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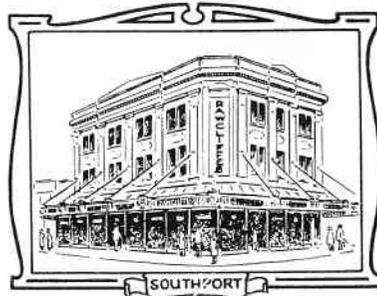


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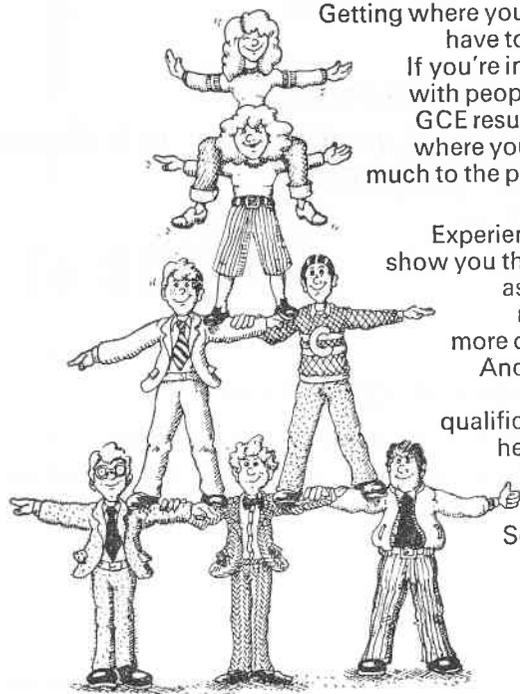
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## SCHOOL NOTES

At the end of this term King George V School will officially cease to exist. It was founded in 1920 as the Southport Municipal Boys' Secondary School, and named King George V School when it moved into the buildings in Scarisbrick New Road in 1926. It will, of course, be replaced by King George V College, but the school, (i.e. the grammar school boys who have not yet reached 'O' level) will in practice continue to exist until the summer of 1982.

Only two members of staff are leaving at the end of this term. Mr. G. W. Dudley, who joined the Mathematics Department in the summer of 1976, and has recently been the Housemaster of Leech's House, will be taking up an appointment on the staff of Poole Grammar School. Mrs. R. Miles, who has taught both English and Latin here for the last two years, and has recently been the Editor of the Red Rose, is moving to a post at Range High School, Formby.

There have been two sad losses in the Biology Department recently. Mr. H. C. Davies, who has been an outstandingly successful Head of the Biology Department for the last quarter of a century, became seriously ill at the end of the Lent Term, and was driven by his illness to retire early. In the middle of this term Mr. Bill Pirie, who has been the laboratory technician in the Biology Department since 1971, had a sudden heart attack and died the same night.

There have been one or two appointments to the staff of King George V College:

Mr. A. S. Freem, recently the Housemaster of Rogers' House, has been appointed Warden of Long Rigg, with the task of developing it as a Field Studies Centre.

Dr. G. J. Skinner has been promoted to be Head of the Biology Department.

Two other appointments have been made to the Biology Department: Mr. P. S. Niedzwiedzki, who was a Scholar of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and then did research at Bristol University before becoming the Director of a Royal Society Research Establishment on an Atoll in the Indian Ocean, is joining us from Oxford where he is at the moment studying for a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education. Mrs. A. F. M. Small, who read Biology at the Royal Holloway College, London, and then did research at Birmingham University before teaching for three years at Ashford Sixth Form College in Kent, will be joining us at the same time.

There has been one appointment to the staff of the school: Mrs. R. Rowe, a pupil at the Southport High School for Girls, before reading Mathematics at Reading University, is at the moment at the Edge Hill College of Higher Education, and will be joining the Mathematics Department.

Five men have been appointed to posts as Head of Department within the school, responsible for their subject up to 'O' level: Mr. H. T. Marsh will be in charge of Chemistry. Mr. L. S. Metford will be in charge of History. Mr. R. A. Stichbury in charge of P.E. Mr. M. Basford in charge of Geography. Mr. M. B. Cochrane in charge of Physics.

From September, 1979, the twelve houses will be amalgamated into four groups of three. The students in the College will be in tutorial groups—not in houses. We will not have any Second Forms or Third Forms. This means that during the school year 1979-80 the houses will be made up entirely of boys in the Fourth Forms Lower Fifths, and the Upper Fifths. There will be one housemaster for each of the new house groups, and, wherever possible, the houses will keep their present house tutors. The following are the arrangements for houses for next year:

#### Housemasters and House Tutors—King George V School

1979-80

Housemasters	House	House Tutors
<b>Mr. H. T. Marsh</b>	Edwards'	Mrs. M. P. Rimmer
	Evans'	Mrs. B. Partington
	Mason's	Mr. S. Peach
<b>Mr. L. S. Metford</b>	Amer's	Mr. R. J. Dollery
	Holland's	Mrs. J. Metcalfe
	Honeybone's	Mrs. P. Robinson
<b>Mr. R. A. Stichbury</b>	Grear's	Mrs. P. Davies
	Lunn's	Mrs. A. H. Szczesniak
	Rogers'	Mr. M. B. Cochrane
<b>Mr. M. Basford</b>	Leach's	Mrs. F. H. Gould
	Spencer's	Mr. B. L. Hubbard
	Woodham's	Miss D. Woodward

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term, 1979:

Tuesday, 4th September - Friday, 21st December.

Half Term: Monday, 29th October - Friday, 2nd November.

Grace Day: Monday, 3rd December.

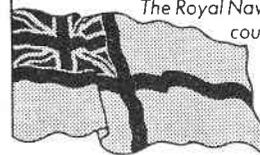
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Richard Martin.

Blackpool College of Art:

John Brooks.

Delhi:

Sumedh Mehta.

Rossall School:

Ralph Stuttard.

#### VALETE

We bid farewell to the following boys who left during the last academic year.

After each boy's name is indicated the number of 'O' level subjects he passed with grade C or above, any grades he was awarded at 'A' level, and any positions of distinction acquired while at school.

#### 1971-78

Glenn Counsell (A) 8 AB<sup>2</sup>BEE. Junior Prefect. (Physics at London University).

#### 1972-79

Neil Webster (R) 8 AB<sup>1</sup>BB. Head of School. Rugby and Cricket Colours. (Geography at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge).

**1972-78**

- Peter Alderson (G) 9 A<sup>1</sup>A<sup>2</sup>AAB. Senior Prefect. Librarian. (Natural Sciences to read Medicine at Hertford College, Oxford).
- Christopher Collinge (Le) 8 A<sup>2</sup>AABB. Senior Prefect. House Vice-Captain. (Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge).
- Brian Evans (S) 8 BBCD. Senior Prefect. Vice-Chairman of the Europa Society. (Modern Languages at Reading University).
- Malcolm Hannaby (Ev) 8 A<sup>1</sup>A<sup>1</sup>AAA. Senior Prefect. Librarian. (Scholarship to read Natural Sciences at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge).
- Mark Harrison (W) 8 AABBC. Senior Prefect. (Engineering at Bristol University).
- Ian Hill (M) 4.
- Christopher Langford (R) 8 A<sup>1</sup>AAB. Senior Prefect. Senior Librarian. Secretary of the Debating Society. (Open Exhibition in History at Lincoln College, Oxford, to read Law).
- Timothy Pearson (R) 9 A<sup>2</sup>BCC. Junior Prefect. (Languages at Reading University).
- Christopher Taylor (Le) 8 A<sup>2</sup>ABB. Senior Prefect. (Modern Studies at Wadham College, Oxford).
- Kenneth Vickers (M) 9 A<sup>2</sup>AABB. (Medicine at Manchester University).
- Nigel Warrack (R) 8 A<sup>1</sup>AAA. Senior Prefect. (English at Wadham College, Oxford).
- Mark Whitehead (S) 8 AAAC. Senior Prefect. Librarian. Member of the Europa Society Committee. (Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Pembroke College, Oxford).
- Michael Williamson (Ev) 8 BBCD. Senior Prefect. Librarian. Member of the School Chess Team. (Law at Liverpool University).
- Austin Wright (W) 9 A<sup>1</sup>A<sup>2</sup>AA. Senior Prefect. Captain of House Chess. (Engineering at Peterhouse College, Cambridge).

**1973-79**

- Steven Glautier (R) 5. (Police Cadet).
- Andrew Rimmer (Ev) 5. (Family Jewellery Business).

**1973-78**

- Mark House (W) 4. (Southport Technical College — technician apprenticeship for the Ministry of Defence).

**1974-79**

- David Turnbull (Le) 5. 1st XV Rugby Colours. (Banking).

**1976-78**

- Robert Hunt (M).
- Warren Oldroyd (G).
- Richard Targett (S) 8. (South Shields Marine and Technical College).

**1977-78**

- Nigel Platt (Hol).

**1978**

- Richard Beswick (G).
- Martin Platt (Hol).

**MASON-DIXON SCHOLARSHIPS**

There were 31 applications for Mason Memorial Scholarships this year, and five for Dixon Scholarships. Awards were made at follows:

**Mason Memorial Scholarships:**

- Colin Sinclair and Michael Corr to undertake a field study course in the Algarve.
- Stephen Laycock to join an ornithological expedition to Trinidad and Tobago.
- Martin Halsall to play in the under-20 water polo team in Malta.
- Iain Turnbull and David Brownlow to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Toronto.
- Michael Harding, Martin Loughlin and Neil Waithman to undertake a geographical and historical study of North Wales.
- Jonathan Cope to play in the Llandudno Hockey Festival.
- David Mottershead to study the function and development of the Costa del Sol.
- Ruaindh Ross and Mervyn Jones to visit historical buildings in Devon and Cornwall.
- Mark Parker to join an Ocean Youth Club voyage.
- Graham Massam and David Livesley to go on a cycle tour of South-West England.
- James Suddaby to take a table-tennis coaching holiday in Durham.
- John Miller and Stephen Ridley to work on a farm in Southern France.
- Paul Smith to join an Outward Bound course in North Wales.
- George Eastmond to attend a dance teacher's congress in Blackpool.

**Dixon Scholarships:**

- Stuart Gow to take a course of climbing instruction.

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A total of £79.00 was distributed to boys from this Fund during the year. This is an increase on the amount paid out last year and the Fund continues to prove a most valuable asset.

### Mr. H. C. DAVIES

Mr. H. C. Davies, who retires this year, is the oldest member of Staff and leaves the School after 26 years' service. He was appointed Head of Biology in 1953 after teaching eight years at Aireburgh Grammar School in Yorkshire and brought with him an energy and enthusiasm which have never flagged. The department flourished and grew under his guidance, until so many boys wished to become doctors and dentists that the small laboratory seemed about to burst at the seams. The popularity of his subject was in no small measure due to his own high academic standards and the quality of work he demanded of his pupils. His name was a by-word for precision and scrupulous attention to detail.

Nor was his knowledge restricted to Biology, as many members of Staff can testify who heard him discuss learnedly on related branches of Chemistry and Physics round the dining-room table at four o'clock. Believing with C. P. Snow in the need for education to bridge the two cultures he was equally willing to give his opinion on Galsworthy or Hardy as on Lamarck or Darwin. His strongly-held purist views on the use of English, of which he was himself no mean exponent, are well known.

Under his guidance the Photographic Society flourished. Not only did he encourage individual boys to improve their photographic skills, giving generously of his time after school, but he also mounted for many years a photographic exhibition as part of the Open Day and his services were regularly in demand to produce those photographs of the casts of School Plays which still adorn the corridors of the old building.

His chief, and most memorable, contribution to the School lay perhaps in the work he devoted to Long Rigg. He was one of the early pioneers and it would be true to say that he has taken more parties of both junior and senior boys than any other member of Staff. Many Lower Sixth boys would never have had the opportunity for wider field-work in Biology had he not been prepared to sacrifice a half-term or several days of the summer holiday.

Like all good schoolmasters he will be remembered above all for his strong character and personality. Invariably polite to both boys and Staff he was the soul of discretion where the reputation of others was concerned — one looked in vain for negative or unkind criticism — as a true scientist he strove for objectivity in all things. He had, on the other hand, what appeared an inexhaustible stock of amusing or interesting anecdotes with which he delighted to regale Staff after school — he could probably have compiled a most readable anthology.

Boys and Staff join in wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness and hope that he and his wife may spend many happy hours fishing (his favourite hobby) and listening to Mozart (his favourite composer) during his retirement at Scarborough.

## AMER'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Amer  
House Tutor: Mr. Dollery  
House Captain: C. Fletcher

The end of an era can be the only way of describing this, the final year of Amer's House. Though its existence has been but a short one, a mere nine years, it has shown its worth. The house has, in my belief, been a success in every possible way, shining out in the darkness of inter-house activities with a high standard of sportsmanship and good conduct, both on and off the field. I would like to thank all those involved with the house, particularly the captains, Ellis, Ball, Edwards and Fletcher, and wish all Amerians every success in future life.

Yours gratefully,  
An unbiased admirer.

Another year is over, and as House Captain I have compiled this report.

This year, as you may have gathered, has been our last, so, to commemorate it, our chaps have been taking a few trophies. Bored with our previous success in Rugby, we concentrated on dominating Cross-Country. We fielded a weaker team this year, as a gesture of good sportsmanship, but still managed to annihilate the opposition. In Swimming we had moderate success, although I believe that had we not bound and gagged our swimmers in order to add a bit of novelty to an otherwise boring gala, we could have won.

Feeling sorry for the Junior House, we gave them permission to win the Junior Chess, which they did admirably, and having a similar agreement about the Junior Cricket, I am sure they will further oblige us. For a bit of a laugh we fielded a Senior Basketball side which could easily have won the competition instead of coming a humble second, had they managed to control their boisterous need to resort to fisticuffs at the slightest opportunity.

Now I think it only leaves me to say one thing: "Will all Amer's men raise their right hands and repeat after me the house motto: Well done those men".

Many thanks are due to Mr. Amer and Mr. Dollery for all their help.

Carl Fletcher (House Captain).

### AMER'S METAMORPHOSIS

In September 1969 I acted as the midwife at the birth of our new House and now, under the K.G.V College reorganisation, I feel like the undertaker, at the demise of the House. However, all must be reassured by the fact that the House will survive as long as one member lives to remember the name and all junior members must draw solace from the fact that Amer's is to be merged into a bigger house unit. This will give the opportunity and challenge for "Amers" to make their mark in a new environment. In this I wish all Intermediates and Juniors "bon voyage".

Of all our past achievements, perhaps the major one was the creation of a formidable House by the initial "magnificent eight" members of 1969. At the end of our journey two original names are still with us, in the younger brothers of Halsall and Pogson. The House has always enjoyed the leadership of top rate House Captains — Ellis M.W., Ball J. M. D. (who was also appointed School Captain), Edwards J. A. and Fletcher C. My grateful thanks to all "senior men" who have assisted the Captains in the running of the House. Lest we forget — all our thanks to the House Tutors — Mr. Greenhalgh, Mr. Dear, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Dollery — for their valiant services.

Amers have recorded their share of success in House Competitions with success at all levels — Swimming, Cross-Country, Chess and Rugby (winning for three consecutive years Senior Rugby and Senior Sevens. Is that a record?). Victory at Cricket, however, has been confined to our Juniors! Well done everybody.

"Ten years in the making, ten minutes in their destroying. This was their history." (With apologies to "A Covenant with Death".)

M. E. Amer (House Master).

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## EDWARDS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Gale  
House Tutor: Mrs. Rimmer  
House Captain: J. Cotterall

As this is the final year of Edwards' House, a special effort has been needed at all levels to restore some of our former prestige.

Although the Seniors performed disappointingly in the Rugby, the Intermediates and Juniors both played with an enthusiasm sadly missing in the upper section of the House.

However, the Seniors did redeem themselves somewhat in the Basketball; two excellent team performances kept a strong Rogers' side down to double figures and contained Grear's to a narrow 16-10 scoreline. Our best performance in this sport came from the Intermediates who reached the semi-final, only to be beaten at the death 16-14 by Lunn's. Notably good performances came from Bond and Bromilow, ably supported by Gale, Anderson, Gidney, Scott, Butterfield and Howe.

The Swimming competition provided us with our best and most consistent performances of the year. The usual trend of Grear's and ourselves fighting it out occurred again this year with (unfortunately for us) Grear's winning both the relay trophy and the Ross Cup. Especially good performances came from Mark Williams and Chris Threlfall in the Seniors, from Scott and Bromilow in the Intermediates and from Anderson in the Juniors.

The Life Saving trophy was again retained by the House; it has been won by Edwards' ever since it was first introduced.

Although the competition is not yet complete, the inter-house Table Tennis should be our first outright victory this year. After brushing aside strong challenges from Grear's, Lunn's and Mason's, the team of Gregory, Ridehalgh and Cotterall moved into the final.

The Intermediates again figured prominently in the Chess competition, progressing to the final before being beaten by Evans'.

Finally, my thanks go to the House Tutor, Mrs. Rimmer, for her enthusiasm and guidance, and especially to our House Master, Mr. Gale, for his advice, encouragement and endless support throughout the year.

J.C.

## EVANS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. T. Marsh  
House Tutor: Mrs. B. Partington  
House Captain: D. Mottershead  
House Vice-Captain: A. Swettenham

With the introduction of the comprehensive system, marking the end of the Grammar School and house system as we know it, the last term of "mighty" Evans' House may end on a successful note. The Seniors have already reached the final of the Cricket and are destined to contest the final with Holland's yet again. We hope the Intermediates and Juniors can follow suit. Similarly there are high hopes in the Athletics, with a possible win depending upon the support of the Intermediates and Juniors to the usually high total of the Seniors.

However, looking back, the last two terms which promised so much turned out to be ones of failure. The Seniors, not helped by some dubious refereeing, went out in a closely fought game to Woodham's 10-6 in the Fifteens and to Spencer's in the Sevens. In the Basketball (a pseudonym for a lunchtime "battle" in the gym) Evans' narrowly failed by a "knock-out", a sending-off and two points to reach the semi-final.

Despite having the Master-in-Charge of Cross-Country, Evans' Seniors could still get nowhere, finishing ninth with 365 points (sorry, Mr. Marsh). The best runners in the House were Franklin who finished sixth in the Intermediates race and M. A. Rimmer who finished 16th in the Senior race. In the Swimming the Seniors took a definite dislike to the icy waters of Southport baths and failed to get any qualifiers to the finals. The Intermediates and Juniors fared a little better, finishing seventh and sixth respectively, with the best performance by Whitely.

Thanks to Colin "Boris" Kerr the Seniors kept up their fine record in the Chess, which was supported by the Juniors, Beddows, Arnold and Glayzer, who came third in the Junior competition. Under the able leadership of J. S. Miller, the Intermediates competed well in the Rugby and Basketball, though they were less successful in the Cross-Country.

My thanks go to Mr. Marsh for his support and work during his stay as Evans' House Master, to Mrs. Partington for all her efforts as House Tutor, and to "Ricky, Dicky" Dalton, Day, Andrews and Dexter for their help in organising House activities.

D.M.

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## GREAR'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. B. Mawer  
House Tutor: Mrs. M. Sanderson  
House Captain: J. R. Elliott

This report would, unfortunately, seem to be the last chapter in the 58-year history of Gear's. The House has evolved from its formation in 1921 by its namesake, Mr. A. T. L. Gear, to become one of the front runners in recent years.

In 1922 the House used to meet every Tuesday for a social evening and in the first House Report, that year, the following hope was expressed, "We have the dream of heading the list of every form at the end of the current school year". Was that statement confined to 1922, or every year to follow?

To beat Gear's has always been quite a feat and we have always been one of the three or four "top dogs". We have kept to our House motto of "Labore atque ludo", meaning (thanks to Mr. J. Clough) "Work as well as play".

After the long leadership of Mr. W. L. Mayne from 1923-1952, the ethos of Gear's changed, from being the top in boxing, which ended as a school sport in 1956, to being second in the inter-house choir competition in its last year of 1965. In 1970-71 Gear's achieved the best-ever total of 76 life saving awards. We have always been well up in the School Swimming Gala with notable triumphs in 1971, 1977 and 1978, taking all three cups on each occasion.

Rugby has always been a sport in which Gear's has made an impact; more so in recent years, due to the leadership of the House by that renowned Welshman Mr. T. B. L. Davies, who built up teams which have attained several semi-final placings. The Juniors won one of their two finals in 1975 and several members of this team played in the Senior final of 1977. Also under the leadership of Mr. Davies, Gear's attained its eighth victory, in 1974, in the Jubilee Cup Competition, to be followed by two second placings in 1975 and 1976.

I'm sure that Mr. Mawer has enjoyed his three-year leadership of the House, supported by Mrs. Sanderson, one of the first female House Tutors. They have enabled Gear's, even though disbanded in name, to be remembered by every Old Boy of the School.

Finally my thanks to Mr. T. B. Johnson for the loan of his 58-year-old collection of "Red Roses", in order to extract some of Gear's prominent history.

J.R.E.

## HOLLAND'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Metford  
House Tutor: Mrs. Metcalfe  
House Captain: D. Halsall

20th July, 1979. 3-50 p.m.

The curtain rises, revealing Room 14. The room is empty except for one member of Holland's House.

Typical, isn't it? After years in the "well-we-would-have-won-but" category, the year in which Holland's actually began winning happens to be the last year of the House. The Juniors vanquished (you learn big words in Holland's, you know) all comers in the Cross-Country, then in the Junior Sevens Hodgson simply walked through the opposition, then, just as we were poised to win the Junior Fifteens, they tell us that there are no Junior Fifteens this year. See what I mean? Typical!

Turning to the Intermediates and Seniors — oh dear, it was one of those years! There is not a lot one can say about their Cross-Country performance (well, there is, but it would not be printed here!). Nor about the Intermediate or Senior Rugby (although the Seniors almost beat Grear's and terrified Edwards' into withdrawing).

We actually reached the semi-final of the Basketball, led by Haydn Preece, before losing to Amer's where we were winning until a spectator with cries of "Come on, you men" distracted our attention. The Badminton team, led by Michael Ross, started well, scoring 3 points out of a possible 44 in the first match. Actually, it turned out to be a very successful season: we won one game (the opposition didn't turn up!) and the Chess and Table Tennis teams nearly won . . .

Seriously, Holland's may not have been the most successful House, but every member of it, past and present, gained as much as he put into it and it is going to be a sad loss to life at K.G.V when the Houses are gone. We would like to thank Mr. Metcalfe and Mrs. Metford (or is it the other way around?) and Mr. Ward and Mr. Bruce for their efforts over the years. Thanks, and commiseration, are due to Dave Halsall for his captaincy of a House which is sometimes less than enthusiastic about sport (as can be seen from the range of excuses tendered, for example, "I can't turn up tonight, my boy, I'm having my hair tinted") and to Haydn Preece, Simon Biddulph and Nick ("I haven't been booked again, have I?") Dawson, whose blue shoes were a constant source of amusement to us all.

Ah well (he sighed), the end is drawing near and an era is drawing to a close. The constant pitter-patter of tiny feet followed by a dull thud as another excuse-ridden Junior hits the dust will never again echo around this room. If only . . .

The curtain falls. The rest is silence.

R. M. Ross.

## HONEYBONE'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Miley  
House Tutor: Mrs. Robinson  
House Captain: C. W. Mellalieu

The House extends a warm welcome to Mrs. P. Robinson as House Tutor.

Again, this was a rather disappointing year for Honeybone's when we were hoping to win something in our final year.

However, despite the startling ten-second House meetings of Charles Mellalieu which were so informative, the Juniors again managed to prop up the rest of the House in the sports field by producing the winner of the Junior Cross-Country (Reeves) and reaching the final of the Junior Chess Tournament.

Most recently, Pete Miles capped an energetic year by competing in every sport and in the Cricket, scoring 18 out of 23 and 27 out of 56.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Miley for the years which he has devoted to Honeybone's and although he has been fighting a continuous losing battle, he has always come through smiling.

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## LEECH'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. G. W. Dudley  
House Tutor: Mr. A. Clowes  
House Captain: R. M. Stott

My first duty is to thank and congratulate the above-named leaders of the House for their efforts on our behalf.

The year started with the inevitable Cross-Country in which Leech's did not excel despite the masochistic tendencies of many of the House members. The next item in the annual routine was the dip in the Southport Swimming Baths for the Inter-House Swimming competition. Leech's, to their credit, put up a reasonable show and managed to finish a good sixth. This was mainly due to a small number of excellent swimmers, namely David Whittaker and Cockwill.

Passing on from this glimmer of hope for the House to the most outstanding event of the year, the Winter. Due to this hiccup in our climate the Rugby dragged on and on. It must be the case that the Juniors and Intermediates of our House are warm-weather folk because their showing in the Rugby was, to say the least, disastrous. Both teams lost easily early in the competition, although perhaps the Juniors could have fared better in the Fifteens had these been played. The rest of the House obviously didn't take any guidance from the Seniors because they managed to salvage something from the quagmire. On the same day they played in the Sevens final and the Fifteens final. On the morning of this momentous day they beat Spencer's with ease. The afternoon however proved less fruitful as the team lost narrowly to Woodham's. Although all members of the team made a superb effort, the player who made the greatest contribution was David Turnbull.

Meanwhile, back in the Gymnasium both House teams in the Basketball were going down gallantly. Evidently there are not any potential Globetrotters in Leech's House.

Our hopes for success in the Badminton were washed away when the Gymnasium was flooded during the Winter.

At the time of writing this report the Intermediates have a good chance of doing well in the Cricket.

Finally, we regret that after many illustrious years since the formation of the House, Leech's will lose its individual identity in merging with two other Houses.

Russell M. Stott.

## LUNN'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. R. Stitchbury  
House Tutor: Mrs. A. Szczesniak  
House Captain: M. P. Dransfield  
House Recorder: A. Monk

In the course of this year Lunn's House has seen a series of what could be described as near misses.

Starting with the Cross-Country, the Seniors finished high up the list and the Intermediates, encouraged by the Senior result, were placed second overall. Then came the turn of the Juniors who unfortunately could not follow our example and finished well down the list.

The next near miss came in the Basketball competition which brought with it high hopes of a trophy as the Intermediates rose to great heights in reaching the final only to be narrowly defeated by Rogers'. Thanks go to P. Openshaw for his participation in the competition.

Lunn's House also managed to finish in the top half of the list for the Swimming which was unexpected as the House has never been strong in this field.

After many postponements, the Senior Rugby was eventually played and lost by 54 points to 12 to Amer's. Consolation was achieved, though, by beating Rogers' by a larger margin than Amer's did. The other Houses now regarded us as of little consequence in the Rugby Sevens but little did they realise that we had a secret weapon ready in the form of newcomer "Elkie" Brooks our champion sprinter. Having qualified and reached the semi-final we were drawn against a very strong Leech's House team. Somehow we managed to lose a 10-0 half-time lead in extra time to be narrowly beaten, allowing Leech's through to the final which they won more easily than the semi-final. The Intermediates also reached the semi-final but suffered the same fate as the Seniors.

The Chess was supervised by George Eastmond and the Table-Tennis by A. Rowlands, who have helped the House to achieve moderate success in both these events.

The Seniors made no great advances in the Cricket but we look to have a very strong side out for the Athletics.

Thanks especially go to Mr. Stitchbury and Mrs. Szczesniak for their support over the last year. One feature of the year was Mrs. Szczesniak's very short House meetings which rarely gave the Sixth-form time to get to Room 24.

With a bit of luck, next year may see this year's near misses turned into victories.

M.P.D.

## MASON'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. R. Clark  
House Tutor: Mr. T. J. Bruce  
House Captain: R. Keeley  
Vice-Captain: M. Jones

The sporting year started well for the House. Despite relinquishing our hold on the Cross-Country trophy by 12 points, we came a very creditable second overall. Cropper gave a superb performance for the Intermediates by breaking the school record. In Chess, we never quite showed the flair of Karpov, and the Badminton team was found to be fighting a continuous uphill struggle.

Then came the Rugby. First the Seniors fell in the Fifteens where, if every player had shown the attitude and determination of Roberts, we would have had a very strong side. The Intermediates fared little better despite the efforts of Cropper and Carter. In the Sevens all three teams failed to reach the semi-finals.

The Seniors excelled in the Basketball and were defeated 20-18 in the semi-finals by Rogers' who went on to win an easy final. There were, however, good skills shown by W. Birtles and Chong. Swimming remains a House weak point despite the valiant efforts of L. Birtles.

Congratulations must go to Harding. He captained the Table-Tennis team that lost to Edwards' in the semi-finals, and he also led the Senior Cricket team to the semi-finals where we narrowly lost a well-fought game. Once again the ability of Chong and W. Birtles was apparent.

Looking to the Athletics, a few House members are capable of personal success but the House as a whole does not excel at athletics.

We would like to thank Mr. Clark and Mr. Bruce for all the time they have spent for the good of the members of the House.

M.J., R.K.

## ROGERS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Freem  
House Tutor: Mr. Cochrane  
House Captains: M. Holmes, G. Whalley

Rogers' House has a reputation for being poorly represented on the sporting side of inter-house activities. However, Mr. Cochrane's five-year plan, of which fifteen months have now passed, has resulted in a dramatic improvement in the House's sporting success. This would, of course, culminate in just under five years' time with the winning of the Jubilee Trophy, but unfortunately will be curtailed by the condensing of the House system next year.

The high-point of the House's achievements was the winning of the Senior and Intermediate Basketball competitions. Spurred on by this success the Intermediates went on to win the Rugby Fifteens, beating Spencer's, and were also runners-up to Spencer's in the Sevens.

Yet on the immediate horizon is the final of the Intermediate Cricket, in which Rogers' are the firm favourites.

We need, however, to concentrate on our Swimming, Athletics and one or two other minority sports in which the House has not excelled.

We are grateful to Mr. Freem and Mr. Cochrane for their leadership of the House. Finally I would like to thank Messrs. Holmes and Whalley for neglecting to write this report, thereby giving me a chance to get my name into print.

Ian Pattison.

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## SPENCER'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. M. Basford  
House Tutor: Mr. B. L. Hubbard  
House Captain: I. Singleton  
House Vice-Captain: M. A. Roberts

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

We started the Autumn Term in defence of the Jubilee Cup and under the strong leadership of Ian Singleton we have proved once again that Spencer's House is a House to contend with. All sections of the House proved loyal and dedicated. Unfortunately the degree of success has not been consistent, despite a tremendous effort by House members, because of illness, injury and the weather. In the Rugby Sevens competition the Juniors reached the semi-final, the Intermediates won the final and the Seniors lost to Leech's in the final, giving us overall the premier position in the competition. Swimming and Cross-Country proved not to be great successes although we came third in the Relay Cup, fifth in the other Swimming events and the Juniors did extremely well to come third in the Cross-Country.

At the time of going to press the Intermediate Cricket team appear to be repeating the success of last year and have reached the final. The Senior Cricket team narrowly lost in the final. In the Athletics we came fifth overall.

Perhaps it is fitting at this time for reflection. Spencer's House has been in existence for fifty-two years and during that time Spencer's boys have played a full and active part in School life both in the classroom and on the sports field. It is a House with a tradition that its members can be proud of. Sadly because of the rationalisation of the House system next year, Spencer's House will undergo considerable change but I am sure that the principles which have evolved in the House during its long history will be carried on as long as King George V School exists.

## WOODHAM'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Berry  
House Tutor: Miss Woodward  
House Captain: D. M. Edwards

Woodham's run of success this year began with a magnificent display in the Senior Rugby. Innumerable points were scored in the first two preliminary matches, to be followed by a glorious display of Rugby magic to beat a strong Evans' team in the semi-final. Thus the final was set — Woodham's versus Leech's (or Edwards versus Mad-dock). It was, as expected, a close affair, yet we won by

six points to three. As with all great teams a list of stars is hard to pick, but Tim Ogden, Dave Hodgeson, Ian Warren and Christopher were all players whose contribution to the game was significant, although modesty forbids me to say who scored most points! The Senior Sevens were nearly a success when the team reached the semi-finals only to be outnumbered by Spencer's and finally going down to them.

The Intermediates narrowly lost to Amer's but thrashed Holland's 32-0, Guidi and Lee being the main contributors. But, alas, this form could not get them through to the semi-finals of the Sevens competition and they went down bravely.

The Juniors almost won the Sevens trophy but didn't, probably because they were annihilated in both of their matches.

Senior Cricket lacked the cohesion and teamwork brought out by the Rugby season and aided by S. Gow's and Christopher's bowling abilities the opposition won by at least 80 runs.

In the Basketball, the Seniors would probably have won the non-existent trophy if only the opposition hadn't brought into play dirty tactics which sent the Woodham's five into convulsions of fear!

C. Wood ran especially well in the Senior Cross-Country, arriving home 12th, and the Seniors finished 6th overall. The Intermediates took the House to second place in their race, leaving it for the Juniors to do an average job to ensure Woodham's finishing well up the final placings. However, they finished 12th and the House fell down the ratings.

Badminton was a high point with P. Wright playing the captain's rôle to put Woodham's in third place of division one — well done!

Thanks to Porter, in the third year, we gained a school record in the backstroke at the Swimming Gala; he also came a close second in the freestyle. Due to lack of Senior support the House only finished ninth overall and this was a disappointing result.

Munoz and that young "five A-level man" Radford Gow, led the Chess team to victory in three out of its four matches. Also P. Stott should be thanked for his leadership of the Table-Tennis team even though he could not take them through to the semi-finals.

On a final note I would like to thank all members of the House who took part in House competition. A special mention must be made of C. R. G. Gow and P. Stott who gave full enthusiasm and participation in all events. Many thanks are due to Mr. Berry and Miss Woodward for their help throughout the year.

D.M.E.

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## 1st XV REPORT 1978-79

Played	Won	Lost	Points For	Points Against
11	8	3	227	75

### Results

K.G.V, 10; Blackpool Collegiate, 9.

Hutton G.S., 4; K.G.V, 15.

Liverpool College, 15; K.G.V, 27.

Whitby Comprehensive, 0; K.G.V, 33.

K.G.V, 18; St. Mary's, Crosby, 6.

Ormskirk G.S., 15; K.G.V, 9.

Kirkham, 14; K.G.V, 10.

K.G.V, 24; Widnes Junior College, 4.

Runshaw, 0; K.G.V, 42.

Cowley, 8; K.G.V, 6.

Chilly Mazarin (France), 0; K.G.V, 33.

Seven matches were cancelled.

The magnificent fifteen wiped the smiles off the faces of most of our opponents this season. Rugby is a team game and this is what we proved this year. Captained by Mark Edwards, the lads worked at any weakness in their game and improved to such an extent that scores of below ten points in our favour were unusual.

Much has to be said of the great eight, who supplied the backs with so much ball that in many matches it was almost embarrassing. It can safely be said that the pack was never beaten — even by Cowley, and this is reflected in the fact that over half the points scored came from this formidable unit. Andy Maxwell was particularly valuable at the back of the scrum, and it was his speed, strength and size that gave him the award of best back row player.

Behind the pack Chris Wood and his new improved pass gained in experience and ability as the season progressed. It is unfortunate that he only found out that he could dodge and swerve late in the season, because this ability would have brought him more praise and points from his critics.

Bill Birtles, at fly half, started well yet lost form at the end of the season — the only person to amaze Mr. Wohlers with his kicking. The rest of the backs all played well and gave all they could to the game. However, without the stabilising ability of Neil Webster the backs were often shaky in attack, and this often frustrated the forwards.

Many matches were cancelled, and the team were very upset not to be able to play quite as often as they would have liked. However when they played they made up for lost matches by romping away with thirty and forty points sometimes not uncommon. Hard matches were expected against Cowley and Kirkham and even though these matches were lost 6-8 and 10-14 respectively the team played exceptionally well and only lost after a hard struggle. Several impressive victories were recorded.

David Turnbull kicked most of his attempts at goal and this contributed significantly to our totals. The backs did not, as a whole, play up to the standard set by the pack, but if they had done no-one would have beaten us.

The season was nicely rounded off with a "tour" to France. Both 1st XV and U15 XV travelled to Versailles to play French schoolboy teams. As it turned out only one match was played, against Chilly Mazarin, and the school won 33-0. The team which played this club was a mixture of senior and junior boys and it was encouraging to see the U15 XV being able to mix in with a much older team so successfully. Messrs. Stitchbury, Peach, Bruce and Ball all gave constructive criticism from the touchline as the side drove for the line and as the Websters scored their try.

Thanks are due to all players and teachers who helped this season and we would like to thank especially Mr. Wohlers who came in on Saturdays to referee our matches.

The following lads have played for the school 1st XV regularly this season:

Everett (full-back/wing): stringy and strong tackling.

Turnbull (full-back): wiry and the epitome of the attacking full-back.

Dalton (wing): a clever tactical kicker and quick when given the ball.

Hodgeson (wing): most tuneful member of the 1st XV.

Maddock (centre): put in some fine performances.

Webster (centre): too sensible for our team yet probably the best back in it.

Birtles (fly half): moulds his style of play on Mr. Stitchbury's excellent example.

Wood (scrum half): had some outstanding matches.

Day (number eight): proved that "short legs rule, O.K.!"

Andy Maxwell (flanker): showed that the largest aren't always the slowest.

Vernon (second row): hopes to circumnavigate the world by train.

Elliott (second row): whenever not injured or ill, played outstandingly.

Corr (hooker): an outstanding player.

Speight (second team captain): had many good matches.

A special mention must be made of the following: Houghton (prop): wallowed his way through many second team games, spurting through defences only to flounder at the line. Ian Singleton and Mark Edwards (props): a solid grounding for a fine team. Undoubtedly the best forwards. Mallinder, Saunders and Fletcher also played.

D.M.E., I.S.

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## RUGBY COLOURS 1978/79

Re/Re-Award:-

Full: N. Webster, D. C. Turnbull; Half: T. Ogden, S. W. H. Houghton, C. Stitson.

Re-Award:-

Full: C. Fletcher, C. D. Wood, D. M. Edwards, M. Dalton; Half: D. Whittaker, W. Jackson, M. Dransfield, D. Halsall, R. Beltham.

Award:-

Full: I. Singleton, R. Everett, A. Maxwell, M. Corr, M. Vernon, J. Elliot, M. Day, W. Birtles, J. P. Maddock, D. Hodgson, S. P. Speight; Half: D. Saunders, M. Roberts, J. Brooks.

R.A.S.

## UNDER-15 XV REPORT, 1978-79

The following have represented the School this year: Owens, Pickard J., Clemahan, Webster, Stewart, Pickard H., Baker, Cartlidge (capt.), Cropper, Allott, Olive, Sturgeon, Farr, Bond, Greenhalgh, Kershaw, Cullen, Wilson.

### Playing Record

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
9	5	1	3	141	47

### Results

	For	Against	Venue
Blackpool Collegiate .....	0	3	Home
Hutton G.S. ....	13	0	Home
Liverpool College .....	4	4	Away
Whitby Comprehensive .....	6	16	Away
St. Mary's College .....	6	20	Home
Ormskirk .....	22	0	Away
Balshaws .....	48	4	Home
Ainsdale Comprehensive U15/U16	26	0	Home
Christ the King U16 .....	10	0	Away

The Under-15 XV finished with a reasonable record thanks to improved performances after Christmas. The side gave a good account of themselves in all games except the defeat at Whitby Comprehensive where no real commitment was shown.

The side had many fine individual players and at times played well as a team. The disastrous winter did not help as six games were cancelled between November and February.

The French Rugby Tour proved enjoyable despite the lack of rugby matches. The majority of the Under-15's took part in the solitary game against the Chilly Mazarin side which K.G.V won by 30-0. Webster should remember the game as he kept up with his elder brother to score a fine try.

I hope the players continue to enjoy and play rugby as they develop and become senior players.

T.J.B.

## HOCKEY REPORT

The second half of the season got off to a disappointing start. Out of the nine games arranged, six were cancelled due either to bad weather or lack of financial support.

Our first match was a return, against Green Bank High. After a hard and vicious battle we turned out winners again. The best match of the season was against Widnes College. After being behind for most of the game, we pulled back to win 3-2 (well played men!).

The Old Boys match was a bit of a wash-out, but we still played. Unfortunately we lost 3-4 (Mr. Freem will not borrow players next time!). The after-match drinks were enjoyed by those who bothered to come along.

We finally had success in the local Trinity Six-a-side Tournament, in which we came a close third. We were beaten by the eventual winners, but showed that we can play hockey when we want to.

Scorers this term: Monk (6), Roberts (3), Horrocks (1), Biddulph (1), Threlfall (1), Guidi (1), Cummins (1).

Thank you to all those who played this season, and also to Mr. Comfort. Finally, thanks are due to all who aided with transport.  
A.J.M. (captain)

## CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

Matches played: 8 — 4 won, 4 lost

This season has been one of frequent cancellations due to the weather, and by the time we ran our first match it appeared that "Wally", our ten-foot white rabbit, had deserted us! In spite of this tremendous handicap the team rallied together and gained vital new recruits in the form of Rob Stephens and Dave Turnbull although, due to injuries gained on the rugby field, Turnbull only managed one appearance.

In the latter part of the season "Wally" finally returned to inspire us to improve our position in the Rossall relay race.

The following is a list of shady characters in no way connected with Cross-Country:

Alan Pogson (captain): A proficient runner, but becomes unstuck when confronted by water.

Mervyn Jones: Ran well with the aid of his puppeteer.

John Williams: A fine prospect but must decide for next season on which leg to have his injury.

Stitson: He turned running at the back into an art.

Woolston: We are seriously concerned that the sugar content in his blood may ruin this boy prodigy.

Cropper: A consistently good performer.

Ian Maclean: A reliable member of the team.

Robert Stephens: When the end of the world didn't occur (November '78) he decided to run for the team.

David Turnbull: Corners well on his left foot. Unfortunately, injury led to his only making one, brief appearance.

A few words must be given to Mr. Marsh, our honourable manager, trainer and chauffeur. The team, Wally and myself would like to thank him for all the hard work he put in this year, especially as he had to cope with unusual weather and the re-arrangement of fixtures. He will be a sad loss when he relinquishes his post.

If anybody sees a lost white rabbit answering to the name "Wally" would he please return him to the K.G.V C.C.T.  
A.P.

## K.G.V EASTER VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

Unlike last year's trip, this one began at the civilised hour of 2 p.m. We arrived at Manchester Airport and took the 6-05 p.m. flight to Zurich on a Trident III. The journey from Zurich to Wilderswil took two hours and when we finally arrived we were greeted with a tremendous two Franc meal which consisted of a ham roll with mustard and a cup of tea without milk or sugar.

On the following day, Tuesday, we wandered around Wilderswil in the morning and in the afternoon we travelled into the bustling streets of nearby Interlaken for some souvenir hunting.

Wednesday was spent in Geneva, the centre of international affairs, where we visited the Reformation statues and had a guided tour of the U.N. building. It was here that several of the party, including myself, became detached from the rest and spent part of the afternoon looking for everyone else.

On Thursday we visited Berne, where we saw the Bear Pits (and the bears). It was here, at Berne, that Bordi played a game of giant chess with one of the locals. Happily, Bordi won.

On Friday, we went to Lauterbrunnen on a cable car. A height of eight thousand feet was reached and snowball fights were fought in knee-deep snow.

Saturday saw a trip to Lucerne, where we visited the Automobile Museum, and travelled back across the scenic Lake Brienz.

Sunday was a quiet day spent at Wilderswil and on Monday morning we set out across Switzerland to Zurich Airport. At noon we arrived back at Manchester, and, by 3-15 p.m., were back home enjoying real food at last.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Comfort, Mr. Basford and Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn who ensured that the Swiss Holiday 1979 was an enjoyable and successful one.

G. Danter.

### CANOE CLUB TRIP TO ANGLESEY

(or "How to pile nine canoes on a minibus")

Mr. Clowes and Mr. Freem kindly organized a three day trip to Rhosneigr, near Holyhead. Wednesday was rainy but sunstroke conditions (nearly) occurred on Thursday and Friday.

We canoed on the inland sea, really an estuary, and tried some fast water under a bridge. Many baths were involuntarily taken here. Grant was the last to succumb and Sutcliffe seemed to enjoy swimming more than canoeing. We all learned the best way to fall out of a canoe, as did Youlton's "butties". In the evening we tried surf canoeing at Cable bay, followed by midnight potato cakes!

On Friday there was two inch high surf so we went on a sea trip which had its ups and downs (pun). We canoed about three miles along the coast to an old chapel on a small island. Miraculously no-one fell in! On the way home we stopped in Bangor where they serve the worst chop suey rolls in Wales. Anyway, we have all recovered now, and thanks are due to Mr. Clowes and Mr. Freem for a truly **unforgettable** trip.

K. DUNKERLEY

### KING GEORGE V SCHOOL EASTER CONCERT 1979

This year's Easter Concert took place, for the first time, in the Library rather than the School Hall, with the disadvantage that an upright piano had to be used. The programme was varied—from Lassus to Errol Garner. In the first half the School Orchestra played music by Handel, Hayden, Couperin, and Purcell's "Trumpet Tune" (without trumpet!). Well performed were Fauré's Berceuse from "The Dolly Suite" (piano duet played by R. Keeley and P. Wynne), Yugoslav Folk Songs by Seiber (Madrigal Choir), and B. Hughes' Two Old Testament Spirituals—"Jonah" and "Norah" (Choir). Other performers were the Recorder Group, I. Anderson and I. Knifton.

After an interval, during which refreshments were served in the Lecture Theatre, the second half began with the Madrigal Choir performing Lassus' "Matona Mia Cara" particularly well. Also well performed were Debussy's Arabesque No. 1 (P. Wynne, piano), and "Misty" by Errol Garner (R. Keeley, piano). Stefan Walker (who has now left the School) made a last appearance in a Recorder Sonata by Telemann, accompanied by his brother, Frikki. Other performers were D. Metcalfe, G. Boardman and A. Hassenruck. The concert finished with the patriotic "Blest Pair of Sirens" by Parry (Choir, Mr. Matthews, piano). The concert was successful overall and a collection was made at the end in aid of music funds.

G. D. W. BOARDMAN, G. PETRIE-BROWN

### THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Over the last two years, the School's Natural History Society has grown from strength to strength. During the first term of existence, we had only ten members—this has now increased, however, to about thirty.

Venues, over the years, have varied greatly. We have had lectures by well-known personalities, such as: Dr. P. H. Smith—"Conservation of the Natterjack Toad"; Mr. S. J. Riley—"The African Adventures"; Mr. E. Johns—"Flora, Fauna and Folklore"; as well as by Dr. G. Skinner, Mr. P. Carty and Mr. A. J. H. Harrop. Several R.S.P.B. films have also been shown at meetings.

The highlights of our field trips must be the Solway trips, where we have been lucky enough to see a golden eagle, peregrine falcons, divers and many different types of geese and ducks, including a rarity—a drake king eider (about the 86th British record).

A trip to Anglesey and N. Wales produced an even rarer bird, the North American black duck (6th British record), although even local trips to Martin Mere, Marshside and Formby Point, when the emphasis was on other forms of wildlife, were also very interesting.

Special thanks must go to Dr. G. Skinner, who has now driven the society nearly 1,000 miles, and also to the devoted committee, who have already put forward new and exciting ideas for the Natural History Society in the Sixth Form College and with two new biology teachers joining the staff, 1979 and 1980 should prove very exciting years for the society, and we hope that the admission of girls to the School will further increase our membership.

N.H., S.J.L., G.J.S.

### CHESS CLUB REPORT

Committee:

G. Eastmond, C. Kerr, I. Knowlson, I. Skipsey, J. Suddaby,  
P. Tiplady

This year has seen much success for the School's Chess teams. Although the 'B' team lost in the first round, the 'A' team reached the zonal final of the 'Sunday Times' national knockout cup. Also, the Under 16 team reached the semi-final of the Merseyside competition. Congratulations to all concerned in the success.

On a more mundane front, the Chess Club has been well supported, with much play of a high standard taking place in Room 13 every lunchtime. I hope this support will continue next year.

The Senior House competition proved to be an Evans' triumph after the previous year's disappointments, whilst the Junior competition was won by Amer's.

Finally, thanks are due to Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Cochrane for their sterling efforts throughout the year.

## THE BUSINESS GAME REPORT

Having won Heat 1 before Christmas the K.G.V team entered Heat 2. The board was necessarily smaller and less experienced because of the loss of its Oxbridge members and now consisted of P. Tiplady, J. Suddaby, I. Knowlson, L. Hayward and J. Poirrette. Our opponents in Heat 2 were Dame Allan Boys School, Lutterworth Grammar School and Truro School.

The first problem encountered was a transport strike which limited sales for the first two periods of the five. This should have worked to our advantage as all four boards, however experienced, were now facing previously unknown conditions. However we lost out on sales in the first period but made up some of the lost ground in the second period. We stayed in second place from the second period to the end, unable to catch up Dame Allan who won with £4.4m. profit compared with our £3.9m. profit. It was encouraging that our game commentator wrote in his report, "Your performance would have been sufficient to win in other company".

Thanks go to Mr. Collier for his advice and transport home after board meetings and to P. Tiplady for being Chairman and providing a board-room during half-term.

J. M. A. POIRRETTE

## STOCKPILER

The Stockpiler competition is a game in which each team starts with the notional sum of £20,000 which it is free to invest as it pleases on the Stock Exchange. The winning team is the one which has amassed the largest profit over the duration of the game. For the first time K.G.V entered two teams, one from the Upper Sixth and one from the Lower Sixth. The final placings were very encouraging: K.G.V. 'A' team, largely consisting of George Eastmond, finished a very respectable ninth making a total profit of £2,021 which considering he was revising for his 'A' levels and working alone was an excellent result. The Lower Sixth team, the first to be entered, did even better, finishing a commendable fourth making a profit of £4,450. The team consisting of Ian Turnbull, Karl Dunkerley and Richard Titherington could have done even better but for some unfortunate clerical errors which resulted in the team being fined—the culprit shall remain nameless (a clue: it was not one of the team). Mr. Bruce, in charge of the clerical side, has high hopes for next year when we shall have the services of the girls from Greenbank High School who won the competition with a profit of £5,410. So who knows, next year, with the help of the girls from Greenbank and our own canny Scot Ian Turnbull we might even win!

R.E.T.

## MERIT CARD AWARDS

Mark Brookfield (L5B.Lu.), History C.J.C.  
Andrew Webster (4M.R.), French S.S.  
Andrew Webster (4M.R.), Mathematics E.T.J.  
Ian Maclean (L5X.Holl.), French S.S.  
Ian Robson (L5X.M.), French S.S.  
Paul Wilkinson (4B.W.), History C.J.C.  
Paul Wilkinson (4B.W.), Chemistry H.T.M.  
Sean Burgess (3B.Ed.), Fieldwork at Long Rigg P.J.C.  
David Edwards (3B.Ev.), Fieldwork at Long Rigg P.J.C.  
Philip Sherwill (3X.M.), Fieldwork at Long Rigg, P.J.C.  
Philip Hurren (3X.M.), Fieldwork at Long Rigg P.J.C.  
Peter Wanklyn (L5B.Ed.), Chemistry H.T.M.  
David Graham (4W.G.), History B.L.H.  
Paul Munoz (3M.W.), French S.S.  
Craig Mailey (3M.Ev.), French S.S.  
Jeremy Makepeace (L5W.Ev.), History S.P.  
Richard Barter (L5B.Ed.), History C.J.C.  
Mark Brookfield (L5B.Lu.), History C.J.C.  
Russell Moore (L5B.A.), History C.J.C.

## SENIOR PREFECTS SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This year the Social Committee managed one of the greatest feats of 20th century economics—by actually achieving a profit! However by the time this is read that profit will have been squandered on the annual Prefects' coach trip to that liquid haven of the North, the Lake District.

The Social Committee began the year with very frequent and sometimes fruitful meetings. We arranged in our year of office two dances at the School. The first, the "Nothing like Christmas" dance, proved to be one of the most successful events of its kind for some years, but the second (in the Easter term) was not such a great success—although it gained, for the Social Committee at least, that most coveted accolade—a photograph and mention on the front page of the Southport Visiter!

The dances' successes are due partly to the hard work of the Prefects and committee members and also to the unstinting support of two people—Mr. Hubbard, who helped with arrangements and was also Master in Charge on the respective nights, and Mr. Miller, who did everything possible to make the dances smooth running, well ordered events—sincerest thanks to both.

Money from the dances was also donated to charity—this year the Ellerslie Court Home for Spastics. The end of the Autumn term is well remembered for the "Alternative Carol Service" which raised a few laughs and also £50 for the Carel Van Menulen Trust Fund. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Prefects who took part in the concert and Messrs. Cleese, Idle, Palin, Chapman, Jones,

Cook and Moore for their inspiration and sketches. Also a special thank-you is due to the Headmaster who allowed us to present such a raw, uncensored production in the School Hall.

The remainder of the fund was used for some of the more traditional functions: first, the purchase of the all-important dart board—a regular piece of Prefects' Room furniture, and, of course, the pièce de résistance of any Senior Prefects' year, the Annual Prefects' Dinner. We broke with tradition this year, with a change of venue that proved extremely successful.

With the transition to a Sixth-Form College imminent it is hoped that the Social Committee is not lost in the upheaval re-organisation entails and that this traditional part of Upper Sixth social activities is preserved and improved upon in years to come.

Finally, I would like to extend personal thanks to the members of the committee: Pete Miles, Mark Edwards, Dave Andrews, Ian Singleton and Andy Swettenham, for their tireless(?) efforts and support during the year.

B. KLAASSEN (Chairman)

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

Chairman: C. J. Williams      Treasurer: H. N. Waithman  
 Secretary: K. Dunkerley      Publicity: C. J. Swift  
 Chemist (occasionally): A. Hassenruck

##### Chairman's Log Stardate 20.7.79

January—Very little happens. A few members continue to use the darkroom (whenever chemist replenishes chemical stocks).

February—Cancelled.

March—Mr. A. Hassenruck "accidentally" drops darkroom clock in dish of developer. Mr. C. Williams promises a meeting "soon".

April—Clock stops. Meeting "within a week". Vote of no confidence in committee demanded.

May—Even less happens than in January. Messrs. Williams and Swift vote Conservative.

June—The committee announces its retirement. Coup d'état attempted. Mr. K. Dunkerley is elected chairman instead.

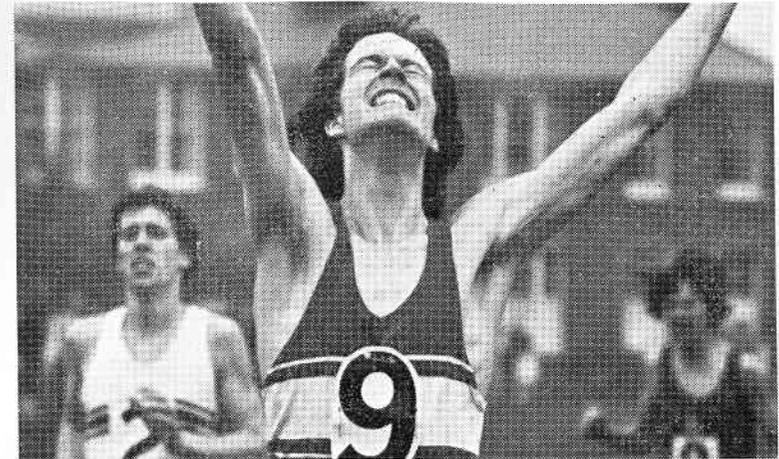
The committee cannot be bothered to confirm or deny any accusations of apathy.

Advertisement—New committee wanted. Interested persons (male, female or dolphin) should see Mr. Freem, the new president, next term.

Finally, we would sincerely like to thank our retiring president, Mr. Davies, for all his help and encouragement over many years.

C.J.W.

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