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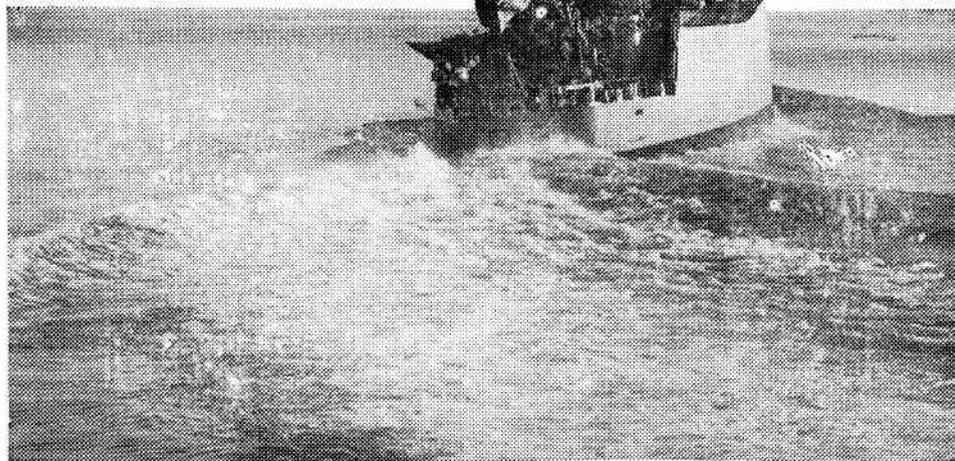
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We are very sorry to announce the death of Mr. W. L. Mayne, at Swansea, on 12th October, 1971. Mr. Mayne joined the school staff in 1922 and became Housemaster of Gear's in 1923, in which post he remained until he retired in 1952.

STAFF CHANGES

We were sorry to lose the services of Dr. H. L. Bhatia, Mr. P. C. Brooke and Mr. G. Dean, all of whom had held temporary posts and left at the end of last term.

We welcome back to the staff Mr. P. Holland, though we are sorry that it was the illness of his father which caused him to relinquish his Head of Department post in Essex to come back to Southport.

We are also very pleased to have on the staff this term:

Mr. A. R. Bickerstaffe and Mr. F. Large, respectively from Manchester and Liverpool Universities, in the Physics Department;

Mr. A. G. Jones, who was trained at Loughborough College, and is taking Art and Woodwork;

Mr. G. Rogers, from London University, who joins the History Department in place of Mr. Brooke, and

Mr. I. Travers, from London University, who comes in as an additional member of the Geography Department.

Mr. L. Butler, from Oxford University, has taken Mr. Lacy's place in charge of Religious Education.

We also welcome Mlle. C. Fouçon as French Assistante.

Mrs. E. Rigby resigned from the post of kitchen supervisor at the end of the summer term and we welcome Miss J. Althorpe in her place.

NUMBERS IN SCHOOL

Numbers in school at the beginning of this term were 789, with 234 in the sixth form, showing a slight decrease on last year.

MEETINGS

On 6th October there was a Careers Meeting for the parents of lower fifth boys at which a film was shown and Mr. Abram, Mr. Wright, the Youth Employment Officer, and Miss Smailes, Careers Officer, C.Y.E.E., gave talks to the parents explaining the nature of the advice and help which would be available to their sons in helping to choose their careers.

There was also a meeting for parents of new boys on 20th October last.

BRADBURN CUP

On Friday, 10th September, we were very pleased to have a brief visit from Mrs. Bradburn who presented the Bradburn Cup for Swimming to the school in 1922 after the death of her 14-year old son Onslow Bradburn. The cup was bought with Onslow's pocket money.

THE MASON MEMORIAL FUND

One Mason Fund Scholarship has already been allotted this year to Paul Coulter to enable him to participate in the C.C.P.R. Mountaineering Course, Introductory Outdoor Activities, in January.

Members of the school who wish to be considered for Mason Scholarships for the year 1971-72, should submit their proposals in writing to the Headmaster by 13th March, 1972. There is no lower age limit and the proposal may be for any form of adventurous or educational activity organised by one or more members of the school, with or without the participation of members of staff, or for participating in any course run by an outside body which would not qualify in the normal way for help from public funds.

A full statement of the rules governing the award of Mason Scholarships was given in the December, 1970, number of the Red Rose. A copy of this statement can be obtained from the school office by any boy interested. The Headmaster will be pleased to discuss informally with any boy any idea he may have for submitting a proposal so that advice may be given in advance to avoid disappointment. It is expected that the Trustees will have upwards of £300 to dispose of in Mason Scholarships in 1972.

LONG RIGG

During the first half of this term all members of the lower fifth forms had the opportunity of a three day course at Long Rigg and nearly all these courses were favoured with excellent weather. A group of Biologists from the sixth form went up at half term and we now face a winter season in which a certain amount of re-decoration and consolidation will have to take place.

The regular pattern of courses at Long Rigg have now become firmly established and improvements in the courses provided are being made each year. There is no doubt about the value and popularity of these courses at Long Rigg.

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Junior

J. D. W. Watkins, R. Baldwin, P. R. Benedyk, D. G. Blundell, C. P. R. Clarke, R. P. Coulter, G. Dolben, A. R. Ellis, J. D. Findlater, R. I. Findlater, B. N. Fox, B. Gabbott, M. V. Gaunt, C. Gayton, D. R. Geering, L. A. Glynn, D. J. Goddard, C. M. Graham, P. W. Greaves, M. Hart, D. Hepworth, N. K. Holt, J. Hurst, J. A. Ince, A. Kurvits, D. V. Lunn, P. Mantin, R. I. McGregor, J. C. Mellor, M. S. Moss, N. K. Parkinson, A. Partington, B. S. Skerry, G. E. Somerset, N. M. Stallard, P. Stoba, I. F. Teale, M. Tinsley, J. Whitehead, M. J. Wild.

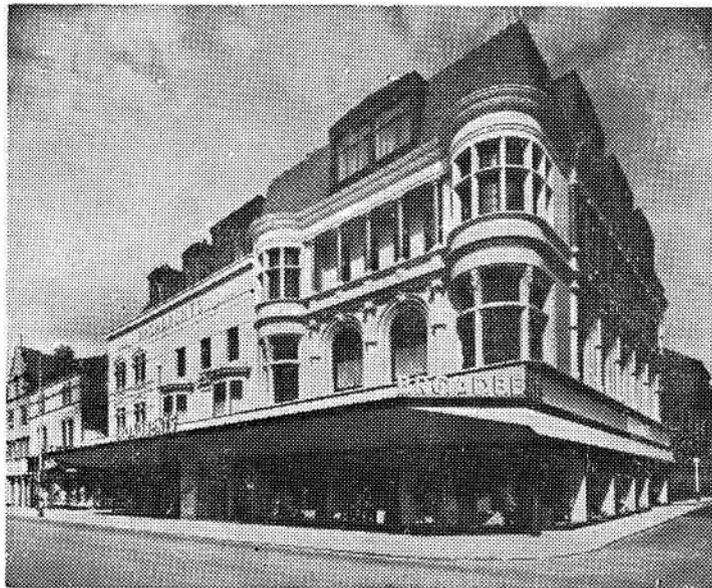


IMPORTANT DATES

Lent Term begins January 4th
Half Term February 21st and 22nd
G.C.E. Trial Examinations begin February 23rd
G.C.E. Trial Examinations end March 7th
Lent Term ends March 22nd

VALETE

COULTER, Alban T., U6W. R. 1963-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
CROSS, John C. D., U6S. R. 1963-71 (G.C.E. A3, O8), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Chairman of the Christian Union 1970-71, House Almoner 1970-71.
KNOWLES, Nigel P., U6M. Le. 1963-71 (G.C.E. A3, O3), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Secretary 1970-71, Thornley Society Chairman 1970-71, House Almoner 1969-70.
BANKS, John S., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Swimming Full Colours, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit, Joint House Swimming Captain.
BARSTOW, John B., U6W. S. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
BENTLEY, Stephen E., U6B. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O6), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Captain 1970-71.
BIRCH, Martin J., U6W. W. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A5, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71.
BOUTON, Andrew J., U6M. Le. 1964-71 (G.C.E. O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, House Chess Captain 1970-71.
BROWN, Peter W., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5), Junior Prefect 1970.
CAHM, Maurice A., U6MSch. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
CALLAND, Victor O., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O6), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Life Saving and Swimming Captain, School Swimming Captain 1969-71, R.L.S.S. Advanced Safety Award, Water Safety Award Examiner, Chairman Scientific Society, Chairman Photographic Society.
CUNLIFFE, David, U6S. R. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O7).
DICKINSON, Alan O., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Captain 1970-71, Rugby Full Colours, Athletics Half Colours.
EDWARDS, Neil J., U6M. Le. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, School Orchestra 1970-71.
FINNEY, Simon C., U6S. R. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
FRAMPTON, Phillip R., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O7), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Secretary, Debating Society Chairman, Rambling Club Chairman, Thornley Society Secretary, Rugby Half Colours, Librarian.
FRASER, Neil S. G. de C., U6W. W. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O5).
HARRISON, Clive R. G. A., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. O4).
HEPWORTH, Robert C., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Hockey Full Colours, Badminton Half Colours, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.
HILL, Barry J., U6B. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O6).



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- JONES, Kenneth W., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Full Colours, Cricket Full Colours, Athletics Half Colours 1971.
- LIDDLE, John G., U6W. W. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Cricket Half Colours 1971.
- LUCAS, David P., U6M. Le. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Games Committee 1970-71, House Vice-Captain 1970-71.
- MAJER, Anthony M., U6B. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O3), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
- MARSHALL, Colin A., U6M. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71, School Chess Secretary, House Chess Captain.
- MASTERS, Philip J., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Half Colours, Badminton Half Colours, R.L.S.S. Distinction Award.
- MOOR, David F., U6W. W. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Hockey Full Colours.
- MOORE, Steven F., U6W. S. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
- MORRIS, John G., U6M. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O4).
- PROCTER, Ian, U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
- RAEBURN, Leslie D., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, School Orchestra, Athletics Half Colours.
- RAWCLIFFE, Andrew J., U6ScSch. S. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A5, O4), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Vice-Captain 1970-71, School Chess Captain 1970-71, Full Chess Colours 1969-71, School Cricket Half Colours 1970-71.
- RIMMER, John S., U6B. Ed. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O7).
- RINGER, Ronald E., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Secretary Christian Union, Half Colours.
- ROSS, Julian A. McG., U6B. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O8).
- SANDERSON, Geoffrey M., U6W. S. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.
- SEARLE, Barrie, U6M. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Vice-Captain, Hockey 1st XI Full Colours, Chairman of Europea, Secretary of History Society, Secretary Debating Society, Secretary Table Tennis.
- SHELDON, Malcolm E., U6W. W. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O6), Junior Prefect 1970-71, House Secretary, Librarian.
- SIDEBOTHAM, Peter, U6M. Le. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O3), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Hockey Half Colours 1970-71.

SLATER, Anthony, U6W. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A5, O2), Captain School Bridge Team.

SLATER, Robert C., U6M. Le. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O8), Junior Prefect 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1970.

SMITH, Colin R., L6W. S. 1964-71 (G.C.E. O5), Hockey Half Colours 1969-71, Athletics Half Colours 1970.

SUNDERLAND, Roger B., U6S. M. 1964-81 (G.C.E. A2, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Junior Librarian.

THOMAS, Colin, U6M. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Chess Half Colours.

WAINWRIGHT, John T., U6M. G. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A2, O4), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Captain, Rugby Full Colours.

WHITELEY, Nigel S. U6B. Ev. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, House Secretary, Chairman Visual Arts Society, Junior Librarian.

WRIGHT, Stephen G., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. O7), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Half Colours, Cricket Full Colours, House Cricket Captain.

YOUNG, Peter A., U6S. M. 1964-71 (G.C.E. A1, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71.

BROOKFIELD, Colin, U6W. W. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A2, O7), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Captain, Life-Saving Captain, Rugby Half Colours.

CADMAN, J. Martin, U6W. S. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, House Almoner 1970-71.

CAILLER, Gary C., L6Sp. R. 1965-71 (G.C.E. O5).

CARSON, Michael B., U6W. R. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5), Senior Prefect, 1970-71, Rugby Full Colours.

CHALMERS, David M. A., L6Sp. Ev. 1965-71 (G.C.E. O3).

CONNOLLY, Paul A., U6B. Ed. 1961-71 (G.C.E. O8), R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.

ENRIGHT, Leo J., U6W. W. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A1, O8), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Vice-Captain.

HADDOCK, Michael G., U6M. Le. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A3, O3), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Games Committee 1970-71, Hockey Full Colours 1970, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1969.

LUNT, Roy C., U6W. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A5, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Secretary Photographic Society.

PENDREY, Ronald T., U6W. W. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71.

SCOTT, Graham S., L6Sp., W. 1965-71 (G.C.E. O2), U16 Rugby.

SMITH, J. Arthur, U6S, R. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A2, O7), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Captain, Librarian 1970-71.

WELDON, Nigel C., U6W. S. 1965-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Hockey Full Colours 1970-71.

WHILEY, Oliver M., U5W. S. 1965-71 (G.C.E. O2).

WHITE, Douglas A., L6Sp. R. 1965-71 (G.C.E. O3).

BROWNSON, Stephen H., U6B. Ev. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A2, O4), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Almoner 1970-71.

CORBETT, Malcolm, U5S. M. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O3).

FERGUSON, Robert A., U5B. Ed. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O1), R.L.S.S. Intermediate Award.

HADDOCK, John S., U5M. G. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O2).

HALE, Christopher H., U6B. Ed. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Full Rugby Colours, Full Swimming Colours, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.

HALE, Christopher M., U6W. S. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A2, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.

HUTCHINSON, Ross, U5M. Le. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O1).

McKEOWN, Peter R., U6W. R. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5).

RIGBY, Adrian C., U5M. G. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O2).

RIMMER, Graham, U5B. Ev. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O1).

RIMMER, Mark D., U5W. W. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O2).

SEEL, David, U6S. R. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4).

SMITH, G. Derek, U6B. Ed. 1966-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5), School Captain 1970-71, Captain of Rugby 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1970, Athletics Half Colours, Cricket Half Colours.

WILCOCK, Mark C., U5W. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O1).

WOOD, Peter A., U5B. Ed. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O2).

WRIGHT, Peter A., U5S. R. 1966-71 (G.C.E. O3).

BARTON, Peter A., L5M. Ev. 1967-71.

BRIGGS, Stephen A., U5B. Ed. 1967-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.

DUNCAN, Andrew J., L6Sp. Ev. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O5), Swimming Half Colours 1969, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.

FANN, Stephen M., U5M. G. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O1).

FOSTER, Alan W., U5W. S. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O2).

GRAY, Anthony T., U5S. M. 1967-71.

GRAY, Ian D., U6M. Le. 1967-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Photographic Society, Treasurer 1970-71.

HICKMAN, Mark D., L5S. S. 1967-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.

LANDSMAN, Bernard A., 4B. W. 1967-71.

McDONALD, J. Michael, U5M. Le. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O1).

MASON, Geoffrey H., U6S. M. 1967-71 (G.C.E. A5, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Cricket Half Colours.

MOLINEUX, J. Paul, U5W. S. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O2).

OLIVER, David E., U5S. W. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O6), Bronze Medallion.

RIMMER, George A., U5W. S. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O2).

RIMMER, Richard G., U6B. Ed. 1967-71 (G.C.E. A2, O6), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Full Colours, Cricket Full Colours.

ROBINSON, David B., L5B. S. 1967-71, Bronze Medallion.
 WALL, John L., U5M. Le. 1967-71 (G.C.E. O1).
 BARNETT, Nigel J., U6W. W. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A3, O4), Senior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Half Colours 1970.
 BRADBURY, Stephen P., U6ScSch. S. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A4, O7), Senior Prefect 1969-71, House Captain 1970-71, School Cricket Captain 1971, Full Cricket Colours 1970-71.
 BROWN, Paul M. D., U6S. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A2, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71.
 DOWLING, J. Denis, U6W. W. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A2, O8), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Senior Librarian.
 MACKAY, Colin J., L6Sp. Ev. 1968-71 (G.C.E. O3), Cricket Half Colours 1971.
 MILLER, Stephen P., L5M. G. 1968-71.
 MOYLE, Brian C., 4B. G. 1968-71.
 PEIL, Anthony, U6W. S. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A4, O4), Junior Prefect 1970-71, House Badminton Captain 1970-71, Badminton Half Colours 1971.
 POOK, Robert C., U6M. Le. 1968-71 (G.C.E. A4, O2), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
 QUINN, Christopher, L5X. S. 1968-71.
 RICHARDSON, Clive R., L6Sp. Ev. 1968-71 (G.C.E. O5), Hockey Half Colours 1971.
 BATHO, Paul L., U6B. Ed. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
 DAVIES, Malcolm S. C., U6S. M. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A1, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Rugby Half Colours.
 HANKS, Martin C., 3M. Hon. 1969-71.
 HARVEY, Ian A., 3S. Lu. 1969-71.
 HEAP, Stewart J., U6S. R. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A1, O6), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
 JONES, Gwilym H., U6S. M. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A1, O5), Junior Prefect 1970-71.
 RAWLINSON, Graham V., U6S. M. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A4, O7), Junior Prefect 1970-71, Hockey Full Colours.
 SMITH, Edward L., U6W. S. 1969-71 (G.C.E. O6), Senior Prefect 1970-71, House Vice-Captain 1970-71, Rugby Full Colours 1970-71, School Hockey Captain 1970-71, Hockey Full Colours 1969-71.
 WATSON, Christopher J., U6S. R. 1969-71 (G.C.E. A3, O5), Senior Prefect 1970-71.
 WOOD, Kevin, 3B. R. 1969-71.
 FARNWORTH, Mark J., U6S. Le. 1970-71 (G.C.E. A3, O1), Junior Prefect 1970-71, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1970.
 RIDGWAY, Stephen P., U5M. G. 1970-71.
 THOMPSON, Andrew J., U5M. G. 1970-71 (G.C.E. O2).
 YATES, Peter R., U6W. R. 1970-71 (G.C.E. A2, O3), Junior Prefect 1970-71.

LEAVERS 1970-71

The analysis below shows all those boys who left between September, 1970 and July 1971, excluding those who were transferred to other schools owing to their parents leaving the district:

Universities 55, Further Education (Degree Courses) 11, Further Education (other courses) 22, Colleges of Education 3, Employment 47, Not yet fixed up 4. Total 142. (25 boys left for other schools).

Universities, University Colleges:

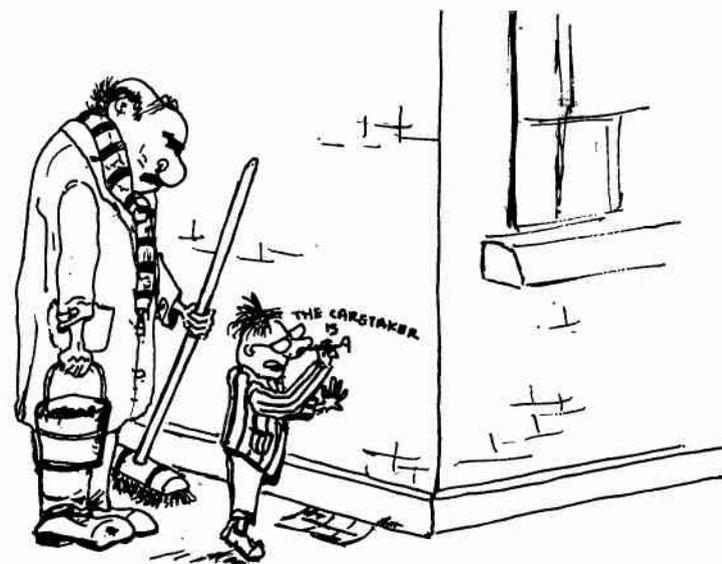
Aston 1, Bangor 1, Bath 1, Bradford 2, Birmingham 4, Bristol 1, Cambridge 6, Durham 2, Essex 1, Kent 2, Lancaster 2, Leeds 2, Liverpool 5, London 1, Loughborough 3, Manchester 5, Newcastle 1, Nottingham 3, Oxford 2, Reading 2, Salford 1, Sheffield 1, Sussex 1, Warwick 1, York 1, Ulster 1, City Poly. London 2, Liverpool Poly. 2, Bournemouth Poly. 1, Hatfield Poly. 1, Rugby Poly. 2, Wolverhampton Poly. 1, Sheffield Poly. 1, S. E. Essex Poly. 1.

Subjects (Degree Courses):

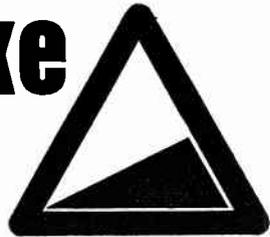
Maths 10, Engineering 10, Physics 3, Chemistry 3, Medicine 4, Dentistry 1, Pharmacy 1, Biology 3, European Studies 1, Economics 3, Music 2, Law 2, Architecture 1, Social Studies 1, Computing 2, Estate Management 1, History 5, English 1, Geography 2, Business Studies 1, Modern Languages 6, Psychology 1.

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G. W. ASHTON, B.A.Hons. History Class II (2).

C. P. RAWLING, B.A.Hons. Archaeological and Anthropological Class II (i).

DUNDEE

C. J. MICHAELS, B.D.S. (Final).

DURHAM

J. H. WELSH, B.A.Hons. Geography Class II (2).

GLASGOW

B. GORDON, B.D.S. (Final).

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LEEDS

J. FARADAY, B.Sc.Hons. Civil Eng. Class III.

N. P. THOMPSON, B.Sc.Hons., Metallurgy Class III.

LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC

R. J. H. BRIGGS, Passed Pre-service Article Clerks Course.

P. KEVAN, H.N.D. Mech. Eng.

J. C. NEWMAN, B.Sc. Applied Biology Class III (i).

I. C. SMITH, B.Sc. IV Grd. (Mech. Eng.).

D. WALLACE, H.N.D. Business Studies.

LONDON

M. J. PEARCE, B.Sc.Hons. Chemical Engineering Class II (2).

POLYTECHNIC OF CENTRAL LONDON

R. A. BARNETT, LL.B.Hons. Class III.

S. C. SIXSMITH, B.Sc. Special Psychology Class II (ii).

MANCHESTER

J. A. ASHWORTH, B.Sc.Hons. Chem. Class II (2).

N. E. BLUNT, B.Sc.Hons. Class II (i).

P. J. BEST, B.Sc.Hons. Class II.

F. C. J. DART, B.Sc.Hons. (Ord.) Electronics Class I.

J. M. LOWI, B.Sc.Hons. Chemistry Class III.

J. W. RODGERS, B.Sc.Hons. Civil Eng. Class II (ii).

W. C. SMITH, B.Sc.Hons. Chemistry and Physics Class II (i).

R. C. TURNER, B.Sc.Hons. Electronics Class II (ii).

NEWCASTLE

- M. G. LOW, B.Sc.Hons. Biochemistry Class II (i).
A. R. WRIGHT, B.Sc.Hons. Chemistry Class II (2).

NOTTINGHAM

- I. R. HANSON, B.Sc.Hons. Physics Class III.
A. D. PINNINGTON, B.Sc.Hons. Electrical and Electronic Eng. Class II (i).

OXFORD

- R. HARRIS, B.A.Hons. Modern History Class II.
S. J. HATFIELD, B.A.Hons. Modern History Class III.
C. P. MOORE, B.A.Hons. History and Economics Class III.
A. L. WHITING, B.A.Hons. Modern History Class II.

READING

- D. M. COOKE, B.A.Hons. French and Maths. Class II (i).

STOCKPORT COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

- P. KITCHEN, H.N.D. Business Studies (Modern Languages).

SUSSEX

- M. R. ABRAM, B.Sc., Maths. Class II (i).

WARWICK

- P. NORBURY, B.A.Hons. Eng./Aur. Literature Class II (ii).

WIDNES

- S. WHITE, H.N.D. Chemistry.

YORK

- D. R. PORTER, B.A.Hons. History Class II (i).

OLD BOYS' NEWS

- M. R. ABRAM (L. 1960-68) has gained a honours degree in Mathematics at Sussex University, and has a post as research executive with the British Market Research Bureau.
- J. T. H. ALLEN (W. 1950-57) is now taking a Teacher Training Course at the Didsbury College of Education. He was leader of the Manchester Nepal Expedition, 1970, and in a letter to the Headmaster, headed 'NEPAL 1970' he wrote as follows: "The letter-heading is 'old-hat' by now, but interesting. Perhaps you did not know the result of our attempt to climb NAMPA 22162. We did not - by 1500 ft. One of the lead climbers had pneumonia, all of us had some superficial frostbite, little food, and were exhausted by load carrying. But it was a grand adventure".
- J. R. ASHLEY-SMITH (Ev. 1954-61) has for some years had a post as Technical Adviser to David Brown Tractors Ltd.

- M. L. BARNETT (W. 1954-61) is now Chief Cost Accountant of W. Hollins & Co. Ltd., Derby and Paisley.

- J. E. CAMPBELL (M. 1962-69), Captain of School Hockey 1968-69 has been selected for the Lancashire Hockey XI.

- J. H. CARR (Ed. 1958-65) has been appointed Drug Manager at the Whitechapel branch of Boots the Chemist, Liverpool.

- J. G. CRIMP (Ev. 1959-64) who has had a post at Lloyds Bank for the last six years has won a Choral Scholarship at Ripon College of Education, and will sing in the Cathedral.

- M. GOODRIDGE (R. 1954-61) is now a director of four companies based in the West End of London.

- G. P. JACOBS (Ev. 1957-65), having gained a degree in Pharmacy at the Sunderland Polytechnic, has been engaged for the last three years in Pharmaceutical Research at the University of Manchester. He was granted his M.Sc. last year and is now working for his Ph.D.

- K. H. MOSS (Ev. 1959-66) is now working as a Production Engineer with Edwin Donks (Oldbury) Ltd.

- J. C. NEWMAN (R. 1960-67), having gained his B.Sc.Hons. degree in Applied Biology at Liverpool Polytechnic, is now working for a research degree at Birmingham University.

- D. RIMMER (Ev. 1958-65) has been appointed House Master at the Sir William Martineau bilateral school, Birmingham.

- M. RIMMER (Ev. 1958-65) has just completed a nine month return journey to Israel where he worked on a kibbutz for four months. He will shortly be taking up a teaching post in Spain.

- DR. J. E. ROBERTS (Ev. 1959-66) on holiday in Skye last August, saved the life of a non-swimmer whose boat capsized in the sea.

- PROFESSOR S. K. RUNCORN (S. 1933-40) who is Professor of Physics at King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was awarded the Vetlesen Prize for geo-physics at Columbia University. The award consists of a gold medal and £5,000 and was presented to him at a formal dinner in New York earlier this year.

- J. L. SHERRINGTON (Ev. 1960-66) and R. SHERRINGTON (Ev. 1956-63) have been awarded the B.A. and M.A. respectively, for Law, at Oxford University.

- G. A. STOCKER (S. 1955-62) has a post as Control Engineer of Computer Control Systems in Sin-Chem Ltd., Stockport.

- G. K. STOTT (W. 1924-31) spent many years on the staff of the Bank of England, first in Manchester and then in Glasgow, and is now with Barclays Bank, D.C.O. in London.
- R. N. SUFFOLK (S. 1963-70) will commence training as a Navigator in the Royal Air Force, Henlow, Bedfordshire, in November.
- P. J. WOODROFFE (G. 1956-61) is now Senior Valuer in the Estate Management Section of Bath Corporation.
- R. J. WOOSNAM (G. 1931-36) on leaving school became second mate in the Merchant Navy (Blue Star Line), during the war was Flight Lt. Bomber Command, shot down on 'D' Day and afterwards joined the French Underground Movement. After the war became Home Sales Manager of Caravans Internation Ltd., Poole, Dorset, and is now tenant of the Crown Inn, St. Johns, Worcester.

News has been received of two more Old Boys of this school who were undertaking Voluntary Service Overseas this year: Tim Evans, who has just completed his degree course in Geography at Portsmouth Polytechnic, and who is undertaking a year's teaching in Kenya, and, John Faraday, who has just completed his degree course at Leeds University, and is undertaking Irrigation work at Sierra Leone.

SARK SURVEY EXPEDITION REPORT

Victor Calland — Work and Planning
 Ian Dunn — Embezzling
 Chris Hale —
 Mike Spencer —
 Tom Ashworth — P.R.O. (Private Relations Officer)

Sark is one of the smallest of the Channel Islands, 2 miles short by 1 mile narrow. Cars are banned, but tractors are allowed as they are "agricultural necessities". The island therefore has a large number of carriages and bicycles on it. It has one main north-south road, and two east-west roads, with a subsidiary track system. It has a population of five hundred or so, with about the same number of visitors in summer.

Round about Easter, the aforesaid team, and one or two others, heard that the Mason Memorial Fund was offering money to people who wished to travel and extend their education. Rather than let the money be given to a lot of language students to pursue their nefarious activities out of school time, they decided to corner the market with a mammoth survey of an island. An island was soon chosen, and the above, together with Andy Morton and Tom Williams, started planning and putting in claims for money. Andy, however, soon dropped out, preferring the bright lights of London and Ian Gray. The fund then generously gave £120 to the remaining six. Tom too, soon dropped out, making dire prophecies about the success of the venture.

Eventually, a party of four departed for foreign shores, on the 2nd August, apprehending the midnight train from Lime Street. The journey was long and arduous, and many were the difficulties that had to be overcome. However, finally the heroic four stepped ashore on Sark, after two days travel, from the tin bath which was the ferry service between Guernsey and Sark. The party were camping, especially Vic, who was camper than all the others put together. With a great deal of foresight, the camp was in the grounds of a hotel, where the party spent some few happy hours. The barman wath ever tho thweet, ethpethially to Victor. The first week, Vic, Mike and Nud spent going round farms asking questions like "How big is it?" "Do you use fertilizer?" "Do you use the French or English method, (of crop rotation)". Chris was surveying the beaches from a geological viewpoint in an effort to ascertain the geological structure of the island as a whole (or so he said), although the others thought he might just be sunbathing. When not working, Vic was singeing himself on the fire, Chris was falling off his stool, into waste food pits and over the guy ropes, Mike encountered Lynette, and Nud killed wasps.

At the end of the first week, the party (especially Vic) were thrilled by the arrival of Tom, who had come back from a holiday on Mallorca (Oh for the joys of the idle rich) just to be with us. He soon got down to work. Chris continued surveying the beaches whilst the others did many diverse things, like questioning tourists — “Did you like it?” “Will you come again?”, taking soil samples (a very boring job), and doing a stream transect. At the end of the second week, the party decided to have a decent meal of roast chicken. One was purchased, and the instructions of the vendor, to cook it for six hours, were followed. Chris built a magnificent fire (we thought about ‘regulo 34’), and, when the chicken was removed and unwrapped (it was cooked in aluminium foil) it was burnt to a cinder. This meant that the party (and Lynette and Ann), had to make do with potatoes and stuffing, and a bottle of red wine which Derek (the barman) had flogged them cheap, probably because he had trodden it himself.

The final week, Chris continued surveying the beaches, Nud and Vic did a transect of the main beach, Mike took soil samples, and Tom took Lynette. Everyone except Chris also did a survey of the island’s duck pond. During this week, the ‘A’ level results came out. Derek had promised a free drink for every one each passed — that man was a fool! Derek came down one morning to inspect our camp site, and everyone except Tom was up before he arrived. On the last day on the island Chris killed 14 wasps, Nud 4 and Tom 1. In the evening everyone except Vic, who stayed with Derek went to the island dance, where everyone, even Chris, did some dancing.

On Wednesday, 25th August, everyone rose at 6-00, and packed away all stuff and got down to the harbour, staggering under the weight of duty free goods, in time to catch the 8-30 boat (Ha!) to Guernsey. From here, the hamper containing the tents and survey gear was sent in the care of British Rail. The party had a fairly good journey to London. They then had 20 minutes to get from Waterloo to Euston to catch the 8-00 p.m. train to Liverpool. They failed, caught the 1 o’clock train, and arrived in Southport at 5-00 a.m. on Thursday the 26th August. The hamper came back on Thursday, 21st October.

The party would like to thank: The Mason Memorial Fund; Mr. H. C. Davies; Mr. M. E. Greenhalgh for failing to turn up; Derek; Stan Falle; The Curtises of Beauvoir (for the caves and cream teas); Lynette, Anne; Anne-Marie for fixing Chris’s trousers; Joy; Mr. Norris; Cathy; David, the Frenchies and monsieur Le Pussycatt; Southport scouts, for the tents); and all the others who made the trip so enjoyable for all.

Censor’s Note:— all references to the work done were impounded by H.M. Customs at Weymouth.

C. HALE



SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Committee:—

T. F. J. Ashworth, I. A. Dunn, C. M. Spencer, T. C. Williams

This first Meeting was almost upon us before anyone realised that a Meeting could not be held without a Speaker. Mercifully, Mr. Large volunteered and gave us a very interesting talk entitled “Simple Observational Astronomy”.

A couple of I.C.I. films were the next Meeting, which attracted sparse attention. Blame has been pointed in several directions, but settled on the projector, which ceased to function for the fourth time this term. This was hardly unexpected, however, since similar problems have arisen at the Film Society.

Also in store this term are two Meetings joint with the High School, and these we hope will attract attention, though at this stage predictions cannot be made.

Apathy seems to have taken hold of Members of the School recently. I was reading through the Secretary’s archives recently, and two years ago a prospective Speaker was advised to expect 60 boys. We hadn’t had 16 at a Meeting yet. Let’s hope things change.

C.M.S.

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DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: T. C. Williams

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The Debating Society is one of those perennial species that continues to exist when most of its support dries up.

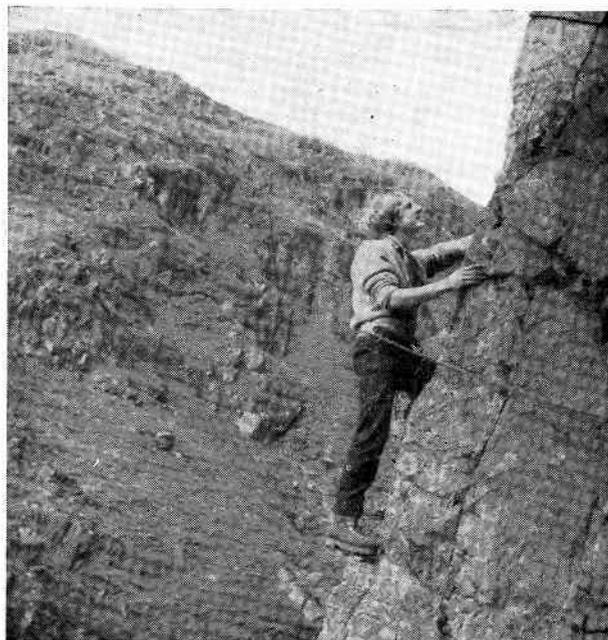
After last year, however, some interest has been revived, and we hope to continue this trend. Our hopes were dashed when fourteen silent bodies and Mr. Stallard turned up to our first debate, as a result of which, we should no longer exist. This house, it seems, believes 'there is no longer a place for debating in modern education'.

Little mention will be made of our second and, up to this time, latest debate, which, to say the least did not produce the result we hoped for.

However, we must look on the brighter side and hope that our next debate, part of a competition organised by Liverpool University, will bring back some of our dwindling numbers.

C.M.S.





THORNLEY SOCIETY

Chairman: J. R. Powell

Maitre d'épée: R. Fletcher.

Charge d'affaires: Mr. Travers

Old Thornlians: J. Seddon, Max 'Luigi' Dow.

Honorary Member: Olaf.

Toastmaster General: Frank Gorse.

Les Autres Grimpeurs: A. Briscoe, A. Farnworth,
R. Blackman

What have these lonely mountains worth revealing?
More glory and more grief than I can tell;
The earth that wakes one human heart to feeling
Can centre both the worlds of Heaven and Hell.

Emily Bronte

To anyone who knows the Thornley it must often seem that Langdale is where the members spend most of their time. We would like to think this it not true, but unfortunately it is. The sprinkling of French titles has been brought about by a hasty revision of that language earlier in the year when there were thoughts of an Alpine trip. But this dream, like the proposed trip to Skye in the summer, never materialised. So, Langdale it was for another season.

One might think that going to the same place, would become boring but being a regular does have its advantages. One gets to know the best places to eat, drink, sleep and so on (beans on toast in the cafe behind the bread shop are to be recommended, and Ambleside bus station gets four stars for accommodation). One finds out where to buy cheap drinks and free meals (go to the Stags Head and ask for Jane. [The residents could be seen spluttering into their gin and tonics when four dishevelled figures clad in greatcoats and levis spread themselves out on the sofas in the lounge bar]).

We got to know the Wardens on the campsite and in return for services rendered on the bins, our camp fees were waived. For Frank Gorse, the realisation of a life ambition, (to be asked to be a Langdale binny is no mean honour) – it also gives useful training for a future career.

So, for some, it is like returning home, to the peace and quiet of the hills, broken only by the roar of Apollo (a petrol stove) brewing tea in the morning, the drumming of the rain on the canvas and John the Assistant Warden putting his head through the tent door to ask us to "hurry up and empty those bins lads because the corporation men are coming this morning, they'll be here in five minutes and . . .".

" ? ? ? ? John ! !".

There was not one long holiday, but climbing was done in several sporadic bursts. We also found time to visit Wales for two weekends. During one, the Fourteen Peaks was completed by four members — John Seddon, Rob Fletcher, Rob Blackman and John Powell. The weather was hot and the haze so thick that often we couldn't see the next peak. The actual walk was done in 22 hours but failure to meet the support party on the last summit, which was in cloud at the time, led to us getting lost in a Welsh bog at the bottom of a valley. It took 4½ hours to get out and we eventually found the support party at 2-30 a.m. the next day.

Most of the time was spent in the Lakes, but unfortunately we were hit by bad weather so not as many routes were done as might have been. During one weekend the previously unheard of experience was witnessed of Rob the festerer turning into Rob the hardman when 6 routes were done in a day — 3 of them of very severe standard.

Six days were spent in Langdale at the beginning of August but even though the weather was bad, some good routes were done on the higher crags. Saturday night was spent grooving at a disco in Grasmere and unfortunately some members succumbed to the sirens and one spent most of his time engaging in the vices and pleasures of Ambleside, Coniston, Hawkeshead and so on.

Not much has been done since the end of the summer but one day was spent in Langdale over half term. We have managed to 'con' Mr. Travers into taking charge of the Thornley, and we drove him up to give him an idea of how we spent our time. While Andy Briscoe and Frank Gorse did a 'mild severe' on one side of the crag, Al Farnworth teamed up with Rob Fletcher on the other side and they managed to climb one of the hardest 'V.S.'s on the crag while thinking they were on a 'Severe'.

On the whole it has been quite a good season. Standards once more have been raised and half the members are capable of seconding 'very severe' and 'leading severe'. With the onset of winter members are looking forward to some snow and ice climbing in Scotland in preparation for — who knows — the Alps next year!

J. R. Powell

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

The Proverbial Mugs:

P. Aplin, C. Gayton, M. Tinsley, J. Brassey, M. D'Aboville.

Occasional Mugs:

E. Aspinall, A. Farnworth, S. Trickett

Did someone say 'We want a dance?' — I'm sorry we've all gone deaf. It's not that we aren't interested — just disillusioned.

On a more factual note, the last dance at half-term could have been a great financial success, but due to damages incurred, a drastically reduced profit was observed. Perhaps if the people concerned would like to meet us, at their convenience of course, we'll gladly break something of theirs.

On the whole the dance went very well. It was supported by about 300 people who managed to drink us dry of cokes at about 9-30 p.m. A reasonably successful venture.

Thanks are due to Steve Trickett, Al 'Head the Ball' Farnworth and of course Aspinwall, (let's face it, who needs a front door when they've got him — they come in the same dimensions tall, broad and thin.!)

Sincere thanks also go to Mr. J. R. Wohlers and Mr. B. Mawer for their time, effort and the creation of that unofficial but effective air of officialdom.

P.N.A.

THE RAMBLING CLUB

President: Mr. B. Mawer

Chairman: R. Blackman

Secretary: The Phantom Burger Fryer

Hardworkers: J. C. Brassey, A. B. Catherall, D. N. Everett

Hanger-on: G. Harris

Alas the popularity of the Rambling Club has diminished so greatly that there is difficulty in filling the seats of a small coach. Many upper sixths can remember the time when we had hired two Ribble coaches. Our aim is not to see who can cover twelve miles in the shortest time, but to appreciate part of our national heritage.

Captain's log star-date 27-10-71 — Clement weather.

The first year party was led by Brass, Cat, Den, Podge and Wares. A pleasant six mile walk was completed from Chapel Stile to Stickle Tarn. The party appreciated views of the lakes and many of the well-known peaks. J.C.B. forgot to put the top back on his thermos and one first year was nearly swept away by the waterfall, but thanks to the quick thinking of W.D.W., his life was saved. At 2 p.m. the first years were overcome with fatigue, and so the party headed down to the Old Dungeon Ghyll Hotel via the Force, but to their dismay, the pub was closed.

The intermediate group led by Evo accompanied by Mr. Mawer and fiancée, commenced their walk by a steep climb of 800 feet. Fletcher appeared tired as soon as he stepped off the coach. Metcalfe, Haslam and Pickering succumbed to tiredness after a mile and continually brought up the rear with their moaning. The group climbed Harrison's Stickle, Pike o' Stickle, casually strolled along to High Raise and Sergeant Man and then descended, to the delight of the rear guard, to Stickle Tarn and the O.D.G.H.

The upper sixth party went up Crinkle Craggs and Bow Fell — a long hard slog. Blea and Red Tarn were sighted. A. J. Bretherton sighted a 4-6-4 loco., and went on half a mile ahead of his party. (It turned out to be a cloud). Members of the opposite sex were sighted at G.R. 562394. There was little reaction. Perhaps the afternoon sun was blinding them.

Returning via Windermere, there was a blue Mini sitting close on our tail for quite a distance, and the driver of the Mini was lucky to get away without having his front bumper crumpled. We later learned that the occupants of the car were members of the Thornley Society who had only come up to the Langdales for the good expensive beers.

A much wanted stop came at Forton's services. Sufficient time of fifteen minutes was allowed for everyone to spend up. Returning to the coach the "Mayfair Affair" arose. This was the disappearance of an expensive colourful magazine. Inspector Mawgret, (local division) ordered a quick search. Apart from slashing the seat covers to see if the magazine had been concealed inside, the coach was searched thoroughly. Inspector Mawgret believed the magazine to be still on the coach somewhere. Little did he know that his detectives on the back row believed the magazine to have been stolen when the coach was left unlocked for seven hours in the hotel car park.

To crown it all Steevie-Weevie went after the aroma of his beef burgers and returned to the coach twenty minutes late along with G. Holliday and A. Kurvitts and suffered the consequences.

I am extremely grateful to Mr. Mawer for his support and on behalf of the members of the Rambling Club, I would like to thank him for driving us quickly and safely up to the Lake District.

Finally I will leave you with a quotation from a junior member of the Rambling Club, when the "Mayfair Affair" was put to one side.

"We'll say no mawer about it". For which he was given a clip around the ear by the bus driver.

D. N. Everett

EUROPA

Chairman: M. J. Wilding

Secretary: R. A. Spoor

Treasurer: C. Humphreys

Committee: I. R. Whittaker, C. Wooding, R. Canter

Our first meeting of the Christmas Term took the form of a joint discussion and slide show with the High School, under the patriotic guidance of Frau Coates, who recounted the many whims of her country. Many things were discussed, ranging from that marvellous invention of the Germans, Feather Bed, to the more complex problem of the relationship between the Eastern and Western communities. The well attended meeting was quick to take up points of discussion. Apart from the dispute over a reference map by the respective Chairmen of the two Schools, the meeting was quite successful.

Many ideas have been put forward for our future entertainment, including film shows of various countries, discussions of European topical affairs, and the possibility of a forthcoming meeting with the High School, when two Swedish students will talk and sing Swedish folk songs.

R. A. Spoor

FILM SOCIETY REPORT

President: Mr. Ward

Chairman: M. J. Beazley

Secretary: B. Wooton

Committee: D. Dunn, M. Spencer

I am pleased to be able to report an increase in audience size over the first part of this term. Our first film was "Doctor Strangelove" which proved to be very popular all round, and despite its gloomy subject matter its humorous outlook pulled it through, making it a very enjoyable film.

The second film "The Cranes are Flying", did not attract as large an audience, but it was still larger than the average for our foreign films.

I can only now say that I hope this trend continues for the two films yet to be shown this term, which are "The Servant" and "Tom Jones".

B. Wooton

2nd XI CRICKET REPORT

Played 7 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 1

The early successes of the 2nd XI may have surprised many who knew of its batting strength. A score of over thirty would have proved well nigh impossible for the team to reach had it not been for some stout performances by the odd individual (i.e. Fletcher).

The side's greatest strength, however, lay in its three bowlers. Barton bowled with a consistency for which he deserved, and gained, much credit whereas Wooton's bowling was rather erratic. In his opening overs he often turned the ball a great deal and usually gained a wicket but thereafter he would be unable to sustain his accuracy. Great credit must be given to the opening bowler, Whitehead. In all, he took 27 wickets and his enthusiasm for the game was noticed by at least two umpires.

However, the batting was often poor. The team's strengths and weaknesses were in evidence at Cowley. The bowling and fielding was good and Cowley were all out for 20 runs. We were, however, 18 for 7 at one stage and just managed to win without further loss of wickets.

The top score of the season came from Fletcher at Manchester Grammar School. His fine innings of 46 not out was all the more noteworthy because he was forced to retire injured, after he had performed a spectacular drive, on a bare, dusty wicket, to gain the crease, when his score was only 7. Throughout the season his power in attack and defence greatly relieved the rest of the team. Unfortunately Darwin revealed his true batting potential on one occasion while Masters batted calmly and continuously even when he saw that the opposition had 'bits' between their teeth. Mackay, on the other hand, had a rather disappointing season.

The very last match of the season ended in a draw but it would not have done so if it were not for a very fine innings by Seddon. He stood firm and resolute whilst much of the team's batting crumbled around him.

The team's performances were generally good especially when one considered the size of the pool of players. This was very small, if not non-existent at times, and there were only nine regular members in the side. A special thanks must therefore be given to those who made themselves available to play, even when given a 'last minute's' notice.

G. MASON

Modesty stopped Mason from mentioning his firm, gentlemanly captaincy throughout the season; not the world's best batsman but a sound wicket-keeper, he did an outstanding job in rounding up players and in captaining them on and off the field.

CRICKET REPORT 1971

By comparison with previous seasons the 1971 season was a fairly successful one, with the standard of cricket played differing from the very good to the poor. All matches however, were played with enthusiasm and also in good weather with only one match being called off all season.

The practice at Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club behind them, the team had a very good start to the season, winning three out of the first four matches. As only four members of the previous year's team were able to play, this start was especially noteworthy. For the remainder of the season, however, apart from when playing against a weak bowling side, the batsmen very rarely attacked the bowling and in general showed a lack of confidence. After the pre-season and early season practices there was little opportunity to correct players' individual weaknesses. The practices that took place on the square were invariably reduced to forms of 'tip and run' because of the shortage of fielders. The result of this lack of opportunity to practice was that the batsmen had to take five or six overs to play themselves in. Out of thirteen innings the team managed to get over the 100 mark five times, with the result that the bowlers had to get wickets and bowl accurately at the same time. All credit must go to the bowlers who, for the most part, were able to live up to this standard. This accuracy and the good fielding made it difficult for all but the very good teams to score runs.

Looking back over the past season the 1st team can feel well satisfied with their performances, but the feeling still remains that, with full utilization of the available talent, the analysis of P10, W4, D3, L3, in games against other schools might well have been much better. Of the three other games played, the School lost to Southport and Birkdale and to the Old Boys, and drew with the Staff. The team will want me, on their behalf, to thank both Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Gale for the time which they devoted to the pre-season practices and to the umpiring.

BRADBURY—Under his captaincy the side enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent years. He impressed by his tactical ability on the field and by the considerable improvement on last season of his own performance with the bat. By adopting a more aggressive technique he was able to play some very attractive innings and was undoubtedly the most reliable batsman.

FLETCHER—Played only three games at the end of the season. He hits the ball hard and will score many runs in the coming season especially when he becomes conscious of the quick singles.

HALSALL—Because of his lackadaisical approach to practices he did not come into the side until the cricket week. His performances in these matches, especially in that against the staff, showed that he is a talented cricketer.

JACKSON—Failed to make maximum use of the indoor nets with the result that he still had the same problem of his erratic length which he never mastered before choosing golf instead of cricket.

JONES—One of the old campaigners. Could be relied upon to give a good steady performance with the ball and eventually captured 24 wickets. With the bat he was more erratic but no less successful. His heading of the "Six-Hit" table was a measure of this.

LIDDLE—Always on the verge of the 1st team at the beginning of the season. Eventually secured a place as a capable spin bowler and turned out to be a good slip fielder despite his height.

MELLOR—The team's opening batsman and wicket-keeper. Became an automatic choice because of his sound steady performances. Always at the centre of things even if he didn't realise it.

RAWCLIFFE—Given more confidence in himself he could become a very good all-rounder. Another member of the side who deserted to golf late in the season.

RIGBY—Made up with enthusiasm what he lacked in ability. A solid batsman, he was always ready to give advice at all stages of the game.

RIMMER—His batting improved as the season progressed until, at the end, he had the makings of a solid opener, although somewhat restricted in his shots. Patient fielder who always did as he was told without fuss.

RITCHIE—With the abundance of medium-pace bowlers in the team he rarely bowled. A very keen cover fielder and, with practice, will become an attractive stroke-maker.

SHEARER—Another medium-pace bowler who, in his rare spells, captured vital wickets. His batting improved as the season progressed and he will be an asset to next year's team.

WHITTAKER—A medium-fast bowler who, on his day, could be quite devastating, but unfortunately a toe injury stopped him from taking part in the cricket week.

WRIGHT—As one of the most experienced players in the side he at last decided to dictate matters to the bowlers and with excellent results. His bowling remained as hostile as ever and he was rewarded with 20 wickets. Together with Jones he made up the backbone of the side.

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HOCKEY REPORT — AUTUMN 1971

Captain: M. J. Lowe

Vice-Captain: C. Gayton

Senior Professional: I. R. Whittaker

The 1st XI Fixture List consisted of only six Wednesday games and the Warrington Tournament, all of which were in the first half of the term. The season started badly with a 1-2 defeat by Prescott. There were, however, five newcomers to the team. The team's performance improved with regular Monday practices and went on to beat Wade Deacon 1-0, Bolton 2-0, Merchant Taylors 2-1, and Liverpool Collegiate 1-0. This good run was ended by a 1-3 defeat against Blackpool. The team failed at the Warrington Tournament, being beaten 1-0 by both Preston Roman Catholic College and Prescott. They did, however, have a 1-0 win over Liverpool Collegiate.

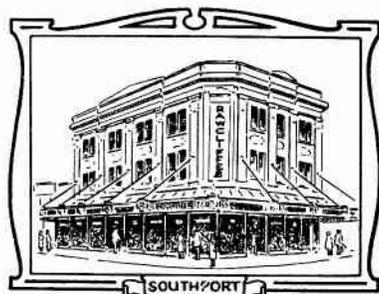
The second team had only three matches but, with the aid of three escapees from Group 1 Rugby, won all of them. Formby were annihilated 5-1 and Prescott and Blackpool were beaten 4-2 and 2-0 respectively.

RECORDS TO DATE:

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
1st XI	9	5	4	9	8
2nd XI	3	3	0	11	2

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CHESS REPORT

Captain: I. Rodgers

Autumn draws to a close and the Chess Club flourishes once more despite an initial shortage of sets. The fact that we have 17 odd black bishops makes one wonder where their companions went to over the years!

At the time of writing the School Chess Team has played two Wright Shield matches and one Sunday Times K.O. round, against Huyton Girls' College, when the team managed to get a little further than last year (a match still only referred to in whispers). Of the other two, we beat newcomers Waterloo G.S. 5-2 but came down to earth with a 5½-1½ defeat by old rivals Ormskirk.

However, when it is remembered that the team lost its top three boards at the end of last year then these results are not too bad.

Of the team itself, I Rodgers, elevated to the captaincy, found the coveted Librarian's chair most satisfying, and if not altogether relishing the Chess that comes with it he at least made a steady start to the season.

Jumping in on Board 2 is P. Darwin who although new to the school team this year also plays for Southport Chess Club. This experience is apparent by his excellent start.

J. Morey, playing number 3 this year, has the benefit of last season's games at number 6 and should be reliable for at least ½ a point.

On Board 4 we have the irrepressible N. Stallard who managed to lose his opening match on a time penalty by forgetting to operate his clock. He was later heard mumbling something about 'that damn ticker'. But in general he manages to come through although I suspect his creating more action off the board than on may have something to do with it.

S. Dean on Board 5 began uncertainly but with a little effort he should begin to produce results.

The remaining two Boards have been mainly filled by S. Nelson and P. Mooney who both lack match experience, although this seems to be less apparent in Mooney who remains cool under pressure and has good potential.

Also taking part were Fitchett and C. Bibby (who must claim the season's easiest victory — by default) both of whom seem destined for regular places in seasons to come.

Although not as strong as last season's team we now have younger blood in the side and also a good reservoir of talent to draw on coming up the school. So as far as I can see we can only improve, and I wish the team every success after I leave this Christmas.

Many thanks also to Mr. J. Clough whose efforts often go unsung but without whom none of this would have been possible.

I. Rodgers.

THE HUNDRED METRES

We stood there,
We crouched,
Each face was solemn,
Staring down the track,
A narrow path which disappears into the grass,
All was silent
All was tense like a bowstring pulled taut.
The sharp clear sound of the gun goes,
It pierces the tense silence,
The bowstring is released,
The muscles flex,
Away dart the bodies, like greyhounds,
Chasing nothing but air.
Hours and hours condensed into thirteen seconds,
Hours of running round the track, like a robot.
Hours of pain from muscles pulling
Like lead weights,
Hours of sweating,
All to build the body up, to perfection?
The race finishes,
Panting like dogs we hear the result.
Second again!
It's like winding up an elastic powered plane for hours
Then watching it crash.

Paul Chadwick, LWR. V. B.

✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

Marching, Majesties:— Dinosaurs.
Horrifying, thwarted creatures.

SUN.

SUN!

This can defeat them.

THIRST.

Endless thirst like a tormenting dream.

They writhe.

Thirst can conquer.

Some die slowly.

Writhing with the agony of heat,

Paralysing heat.

Wrinkling sun.

Skin perpetuates water

The dim cat-small diminishing brains register to even this

hulk of flesh and burbling body

That He needs water.

His ugly head screws round

There is water over there

Heat quenching, thirstless, gurgling water.

He drags his tormented body towards the mirage.
Heat burning heat.
Then he falls into thirstless oblivion.
The dawning of the destructive era of all powerful man.
His domains will be everywhere.
At first he is meek and Minor
But soon he will become the most terrifying, bloodthirsty,
megalomaniac ever.
This sublime, animostic creature forming his own hell.

A. Crompton, 4B

✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

WAR

War is tragedy in itself —
The most dreadful tragedy known;
It's all the same.
Death.
Death, from gas which drowns.
Death, from bullets which gouge.
Death, from knives which rend.
Death, in most forms known,
It's war.
Killed in the trenches,
Killed in a plane,
Killed in a ship
Death, death, death.

D. B. Collinge. 3X.

✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

FIRE

Fire!
Fire!
Burning, destroying all in its path,
The reek of burning flesh is in the air,
Horror!
Horror!
Black smoke stays above the roof tops.
All life dies.
Flames!
Sweltering heat,
The cries of the dying
Mingle
With the roaring, crackling of the great furnace which was
London, Water!!
Water!
Must fetch water!
No, no good against this impenetrable wall of flames.
Everywhere burns,
Burns!
Burns!

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A DESERTED HOUSE

I entered the house,
The hinges creaked,
I shut the door,
The handle fell off,
The floorboards broken,
The steps cracked,
The uprights splintered,
The paint flaked,
The table split,
The cobwebs on the ceiling,
Moths and flies caught in the trap,
No light no windows,
No heat,
All was dark,
Gloomy place,
No noise,
Movement scarce,
Terrible place.

A. Hodge. Form 3M.

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THE RULES

Jim Briggs knew the rules of the game he was about to play. In fact, he thought, as the lurching Bristol ascended the slipway, he knew them too well. Jim had always been troubled by his conscience, and it often prevented him from doing what he wanted to and from enjoying himself.

His mind was so much occupied by these thoughts that the Bristol lurched onto the nearside lane in a most ungainly fashion, nearly removing the bonnet of an elderly cement-mixer. The driver's face reddened. Jim smiled meekly, and moved the coach into the second lane, accelerated past a Foden tipper, and settled down to endure the long journey ahead of him.

Jim's mind wandered once more. He didn't like his job and knew of the "perks" which would make it bearable. But the rules forbade him from using them — usually. But today? Today might be different, thought Jim, today might be the day I forget the rules . . .

. . . Not un-naturally, the first rule crossed his mind. "Thou shalt not use the third lane." Jim said to himself, pulling the coach onto the outside of a heavily-laden Mini, which occupied the second lane. He grinned savagely as he thought of the television advert. which reminded drivers of the "heavies" not to use the outside lane. A glance in the wing-mirror told him that a following Jaguar wanted to pass and Jim momentarily surrendered his new-found freedom.

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The reddish tarmac, curious to the M6, lay stretched out in front of him for miles on end, and Jim began to feel tired and strained. It was pleasing to see the sign of the services, with its white knives, forks and petrol pumps on a blue background.

Jim eased his foot off the "gas pedal" and pulled round next to a yellow Leyland. The driver of the coach looked across at Jim, as he dismounted from the Bristol, and then shouted, "Used the third yet?"

"Yeh!" said Jim, trying to sound casual, but he could not, because he saw a police car out of the corner of his eye, and his heart jumped. But it passed on its way, and Jim quickly went into the café.

Jim Briggs stared at his chips with a knitted brow. He would soon be on the M5, and being only two-lane, this was considered a dangerous stretch of motorway. With the chips pushed onto one side of the plate Jim got up and strode quickly back to the Bristol. He got in, pressed the electric starter, and listened as the crankshaft was set into motion. Then he screwed the heavy wheel in a clockwise direction and was soon back on the road.

Sure enough, after going under the Birmingham "clover-leaf", Jim was on the M5, and the second rule appeared before him: "Thou shalt not exceed 70 m.p.h."

He laughed to himself as he ascended a viaduct over a canal. In a few seconds I'll . . . the Bristol roared down the descent from the viaduct and Jim watched with satisfaction as the speedometer struggled to attain the 80 mark. To other drivers, the coach appeared to resemble an extremely frightened fox being chased by particularly savage foxhounds, such was Jim's urgency to prove to himself that he could do it.

However, once on the level, the needle dropped back to 65, and Jim settled down, leading a whole string of cars a "merry dance". The fumes poured from the coach's exhaust pipes, and the drivers behind hung back. As they ascended the fifth or sixth rise in ten miles, Jim saw ahead the Leyland and put his foot hard on the accelerator, roaring past the yellow coach in such a way as to leave the driver dumbstruck.

Jim's foot ached with pushing on the pedal, and he eased off as they approached Pershore interchange. It was just unfortunate that the Pershore Hell's Angels should choose to have the day out that particular day, because they entered the motorway about 20 yards in front of the Bristol, and Briggs pushed down once again, bearing in mind the third and most important rule: "Thou shalt not indulge in any form of competition with other drivers."

The leader of the Angels had a distinctive Triumph, and a leather jacket with an eagle emblazoned across the back. Jim pushed and pushed and the six cylinders of the Gardner engine grumbled and roared as they were forced into more effort.

Some of the Angels' "outriders" began to fall back, and Jim got in amongst the snarling 'bikes. His foot seemed to be controlled by the very devil himself, and the Bristol's headlights were soon staring up the Triumph's exhaust pipes.

Jim's foot went two inches too far. The bike was thrown into the air, and its back tyre came through the coach windscreen. Blinded by glass fragments, Jim momentarily released the steering wheel, but that moment was enough to send the coach across into the opposite carriageway, straight into the path of a ten-tonner. Jim gazed into the eyes of its horrified driver. . . .

. . . The inevitable happened. Jim Briggs knew the rules, but he could not afford to forget about them.

REVISED CODE OF PRACTISES

It has come to the notice of the Education Committee that pupils have been found dying in class, and either refusing or neglecting to slump forward.

This practice must cease forthwith, so that pupils found dead in the upright position can be immediately struck off the register.

In future, if a master notices that a pupil has made no movement for a period of one hour, it will be his duty to investigate the cause, as it is impossible to distinguish between death and the natural movement of some pupils.

Masters are advised to make careful investigation by holding a merit-card in front of the suspected corpse, as this has an astonishing effect. There are, however, cases where the natural instinct has become so deeply ingrained that the hand of the corpse has made spasmodic clutches, even after rigor mortis has set in.

The most successful test is to whisper "House Points", as this has been known to restore animation to a body that has been motionless all week.

These tests are not successful when applied to prefects, as in this case movement of any kind is rarely necessary.

Prolonged Absence

If, after having arrived, a pupil is not seen for an unusually long time, the masters are instructed to place their names on the Truant List, in the office.

Before doing this, however, the following places must be checked:

- a) The Toilets.
- b) The Canteen.
- c) Behind the power-house.
- d) The Shop.

Causes of Disappearance

In individual cases it has been noted that absences occur at the following times:

- a) On the day of the cup-tie.
- b) Just before the Shop opens.
- c) When it's games next period.

When pupils disappear "en masse" the cause is usually traceable to the minibus waiting, at the front of the school, to be washed.

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