) has been appointed Supplies Manager to Ward & Goldstone Plastics Ltd.
- A. M. CLIFFORD-WINTERS (S. 1958-64) has been appointed Consultant to CAP Ltd., (Computer Analysts and Programmers), London.
- I. D. CROMPTON (G. 1952-58) has been appointed Sales Manager to the Cargo Fleet Chemical Co., Ltd., Teeside.
- N. R. CROMPTON (R. 1948-55) is now N.W. Regional Administration Manager for Eagle Star Insurance Group.
- J. D. FIELD (W. 1972-74) has completed his training at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and is now serving on HMS HERMES.
- M. R. GRITTEN (M. 1963-70) rowed in the Cambridge crew in the boat race in March. He has a Commission in the Royal Engineers and is at present reading Metallurgy at Queen's College, Cambridge.
- J. C. HAYNES (Le. 1961-68) has a post with the Midland Bank Ltd., Bolton.
- A. HENDERSON (G. 1948-54) has been appointed Air Traffic Engineer based at the Long Range Radar Station, Sandwick, Outer Hebrides.
- A. G. HOLMES (R. 1967-74) is now an Articled Clerk with Armitage and Norton, Chartered Accountants.
- K. D. HOPE (Ed. 1954-60) is a surgeon at the Northland Clinic, Cochrane, Ontario.
- D. S. HOWARD (G. 1945-52) is Works Shift Manager at British Nuclear Fuel Ltd.
- G. T. HOWARD (S. 1968-70) obtained his M.Sc. in Radiological Health and Safety from Salford University in 1975.

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- R. D. JOHNSTONE (Ed. 1959-66) has been awarded the Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetics of the Royal College of Surgeons, and has been appointed lecturer in Anaesthetics at the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff.
- C. A. KERSEY (Ev. 1967-74) is Captain of Sussex University first XV and has been selected for next season's Sussex R.F.U. Championship Squad.
- B. A. KIRKHAM (W. 1962-64) has been appointed Account Director with Marklin Advertising, Hong Kong.
- K. A. LAWSON (Ed. 1962-69) obtained his B.Sc. Hons. Class II, at Aberystwyth University, 1972, and has a post with Beecham Animal Health Ltd.
- P. J. LUCAS (Ed. 1943-48) has been awarded the Associate Membership of the South African Institute of Management.
- S. MANNING (Le. 1966-73) recently captained the Swansea University quiz team in "University Challenge".
- G. H. MASON (M. 1967-71) is now doing post graduate studies in Geology at Liverpool University.
- D. MORGAN (S. 1957-64) has been awarded a Technology degree at the Open University.
- A. C. MORTON (G. 1965-71) obtained a class 1 Hons. degree in Geology at Oxford University in 1975 and is now a Scientific Officer in the Petrographical Dept. of the Institute of Geological Sciences, Leeds.
- J. H. MURRAY (Le. 1962-68) has been appointed Senior Audit Assistant with Alyn & Deeside District Council.
- D. S. PRESTON (G. 1944-52) has held for the last two years a Senior post at Melbourne Grammar School, Australia.
- P. M. PRICE (R. 1969-75) has been commissioned into the Royal Hussars and is studying Law with a University Cadetship at the University of Kent.
- B. H. RICHARDSON (G. 1941-48) is Managing Director of Ferrocast (Ilkeston) Ltd.
- J. S. RODDY (Ed. 1960-65) now has a teaching post in Auckland, New Zealand.
- K. ROSTRON (Ev. 1926-33) is now Chairman of the Sefton Local Medical Committee.
- P. K. M. ROSTRON (Ev. 1954-62) has gained the degree of Master of Orthopaedic Surgery at Liverpool University.
- J. S. M. SEDDON (R. 1967-75) has completed his training at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and is now serving on HMS CLEOPATRA.
- J. K. STUART (Ed. 1951-58) has been appointed Director and General Manager of the British Transport Docks Board.

- D. THOMAS (R. 1954-60) has been appointed an Assistant Governor in the Prison Department of the Home Office.
- P. THOMAS (R. 1961-68) was selected for Lancashire Hockey in January, 1976.
- C. TURNER (G. 1954-61) is now a Computer Programmer in the Department of the Environment, Hastings.
- J. T. WAINWRIGHT (S. 1964-71) obtained his B.Sc. degree in Estate Management at Reading University and is now a valuer in the District Valuer's Office, Manchester.
- D. C. WAREING (W. 1945-50) is now a Second Mate with the Kuwait Shipping Co.
- I. W. WHITESIDE (Le. 1958-63) is Senior Assistant in the Finance Department of the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council.

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We greatly regret to record the death of T. M. BUNTING (S. 1928-35) in January, 1976.

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## HOUSE REPORTS 1975/76

### LUNN'S

House Master: Mr. P. J. Comfort

House Tutor: Mr. Stichbury

House Captain: S. Potter

The Glorious Ascendancy! Lunn's after over six years of being a "little House" has finally grown up. Thus inspired, Lunn's, headed by our lovable leader, Potter, launched itself into the Cross Country competition. The only part of Lawrence's anatomy which the other intermediate competitors saw were his heels, as he glided through to victory. The Juniors winning their competition, coupled with a surprisingly athletic effort from the Seniors, assured the House of an overall second place. All hopes of continuing this success came to an abrupt halt as the Seniors made their usual speedy exit from the Rugby competition.

The Seniors had more success in the chess competition as they bored their opponents to death with their own distinctive brand of chess. They went down fighting or yawning to Spencer's in the final. The Seniors were outshone, nay they passed into insignificance as the Juniors lifted the rugby shield but were defeated by, you guessed, Spencer's in the final. Our swimmers however, sank (it's rumoured that some are still swimming).

The Seniors bounced around to some avail at basketball, beating Evans but losing to, surprise, surprise!, Spencer's. Finally we come to athletics where "Potts" overcame his mental disabilities to finish second in the high jump and young Evans won the under-17 800m.

This has been a mixed year. It has, however, shown the House's great potential for future years—an asset which I am sure Mr. Comfort and Mr. Stichbury will develop to the full.

P. I. HALSALL

### HOLLAND'S

House Master: Mr. J. Ward

House Tutor: Mrs. J. Metcalfe

House Captain: A. J. Pulham

The best results gained by the house in the past year were, in the Autumn Term. The house gained second place in the inter-house swimming competition and the Seniors put out an outstanding performance in the cross country, Nigel Crompton achieving another first.

In the rugby competitions results were disappointing with the best performance being the Seniors in the 7-a-side competition who reached the semi-finals. Also the athletic performance of the Seniors was high, again giving the inters and juniors another good start to work on.

I would like to thank all those who have helped in making my job as house captain enjoyable and not too forceful at times. Special thanks to Allister Crompton whose help as vice-captain and in organising many house activities was invaluable throughout the year.

Finally, from all those leaving the school this summer, we would like to wish the house all the best for the future.  
A.J.P.

### EDWARDS'

House Master: Mr. Gale

House Tutor: Mr. Marsh

House Captain: T. Thornborough

It has been a year of honest endeavour. The accepted norm of good spirits, good manners and enthusiasm has again proved to be endemic.

Our successes this year have been achieved by the Seniors.

The rugby final was an excellent game against Amer's who snatched the trophy by a fine opportunist try aptly scored by a "Hockey" player in the final seconds of play. This pattern of being losing finalists was repeated in the Badminton and Chess Competitions. Full participation gave us an unexpected third in the swimming gala. Winning the Senior Athletics' Sports and the Life Saving Cup redressed the balance.

A pleasing feature concerning the Juniors and Intermediates has been the steady improvement of all standards. The infectious enthusiasm of the Juniors has been mainly due to the tireless and dedicated efforts of N. Gidney and R. Gerrard. Their endeavours deserved better rewards.

We wish every success to those who are leaving and thank them in setting such a good example by all the good work they have done. This report would be incomplete without acknowledging the debt we owe to Mr. T. B. L. Davies (ex-Edwards') whose departure this term will leave a large gap in the establishment. His ebullience and total involvement in school activities will be sorely missed.

## LEECH'S

House Master: Mr. E. T. Johnson

House Tutor: Mr. Clowes

House Captain: P. J. C. West

A magnificent year of unprecedented success for that most marvellous of houses, that perennial under-dog, Leech's. Success began in the cross-country, where, the Juniors finished third and the Intermediates and Seniors both came second, to give Leech's the overall cross-country championship.

Characteristically though, there was no trophy forthcoming to further glorify this triumph. However, this did not deter the subsequent jubilant rivalry which pervaded house meetings for weeks afterwards. Rumour also has it that Mr. Clowes and Mr. Johnson were seen gleefully skipping hand in hand, along the back corridor.

The rugby season came and went for Leech's, with the notable exception of the sevens tournament, where much to everyone's surprise (not to mention their own) the Intermediates managed to reach the final, where they gallantly fought a losing battle against a house whose name eludes me at present.

Since then successes have been few and far between (non-existent actually) until the Summer term when the Seniors reached the semi-finals in the cricket competition. As confidently expected both Intermediates and Juniors won their respective cricket finals when they both met our illustrious neighbours from room 7. However we have lived under their shadow for long enough and this time, to use those immortal words, "We made them grovel."

What was the inspiration behind this amazing revival in Leech's fortunes? Was it the motivation provided by Mr. Johnson's famous "good" and "bad books"? Was it that Messrs. Benedyk and Pinwill arrived punctually for the same house meeting on the very same day? Or was it that Mr. Clowes finally mastered the tongue-twisting intricacies of the Lord's Prayer?

Whatever the reason, things are undoubtedly looking up for Leech's. Finally, I would just like to thank, on behalf of the house, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Clowes for their tireless efforts throughout the year and for the good natured way in which they take all the fun poked at them (?)

## EVANS'

House Master: Mr. W. J. Cowburn

House Tutor: Mr. H. Long

House Captain: M. Thomas

Hello, good evening and welcome to the achievements (and failures!) of Evans' House during the past year. Let us begin with the Autumn Term, the Badminton was a mixture of the good and the bad—we started by being relegated from the first division but this was made up for by our winning the "knock out" competition. This was a great victory considering the fact that we only had a young team (Rimmer, Swettenham, Hansford and Chandler.)

In the Senior Chess we won two, drew one and lost the other—thus we failed to reach the final. Next came the very painful subject of cross country; here our house would have done well if we had been running to come last, needless to say all our positions were low. (Something which we have a chance to remedy next term!!) Also in the Autumn Term the swimming finals took place and if it were not for disqualification we might have done better. Senior rugby, like cross country, was somewhat of a flop, however in one match Reece had a brainstorm and actually scored a try for us, the only one of the whole series. Thus the Autumn Term drew to a close.

We all came back from the Christmas holidays feeling "Oh no, not school again!" but this time we put some heart into our playing and our intermediates won a tough match against Woodham's in the final, whilst the Juniors reached the semi-final of their competition. However our confidence seemed to desert us when it came to the 7-a-side competition and the enthusiastic players in Evans' House dragged themselves into the pitch to get well beaten.

The juniors came through again in the Chess, reaching the semi-finals due to the capable team of Kerr, Bruin and Franklin.

The Summer was on us and so was the cricket season. The seniors went down, never to come up again in their two matches but the intermediates reached the semi-final of their competition. But an "unlucky" bounce on the first ball put paid to Swettenham and our chances of reaching the final for the third successive year. Athletic results are at the moment still open. A special mention must go to those who have served the house well this year, Mr. Long and Mr. Cowburn have put in another good year of service;

Thomas our house captain has always been there and together with Melville took care of the swimming and life saving. Gilbert captain of the senior rugby team, also served the house well. Congratulations to Pat Goggin who won an open scholarship to Oxford.

So as the year draws to a close we have the sobering thought of another one on the horizon (we all hope it'll never arrive) we must draw this article to a close with one thought: Labore atque ludo. ADD/RC/DC

### AMER'S

House Master: Mr. M. E. Amer  
House Tutor: Mr. M. Dear  
House Captain: J. M. D. Ball

Amer's Seniors go marching on. This year has been a very successful one for the seniors of Amer's House: they have been able to adapt to all sorts of sporting activities and hopefully their attitude will rub off on the younger members of the house.

The year started as usual with the swimming which the house finished in a very creditable third place, thanks to excellent performances by Ellis, Halsall and Eyes. The next event of importance was the cross country, so often the downfall of our house—however, this year the intermediates ran away to victory and the seniors, led by the extrovert Pogson, did well enough to ensure a high place in the final table.

However, pride of place must go to the House Senior rugby team which destroyed all the opposing teams. Last minute tries in the semi-final and final hid the hard work which preceded those exciting moments. In an interesting final against Edwards', the boot of Ball seemed to have lost the battle with Garbutt until a moment of brilliance by Bennet and Morton capped this fine team performance to give victory. The Senior 7-a-side team was also victorious and went through the competition without a try being scored against them.

In the Summer Term the senior cricket team excelled itself by reaching the final—however the shock of being in sight of victory was too much and eventually the side lost to Spencer's. In the senior athletics the extra pace of Morton proved a great asset to the house and with competitors from the house reaching the finals of 19 events another, all-round performance from the Seniors saw them achieve third place in the athletics. It is to be hoped that the efforts by the Seniors will be continued by the younger members of the house who have shown already that the spirit is willing. This has been though, the year for Amer's Seniors, who have been supported and inspired by Mr. Amer and Mr. Dear. Well done those "men" who put their right galosh forward. J.M.D.B.

### WOODHAM'S

House Master: Mr. Berry  
House Tutor: Mr. Cook  
House Captain: M. Stringfellow

Once again it has been a very mediocre year for Woodham's and this report contains the usual summary of our failures.

The Seniors, who were the greatest failures of all did not manage to survive the preliminary rounds of any competition. In the rugby we were rather unlucky to be drawn against probably the two best sides but the thrashings we received in both matches were fully justified. In the sevens we appeared to be putting up a better fight for the first few minutes but then, once again, we were overwhelmed.

It was much the same story in the cricket—we lost to both Spencer's and Roger's. Against Spencer's we were outclassed and lost convincingly by ten wickets — we should have beaten Roger's but somehow we managed to lose even though they were all out for 25 runs. My thanks to those seniors who did try hard in both the rugby and the cricket, especially Pinch and Taylor for their bowling and Bland for his batting (in the first match anyway). Modesty prevents me from mentioning who scored the most runs against Spencer's.

The intermediate rugby team played very well and managed to reach the final where they were unlucky to lose to Evan's. On route to the final, however, they beat Edwards' 56-0 and beat Lunn's and Leech's in two close, hard games. In the sevens competition the team reached the semi-final but lost narrowly 6-0 to Mason's. Wood, Warren, Hodgeson and Edwards (who has been picked to play for the North Merseyside under-15 team) all played exceptionally well and the team as a whole showed that they are capable of winning something in the future.

The intermediates were less successful in the cricket however and lost to both Grear's and Holland's. However fine performances by Hodgeson, Ogden, Richardson and Wood give some encouragement for the future.

House Badminton was "successful" this year as we managed to come fifth out of six in the league and we lost only narrowly to Leech's in the first round of the knock-out competition. Things look better for the future though and thanks must be given to Stevenson, Wright, Bland and Heath for their efforts.

In the swimming gala we did fairly badly but D. Heath and A. Heath won both of their events and Lee and Richards were both placed.

In the cross country the intermediates and juniors both did well but the house eventually came second from last when the seniors finally finished the course. J.C.S.

**ROGERS'  
OR  
(HALF A PAGE OF NOTHING)**

House Master: Mr. J. Clough  
House Tutor: Mr. A. S. Freem  
House Captain: S. Spalding

Half a page of nothing? Well ... er ... not quite nothing. In fact ... er ... um ... how can I break this to you? The truth is that we actually won something. Now don't faint—it was a great shock to me too. What did we win? In what sphere of heroic endeavour did we achieve these mighty victories? In the Basketball Final (for the second year running, Folks) we carried off the non-existent trophy, while the efforts of our Badminton squad secured promotion to Division One. What else did we do? Ah! As I watch certain unmentionable colleagues writing pages (however rotten) about their achievements for their House Report, I sometimes wish we could be something more than "honest triers". Perhaps if ALL the House could display the naive, unsophisticated enthusiasm and pride in appearing for the House that the Juniors show . . . . . R.J.M.

**GREAR'S**

House Master: Mr. T. B. Davies  
House Tutor: Mr. B. Mawer  
Captains: J. Beresford; J. Blackman

It is usual in House Reports to have a list of events, cups won or narrowly lost, with failures glossed over. This year lack of space precludes even a modest chronicle of Grear's success.

Since last September, under the joint leadership of J. Blackman and J. Beresford, we have proved once again that Grear's is one of the Houses to beat if the other Houses are to get anywhere, as all sections of the House proved loyal and dedicated. The degree of success has not been consistent but at no time, despite the small numbers of boys available, did Grear's fail to turn out a full side. We were beaten in the finals of the Junior Rugby, in the semi-finals of both Junior and Senior Sevens. We shared swimming honours and even when beaten in other activities showed that members of Grear's play their full part in school life, both in the class room and on the sports field. The unwritten rule is that everyone is good at something and that everyone volunteers for everything.

This summer sees the end of an eight year "reign" as House master by Mr. T. B. Davies who leaves to seek new territories to conquer. His successor, Mr. Mawer, is well known to the House, and (to keep the royal, military metaphor!) under his guidance no doubt Grear's will go marching on.

**HONEYBONE'S**

House Master: Mr. D. Miley

House Tutor: Mr. L. S. Metford

House Captains: A. Tomkinson; S. Brookfield

The seniors, this year, had a very good year without actually winning anything. Three times they reached the semis and in all three unfortunately failed to reach the finals.

The Badminton team, once again, won promotion to the top flight—stay up there this time, eh!

In cross country, only the seniors warranted a mention, finishing a creditable fourth.

We reached the semi-finals of the Basketball competition, only to lose to the better and taller Mason's.

We reached the senior Rugby XV semi-finals and lost to the eventual winners Amer's.

In cricket, the seniors (inevitably) progressed to the semi-finals and once again slipped up at the last stage.

Chess—who said that?

Finally, there were some good performances in the athletics. Mention must go to C. Farrow for his fine performances in the 1500 metres.

So, realistically we did not do well at all, but the spirit was good. Praise must go to Tomkinson for his Rugby and Cricket leadership, Wilcox for Rugby, Cricket and Athletics, and Holgate for Rugby, Cricket and Athletics. Also thanks to Brookfield and Cameron for their efforts in cross country, together with the Lower 6 boys who have given of their time in coaching the junior sides.

Once again, well done the hard playing seniors. It is to be hoped the rest of the house follow your example next year.

Good luck to all prospective leavers and those staying on.

A.M.H.

### MASON'S

House Master: Mr. R. Clark  
House Tutor: Mr. Bruce  
House Captain: W. Fletcher  
Vice-Captain: P. S. West

This year the House underwent a reorganisation with the departure of Mr. H. Smith and as a result has just started to settle down into a new routine.

In the rugby the intermediates came out on top by winning their sevens competition although they lost the fifteens. Talent spotters singled out players like Jones, alias "Merv the swerve", and Greenhalgh, who both played constructive rugby. Although the seniors lost all but one of their matches good players were much in evidence; White and Roberts for instance, and Desborough who scored in his first game of rugby for the House. Bennett covered well as full back despite the call of the "Richmond". Both Junior and Intermediate teams were ably coached by Mr. Bruce and Fletcher, respectively.

The cross country was perhaps predictable with Bennett running ahead of most of our entrants to finish quite well up the field.

Mason's classic weakness did not fail to show up again this year—the swimming. However we were saved from disgrace by the younger Birtles who obtained most of our points.

Under the captaincy of Carr the Chess team were average (no disrespect Gary), and the Badminton team managed to reach the semi-final of the knock out and were third in the league (division I).

Both the Intermediate and Senior cricket teams were denied a place in the semi-finals — each team losing one match and winning the other. The seniors lost and won their matches narrowly owing to the loss of Brade's wine gums on the boundary.

The few who eventually qualified in the athletics went through to notch up respectable scores on the day. Fletcher won the shot, West won the javelin and Milton did well in the high jump—credit goes to Bennett, Jones and Hurren who were among other competitors from the House.

The climax of the year for the seniors was the near success in the senior Basketball, where we reached the final against testing opposition, only to be defeated in the final, where both teams were equally matched. Fowkes played a key part in the organisation and captaincy of our team.

Although the prizes did not come our way this year all members of the house who participated in academic and sporting activities showed great enthusiasm, ably encouraged by Fletcher, the House Captain. Thanks should also go to Mr. Clark and Mr. Bruce for devoting their valuable time and trouble to the house throughout the year. P.S.W.

### SPENCER'S

House Master: Mr. S. B. Rimmer  
House Tutor: Mr. J. R. Wohlers  
House Captain: S. Proctor

We started the Autumn term in defence of the Jubilee Cup. In the first event, the cross country, we did not live up to our past reputation, finishing in sixth position overall. We then moved on to the Victoria Baths for the swimming gala, the last event of this kind to be held at the old baths. The efforts of Martin Clarke and Mike Summer, who press-ganged juniors and intermediates into weekly practices, paid off, for we won both cups on the night amidst celebration scenes usually reserved for Wembley.

The senior rugby team, much depleted through injuries, were unlucky to be beaten out of a semi-final place in a keenly fought game against Honeybone's. The autumn term ended on a high note with the lower house members taking home excellent reports to their parents in anticipation of added Christmas bounty.

We started the spring term with high hopes. The juniors reached the semi-finals of their rugby tournament, but the intermediates crashed in the preliminary stages. Meanwhile the seniors under the guidance of Harlem Globe-trotter, A. C. Matthews, reached the semi-final of the basketball competition, only to be defeated (or was it out-talked) by the Rogers' team. The end of term brought more success with the winning of the seven-a-side rugby trophy. The seniors, playing with great determination, reached the final in which they lost to an Amer's side containing numerous first team members. The juniors with a team of skill and promise, won their final and the intermediates reached the semi-finals. A splendid effort from the whole house.

Early in the summer term the senior cricket team, not unexpectedly, reached the final and played Amer's in the pouring rain on a pitch fit only for the planting of rice. Colin Austin and Geoffrey Jones bowled well to dismiss Amer's for 42 and we won by 15 runs. Both the intermediates and juniors have reached the final of their respective competitions, so we can claim a successful season whatever the outcome of those two games.

The seniors put on an indifferent sporting display in the athletics, finishing in a lowly position. We expect better from our younger members.

I would like to conclude this report with an honours list. The upper sixth are to be highly commended for their work in the house this year. No one can be singled out, as they have all done well, a fact reflected by the number of prefects in the house. The lower sixth have also made a big contribution. May I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rimmer for once again pulling us through a successful year and wish Mr. Wohlers all the best in his forthcoming marriage on behalf of all Spencer's house.

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## SENIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

### MASTERMIND REPORT 1976

The Senior History Society over the past two terms has been primarily concerned with the "Mastermind" competition. The competition consisted of five heats with the winner of each heat qualifying for the final.

The 20 sixth formers who entered the competition offered a wide choice of subjects ranging from the Boer Wars to the life and works of Thomas Hardy. The heats which were held in room 15, consistently attracted a crowd of over 40 people.

Over 70 tickets were distributed throughout the school, for the Final which was held on 7th May, 1976. The contestants for the final were M. I. Thomas offering Ornithology, C. M. Evenson offering Peter the Great, N. Jones offering the History of Rocketry, M. Stringfellow offering Augustus and the Julio/Claudian Emperors, and A. Roberts offering British politics 1714-1760. Evenson was the winner with 20 points closely followed by Thomas and Stringfellow with 16 points, Jones with 15 points and Roberts with 8 points.

The question master throughout the competition was Mr. C. J. Collier who has continuously helped the committee to organise the Competition. It is for this and his tremendous effort in getting the Senior History Society off the ground that we sincerely thank him.

Special thanks must go also to Mr. J. Clough, Mr. A. P. Wakefield, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. F. Large, Mr. M. Amer, Mr. T. B. L. Davies and Mr. Metford for helping to set the specialist questions in the various heats.

Our gratitude is also extended to Mrs. Caller and Mrs. Sutcliffe for their hard work in assembling the questions throughout the competition.

Due to the tremendous response to the competition Mr. Collier and the Committee hope that it will become an annual event.

J. M. BECKER

## JUNIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

After the plethora of activities last term the Junior History Society has had a quieter routine in recent months. Mr. Collier has given a series of illustrated talks on the following subjects "Medieval Buildings", "The First World War" and "Aztecs and Mayas". Attendance has continued to be good and we look forward to increasing it still further in September.

## THE SENIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

The newly formed society which caters not only for sixth form historians but sixth formers in general, has had a most encouraging beginning with strong support for all its activities. The "Mastermind" competition has been its most publicised undertaking (of which a separate report appears elsewhere), but in addition there has been the visit to the "1776" Exhibition in London and four lectures, two by members of staff, and two at Liverpool University.

The outing to Greenwich for the exhibition commemorating the bicentenary of American Independence was the high spot of the Society's out-of-school activities. Twenty-six boys went with Messrs. Collier and Metford down to London and the quality of the "1776" Exhibition certainly justified the journey. Newspapers have rightly compared it in scope to the "Tutankhamun" and "Chinese" Exhibitions of a few years ago, our only criticism was the number of people allowed to go through the exhibition halls at any one time. In addition Greenwich provided a wealth of other interests—the superb Maritime Museum, the Royal Observatory, the magnificence of Wren's Naval College and the exquisite simplicity of the Queen's House. Time was also found for a look over the most famous of the tea clippers, the "Cutty Sark". The only incident which marred (some felt made) the outing was the temporary loss of Faulkner and Humphreys (Lower Sixth) at Charing Cross Station!

Two members of staff from outside the History Department very kindly gave talks to the Society. Mr. Smith, despite being ill at the time, very bravely started us off with an excellent talk on "Racine, Molière and the Court of Louis XIV". Mr. T. B. Davies inspired us with an illustrated survey of "The Art and Music of the Revolutionary Age 1770-1848", and transported us from the elegance of Baroque palaces and 18th Century chamber music to the harsher world portrayed by Goya and Beethoven.

Members of the Senior History Society have also gone on visits to evening lectures at Liverpool University. A small party went to hear Dr. Ross on the subject "1485 and All That", and Dr. Anderson on "Peter the Great". My thanks to the High School History Staff for allowing us to share their coaches.

Finally I must thank the members of the Senior History Society Committee who have helped in every way possible and given unstintingly of their time and effort. Special thanks to Gidney, Caller, Sutcliffe, Becker and Potts, and to Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mrs. Caller for help with "Mastermind".

C. J. COLLIER

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

Chairman: J. P. Mason

Secretary: J. D. Morton

Treasurer: P. J. Fyne

This year has seen a far more active photographic society, offering every hope for the future. But for the dark room being out of use for so long (due to rewiring), it would have been far more successful. However, we hope next year will see a substantial increase in the number of members and meetings. Here is a diary of this year's events.

September—Mr. P. Goggin is elected as chairman (coincidentally the Society's membership falls to a minimum and all activities stop).

October—not a lot happens. Dark room closes.

November—Mr. P. Goggin gains entrance to Oxford (coincidentally Oxford lowers its number of entrants due to smaller demand).

December—less happens than during October.

January—dark room remains closed but we are assured it will soon reopen.

February—dark room to open "within a week".

March—a general meeting is called. The committee elects itself and announces imminent opening of the dark room. High attendance but few dolphins to raise the intellect of the society.

April—fool! Dark room remains closed.

May—a meeting is called, a talk on 3-D photography. Mr. D. J. Edwards pays his subscription, joins the committee as publicity officer and fills in his UCCA form.

June—P. J. Fyne, treasurer, leaves the society—great wailing and gnashing of teeth, pound falls to an all-time low.

July—P. Goggin opens libel suit against Messrs. Mason and Morton, pound recovers after D. J. Edwards is announced as the new treasurer.

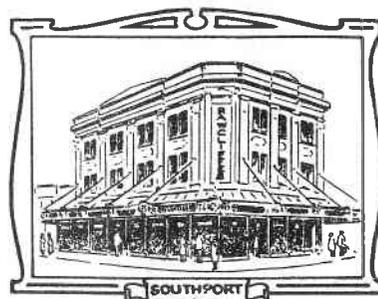
P.S. The dark room will open next term. Mr. I. Ormesher would like to offer a public apology for his non-attendance at committee meetings but refuses either to confirm or deny that he is actually just a figment of the imagination of the other members.

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## UNDER-13 RUGBY XV

The opening two games of the season were both close tussles resulting in narrow defeats against Lancaster R.G.S. (8-18) and Blackpool Collegiate (10-12). In subsequent games the team ran into form and recorded five consecutive wins against Arnold School (8-0), Hutton G.S. (14-12) Whitby C.S. (48-0), Ormskirk G.S. (21-12) and Ainsdale School (40-0).

In the remaining two games of the Autumn term defeats were sustained against Cardinal Allen (4-14) and King Edward VII, Lytham, where a much bigger and heavier side won by 30-6.

In the Spring term only five games were played and fine results were obtained against good opposition. Balshaw's G.S. (14-0), St. Joseph's College (22-12), St. Mary's College (10-10) and Ainsdale School (20-10). The only defeat of this term was inflicted by a Cowley side by 30-6 in a game in which nothing went right for K.G.V.

The final record was as follows:—

P	W	D	L	F	Points
					A
4	8	1	5	229	152

Regular appearances were made by Barton (Captain), Beetham, Chong, Hunt, Jones, M.I., Lee, McGowan, Mallinder, Priestley, Ridley, Roberts, Stitson, Turnbull and Wincer.

One or more appearances were made by Cox, Crook, Gidney, Guidi, Houghton, Kyle, McMinn, Miller, Ormesher, Russell, Sinclair and Woolston.

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## OFFICIAL REPORT — UNDER 15 XV

Lack of real size and weight in the forwards were a major handicap once again. Consequently it was decided to use our other attributes, namely compactness in the scrums, speed about the field and an intelligent approach to the game. It says much for Edwards and co. that the side usually outscrummaged their opponents. Intelligent throwing—in helped in the lines; Lockyer and Fletcher performed well with Hill varying the line-out calls to keep the opponents guessing.

Behind this hard-working unit, Wood distributed quickly and skilfully and Webster as captain and stand-off directed operations. With Mottershead running well in the centre the side scored plenty of good tries, many by the wingers, Webster was top scorer, with a good combination of tries and goals, while Mottershead scored most tries.

Only Wood, Webster and Fletcher played in all 18 matches but there was never any shortage of volunteers as reserves and in a way the success of the side is very much due to the strength in depth of the squad and their willingness to practice at least twice a week and their willingness to think about how to beat the opposition and attack using their own strengths. The one major fault of nearly all players in the side is their inability to snuff out an attack with a crunching tackle early on. They relied too much on swarming over and scragging someone in full flight instead of stopping him before he got going with a low, hard impact from the shoulder. However on the credit side, they were all prepared to attack from almost any position on the field and all players worked hard to develop their personal skills. Indeed the best feature of their play was their handling; in the match against Rossall they only dropped two passes all afternoon.

Another major factor in the team's success was the morale and attitude of the squad who went out there expecting to win and as their record shows succeeded in doing so most of the time.

T. B. L. DAVIES

## UNDER 15 RUGBY REPORT

Ably captained by "Webby the Boot" and shouted on by Matt (the mouth) Greenhalgh, the team performed brilliantly throughout the season and any losses were solely due to bad refereeing, etc., apart from at Blackpool where the groundsman appeared to have lost his sense of direction while marking out the pitch and it took us half the match to find our bearings.

One of the highlights of the season was the tour to Tettenhall College, Wolverhampton and Adams' Grammar School, Newport. We arrived on the Friday in a down-pour but rode the storm to win magnificently 20-4. After an eventful night in the school, including a comedy film called, "Enter the Dragon", we managed to reach Newport. The side strode out on to the field, feeling a little tired, due to the heavy pitch of the first game, of course, and because of a sloping pitch, an unfair wind, and bad luck we lost 3-16. All the players enjoyed the tour apart from one who after a meal of very hot madras curry and five or six large cream buns, decided to step down from the second match due to concussion.

One final point that needs mentioning was the team's fine performances against opponents from U14 days. Heavily beaten by Kirkham, Rossall and Stonyhurst a year ago, good team efforts reversed these decisions to leave us all feeling pleased.

The team owes all its achievements to the fine coaching and urging on by Mr. T. B. L. Davies; without his help the team would be nothing.

P.M.L., R.M.S., J.B.L., A.D.S.

## 1st XV RUGBY

P	W	D	L	Pts. F	Pts. A
24	10	0	14	250	399

A season of hard endeavour by some, alas not all, has given us the playing record as shown above. If any of you are thinking what a mediocre set of figures they are, just pause and think over the following points.

No team can enjoy success unless it plays together consistently and so when you have up to eight regular players unable to play through injury, as we did at one stage, it is impossible to maintain this consistency. At one stage I was beginning to think all Southport lads suffered from a calcium deficiency as we had more broken bones than you would get in a punch-up in a dockside pub!

There were times when the team played brilliant rugby one week, e.g. against Liverpool College (won 42-0), and would follow this with a heartbreaking show of stupidity and ignorance the next. We must have lads who will give 100 per cent. in every game and not just pick and choose the ones that they will "star" in.

Only a few lads showed the right attitude constantly throughout the season. Others would go looking for excuses, (mainly the referee, the ball and other people) in the hope of covering up their own deficiencies. Some may think me old fashioned, but I fail to see how anyone can go out on a Friday night, not get to bed until the early hours and then hope to be up bright and early for a hard game of Rugby—we regularly had some lads who thought they could do both.

The team this year, on the whole, was an extremely young one and I can practically name the side to play in the first game next season already, from lads that were playing this year. We can only hope that the lads hoping to play next year have learnt from the mistakes of this and past years, especially with regards to supporting their captain—whoever it will be.

In conclusion I would like to thank Messrs. Wohlers, Bruce for their help and John Ball (captain) for giving 100 per cent. on and off the field—the fact that some refused to follow his example is not his fault—and also for his help in organising a highly mighty successful Dinner and Dance at the Royal Hotel, where the following awards were made:—

Captain's Prize .....	John Ball
Most Improved Player .....	J. Beresford
Outstanding Service on the Field	

W. Fletcher

This is the ideal place to finish—an occasion where everyone was together in mind and spirit (especially spirit!)

If you ain't got togetherness in a team game, you ain't got nothing.

R.A.S.

## HOCKEY

Captain: S. J. Spalding

Vice-Captain: P. J. C. West

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XI	13	4	4	5	16	21
2nd XI	7	4	1	2	14	20

This season has been one of mixed fortunes for the 1st XI, partly due to the fact that we didn't field a settled side until January. Although we failed to gain a monopoly of victories, we did put in notable performances to beat Preston Catholic College, who are reckoned to be one of the best teams in the North of England, and against a traditionally strong Old Boys' side we gained an honourable draw. The High School were also beaten, earlier in the season.

The 2nd XI, on the whole, fared better than the First Team this season. Under the captaincy of Andersen their performances included good wins over Ormskirk G.S. 1st XI and Merchant Taylors. Mention should also be made of Salter who played regularly for the 1st XI and 2nd XI for two years, and who sacrificed a place in the 1st XI to become a half back in the 2nd XI.

**Bennett** (Full Colours)

A goalkeeper who can pull off some superb saves on his day. However, this ability is compensated by his lack of concentration, adequately demonstrated when he was caught admiring a shot from a Preston forward.

**Martin** (Full Colours)

Came into the team at the beginning of this year. A reliable full-back with a strong hit.

**Bond** (Full Colours)

Reads the game well from the back, his positional play helping to clear many potentially dangerous situations.

**Milton** (Full Colours)

A sound half-back on either side of the pitch, strong in the tackle, but whose push-in could be improved. Will be a great asset to the team next year.

**Spalding** (Captain, Full Colours Re-Awarded)

Undoubtedly the best player in the side, his hard tackles and penetrating passes instigating many of our attacks. Eventually managed to get his name on the score sheet after repeated attempts against Preston.

**Carr** (Full Colours Re-Awarded)

Short of being the best player in the team, he nevertheless played consistently well throughout the season at half-back making the position his own after his switch from centre-forward.

**Morton** (Full Colours)

Came into the side at the end of last year. Guaranteed to beat any full-back for speed, but whose ball control could be improved.

**Wood** (Full Colours Re-Awarded)

A deep-lying inside forward, who linked up well with his winger to set up many attacks. Could get more shots in on goal.

**Mitchell** (Full Colours)

Scored many important goals through his own opportunism. However, his lack of a hard shot occasionally let him down.

**West** (Vice-Captain, Full Colours Re-Awarded)

Top scorer again for the 1st XI. Found the switch from winger to inside-forward more demanding but his pace helped him with this change.

**Jackson** (Full Colours)

Probably the most improved player in the side. His natural golfing ability being a feature of many cross-field hits. Would have done even better if he had stopped more than half the balls Carr hit at him.

Finally, both teams would like to thank Mr. Amer and Mr. Comfort for their assistance and umpiring throughout the season.

P. J. WEST, U6S, Honorary Secretary

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**THE CROSS-COUNTY TEAM REPORT**

Matches: Won 12, Drawn 0, Lost 4

Undoubtedly the team owes its success to its stability, with priority being given to running tactically as a team, and to maintaining a casual approach to any fixture.

We began the season with the same line-up as the previous year—training hard on every occasion in order to maintain our fine performances of the past season. Our home course provided the setting for many of our early matches. The team spirit was high and some excellent running by all those concerned led us to a run of well earned victories.

Injuries received at Hutton in mid-season left four of the team with bruised ribs, ankles and shoulders; this caused us to lose a match we ought to have won against Lancaster Grammar School.

The arrival of the team shirts (and track suits ?) added morale and we continued to beat the opposition, including the Blackpool champions.

Later on in the season Farrow joined the team. We encountered our toughest competition and we were disappointed when we lost to a strong West Park Grammar School team and to an improved Bury Grammar School team (though we blame this on the absence of Ali and the performance of their middle runners). The climax to the season was at Disley, for the Northern Schools' Championship. The team ran well against stronger opposition than last year and achieved twentieth place out of 54.

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Thanks must be given to all those who took part; Mr. Marsh and four packets of Club biscuits (which provided some enjoyment at Bury). The line-up for the K.G.V. C.C.T. was as follows:

Nige "the chest" Crompton, who appeared by courtesy of his mum, was consistently the pack leader, our best man.

Ali "and you tried so hard" Crompton. Always in the top four; he improved after the festive season, taking second place on many occasions.

Bill "Wally" Bradley. Essentially in the main body of the team. He was very inconsistent due to his frequent injuries; one of the more determined members of the team.

Chris "Ned" Kelly. Improved throughout the season; he must be a good prospect as a "main man" in next year's team.

Ray "turtle" Dove. Very reliable in the middle order to secure the last scoring points in most matches.

Dick "spam butties" Sloman. Continually a good runner. His name bears little resemblance to his performance.

Chris "unflappable" Farrow. Unfortunately one of Mr. Marsh's late discoveries. He ran well in his few races.

John "the village idiot" Mason. He ran well early on, but we were sad to lose him for Farrow in the Spring.

Chris "drink a pub dry" Cameron. Helped us to win matches by being first over the first mile; a good tactical asset. Essentially a middle man. He ran well away from home.

Steve "tester not for sale" Brookfield. Originally the front man with Nige. Changed to "come from behind" tactics after an injury in mid season. He was always in the top three.

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Ian "the official silly person" Pogson. Pog was always in the top group, with spells of excellent running. He provided the link we needed between front and middle runners.

Special thanks to Barry Endean (Blackburn Rovers), Boffo the Bore, Mr. C. Resin and Dr. N. Oxide who helped and made the tea.

Wind instruments ..... Chris and the luminous slug  
Lead vocals ..... Steve, Blind Pog and Boots the Cat  
Chorus ..... Luigi and the boys\*  
Photos ..... Al Bart and his pet Albatross

Thanks to Pink Fairies and Gong peoples everywhere.

Cuddles to Charlotte (thanks!)

Congratulations to Ali who won the hairiest chest competition. Also many thanks to Mr. Marsh for "driving us" to away matches and putting up with our singing and hilarity

A mention must be made of the up-and-coming Under-16 team who won two and lost one and came forty-eighth out of ninety-seven at Disley. They are a promising team but need to run together more. Main-men here are Lawrence, A. Pogson, North and Barton, with support from Rimmer, Evans, Jones, Ashby, Lisle and Wright.

"We only serve as a model for the portrait of our frame"  
—Jean Cocteau.

\*Luigi and the boys is the registered trade mark of Luigi and the boys Ltd., available for hire, special reduced rate for parties.

S.B. and I.P.

**"CARMINA BURANA"**  
— A participant's view

This year, as in previous years, sections of the school choir have joined with the Southport Bach Society in a concert, sung as part of the Trinity Festival.

So it was, that this year it was the turn of Orff's "Carmina Burana" to be "done", and "done" it duly was before an unsuspecting citizenry massed in Holy Trinity Church. A dubious setting, perhaps, for a secular and at times earthy, work, but the sight of Holy Trinity's vicar singing with great zeal dispelled any lingering doubts which might have been tormenting any choir Orff-eus.

From this participant's point of view (viz. perched on a bench in the back row), several things stay in the memory. Firstly, how different and how much more exciting the work was performed to an audience, rather than to the Trinity echo. Secondly, the bass-baritone soloist, his girth the object of wistful glances from the more slender basses and whose vast, powerful, magnificent voice excited fervent admiration in the choir. Thirdly, the perfect foil to the gusto and power of the bass; the diminutive figure of the soprano soloist, whose beautiful voice hushed the audience, stilled the sweet-suckers and silenced the gossips, compelling all to listen and uplifting all spirits.

One final, contrasting recollection. The sight of Stefan Walker's (4B) forelock rising and falling in time to the music, propelled by the airy gusts from the cymbals as he crashed them together. will remain with me ever.

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## THE SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert, held on 2nd April, provided the usual rich variety of items and styles, and opened confidently with the orchestra, which gave a good account of itself, successfully presenting the change of mood between the wistful "Greensleeves" and the robust "March from Carmen".

It was good to see again the inclusion of a first year recorder group, and the madrigal group acquitted itself in the polished manner which we have come to expect, though of course the personnel do change. For many of the audience, judging by the reception, the performance by all the First Year of Michael Hurd's "Hip, Hip, Horatio", was the highlight of the evening, and the enthusiasm of the relatively inexperienced performers produced a fine entertainment, the humour of which was far from lost on a sympathetic audience.

Of the solo content in the programme, mention should be made of Ralph Keeley's unruffled piano playing, and Mark Suddaby's interpretation of and violin technique in a movement from Bach's A Minor Violin Concerto. Joined by Duncan McKenzie they gave a competent reading of a Telemann Trio Sonata.

Sixth formers T. R. Thornborough and M. Stringfellow provided in their folk songs with guitar accompaniment an enjoyable item, strongly enhanced by their obvious enjoyment, to which the audience readily responded.

The concert was brought to a close with a performance by the School Choir of Gordon Jacob's "News from Newtown", with Colin Mason as baritone soloist, no doubt flushed with the success of his Oxford Choral Scholarship. In this collection of songs, widely different in character, it was particularly enjoyable to see the younger choir members so thoroughly involved in the music.

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St. Paul's defence before King Agrippa

"I was Convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them."

"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon your Majesty, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the gods.'

Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place, among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

That work still goes on today. It is our work and pleasure as the Christian union to bring as many as possible from the school to a personal knowledge of Christ and for those who already know the Lord we aim to help them grow in their faith through teaching and fellowship.

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

Paul replied, "Short time or long — I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may, become what I am, except for these chains."

ACTS 26 v 9 — 18 and v 28 — 29

N. E. A. Crompton, L6M

## PREFECTS' REPORT 1975-76

J. M. D. BALL — In keeping with tradition we open the accounts with the Head Boy. Bally's constant offers of pricey garments in his now famous "Pooly" accent were enlightening to say the least. His summer vacation is being taken up with a remake of the "Battle of the Bulge".

WILL FLETCHER — Doubtless his almost constant presence in the Prefects' Room will have a malevolent effect on his exam results (they're only kidding mum.) Rumoured to be attempting the North face of Mrs. Mills.

\*\*KEITH (Tuck your shirt in) RICH — Un-social Chairman.

\*STEVE PROCTOR — Surely should have been in the Queen's honours list for keeping the Ministry of Transport (Driving Tests) so busy. Thinking about opening a public house in the German quarter of Moscow. A Railway enthusiast.

BERESFORD — the persecuted minority of the Prefects' Room. Definitely the man to watch to keep up with latest hairstyles. A Shirley Bassey freak.

SI POTTER — "Alright my love." "Guess who it's not?"

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SIMON SPALDING — the Prefects' own Big Ben. At the moment in training for the Winter Olympics in the library. Your hair's OKAY Spol.

GAZ CARR — having an operation to remove his socks while he is in London turning out the latest fashions  
A competent driver who is also a bigot.

ANDY "DANNY LA" PULHAM — still denies his latest dress was the result of a scuffle with Bally. Always willing to lend girls his scarf on a cold day.

TOMKINSON — it would be impossible to meet a quieter, well-mannered boy anywhere. His pleas of Grade 1 English are met by a dubious response from the assembled especially if he has just made some observation about Beresford.

ANDY HOLGATE — "don't mention the Games" Committee: He's having a sale of old NME's (crosswords incomplete.) Would make a very good private detective. Also a Pig.

JIM "What a nice lad" BLACKMAN — a really wonderful boy. He's so pleasant and likeable . . . .

MICK BRADE — currently dating a Massey Ferguson. His penetrating and incredibly intelligent comments were music to the ears.

DAVE EDWARDS — the man us sinners fear. Undergoing psychiatric treatment as a Manchester City fan.

\*SIMON 'James Dean lives' NORRIS — "King of the Fish." His book on how to take insignificant games too seriously is a best-seller.

GEOFF BAILEY — 'Who loves ya?' (How old is she Baily?) His colourful and inventive vocabulary paled Bradey's into insignificance.

MEL WOOD — See Gaz Carr.

ALDERSON — never stops talking about Ancient Egypt and Tools claims to derive from the 6th Dynasty.

IAN POGSON — the loneliness of a long distance, Eric.

\*ELLIS AND METCALFE — returned to join us for another year. All the best to the Stretford End for the coming season Ella.

TIM THORNBOROUGH — on behalf of the rest of the S.C.U. members would like to deny that they are not corrupt. (Best of luck with the Gambling Casino lads.)

P. I. HALSALL — "hate your shirt P.I." Ex Jane Davies bessy mate. (See J.B. for details) Head of the Beresford Abatement League. Has an important league match next Thursday.

TIM PULMAN — Just had his car roof painted white. A man to avoid when out drinking. A K. Rich ex-bessy mate.

ANDY "Guest Appearance" GARBUTT — was often seen surfing down Fine Jane's Brook. Usually disappeared around 10 to watch 'Jackanory'. Hopes to study Barm Cakes (Specialist subject Chicken Salad) next year.

P. I., Andy and Tom would like to apologise to everyone whom they satirised even though it was all true. Regards to all those other insignificants who did not quite catch the selector's eye.

\*Denotes Communist — \*\* Denotes a big kid.

J.M.D.B. has been retained on the playing staff for the coming season tough luck this year's L6th.

P.I.H. and A.(G.A.)G.

**KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
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Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1976

	1976	1975		
<b>INCOME</b>				
Covenants and Subscriptions ... ..	631	534		
Income Tax Refunded during the year ...	233	201		
Donations ... ..	31	29		
Bank Interest Received ... ..	37	61		
Dividends Received ... ..	29	24		
Profit on Sale of Investment ... ..	67	—		
	<u>1028</u>	<u>849</u>		
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>				
Insurance ... ..	20	49		
Sundry Expenses ... ..	62	21		
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance of Property & Equipment ... ..	1121	222		
Accountancy ... ..	—	26		
Depreciation: Equipment ... ..	80	75		
Mini Bus ... ..	656	199	592	
	<u>£(911)</u>	<u>£257</u>		

**KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND**

Account for the year ended 31st March, 1976

We consider that the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1976 are in accordance with the books, vouchers and information supplied to us and that the accounts reflect a true position for the year.

Signed, LITHGOW, NELSON & CO.

Chartered Accountants

399 Lord Street, Southport.

24th May, 1976.

**KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31st March, 1976

	1976	1975		
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>				
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Long Rigg, Sedbergh, Yorkshire (at Cost)	4876	3904		
Additions during year ... ..	274	972	4876	
	<u>5150</u>	<u>4876</u>		
Equipment Purchased for the House (at Cost) ... ..	735	735		
Additions during the year ... ..	44	—		
	<u>779</u>			
Less Aggregate Depreciation ... ..	590	189	510	225
Mini Bus LWM 785G ... ..	—	—	—	1
Mini Bus OBV 658P (at Cost) ... ..	3281	—	—	—
Less Depreciation ... ..	656	2625	—	—
	<u>7964</u>	<u>5102</u>		
<b>INVESTMENT</b>				
£1200 4% British Transport Stock 1972/77 ... ..	—	—	1018	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at Bank ... ..	72	930		
Cash in Hand ... ..	2	—		
	<u>74</u>	<u>930</u>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors ... ..	20	99		
	<u>20</u>	<u>99</u>		
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b> ... ..		54	831	
	<u>£8018</u>	<u>£6951</u>		
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>				
<b>ACCUMULATED INCOME FUND</b>				
Balance as at 1st April, 1975 ... ..	5990	5733		
(Deficit) / Surplus of Income ... ..	(911)	257		
	<u>5079</u>	<u>5990</u>		
Balance of Mini Bus Replacement Fund	2939	8018	5990	
	<u>2939</u>	<u>8018</u>		
<b>MINI BUS REPLACEMENT FUND</b>				
Balance as at 1st April, 1975 ... ..	961	100		
Private Donation ... ..	—	100		
Funds Received from Parent Teachers Association ... ..	1404	761	961	
	<u>1404</u>	<u>761</u>		
Profit on Sale of Old Mini Bus ... ..	574	—		
	<u>574</u>			
<b>BALANCE TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED INCOME FUND</b> ... ..	<u>£2939</u>	<u>—</u>		
	<u>£8018</u>	<u>£6951</u>		

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In the last couple of years, the Geographical Society has been missing, presumed dead from K.G.V. In fact, however, it has merely been hibernating in an uninhabited corner of Room 24. After it had been given some artificial respiration (namely the formation of a new committee) it had been revived sufficiently to have its first meeting. This was an illustrated talk by Geoff Mason, an old boy of the school, on Peru and the Andes. The talk and slides were very interesting and the only disappointment was the rather small attendance. But . . .

. . . undaunted, the G.S. arranged its next meeting, a talk by that well-known and eminent geographer, Mr. P. J. Comfort. The subject was glaciers with particular reference to the Svartisen Glacier in Norway, illustrated by some excellent slides of the area. This time there was a better turn-out and we were particularly encouraged by the number of juniors present.

Meanwhile, members of the first year were being chased by Red Indians, stampeded by Buffalo, facing rock slides, hurricanes, droughts and strikes, and fighting against each other in an attempt to be the first railroad company to reach San Francisco and the west coast of America. In fact, they were playing a very realistic geographical game called Railway Pioneers, which is about the opening up of the Wild West by the railroads. Before the game started, we managed to import (at great expense) that famous historian, Mr. L. S. Metford, who gave a fascinating introductory talk on the problems facing the railroad companies in the mid-nineteenth century. Then six companies were formed, each with a certain starting capital. Each company held board meetings to discuss their route and their policy. Income was gained by building through towns, while problems such as Indian attacks and labour strikes were simulated by chance cards. At the end of the game, three companies had reached San Francisco but the one with the most profit was the "American Pacific Railroad Company", so this company was declared the winner.

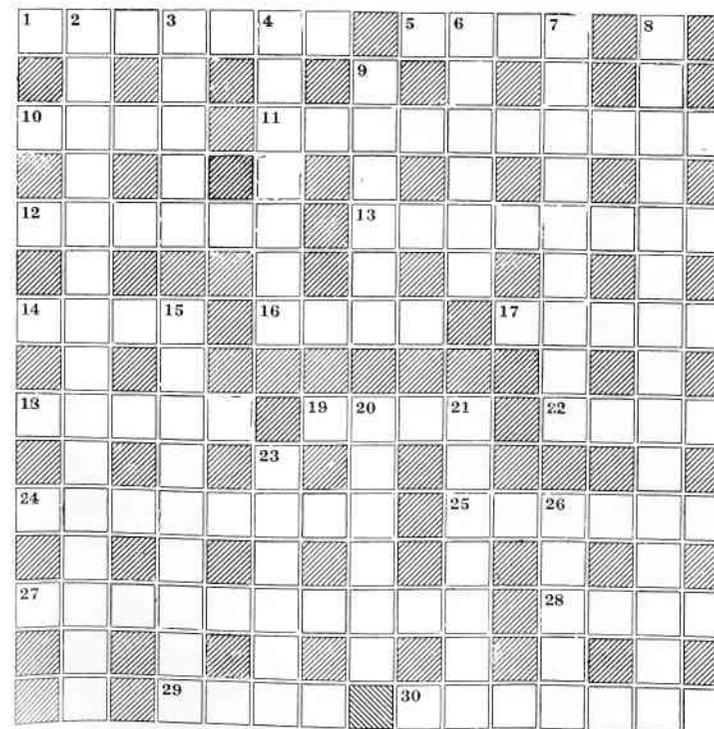
This term we are also planning a field trip to Castleton for junior forms and for next term we have several ideas in mind, including joint meetings with the High School.

Finally, we would like to thank the geography staff, particularly Mr. M. Basford, for the help and encouragement they have given us.

M.K.S.



**Geographical Crossword**  
 (Compiled by M. K. Suddaby)



## ACROSS

1. 99 unsteady paces lead to polar regions (3-4)
5. Tess, mixed up, goes to town in S. W. Africa (4)
10. Frozen precipitation (4)
11. Drainage channel in the Blue Stack Mountains (5,5)
12. A bad leek? No, no! It's a Belgian town (6)
13. Expanse of water used as a reservoir near Canberra (4,4)
14. Part snow, part ice (4)
16. Town in northern Nigeria (4)
17. Opposite of a grike? (5)
18. \_\_\_\_\_ earth, a type of soil found over much of Western Europe (5)
19. Sounds stranger, a town in Hordaland (4)
22. \_\_\_\_\_ brush, a type of warm temperate scrub (4)
24. Cigs and beer together make cold floating blocks (3-5)
25. Red, asian or ocean? (6)
27. Mexican climatic zone (6,4)
28. Belgian river; French article, that is (4)
29. Scottish Loch near Skye (4)
30. The state of \_\_\_\_\_ Australia (7)

## DOWN

2. Freeze-thaw weathering (15)
3. Animal gets a half-century in Australian lake (5)
4. Somerset bay (7)
6. To hit a line at right angles to the true dip of the strata (6)
7. Where water disappears in limestone (4-5)
8. Tom, Gil and I creep around to a type of ice-mass (8,7)
9. Town in Yugoslavia where a vole gets encased in Zinc (6)
15. I win a beer (drunk) in town in Louisiana (3,6)
20. Abandon arid area? (6)
21. Surveying instrument (7)
23. Norfolk landscape (6)
26. German felt uneasy in Dutch town (5)

Entries to be in to a committee member or a member of the Geography staff not later than Monday, 6th September. First correct solution will receive a £1.00 book token and 50p tokens will be awarded to the second and third correct solutions.

# FLAME

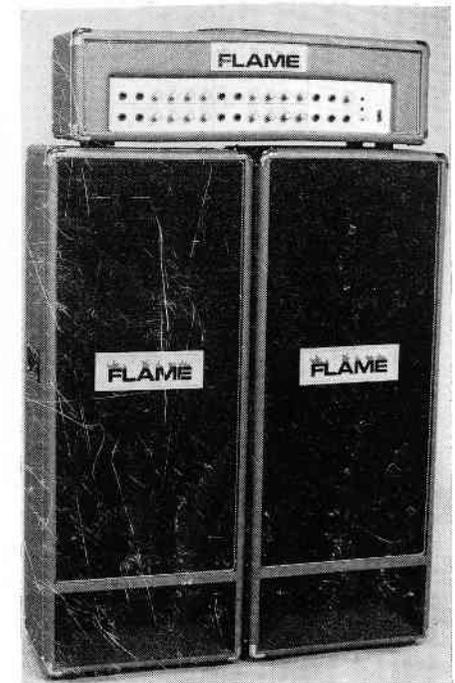
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