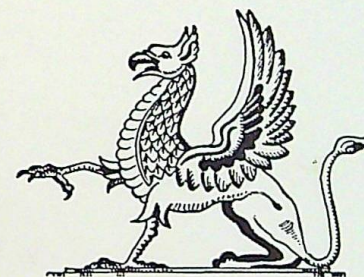

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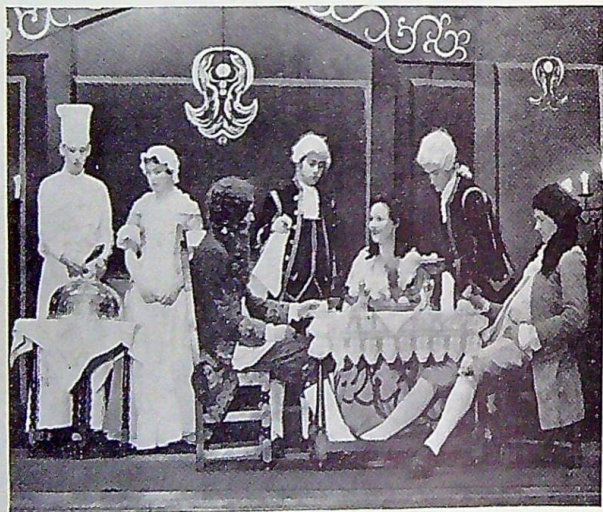
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EDITORIAL

The past year has been a momentous one in many ways. When Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the throne in 1953 it was hoped that her reign would be remembered in years to come for "a spaciousness and spirit of high endeavour comparable to that which characterised the reign of her great namesake." Already we are seeing these hopes fulfilled. Many discoveries are being made and much knowledge gained as a result of the National Geophysical Year, of which two of the most impressive features have been the discovery of an overland route to the South Pole, and the recent success in man's attempt to conquer space. Throughout these events that same undaunted enthusiasm, which must have accompanied Drake's first voyage round the world, has been much in evidence. In the midst of these great achievements our school activities may seem trivial, yet they are of paramount importance if we are to play our parts successfully in this New World.

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SCHOOL NOTES

SCHOOL PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS, 1957-8

- BOYS. *Head Boy* : Swift, R. D. *Prefects* : Knapman, R. K., Graham, W., Ainscough, E., Farrer, C. D. H., Ormand, T. A., Worthington, A. A., Dawber, R. P. R., Ingham, M. F. *Sub-Prefects* : Wilford, C. J. B., Greenwood, D. J., Salisbury, P. A., Bellis, G., Burnett, D. P., Carefoot, W. C., Entwistle, J. T., Heyes, R., Lucas, J., Oliver, J. G., Barber, H. E., Dean, K. F., Entwistle, H., Howe, P. D., Turner, N. C., Waring, J. J.
- GIRLS. *Head Girl* : R. C. Hosker. *Prefects* : I. Wilson, M. V. Ashton, J. Bailey, K. M. Savage, J. Moore. *Sub-Prefects* : J. Cairns, B. E. Hawkes, M. J. Simpson, D. K. Norris, B. Cookson, M. Hodson, D. Crook, S. B. Walkden, M. Stazicker, D. Mee, M. H. Allison, B. M. Clegg, V. E. Metcalfe.

We wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way to this year's *Balshavian*, especially Miss Doherty, whose name does not appear among the editorial staff.

We welcome Miss Leach and Mr. Smith, both Old Students, who occupy the positions vacated by Mr. Leatherbarrow and Miss Cummins, to whom we send our best wishes for the future. In addition we congratulate Mr. Smith upon his marriage to Miss Gwyneth Hall, who was also a pupil at this school, and we wish them every happiness.

Speech Day was held on Monday, December 16th, 1957, when Mr. K. M. Grayson, M.A., Assistant Master at Malvern College, and an Old Boy of the School, distributed the prizes.

An appreciation of this year's School Play, "The School for Scandal," will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Several changes have been made in School Societies. Mr. Speakman has started an Agricultural Society, Mr. Wilkinson has re-started the Chess Society, and Miss Leach has started a Junior Arts and Crafts Society.

A memorial service conducted by the Rev. Humphrey Bretherton, M.A., was held in the School Hall on Friday, June 28th, 1957, at which a Memorial Tablet and two Memorial Seats were dedicated to the memory of those Old Balshavians who gave their lives in the Second World War.

An interesting lecture was given on October 18th by Dr. J. M. Simpson, B.Sc., Ph.D., on "The Origins of the Earth."

We congratulate Bourn, A. J. R., and Swift, R. D., on being awarded State Scholarships, and Swift on gaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Downing College, Cambridge.

Our congratulations also go to Ogden, I. W., and Swarbrick, R., on winning Stanning Memorial Awards; and Hoole, A., who won the A. E. Hocking Memorial Prize.

We further congratulate Audrey Singleton, who obtained a 1st in Modern Greats (Politics, Philosophy, Economics) at St. Hilda's College, Oxford. She has since passed an examination for the Administrative Class of the Civil Service, and has entered the G.P.O. with the rank of Assistant Principal.

In an exciting final match, the School Tennis Tournament, 1957, was won by Miss Ball and Mr. Speakman, who defeated Susan Davidson and Farrer, C. D. H.

We congratulate Knapman, R. K., who again played Rugby for the Lancashire County Schoolboys' XV, and Smith, R., serving in the R.A.F., who has played for Bomber Command.

We have heard of many marriages of Old Students, and we send our best wishes to John Bainbridge and Miss E. Birchall, William Blyth and Miss P. Sharp, M. D. Simpson and Delphine Swarbrick, Edna Sanders and Mr. G. Riding, Glenys Hothersall and Mr. M. Taylor, Margaret Ward and Flt.-Lt. K. F. Sanderson, Maureen Taylor and Mr. R. Frost, Audrey Makin and Mr. K. Bowling, Irene Shuttleworth and Mr. Taylor, Shirley Atherton and Mr. K. H. Ferris, and Vera Swarbrick and Mr. Heaton.

We congratulate the following pupils, who obtained their General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level (N.U.J.M.B.) and at Ordinary Level (Oxford Delegacy):—

ADVANCED :—

Bourn, A. J. R., Brennand, W. J., Dawber, R. P. R., Fishwick, G., Goff, B. C., Graham, W., Gray, B., Hoole, A., Ingham, M. F., Jolly, W., Knapman, R. K., Marsden, J. B., Martland, J. R., Nelson, P., Ryding, G. N., Singleton, B. J., Slattery, R. L., Swift, R. D., Thomas, D. C., Thwaite, B., Ward, D. W., Worthington, A. A.

M. Allison, J. Ayrton, J. J. Boswell, L. C. Butterfield, V. Kelly, A. Lambert, A. Manchester, J. E. Parkinson, R. Paul, M. G. Smethurst, I. Wilson.

ORDINARY (N.U.J.M.B.) :—

Ainscough, E., Baldwin, K., Farrer, C. D. H., Ormand, T. A., B. M. Floyd, D. R. Parkinson, M. A. Salmon.

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Anderson, J., Bannister, A., Brown, J. G., Byers, G., Cunliffe, W. G., Damp, A. F., Davies, J. A., Dean, K. F., Dunn, R., Entwistle, H., Fell, J., Gill, J., Gillibrand, L. H., Goff, B. C., Goodman, C., Harper, F. A., Higham, James N., Higham, John N., Holden, A., Hothersall, R., King, E. G., Knipe, C. D., Liptrot, E. A., Macauley, R. J. L., Marsden, A. M., Martland, T. D., Nelson, B., Parr, F. D. H., Rawcliffe, G., Riding, B., Riding, J. B., Rukin, D., Rushton, A., Rutter, J., Salisbury, P. A., Scott, I. J. F., Shimmmin, D., Singleton, B. R., Sisson, J., Smith, S. G., Summers, C., Summers, D. G., Swarbrick, R., Taylor, D. B., Taylor, D. E., Thwaite, L., Wilford, C. J. B., Wilkins, D., Woods, R. G.

M. H. Allison, M. Ashton, B. A. Askew, D. Atkinson, M. Ball, M. A. Bluck, A. Bradshaw, B. Bretherton, N. Burns, G. A. Carter, M. E. Clayton, B. M. Clegg, B. Cookson, S. M. Davidson, E. M. Dawson, C. M. Dean, S. M. Evans, J. E. Fletcher, E. Flood, O. Gillibrand, S. Gow, M. Halliwell, P. A. Halliwell, O. M. Halsall, B. A. Hands, H. Hesketh, J. Higginson, J. C. Holmes, K. R. Howard, J. B. Hughes, P. A. Hughes, V. M. Iddon, S. Kelly, S. M. Longton, P. Maddocks, C. Markus, D. Mee, V. E. Metcalfe, J. M. C. Murdoch, C. Okell, L. Parker, S. A. Parker, Marilyn Phillips, Muriel Phillips, V. A. A. Preston, D. J. Ryding, B. Robertson, M. N. Sedgwick, C. C. Seed, D. Shuttleworth, I. Simmons-Lowe, E. M. Slater, C. A. Smith, P. M. Smith, S. Southworth, D. Stackhouse, M. Stazicker, J. Swarbrick, E. M. Taylor, S. A. Tomlinson, P. J. Townley, S. J. Walmsley.

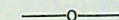
The following have gone to Universities and Training Colleges :—

Jolly, W., to Birmingham University; Campbell, R. J., to Hull University; Marsden, J. B., to Liverpool University; Bourn, A. J. R., to London University; V. Kelly, Hoole, A., to Manchester University; Fishwick, G., Singleton, B. J., Slattery, R. L., Thwaite, B., to Manchester College of Technology; Nelson, P., to University of North Wales; Thomas, D. C., to Nottingham University; Ward, D. W., to Manchester University.

Hughes, M. D. (Didsbury T.C.); Martland, J. R. (Chester T.C.); C. H. Booth (Bingley T.C.); J. E. Parkinson (Leeds T.C.); M. A. Salmon (Leeds T.C.); M. G. Smethurst (Leeds T.C.); E. M. Dawson (Leeds College of Domestic Science); A. Lambert (St. Katharine's T.C., Liverpool); J. Ayrton (Manchester College of Domestic Science); A. Manchester (Southlands T.C.); V. J. Elliott (Langham Towers T.C., Sunderland); B. M. Floyd (Trent Park T.C.); L. C. Butterfield (Wentworth Castle T.C.); D. R. Parkinson (Wentworth Castle T.C.); J. M. Higgins (Gloucestershire College of Domestic Science).

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines :—

The Beaver, *The Chorleian*, *The Georgian*, *The Houghtonian*, *The Huttonian*, *The Magazine of Ormskirk Grammar School*, *The Red Rose*, *The Rossallian*, *Wigan Grammar School Magazine*.



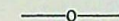
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To Cuerden House : W. Annal, M. E. Agnew, E. Baker, B. A. Christie, E. A. Hoyle, P. S. V. Marsden, J. L. Morris, A. C. Nelson, K. Smalley, J. M. Sowman, B. M. Tattersall, B. M. Wilcock, P. Wilson. Cooper, J. G., Dickinson, P. T., Elliott, W. F., Lawton, D. F., Roocroft, N., Trafford, W., Wright, F.

To Farington House : B. J. Ainsworth, S. M. Beaver, C. Blundell, A. Booth, A. Bretherton, K. P. Hargreaves, K. Harrison, D. Hewitson, J. M. Hill, E. Jenkins, A. M. Lee, J. D. Marsden, J. Mitchell, L. A. Phillips, J. Singleton, C. Stafford, C. A. Stubbings, S. Whitney, L. M. Wilford. Blundell, J., Gray, M., Milloy, G. T., Moore, G., Shorrock, J. P., Walley, M. J.

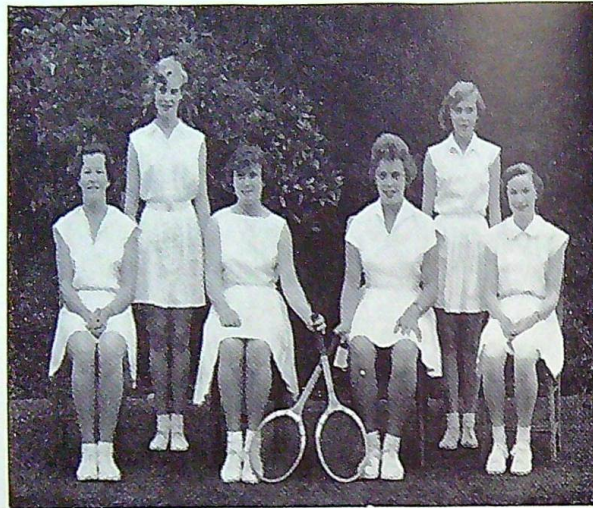
To Worden House : C. M. Beattie, M. J. Brennand, A. B. Carter, P. A. Challender, M. Croston, M. Elliott, J. Iddon, S. E. Nixon, R. V. Pickup, P. J. Richards, D. E. Robbins, D. Robinson, P. A. Sephton, E. R. Sharrock, J. Summers, J. Swarbrick, R. A. Weaver, Baker, J., Baldwin, P. W., Britton, C. R., Chilton, B., Dagger, K., Dean, G. H., Eckton, N. H., Forshaw, B. R., Gott, G. R., Henderson, L. J., Park, G., Pinder, J., Ryding, K., Turbitt, S. E., Walters, P. T.



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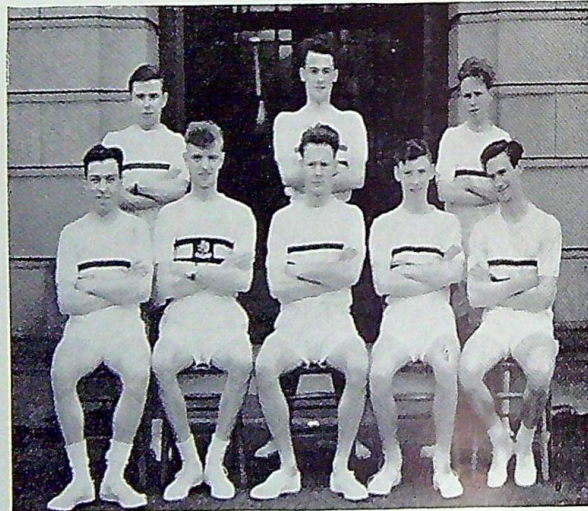
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Bourn, A. J. R.—U.VI (Cl.). Head Boy 1956-7. House Captain 1956-7. G.C.E.(O.) 1954. G.C.E.(A.) 1956. School 1st Rugby XV 1953-7. Captain 1956-7. School 1st Cricket XI 1953-57. Captain 1955-7. School Cross Country VIII 1953-57. Captain 1955-57. Rugby, Cricket, Cross Country Colours. School Play 1955, 6, 7. Carol Choir. *Baldwin, K.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1954, 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. School Cross Country VIII. Cross Country Colours. Victor Ludorum 1957. School Play. *Brennand, W. J.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1954. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. Rugby Knockouts. *Goff, B. C.*—U.VI (F.). School Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1954. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts. *Hoole, A.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. House Captain 1956-7. G.C.E.(O.) 1954. G.C.E.(A.) 1956, 7. School 1st Cricket XI. School 2nd Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. Cricket Colours. *Nelson, P.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. House Captain 1956-7. G.C.E.(O.) 1954. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. Cricket and Rugby Knockouts. School Play 1954. *Ward, D. W.*—U.VI (W.). School Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1955. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School Rugby 1st XV. Rugby Knockouts. School Play. School Choir. *Thomas, D. C.*—U.VI (Cl.). School Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1955. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. Rugby Colours. Cricket Leagues. School Play. *Martland, J. R.*—U.VI (Cu.). School Prefect. House Captain. G.C.E.(O.) 1955. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. School 1st Cricket Team. Rugby Colours. Cricket Colours. School Play. School Brass Band. Carol Choir. *Fishwick G.*—School Sub-Prefect. G.C.E.(O.) 1955. G.C.E.(A.) 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. Rugby Colours. Cricket and Rugby Leagues and Knockouts. *Ormand, T. A.*—School Prefect. House Captain. G.C.E.(O.) 1955, 1957. School 1st Rugby XV. School 2nd Cricket XI. Cricket and Rugby



SCHOOL TENNIS 1st VI, 1957

Back row (left to right) : B. A. Bidwell, B. A. Gold.
 Front row (left to right) : J. J. Boswell, M. Halliwell, J. E. Parkinson, A. Manchester.
 Played 6 Won 6 Drawn 0 Lost 0



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 1st VIII, 1957

Back row (left to right) : Hughes, M. D., Ingham, M. F., Lucas, J.
 Front row (left to right) : Ainscough, E., Baldwin, K., Bourn, A. J. R., Turner, N. C., Graham, W.

V.A (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 2nd Rounders Team. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues. S. Davidson—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 1st Tennis Team. School 1st Rounders Team. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. School Choir. A. C. Dutton—V.B (Cl.). S. M. Evans—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. J. E. Fletcher—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School Choir. E. Flood—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. Rounders Leagues. O. Gillibrand—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School Choir. S. Gow—V.A (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey Leagues and Knockouts. Rounders Leagues. P. A. Halliwell—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. B. A. Hands—V.B (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. H. Hesketh—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey Leagues. J. C. Holmes—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. Tennis Leagues. K. R. Howard—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Carol Choir. J. B. Hughes—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. P. A. Hughes—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School Choir. V. M. Iddon—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School Choir. S. Kelly—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. S. M. Longton—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 2nd Rounders Team. Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. Hockey Leagues. P. Maddocks—V.C (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. School Play. Carol Choir. J. M. C. Murdoch—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Leagues. S. Parker—V.A (F.). School 2nd Tennis VI. Hockey Leagues. Tennis Leagues and Knockouts. Carol Choir. M. A. Phillips—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School Choir. M. Phillips—V.B (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. Rounders Leagues. D. J. Ryding—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. M. N. Sedgwick—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 2nd Hockey XI. D. Shuttleworth—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. E. Slater—V.C (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. M. Slater—V.B (F.). C. A. Smith—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. J. Swarbrick—V.C (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. A. Taylor—V.B (F.). E. M. Taylor—V.B (W.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 1st Hockey XI. Hockey Colours. School Under 15 Rounders Team. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. S. A. Tomlinson—V.A (Cu.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. J. Trafford—V.A (Cl.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. School 2nd Hockey XI. Hockey and Rounders Leagues and Knockouts. B. Walmsley—V.B (Cu.). Hockey and Rounders Leagues. S. J. Walmsley—V.B (F.). G.C.E.(O.) 1957. A. Parkinson—IV.C (Cu.). Hockey and Rounders Leagues. Hockey Knockouts. R. C. Wilford—IV.B (F.). M. Hampson—III.B (W.). P. A. Crafts—II.B (Cl.). M. E. Agnew—I.C (Cu.). L. A. Harrison—I.A (Cl.).

COUNTY ALDERMAN G. H. REDMAN, C.B.E.

(CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS OF BALSHAW'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1950 TO 1957)

In his speech last Speech Day the Headmaster made the following reference to Mr. Redman's resignation as Chairman of the Governors of the School.

"It has been my privilege to work with Mr. Redman for the many years during which he has been a member of the Board and in particular for the last seven years during which he has been Chairman. Under his wise and benevolent chairmanship the school has prospered and gone from success to success and I would like to say publicly how very much we at the school have always appreciated his great interest on our behalf. We are very pleased to know that his connections with Balshaw's will not be severed as he will continue to sit as a member of the Board of Governors."

SPEECH DAY, 1957

On Monday, December 16th, 1957, the Annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes took place in the School Hall. Mr. K. M. Grayson, M.A., Assistant Master at Malvern College, who is himself an Old Boy of the School, distributed the prizes.

The Proceedings opened with a group of songs by the School Choir : "The Arethusa," by Eric H. Thiman ; "Il est bel et bon," an intricate madrigal by Passereau ; an arrangement of "The Little Road to Bethlehem," by Michael Head ; and finally "In England, Merrie England," from Edward German's "Merrie England."

In his address the Headmaster presented another successful report on the School's activities, both in examinations and on the games field. Mr. Oldland pointed out that

Grammar Schools in this country were, in the main, standing firm whilst criticism usually of an egalitarian nature broke around them. He continued by saying that the Grammar Schools would like to see a strictly limited number of controlled experiments with the sole aim of finding the best way to provide for every child the maximum opportunity of developing to the full his entire potentialities, but such experiments by their very nature must take time.

Mr Oldland also referred to the resignation of the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G. H. Redman, who, with his wife, hoped to go to Australia in the New Year.

In his speech Mr. Grayson said that more and more obvious became the necessity for people of any nation, particularly Britain, to be able to think for themselves and weigh up the facts, often presented in a distorted form by the popular Press. The need for everyone to play a full, active part as a true citizen is greater than ever. The sort of person who was going to benefit from a Grammar School education was the sort of person who learned objectively about himself, about other people, and about the world.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Grayson was proposed and seconded and likewise one to the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Tomlinson.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

R.C.H., U.VI (Cu.).

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

This year's school play was Sheridan's "The School for Scandal," first produced at Drury Lane Theatre in 1777 when the playwright was twenty-six. It is one of the masterpieces of 18th century drama combining so magnificently the vigour and charm of Restoration comic drama with a good-tempered humour which has lost none of its edge with the passing of time.

It consists of two themes carefully linked together. The story of the Teazles would make a play by itself with Sir Peter the growling husband of tradition and his wife, an almost breathtakingly honest, charming, irritated woman; but then there would be no background and no feeling that the social vultures are waiting to alight and devour the scandal. The 'school' on the other hand would not make a play by itself, unless something happened to set its tongue to work. Its personages, even Mrs. Candour, are hardly persons at all, only types or labels. However, the play does not lack unity. There is the unity of atmosphere. The very air the Teazles and Surfaces breathe is charged with detraction. Native to that air is Joseph Surface, who unites the two portions of the comedy and so is the most important character in the play.

It was a happy circumstance therefore that Mr. Downer had available for this part Greenwood, whose performance was of almost professional excellence. He has a beautifully rich voice which he used to bring out every nuance of this study in hypocrisy, which, together with his gestures and stage presence, made one feel impatient for his next entry. Wilford, as Sir Peter Teazle, presented a picture of a man in vigorous middle age rather than an elderly man. Here again the performance was excellent with its beautiful timing and movement combined with a powerful voice. Barbara Robertson, as Lady Teazle, from her first entry gave an enchanting performance, the lightness of her voice contrasting finely with the depth of Wilford's. Her skilful use of the fan completed a picture of a woman whom Sir Peter understandably found irresistible.

Charles Surface, of all the characters, is the one most true to life and his portrayal is thus one of the most difficult in the play. H. Entwistle gave us the assured performance which we have come to expect from him. Here again gesture, movement and diction were generally excellent. One wonders, however, whether in providing a suitable contrast to Greenwood's Joseph, Entwistle's Charles should have been a weaker character than the one he presented.

The school dramatic society will undoubtedly feel the loss of these four players when they eventually leave.

For the rest Robinson as Sir Oliver Surface and Jean Walsh as Maria gave thoroughly convincing performances. Margaret Luxton as Mrs Candour obviously knew her lines thoroughly but her delivery lacked variation. Valerie Preston as Lady Sneerwell gave a somewhat indifferent performance not at all in the line of the town dames of 17th and 18th century drama. Barber and Oliver as Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite respectively gave satisfactory performances although here again their delivery lacked imaginative variation.

These minor parts are of extreme importance and the scenes in which they appear, particularly in Lady Sneerwell's boudoir at the opening of the play, should be like a cadenza in which we are not concerned so much with the content as with the virtuosity of the performance.

Sound performances were given by Turner as Snake, Taylor as Moses and Swift as Rowley, although this Rowley was not the kind, shrewd old retainer one might have expected. The least successful performances were those of the cronies of Charles Surface. Heyes was somewhat too boisterous and unrelenting as Careless; admittedly another difficult part.

Yet taken all round this was a presentation to be remembered for the general excellence of all those who laboured on and off the stage. We can remember the charming singing of Barbara Hitchon; the way in which Margaret Harrison called upon to act as stand-in for Valerie Preston, when not required in that role, willingly helped with the make-up; and the fine toilette table constructed for Lady Sneerwell's boudoir by Shires.

The sets skilfully designed by Miss Whewell and constructed by Mr. Hewartson and a host of technical assistants created an illusion of space which was enhanced by the lighting of Mr. Speakman and his team and the furniture supplied by Edward Nield of Preston.

The costumes by Miss Whewell, Miss Ball and Watts of Manchester together with suitable make-up by Mrs. Ife, Mrs. Pickersgill and a band of worthy Sixth Form girls, provided us with many colourful scenes.

All the scenes were linked by the music of Handel and Mozart aptly chosen by Mr. Black.

To Mr. Rigby, the stage manager, must go the credit for the co-ordination and smooth running of all the back-stage activities. His team changed the sets noiselessly and with amazing rapidity.

In front of the curtain Miss Rahill, Miss Moss and Mr. Smith guided affairs with the precision we have come to expect over the years.

Finally to Mr. Downer we owe our sincerest thanks for a production of which the school may be justly proud. Few people in the audience could have any idea of the concentrated energy, the planning and the hard grinding activity necessary before such a performance could be put before them. This is not just one year's endeavour, it is the perennially conscientious and heroic task which Mr. Downer undertakes so enthusiastically.

W.G.W.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TABLET

On Friday, June 28th, 1957, a Service was held in the School Hall, at which a Memorial Tablet to the Old Balshavians who lost their lives in the Second World War was dedicated. The Service, which was attended by a large number of relatives and old students, was conducted by The Rev. Humphrey Bretherton, M.A. The School Choir sang an Anthem, and the Head Boy, A. J. R. Bourn, read the Lesson "Let us now praise famous men," Ecclesiasticus LXIV. This was followed by the laying of wreaths. A minute's silence and The Blessing ended this short, but moving ceremony.

R.C.H., U.VI (Cu.).

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POSTMAN'S KNOCK IS FUN

"Catch the 'A' bus and get off at the terminus," the official says to you, and from then on it's a case of "take it from here."

You get out the bundle marked 'I' and look around for the house. The one you want is nowhere to be seen.

Ask a passer-by. He is a stranger to the area. You start to panic. Perhaps you caught the wrong bus. Must you go back to town? Then, just a few doors away is the very place you're looking for, numbered just as the letter says.

Every year, about a week before the Christmas holidays, boys of forms V and VI volunteer for temporary work with the Post Office. Lucky blighters? Before you too grow jealous of those who, legitimately, dodge a whole week of school, you should become acquainted with some of the hazards and horrors to which the casual "poster" is exposed.

First obstacle is to get accepted. You fill in a searching questionnaire. How tall are you in your stockinged feet? Vitally important when the letter box is high on a sixteen-foot door.

Do you enjoy perfect physical and mental health? And then in brackets a dire warning that failure to answer truthfully may result in legal proceedings.

But finally you are accepted with orders to attend before six a.m. on Monday—inevitably the coldest of the winter. Eager to create a good impression you struggle boggle-eyed to the sorting centre only to find several hundred others already there in an almost endless, immobile queue.

Two hours later you reach the signing-on table and receive your armband. At last you have joined the State payroll, qualified to engage in the Battle of the Christmas Mail.

For the first few days it is a bitter struggle, and there are many perils. You push your fingers through the letter-box only to find too late that a hungry dog is waiting on the other side. Sometimes he meets you half-way up the path to bar your way and snap at your leaden feet.

Some letterboxes are too high, others too low; they grip your fingers or will not open. There is a temptation to bend double expensive cards when no-one answers your knock; and occasionally there is the angry old man (with influence at the Post Office) who accuses you of withholding his registered letters.

Yet the life of a casual 'poster' is not all frustration. Happy hearts make up for frozen fingers and an invitation to try the Christmas cake when you deliver a package, can be recompense for many hours of work in the slush.

And finally, what greater pleasure can there be than to take your place in the line for pay? Yes, while the Post Office continues to offer students the chance to make a Christmas box, there will always be willing applicants.

C.J.B.W., U.VI (F.).

BRETON HOLIDAY

On a lovely Summer's morning at the beginning of last July I boarded a Pionair aircraft at Manchester and started on my journey to visit my penfriend who lives at Brest in Brittany. I wish that I could say that the weather was equally fine when I arrived in France, but unfortunately this was not so. At Jersey, where I changed planes, it was cloudy, and at St. Brieuc it was pouring with rain. The fact that, through a misunderstanding, my penfriend, Annie, was not there to meet me did not improve matters, for I had to wait four hours on a draughty railway station before going on to Brest. Not, I must admit, a very propitious start (though I hasten to add that for once this was not my fault), but the rest of the holiday certainly made up for it.

After a good night's sleep and a delicious French breakfast of coffee and rolls we set out on a tour of Brest. Being a French naval port, the town suffered very badly in the last war, but there was little evidence of this and everywhere fine new buildings and large department stores were to be seen. It was impossible to go very far without becoming aware of the importance of the sea in the life of all the inhabitants. In the bay small gun boats were manoeuvring and the huge French carrier, "Jeanne d'Arc" was anchored close by. Brest is also a commercial and fishing port and is a calling place for large luxury yachts.

In addition, it is the largest town for miles around, and, when walking along I was amused by the sight of the country people coming to market with their goods and dressed in traditional costume. The large lace bonnets or "coifs" seemed strangely out of place in the huge city.

This, then, was to be my home for the next month or so. Annie and I soon became firm friends and her parents and friends all made me feel at home. Indeed, the block of apartments where I stayed was like a minor United Nations, for the next door neighbours were Italians and the grocer who lived on the ground floor was a Spaniard.

Every morning after breakfast we would meet some of Annie's friends and do the shopping. Then we would return for lunch, the food, of course, being excellent. In the afternoon we would go cycling to some nearby beach or place of interest, for the Breton scenery is indeed very beautiful. The sea seems to be everywhere and there are countless small beaches. In the fields we saw the country people picking strawberries, and in every village and at most crossroads we saw beautifully carved calvaries and little old churches with their typical Breton steeples.

Often we went to the large beach near Brest. There we would meet friends of Annie and sit in the sun listening to gramophone records being played at a nearby café. But in one thing at least the tastes of the French and English younger generations are similar, for most of the records were of Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, and Tommy Steel, and two of the films showing at the local cinemas were "Rock around the Clock" and "Giant."

Naturally enough, all were expert swimmers and most of them were equipped with mask, flippers and breathing tube. I never completely mastered the art of under-water swimming, but it was great fun trying.

During my stay in Brest we went on several excursions, at first in express coaches and later in the car which arrived while I was there and which had been on order for two years. We visited the stormy Pointe du Raz seen on French postage stamps, and the sheltered fishing ports from which the red-sailed fishing boats go out to Iceland. We went sailing in the yacht of a friend, and we visited the departmental capital, Quimper, to see the "Fêtes de Cornouailles." The main feature of this is a procession made up of representatives of all the regions of Brittany, all dressed in beautifully embroidered costumes. Each contingent was preceded by its own musicians playing the national instrument of Brittany,

the bagpipes. Imagine the noise made by about a hundred different pipe bands, all playing a different part of the same tune. Nevertheless, it was a very beautiful and impressive scene.

For one week Annie and I stayed with her aunt on the island of Ouessant, which is the farthest extremity of the Old World. Here conditions are still extremely primitive. The inhabitants are entirely dependent on the boat which comes twice a week in good weather, and brings papers, mail, and, most important of all, food. For, apart from the sheep, which are led about on leads like dogs, there is almost no food at all on the island. There is no running water, and only one road which runs through the small village. At various points around the coast three wrecked vessels and six lighthouses bear witness to the dangers of the rugged coastline and rough seas. The island is often covered by thick fog and every night the fog horn of the most powerful lighthouse in the world booms forth. In Winter life there must be almost unbearable, but in Summer the weather is very hot, and young people from all over France go there to stay with relatives. There we spent the time in sailing, swimming, fishing, and playing volley ball, and, surprisingly enough, were not in the least bored.

My stay in France passed unbelievably quickly, and soon it was time for us to set off home. First we motored along the coast as far as Mont St. Michel with its famous abbey and political prison. We spent the night at the old walled town of Dinan and early next morning we returned to St. Briec. There Annie and I boarded the 'plane, and I returned to England taking with me many happy memories of the places I had visited, and above all of the kindness and hospitality of the Bretons who had made my stay such a happy one.

J.B., U.VI (F.).

A VISIT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

It was ten o'clock on Tuesday the eighteenth of February when our car drove up to the gates of Buckingham Palace and under an arch into a courtyard by the main entrance. My Grandmother, who was to receive the M.B.E., was directed to a separate entrance from that by which my uncle and I entered. We had to go up a long flight of richly ornamented stairs, and then into a long corridor with numerous paintings and doors down either side. We moved very slowly along this, and at the end found ourselves in the great ballroom.

A Colonel in full dress uniform directed us to very good seats, near to where the Queen would stand. All around the Ballroom there were seats and on a balcony at the back of the room was an orchestra which played light music throughout the proceedings.

We had to wait until eleven o'clock for the Queen to come in. She was escorted by twelve "beefeaters," the Lord Chamberlain and several officials, and she looked lovely in a blue lace dress with a straight skirt. The Queen then said, "Pray be seated."

The first person was to receive a knighthood, and he knelt on a stool, brought forward by the Lord Chamberlain, whilst the Queen tapped him on each shoulder with a sword. She spoke to each person in turn for a few seconds. Among other people we saw Dennis Compton who received the O.B.E. My Grandmother came forward towards the end and, after she had curtsied, the Queen asked her where she did her work.

When it was all over we moved slowly out into the courtyard where we joined Grannie who had come out through another entrance. When we got to the gates a photograph was taken for a Lancashire newspaper. We then went to Chelsea to have lunch to celebrate and that evening we went to the theatre.

It was a wonderful experience and I shall always remember it.

C.J.B., II.B (Cl.).

THE ORIGIN OF THE EARTH

On October 18th, 1957, an interesting lecture was given by Dr. I. M. Simpson, B.Sc., PH.D., on "The origin of the earth." He illustrated how Europe had been built up from a much smaller land mass to its present day size. He also traced the evolution of plants and animals throughout the various geological periods. To make a difficult subject more interesting Dr. Simpson brought a collection of slides.

M.R.T.

NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS BAND COURSE AT CRANLEIGH, SURREY

Twice a year, members of the National Youth Brass Band, over a hundred boys and girls under nineteen, from all over Britain, come together to improve their musicianship and widen their musical horizons. I was fortunate enough to be invited to join the band for its Easter course which was held at Elmbridge School, Cranleigh, Surrey, from April 6th to April 14th.

During the week's course each day was occupied in a variety of ways. There were periods, totalling about three hours each day, for group tuition, when we were coached in the technique of our instruments. The high spots each day were the two 1½-hour full band practices, when a programme of music, specially chosen so as to combine musical enjoyment with educational value, was rehearsed under Dr. Denis Wright. Sir Adrian Boult conducted us on Wednesday at Cranleigh School.

The climax of the Easter course was, however, the public concert which took place on the Saturday evening at the Friends' House, London. The greatest thrill was when the band, under Sir Adrian Boult, appeared on television for the first time since its inauguration.

The music which we played at the evening concert included the overture "Egmont" by Beethoven, "English Folk Songs Suite" by R. Vaughan Williams, and the Largo from Dvorak's "New World Symphony." Other composers included Bizet and Percy Grainger.

We were very grateful to the tutors and conductors for their help, understanding, and above all, patience!

J.D.D., V.A (Cu.).

A "ROAD SAFETY" LECTURE

In the latter part of the Spring Term the lower half of the school received a road safety lecture from P.C. Dowland, on a subject which might seem, at first glance to be rather unimportant—"Getting on and off School Buses." However, with the help of a film strip, P.C. Dowland soon showed us all that it was indeed a subject for our attention.

He mentioned the fact that the number of accidents caused by leaving or mounting a bus carelessly or foolishly was rising, and it was our duty to try and stop this increase. He explained, during the course of the lecture, how we might do this, and rounded off the talk with a few more points to which he thought our attention should be drawn.

J.L., III.A (Cu.).

SCHOOL VISITS

(1) VISIT TO ALSTON HALL BY THE BIOLOGY SECTION OF THE SIXTH FORM

It was during the late afternoon of May 6th, 1957, that ten members of the Biology Section of the Sixth form, together with the Biology Master Mr. Speakman, met on Preston Ribble Coach Station. Here we boarded a special coach together with about twenty-five other students from surrounding grammar schools, and proceeded to Alston Hall. This is a residential College run by Preston Education Committee for Further Education.

On arrival we were greeted, made quite "at home," and shown to our rooms by the warden of the Hall, Mr. Lightfoot. After dinner we gathered in the comfortable Lecture Room where we were introduced to Dr. Broadhead, a lecturer at Leeds University, who was to be our lecturer for the next two days.

Dr. Broadhead first informed us of the proposed course of studies. We were to have lectures in the evening and the daytime was to be spent in field-work on Ecology (the study of plants and animals in their natural surroundings). It must be noted here that we were rather fortunate since the weather did not at any time hamper our field work. Any heavy rain would have meant our staying indoors and having lectures instead of field-work which was the main object of the very successful course.

The Hall is a delightful place for quiet, restful studies away from the noise associated with town life. It is for this purpose that the lower storey is used during the week by non-residential day students from various organisations in town. The upper storey is used only by the residential students for special weekend courses. Topics vary from "Archery" and "Fly-Fishing" to historical subjects, and offer an enjoyable weekend's studies at reasonable cost.

On our first morning we proceeded down to the nearby River Ribble wearing Wellington boots, and carrying nets, jars, bottles and trays. We returned with our specimens which we identified and made brief notes concerning them. The afternoon was spent at a nearby pond, and we again examined and made notes on our catch. In the evening we had a winding-up lecture, finally combining the whole day's work by making a chart showing the relationship between all the animals identified.

The next morning our search was directed towards the woods, where we found animals living in the litter and undergrowth, and later those living in the bark and leaves of the trees. For the latter, Dr. Broadhead demonstrated the method of beating the leaves and branches to dislodge the animals, and catching them in a white sheet held below. Similar studies were made in the long grass adjoining the river bank.

Finally, at about 4-30 p.m., we hastily gathered together our belongings and went our way, feeling much wiser concerning the habitats of the numerous animals studied and hoping that the information gained would be of use in future examinations.

N.C.T., U.VI (Cl.).

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(2) VISIT TO THE ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY AT EUXTON

On Wednesday, the 20th February, the science section of the U.VI went on a visit to the Royal Ordnance factory at Euxton. Transport was provided and we were treated with great consideration throughout our visit.

First we were given an introductory talk on ammunition, the layout of the factory and the four main hazards that must be contended with: fire, explosion, dermatitis and toxins. Before being allowed to enter any of the workshops on the clean side we were



SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI, 1956-57

Back row (left to right): R. E. Slater, M. King, E. M. Taylor, S. Southworth, M. Halliwell, M. A. Bluck.
Front row (left to right): A. Lambert, A. Manchester, Margery Allison, R. C. Hesker, B. M. Floyd.

Played 8 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 5



SCHOOL RUGGER 1st XV, 1956-57

Back row (left to right): Roocroft, R., Sheffield, D. E., Ward, D. W., Singleton, B. J., Macauley, R. J. L., Entwistle, J. T., Thomas, D. C., Knapman, R. K., Graham, W., Mr. Morgan.
Front row (left to right): Nelson, P., Farrer, C. D. H., Martland, J. R., Bourn, A. J. R., Dawber, R. P. R., Fishwick, G., Heyes, R.

Played 20 Won 9 Drawn 3 Lost 8

fitted with protective overshoes, hats and spectacles. We saw the making of fuses, tracers, detonators and the final assembly of a shell. An interesting comparison was seeing detonators made by hand and a large machine which was used for speedy production of large numbers of detonators in the war.

Finally we were taken to the Apprentice Training Centre where we were told of the various training schemes, the qualifications needed for entry and how it is now possible for girls to become engineers.

D.C., U.VI (F.).

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(3) VISIT TO "THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON"

Towards the end of the Summer term a party, consisting mainly of members of the L.VI and IVth forms, accompanied by Miss Rahill, Miss Doherty, Mr. Bull and Mr. Wilcock, went to the Liverpool Playhouse to see a production of "The Admirable Crichton."

It was agreed by those who had seen both, that this production compared favourably with the film of the same name. The title role was skilfully portrayed by Robert James, who was well-supported by a very efficient cast. The stage-scenery and costumes were delightful, and the production preserved a sense of balance throughout, the humour and satire of the piece being delicately conveyed.

The outing to Liverpool was thoroughly enjoyed by us all who would like to thank the organisers for such a delightful ending to the school year.

R.C.H., U.VI (Cu.).

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(4) THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

On Tuesday, October 22nd, a school party attended Rossini's opera "The Barber of Seville." This was one of a number of operas performed that week by the Carl Rosa Opera Company, at the Gaumont theatre, Preston.

The other operas performed were : Carmen, La Bohème, Il Travatore, Rigoletto, Tales of Hoffman.

As usual, John Heddle Nash gave a brilliant performance as Figaro, and this was echoed by Stanislav Pieczora as the music master.

The parts of Rosina and Count Almairva were rather weak at first, but improved as the performance progressed.

The scenery was impressive and proved an excellent background to the acting which was up to its usual standard. The opera was amusing and well-performed, and was enjoyed by all.

We hope that the company will return to Preston in the not too distant future, and give us another enjoyable evening.

M.S., L.VI (W.),
V.M., L.VI (Cu.).

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(5) VISIT TO "LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME"

On Monday evening, the 18th November, members of the fifth and sixth forms visited Preston Playhouse to see a production of Molière's famous comedy, "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" by "La Troupe Française." The leading role of M. Jourdain was admirably

portrayed by Gaston Richer. He was well supported by Paule Marin, who played a dual role of Mme. Jourdain and the Maître de Musique. Dual roles were also played by other members of the cast.

M. Jourdain was so anxious to become a gentleman of quality that he was imposed upon by many unscrupulous people, much to the disgust of his practical wife, who did not share his ambitions.

Many highly amusing situations developed from M. Jourdain's aspirations, and for many, whose knowledge of French is limited, the excellent production enabled them to follow the play throughout.

Thanks are due to Miss Milroy, Miss Bromley and Mr. Wilcock for an enjoyable evening outing.

A.S., V.A (Cl.).

(6) VISIT TO "LE TARTUFFE" BY MOLIÈRE

On Tuesday the 19th of November the French section of the sixth form was taken to see a presentation of Molière's "Le Tartuffe" by "La Troupe Française" at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. An afternoon, which, on our departure from school had promised to be dull had brightened considerably on our arrival at Blackpool and we were able to take a short walk along the front before going into the theatre.

The play is a comedy, a satire on the hypocrisy which was to be found in gentlemen who professed to be devout members of the Church, thus gaining the confidence of the more gullible, eminent rich men, but who in reality had only their own gain in mind.

In this production Tartuffe (the hypocrite) was well portrayed by Ravul Perret, in spite of the fact that physically he did not comply with the picture which the majority of us had obtained from Molière's description—"gros et gras." The rich man, Orgon, portrayed by Gaston Richer, and his 'wife' Elmire (Colette Gladu), played their parts well. Odile Calvet was a somewhat insipid Mariane in comparison with Paule Marin's interpretation of the maid, Dorine, which was very good.

The scenery and props were practically non-existent but one did not miss them for Molière had very little material of this sort when he produced the play. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance and I feel sure that I am expressing the thoughts of all who attended when I thank Miss Milroy, Miss Bromley and Mr. Wilcock for a very pleasant afternoon.

J.M.S., U.VI (Cu.).

(7) CLASSICAL CONFERENCE

On Friday, 28th March, two of the Upper Sixth Arts section attended a week-end conference sponsored by the Classical Association of Manchester University. The Conference extended over Friday, Saturday and Sunday and after a preliminary informal discussion we settled down to the more serious aspect of the Conference, namely, "Rome's debt to Greece." This theme was illustrated by a series of lectures, the first being "Rome's debt to Greek Didactic Poetry," by Prof. H. Huxley. Then followed "Rome's debt to Greek Art," by Dr. Healy, "to Greek Education," by Prof. Teahy, "to the Greek Epic," by Prof. B. Bradley, "to Greek Satire," by Dr. J. Rudd, and the "Hellenistic World," by Dr. B. Rees. In addition to these lectures we saw a very entertaining film on modern Greece, shot by Mr. Ingham, of Bolton G.S., when he took a school party to that country.

On the Saturday night we all gathered for a "Social" where Latin games and songs were the order of the day.

The lectures, while being undoubtedly of great educational value, were also distinguished by their wit and humour. The proceedings were brought to a close by an animated discussion between students and lecturers. Accommodation and service were excellent, and these, combined with the congenial atmosphere, helped to complete a most enjoyable weekend.

R.K.K., U.VI (Cu.).
W.G., U.VI (F.).

A WINTER WALK

As I walked down the wintry lane,
I looked for colour, but in vain;
The trees and fields were grey and bare,
No sign of colour anywhere.

Then suddenly, in a nearby tree,
A flash of blue I seemed to see,
And there a blue-tit, bright and small,
Was playing in the tree so tall.

A robin perched on a hedge nearby,
With his bright red breast and small black eye;
He flew down on to the hard, grey ground,
And for hips and haws he looked around.

Above my head I heard a cry,
Where seagulls hovered in the sky;
Grey moving clouds—the sun came through,
And I could see the sky was blue.

As I walked down the wintry lane,
I looked for colour, not in vain,
For always in the countryside,
Are beauties weather cannot hide.

D.E.B., II.A (W.).

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society was successfully launched with the showing of a number of Agricultural Films. These included such titles as: "The Life Story of the Hen," "Tuberculosis and Mastitis in Cattle," "Devon Beef Cattle," and many others which kept the members' interest.

T.S.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

This year again a large variety of handicrafts have been practised under the guidance of Miss Whewell. Basket work of all kinds has proved very popular. Several members successfully attempted gloving, artificial flowers and embroidery.

J.M., U.VI (F.).

ATHLETICS SOCIETY

The twenty-two members of the Society have made a few brave attempts at throwing the javelin and the discus, but otherwise their activities have been considerably curtailed by bad weather throughout much of the winter.

C.I.I.

CHESS SOCIETY

It is the quietest period of the week ; I can thoroughly recommend a Chess Society for any teacher who feels overworked and end-of-weekish. Where else are you likely to find twenty boys quiet and serious ? I ought to add that there is one girl in the Society and no one can claim that she is overwhelmed by the mass of male chess talent. Indeed, she seems to win every week, but that is perhaps her opponent's doing ; it may be that streaks of gallantry appear even in IV.b.

May I remind members of the Chess Society that there are now several easy books on Chess in the School Library ? These could profitably be studied.

B.L.W.

DANCING SOCIETY

We have again enjoyed various types of dancing, perhaps concentrating more on the American square dancing and ballroom dancing this year. As always, the more lively American dances have been attacked with boisterous enthusiasm.

M.P.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society has enjoyed another successful year, devoting its time almost exclusively to the rehearsal of this year's school play, "The School for Scandal." The length and complexity of this piece prevented the usual one-act plays being performed during Friday afternoons, in the first two terms.

There has been a large number of new members in the Society, and the enthusiasm and friendly spirit which descends on a Friday afternoon is a sure sign of enjoyment.

D.R., V.A (Cu.)

FILM SOCIETY

We have spent most of our time seeing films or watching Mr. Hilditch struggling with his newly acquired projector—assisted by Ainscough (efficient) and Worthington (persistent). Films seen have included Chaplin classics, "Freedom for Eves" and "The Fireman"; travel films, "Big Game in South Africa" and "North of Zanzibar"; news films, "Liberation of Stalingrad," "Sporting Events of 1955" and "Cup Final 1953," and a film in the new Pathé colour taken in Switzerland by Mr. Hilditch last summer. Thanks to Mr. Speakman we also saw two sound films, "Scenes from Macbeth" and "Louisiana Story"—Robert Flaherty's beautifully photographed but rather baffling masterpiece.

In the summer term we hope to make a film on how to play Badminton, if we can find some sunny, windless weather.

C.S.H.

FRENCH CIRCLE

During our meetings in the first term we studied photographs of Brittany, the Dordogne, the Alps and other important regions of France.

In the Spring Term we were split up into groups, each of which found out as much interesting information as possible about a certain area, such as Corsica or the Pyrenees, or special subjects like French Airways and Railways.

B.M., III.C (Cl.).

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' SOCIETY

Our members have enjoyed hearing from their friends in America, France, Ghana and other countries. They have made new friends, increased their knowledge, and had pleasure in exchanging gifts.

J.W.

GARDENING SOCIETY

There has been little opportunity this year for practical work out of doors. Gardeners, among others, would welcome the advent of spring and a long and mellow summer.

J.H.L.

GYMNASTIC SOCIETY

The members of the Society, drawn chiefly from the senior forms, have carried on activities following the usual pattern.

J.B.

HOBBIES SOCIETY

There has been a fair amount of activity during the year, once again mainly in the field of model aircraft.

One interesting variation is an attempt to construct a photographic enlarger, using mainly odds and ends available in the Handicraft Room, and it will be interesting to see the results produced by this instrument.

H.H.

HOUSECRAFT SOCIETY

We have experienced a very interesting and helpful programme during the year. The Society has given us much scope in handling our future home affairs.

Among our activities in the cooking line, we have made Treacle Toffee, Coco-nut Ice, and Cherry Slices. At Christmas we made decorations—Christmas trees and logs. These were very successful.

As you can see, our work in the Society has varied a good deal and also was great fun, thanks to the excellent supervision of Miss Ball.

A.C., (W.) and H.E. (W.), V.C.

JUNIOR ARTS AND CRAFTS

The activities of the Society included basket work, raffia work and embroidery. Quite a few nice trays were made and also some attractive cane hanging baskets. A rather unusual embroidered autograph table cloth was made.

P.M.L.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our members this year have formed a very enthusiastic group. We have read many modern one-act plays and this term have progressed to acting several which have been very successful. A few bonnets and shawls have transformed us into many well-known characters. I think we can vote it a very good year for this Society.

A.M.

JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

The choice of books in evidence among our young readers seems to show that despite "comics," Television, etc., the better type of literature is still well to the fore.

A.J.B.

JUNIOR MUSICAL SOCIETY

Music from Beethoven to Walton has been played.

W.G.W.

JUNIOR NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY

During the last two terms the Needlework Society has continued to enjoy its meetings. The most popular activity is embroidery but some members of the society have branched out into different kinds of needlework such as tapestry and knitting. Most of the members enjoy a chat while they are working.

E.T., II.B (Cl.), M.B., II.B (Cu.).

JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Friday 3-20 ; Room L.VI, are the time and scene of the Junior Play-Reading Society's activities.

It is pleasant this year to have a number of good readers, and gratifying to find the boys among the best. As they are so few in numbers, they get their share of the work. Every one is eager to read, and there are perhaps fewer persistent window-looker-outers than usual, though on a fine Spring or Summer afternoon, with the sunshine flooding the room, the window has its moments, even for me.

M.A.R.

KNITTING SOCIETY

Another industrious year with some tongues moving more quickly than knitting needles. As the Society consists of mostly Vth and VIth formers most of the members are experienced knitters and ambitious, using quite elaborate patterns.

M.R.T.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

We have listened to varied music this year. Our tastes have ranged from Pagliacci, a tragic opera by Leoncavallo, to the lighter operas of Gilbert and Sullivan. The music of Verdi, Puccini, Handel and Schubert was very much enjoyed, especially the opera 'Aida' by Verdi.

We have learnt interesting facts about the piano. It has not always been the size it is. The clavichord and the harpsichord preceded the modern piano and the range of these two instruments was very small. The delicate, airy pieces of Mozart were, with the expansion of the piano key-board, replaced by the solid splendour of Beethoven, who could compose music for an instrument of much greater range. We found these facts very interesting and an enjoyable year has been had by all.

C.B., V.C (Cl.).

RUGBY SOCIETY

Once again the weather allowed us to go outside practically every week. Many team tactics were practised, some of which were successfully applied in matches.

D.S.M.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

This year we have shown several film strips, including 'Electricity—How it is made and conveyed'; 'Light for Living'; 'Music and Sound'; and 'The Instruments of the Orchestra.'

We have also had combined meetings with the Film and Agricultural Societies and particularly remember an interesting sound film on 'Polarisation and its Applications.'

W.R.

CHOIR

As in previous years the choirs, led by Ruth Hosker, worked through the Autumn term rehearsing music for Speech Day and the Carol service. For Speech Day the Senior choir sang four songs for mixed voices including an intricate madrigal of the 16th century by Passereau 'Il est Bel et Bon.' The Bass and Tenor parts could well have been strengthened by the addition of one or two more voices (boys, please note) but otherwise all passed satisfactorily.

The Carol Service comprised the usual carols and descants, with items by the Junior girls' choir and solos from Barbara Robertson and Barbara Hitchon.

After the service we held our annual party and for entertainment we gave excerpts from Sydney Jones' 'Geisha'—a colourful presentation of some of the principal tunes giving most of the cast a chance to sing a solo. My thanks to Miss Rahill for arranging the tea, to Mr. Wilkinson for supervising, with his usual resourcefulness, the evening's dances and games, and to the choir, particularly Ruth Hosker, for their help and co-operation.

G.B.

SAVINGS GROUP

The Savings Group has continued its noble work throughout the year. A total of nearly £500 has been saved by its eighty-five members; quite a creditable total, but eighty-five is not a large membership out of a School of over five hundred.

We are glad to welcome as assistant secretary Mrs. Till, who took over from Miss Cummins in July.

F.K.L.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Ann Smith and Judith Prendergast have been the library assistants this year. The Junior and County sections have been kept busy, mainly by a few "old faithfuls" in III.C, while the sixth form have made their usual good use of the Library.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wilkinson for his gift of a number of books on Chess and to Mr. Downer for his invaluable guidance and aid throughout the year.

D.K.N., U.VI (Cu.).

CRICKET, 1957

The record of the 1st XI was rather deceptive. Only two matches were won but the real worth of the side was hidden by the fact that there were so many drawn games. In the majority of these, School certainly had the advantage and with a little more "pressure" at the right time, could easily have changed those draws into victories.

Throughout the season, the batting was good and consistent, the whole team being dismissed on only two occasions. The principal batsmen were Bourn and Hoole, each of whom played a number of fine innings and they were strongly supported, particularly by Ainscough and Oliver.

The fast bowling combination of Martland and Macauley was a very effective spearhead of the attack and was responsible for a very large proportion of the wickets taken during the season. The supporting attack, called upon to exploit a "breakthrough" made by the opening pair, was sometimes rather docile, lacking in length and, in consequence, proved expensive and failed to take full advantage of the situation.

On the whole, it was a good year, bearing out very well the promise of the previous season.

CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

BOURN (*Captain*). Had another very good season, both individually and as leader. Consistently, with bat and ball and in the field, he gave his side the best possible example.

HOOLE. Batted very well, particularly in the latter part of the year and made his scores very correctly and in that most admirable way—at a consistently high rate.

DAWBBER. Did not score as many runs as, no doubt, he would have liked but they were well distributed and in an opening bat, that is a good thing.

AINSCOUGH. A good "keeper", giving the whole side the encouragement of knowing there would be very few mistakes behind the stumps. His batting was of the right spirit and very successfully adapted to the needs of the situation.

MARTLAND. A very good fast bowler, the mainstay of the attack, whose ambition, very commendably, was to score runs. Unfortunately he did not get many opportunities to do so—in fact "two."

OLIVER. As the season progressed, developed into a very promising opening bat, determined to stay in and to score runs. Should do very well, next year.

SALISBURY. Played a valuable part as a batsman, in so far as he held the fort on a number of occasions, scoring his quota of runs and being "not out" no fewer than five times.

ENTWISTLE, J. A batsman obviously capable of doing very well who for some reason, probably of temperament, did not enjoy much success until very late in the season.

MACAULEY. A fast bowler who had a profitable year, improving in power and control. He will be even more successful as those abilities improve still further. As a batsman, had little opportunity of demonstrating whether he had decided to really "hit" the ball.

DAVIES. A promising left arm slow bowler who performed quite steadily. He will be more successful as control improves and he really "attacks" the batsman. Quite capable of making good runs and he will obviously improve in that capacity.

TAYLOR. As a batsman had a rather disappointing season. Took some very fine catches at first slip. SUMMERS. Came into the team late in the season and soon showed that much can be expected of him in 1958.

J.B.

RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
10	2	7	1

KNOCKOUTS

Worden beat Cuerden by 7 wickets. In a very close match, Clayton beat Farington by 9 runs. In the Final, Worden had to make 146 to win and after a very gallant effort, reached 120, leaving Clayton winners of a fine match.

LEAGUES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Clayton	3	3	0	0	6
Cuerden	3	2	0	1	4
Farington	3	1	0	2	2
Worden	3	0	0	3	0

TENNIS 1957

Captain: JUDITH E. PARKINSON

Again we had a most successful season, winning all our matches. The standard of play was quite good, but on the whole, footwork is still a weak point.

1st Couple:

J. PARKINSON. Has again been a most efficient captain. A strong, energetic player with very good style and footwork. Net play extremely good, and overhead shots much improved.
M. HALLIWELL. A strong player with a good eye for the ball. Must now try to develop a swifter and more accurate service.

2nd Couple:

A. MANCHESTER. A steady player with good match temperament. Must try to produce a more forceful service and stronger drives.
J. BOSWELL. A keen player, but rather erratic. The backhand drive is definitely her weakest stroke, but should improve with practice.

3rd Couple:

B. GOLD and B. BIDWELL. Both promising players with good match temperament. Net play and backhand drives need much practice.

1st VI MATCHES

May 25th v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	Home	Won	50-13
June 1st v. Chorley G.S.	.....	Home	Won	53-28
" 22nd v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	Away	Won	37-26
" 29th v. Upholland G.S.	.....	Away	Won	49-20
July 6th v. Preston Park School	.....	Away	Won	55-26

TENNIS KNOCKOUTS

Worden defeated Farington. Cuerden defeated Clayton.

FINAL: Cuerden defeated Worden.

HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Farington	3	2	1	0	4
Clayton	3	2	1	0	4
Cuerden	3	2	1	0	4
Worden	3	0	3	0	0

Farington awarded the League Championship Shield, having scored the highest number of games.

C.I.I. & M.H.P.

ROUNDERS, 1957

Captain: M. ALLISON

May 25th v. Larkhill Convent School	.....	Away	Lost	4-11
June 1st v. Chorley G.S.	.....	Home	Lost	2-3
" 22nd v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	Away	Won	10-6
" 29th v. Upholland G.S.	.....	Away	Won	4-11
July 6th v. Larkhill Convent School	.....	Home	Won	14-4
" 16th v. The Staff	.....	Home	Won	8-7

The School 1st IX played only five matches, the summer season being so much shorter than the winter one. At the beginning of the season the batting was variable, and the fielding slow and unreliable, lapses giving our opponents easy rounders. After the first two matches, however, both batting and fielding improved tremendously.

The annual game with the Staff IX proved to be a most exciting one, School winning by one rounder.

Bowler: D. OWENS	1st Base: R. HOSKER	1st Deep: D. COLE
Backstop: D. ATKINSON	2nd Base: B. FLOYD	2nd Deep: M. SALMON
	3rd Base: M. STAZICKER	3rd Deep: M. ALLISON
		4th Deep: MAUDE ALLISON

ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS, 1957

Worden defeated Clayton. Cuerden defeated Farington.

Final: Cuerden defeated Worden.

HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Cuerden	3	3	0	0	6
Worden	3	2	1	0	4
Clayton	3	1	2	0	2
Farington	3	0	3	0	0

C.I.I. & M.H.P.

RUGBY FOOTBALL 1957-58

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	19	6	5	8	143	118
2nd XV	14	11	2	1	240	49
U.15 XV	14	6	6	2	98	160
U.13 XV	13	7	4	2	174	106

1st XV MATCHES

Sept. 28th v. Wigan G.S.	.....	Home	Lost	11-12
Oct. 5th v. Upholland G.S.	.....	Home	Lost	9-16
" 12th v. King George V School, Southport	.....	Away	Drawn	12-12
" 19th v. Arnold School	.....	Away	Lost	9-14
" 23rd v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	Home	Drawn	3-3
" 26th v. Hutton G.S.	.....	Home	Drawn	0-0
Nov. 9th v. Sedburgh School 3rd XV	.....	Home	Won	18-12
" 16th v. Kirkham G.S.	.....	Away	Won	8-0
" 20th v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV	.....	Away	Drawn	3-3
" 23rd v. Preston G.S.	.....	Away	Lost	6-9
" 30th v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	Away	Lost	11-22
Dec. 7th v. Blackpool G.S.	.....	Home	Drawn	3-3
" 14th v. Morecambe G.S.	.....	Away	Won	12-0
Jan. 11th v. Wigan G.S.	.....	Away	Drawn	3-3
" 18th v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	Home	Won	13-6
Feb. 1st v. King George V School, Southport	.....	Home	Won	3-0
" 5th v. Manchester University " Freshers " XV	.....	Home	Won	16-0
" 12th v. Stonyhurst College 2nd XV	.....	Home	Drawn	3-3
" 15th v. Blackpool G.S.	.....	Away	Drawn	0-0

For the 1st XV this was a highly entertaining if rather peculiar season. To draw eight matches, to go from the end of November without defeat and at the same time to have to call on 27 players in a 19 match season all add up to a strange mixture of frustration and success. The XV was always capable of good football but throughout the season carelessness or over-elaboration at the last moment resulted in the wasting of cleverly contrived scoring chances. Undoubtedly the frequent changes caused by the influenza epidemic, injuries and interviews were an unsettling factor but the reserves always performed very adequately and throughout the season the impression was of a good XV just failing to become outstanding. In the Christmas term the matches against Southport, Sedburgh and Ormskirk produced the most entertaining football with good open displays from both sides. After Christmas the victories against Ormskirk and Manchester University Freshers were well earned but the games against Wigan and Blackpool which should have produced good football were ruined by appalling conditions. The 2nd XV, under the captaincy of Worthington, enjoyed yet another extremely successful season, their points tally being most impressive. The U.15 XV recovered from a rather disastrous start to level the number of matches won, and the U.13 XV's record was well up to average.

1st XV CHARACTERS

Full Back: AINSOUGH, E. His positioning and catching were always good, his tackling adequate but his kicking was rather variable.

Right Wing: SALISBURY. Fast and strong but completely unsuited to his running. His defence was good.

Right Centre: DAWBER, R. Playing in his third position in three seasons he always defended reliably and tried to vary the point and method of attack except on rare occasions when he became obsessed with one particular move.

Left Centre: MACAULEY, R. Has tightened up his defence considerably since last season. If he could only cure himself of the habit of running back into trouble after he has made an opening he could be really good.

Left Wing: HEYES, R. Handicapped by sickness and injuries he had to miss many matches. He appears to have lost a little speed but always played whole-heartedly when available.

Fly Half: ROOCROFT, R. Quick off the mark and with a good pair of hands, he appears to be ideally suited to this position. Next year he could be really good.

Scrum Half: FARRER, D. Had many good games and a few bad ones. His covering in defence and support in attack are first class, but he must remember that a scrum half is failing in his basic duties if his pass is not quick, long and accurate.

Prop Forward: TAYLOR, D. A hard working, unobtrusive forward. As he gained experience his play speeded up and he was playing really well at the end of the season.

Hooker: HOWE, P. Hooked adequately. In spite of his comparative smallness he improved rapidly in the loose and developed into one of the best forwards in the pack.

Prop Forward: GRAHAM, W. Rather on the small side for the position, he always played hard in the loose. His rightful position is hooker but he has always been willing to play out of position if the needs of the side demanded it.

Lock Forward: ENTWISTLE, J. Possesses all the attributes of a good forward but just occasionally tries to do too much on his own and wastes openings he has made.

Lock Forward: SWIFT, R. Has developed consistently throughout the season. He has overcome his lack of speed by intelligent anticipation and his line out work has always been good.

Wing Forward: Knapman, R. Has played consistently to a very high standard indeed. As captain he won the loyalty of the team without ever quite impressing his personality on it.

Wing Forward: OLIVER, G. A very competent forward who looked after the blind side of the scrum adequately and also played with dash in the loose.

Number Eight: MARTLAND, T. Completed a very successful back row. He is fast and possesses a good pair of hands and has very considerable potential.

Of the many reserves called upon none let the side down, but Thwaite, McGaw, Dean and Bannister in the backs, and Brown and Waring in the forwards showed that their presence did not materially weaken the team. Riding, J. B., deserves special mention as he played very adequately indeed in three very different positions.

Two teams were entered for the Fylde "Sevens", and one for the Manchester University "Sevens." Both made speedy exits at Fylde, the first losing to Blackpool G.S. 2nd by 12-0, and the second to Arnold School 2nd by 11-5. At Manchester, North Manchester G.S. were beaten 16-0 in the first round and in the second round Workington G.S., who reached the semi-final, emerged as narrow winners by 8-5.

Colours for the season were re-awarded to Knapman, Dawber, Heyes, Entwistle, J., and Farrer, and awarded to Roocroft, Martland, Macauley, Graham, Swift, Oliver, Ainscough and Howe.

At Christmas Dawber, Entwistle and Farrer played for Preston Schools v. Fylde, and Knapman, Dawber and Entwistle played for Mid Lanes in a County Schools trial, Knapman retaining his place in the County Schools XV v. Cheshire, and v. Cumberland and Westmorland.

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS, 1957-58

Farington 20, Worden 0. Clayton 6, Cuerden 0.

Final: Farington 14, Clayton 0.

RUGBY LEAGUES, 1957-58

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts.
Farington	6	4	1	1	9
Cuerden	6	3	1	2	8
Clayton	6	2	3	1	5
Worden	6	0	4	2	2

D.S.M.

NOTICE:

The Old Boys match will be played on Wed., Sept. 24th, 1958. Will all Old Boys who wish to play please send their names and addresses to Mr. K. R. Smith at the School before Wed., Sept. 17th, 1958.

HOCKEY, 1957-58

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals -	
					For	Against
1st XI	10	5	2	3	33	27
2nd XI	10	6	4	0	24	24

1st XI MATCHES

Sept. 21st	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Cancelled	
" 28th	v. Chorley G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	5-1
Oct. 5th	v. Up Holland G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Lost	3-9
" 12th	v. Rivington G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Drawn	4-4
" 19th	v. Fleetwood G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Drawn	2-2
Nov. 9th	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Drawn	2-2
" 16th	v. Winckley Square Convent School	.....	.....	.....	Home	Won	4-2
" 23rd	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Lost	0-4
Jan. 11th	v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Cancelled	
" 18th	v. Fleetwood G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	3-1
" 25th	v. Ormskirk G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Cancelled	
Feb. 1st	v. Chorley G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	8-1
" 8th	v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Cancelled	
" 15th	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Home	Cancelled	
" 22nd	v. Up Holland G.S.	.....	.....	.....	Away	Cancelled	
Mar. 1st	v. Blackpool Collegiate School	.....	.....	.....	Away	Cancelled	
" 8th	v. Winckley Square Convent School	.....	.....	.....	Away	Won	2-1

This was a more enjoyable and slightly more successful season than the previous one, with an improved standard of play, particularly in the half-back line, which was at times outstanding. The backs and halves played consistently good games and it was discouraging for them that the forwards (with the exception of the centre forward) were often slow to take the ball, and lacked driving power in and near the circle. At the end of the season, however, even the forwards showed definite improvement in stickwork and attack.

The Annual Lancashire Schools Tournament was again much enjoyed by players and spectators alike. Though not spectacular, the 1st XI's performance was a very creditable one, one game being won, two drawn and one lost.

The 2nd XI was this season only average, but the U.14 XI deserves special mention for having scored 23 goals in only two matches!

TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper: M. ALLISON. A steady, reliable defender, occasionally a little slow in clearing, but competent on the whole.

Right Back: L. PIKELIS. A player with plenty of natural aptitude who has improved rapidly with experience and now tackles confidently.

Left Back: S. SOUTHWORTH. Tackles courageously, marks well and has a good strong drive.

Right Half: M. RYDING. Has quickly developed into a speedy and alert half.

Centre Half: C. MARKUS. A tireless, hardworking half who has improved her play remarkably this season. With concentration on stickwork now, she should be invaluable next season.

Left Half: M. HALLIWELL. Consistently good play due to excellent footwork.

Right Wing: M. STAZICKER. Quite speedy, and has recently attacked more strongly but must now improve stickwork.

Right Inner: E. SLATER. A promising forward who will do well if she continues to improve her dodging tactics, and develops more tenacity.

Centre Forward: R. HOSKER (Captain). One of the best forwards we have ever had. Always the mainstay of the team, quick and resourceful when hard pressed, and the initiator of many scoring moves in addition to being an excellent goal scorer herself.

Left Inner: D. SWINDLEHURST. On occasions has scored some good goals but needs to develop much more tenacity in tackles and to speed up and sustain her attack in the circle.

Left Wing: D. ATKINSON. Has a good turn of speed but is rather variable. Must practise fielding the ball when running, and improve her dodging tactics.

C.I.I. & M.H.P.

HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1958

Clayton drew with Cuerden and defeated Cuerden in the replay. Worden defeated Farington.

Final : Worden defeated Clayton.

HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Worden	3	3	0	0	6
Farington	3	2	1	0	4
Clayton	3	0	2	1	1
Cuerden	3	0	2	1	1

CROSS COUNTRY 1958

Two of our fixtures had, unfortunately, to be cancelled this year but the three we held were closely fought, and with better packing in the middle positions might easily have resulted in victories for the school. Lucas, J., the captain, set a good example by winning two of the races with good times in each, and rallied his team in the practice runs. He had good support from Turner, N. C., who ran as strongly as last year, and Davies, J. A., who, improving steadily through the season, eventually won the senior championship. Graham, W., Howe, P. D., Wilson, F., Ingham, M. F., Knapman, R. K., and Riding, J. B., completed the teams, all running with determination and spirit.

RESULTS

Mar. 1st (at Kirkham) : Kirkham G.S. 46pts.; School 49pts.; Preston G.S. 81pts.

Mar. 5th (h) : Queen Elizabeth G.S., Blackburn, 38pts.; School 41pts.

Mar. 22nd (h) : Blackpool G.S. 49pts.; School 61pts.; Hutton G.S. 68pts.

The senior championship was this year won by Davies with a time of 23mins. 46 secs. in good conditions. Bad luck on Lucas who was in pain for some of the race, but all credit to Davies for pressing his advantage.

The junior championship was won by Price in a time of 15 mins. 53 secs., again in good conditions.

The House Championship was again won by Worden:

Worden	47.1pts.
Clayton	48.1pts.
Cuerden	50.0pts.
Farington	63.6pts.

Colours were awarded to Davies and Graham, and re-awarded to Lucas and Turner.

G.B.

HOUSE NOTES

CLAYTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull

House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty

House Captains : K. M. Savage and Dawber, R. P. R.

First, may we extend a warm welcome to all newcomers in the House. We also wish those who have left us every success and happiness for the future.

Our congratulations and best wishes must go also to Mr. Smith, a former Clayton House Captain, on his marriage to Miss Gwyneth Hall.

Once again the House excelled in the cricket field, winning both the knockouts and the leagues. We offer further congratulations to Baldwin on winning the title of Victor Ludorum once again. Our successes, however, were not so great elsewhere, and the Silver Griffin has again eluded our grasp.

The House Party was a great success, and thanks must go to Miss Doherty, Mr. Bull and their helpers.

Finally, may we urge all Claytonites on to greater effort, always keeping in mind our motto, "Press on Regardless."

CUERDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch

House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell

House Captains : R. C. Hosker and Knapman, R. K.

To our new arrivals we extend a warm welcome, at the same time reminding them that they have a worthy tradition to uphold. To those who have left us we wish every success, and thank them for their good work.

Our House Party was again a great success. Thanks to Miss Whewell we had the usual ample "spread," and thanks to Mr. Hilditch, Cuerdenites again provided an evening's lively entertainment.

The House has once more reaped its share of successes on the games field, winning the Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Knockouts, and the Rounders and Rugby Leagues. However, we have still not recaptured the Silver Griffin.

Thus, in this next school year, we must strive not merely to present an equally impressive record, but an even better one, ever aware of the House motto : "Forward into Victory."

FARINGTON HOUSE

House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer

House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy

House Captains : V. Ashton and R. D. Swift

Our first task is to wish our new members a hearty, if belated welcome and to wish our former members every success for the future.

Although we do not shine at summer sports, the girls managed to win the Tennis Leagues, and on the Rugby field the boys were supreme, winning both the Leagues and the Knockouts, the latter without a point against them.

Last year our efforts were not restricted to the Sports field as we were once again winners of the Silver Griffin but this year our academic successes are not so great ; therefore in order to triumph again we will have to 'pull our socks up.'

The House Party was, as usual, a great success and Miss Milroy and the girls must be congratulated on the excellent tea they provided. The entertainment, ably supervised by Mr. Downer, was enjoyed by all present.

Next year we are hoping for greater success in every field of school activity. "It's up to you, Faringtonians."

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WORDEN HOUSE

House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson*House Mistress* : Miss M. A. Rahill*House Captains* : J. Cairns and Salisbury, P. A.

We would all like to wish the newcomers to Worden House every success in their school life. To those members who have just left may we wish all happiness.

This past year we have been quite successful on the games field. Unfortunately we were beaten in the Rugger Knockouts but the girls atoned for this by managing to win the Hockey Knockouts. Another success was achieved in the winning of the cross-country Championships.

As usual the Worden House Party was a great success and enjoyed by all. The entertainment was provided by certain "artists", who had little experience of acting, but were none the worse for that. A magnificent tea was provided by Miss Rahill and the girls.

Finally, we hope that all Wordenites will try their utmost to achieve even greater things and uphold the famous motto "Up the Blues."

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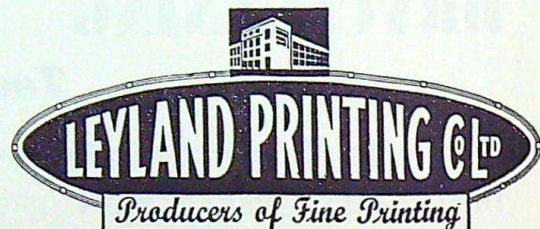
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