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Editorial

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Committee: E. T. Redfern, M. J. Barnes, J. F. Sailsbury

No fewer than fifty-five editions of the "Kirkhamian" have been produced since one Mr. S. Middleton Esq. joined the staff of K.G.S. It is very sad, therefore, to record that he is leaving us this term after forty year's hard labour. As a tribute, Profile No. 20 is devoted to him. We wish him a happy retirement.

Mr. Verity is also leaving us, and we wish him every success in his new job.

Editorials have a unique capacity for seeming the same. Our own, oft-repeated stock-in-trade is an appeal for the body of the school to contribute — usually it is the odd boy in the Sixth-form who writes a poem or essay. Please, please, please remember — this is the school magazine — YOUR magazine — and it is up to you to write it. Individual contributions are the flesh and substance of this work — house and society reports are only the bones. A detailed list of the number of runs or leg-byes in a cricket match does not make compelling reading. Dullness can and does kill school magazines. Next term — will you help?

The Editors wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines; the Balshavian and the magazine of Queen Mary's School, Lytham.

House Reports

Ashton House

House Master: Mr. H. B. Wilson

Assistant House Mr. T. Jackman

Masters: Mr. G. S. Cheeseborough

House Captain: P. E. Clark

House Prefects: G. S. Worrall, R. C. Orrell, C. G. Beeson,
R. J. Hall.

Since November when the last report was written the House has savoured somewhat mixed success.

The chess team finally managed to produce a win (over the Fylde house) in January by 16-8. It seems doubtful though that this win will do much to offset the two previous defeats. However there are still two matches in hand which provide opportunities for victory.

In the Gymn competition we very nearly loosed the cup from the grasps of the School House when we were second with 291 points to the winners 294 points. As was pointed out in the Kirkham House report in February, the competition depends solely on the skill of 6 individuals from each house, which is not as satisfactory as a competition involving all members of the houses. Next year the team will be changed considerably but we hope that the 3 points will be made up.

In the senior rugby we knew our team was weak and we were up against a very strong School House team. However, the mirth of the School House was not as well-founded as they thought, as their scrum was held quite easily, and with good tackling the score was limited to 22-8.

The Junior rugby team, however, performed much better, as was expected. After disposing of the Lytham juniors in the semi-final they played (with?) the School House in the final.

From the start our juniors pressed hard and Matthews soon scored. However the game then degenerated into some semblance of the "round ball game". Despite this, however, several more tries were quickly scored. The game soon became characterised by the strong running of our "Q's" (particularly Matthews), and by the despair of the School "Q's" as break after break were made to which they had no answer. The only time they pressed our juniors was when our side seemed to suddenly develop an inability to pick up the ball. However no try was scored, and we finally won 49 0, an enjoyable match.

Since this match we have had less success. We were placed third in both the Senior and Junior Cross-Country races, and we just missed the Music Cup. In the athletics sports we were second along with Kirkham, despite much effort on Mr. Jackman's part to adjust the score. In the Junior cricket an over-confident side was beaten by a poor Kirkham side by 1 wicket after scoring a mere 26 runs.

In the debating semi-final, Clark and Cara defeated the Lytham House. Their speeches were considered to be founded on much stronger arguments and were more persuasive. In the final we met Kirkham House and we are *so* disappointed that their main speaker has departed from K.G.S. — we *were* expecting some opposition to be produced, I suppose we shall have to be content with what Kirkham can offer.

At the time of writing the Temporary Prefects are just beginning to accelerate into top gear and Cara and Nickson are to be congratulated on being amongst those appointed.

Still to come this term is the Senior Cricket, Shooting, Swimming and Tennis in all of which we shall no doubt produce excellent performances. Also coming is the Work Cup, which we hope to win for a second year. At present we are one or two points ahead.

P.E.C.

Fylde House

House Master: Mr. I. W. FcKerrow

Assistant House

Masters: Mr. I. J. Kremer, Mr. D. Butterworth

House Captain: J. C. A. Emmett

House Prefects: C. J. Shaw, J. K. Rayton, D. A. Walsh

Despite the host of inter-house competitions that have taken place since my last report some of the "silverware" has yet to come into the hands of the Fylde House. It will be very disappointing if we are once again left in the wings when the trophies are distributed at Prize Day.

With the beginning of the Sporting Term came our first setback when we were knocked out of the Senior Rugby. As usual we had the best side on paper but lack of co-ordination in the early stages meant we did not get the good start which was needed. However, we did manage to show our rugby talent later on by winning quite convincingly the newly organised seven-a-side competition.

In the cross-country competition we again had plenty of stars in our side but could only come in third

The juniors have been even less fortunate though one shudders to think what might have happened if we had been without the all round support of Rawcliffe and Rawstrone.

In the debating competition we came up against the loquacious Mr. D. R. Knowles and that's as far as we got. As for the Music competition we were placed last. The competitors performed well and we did rely on just one or two "obvious" musicians to do all the work, reasons which perhaps did not justify such a low placing.

On Sports Day we started well down in standards and despite a fine effort by A. J. Walsh in the intermediate section we could only gain fourth place. How the mighty have fallen from the days of Brownbill and Helm.

Latest report from the Chess world finds the team involved in controversy. However despite a good win against School House, we have never really had a look in.

In the Work Cup we are hovering around fourth or fifth place, a greater effort all round is required especially by the increasing number of nil-scorers.

Despite these somewhat gloomy results of the past the future is far from gloomy, the talent is there but more enthusiasm is required especially amongst the juniors.

Let's hope this will be the pattern in the remaining competitions of the term and for the years to come.

J.C.A.E.

Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. H. J. Reay

Assistant

House Masters: Mr. L. A. Redman, Mr. K. Hanmer

House Captain: D. R. Knowles

House Prefects: A. D. Emery, B. Cookson, D. T. Elliot,
P. B. Almond

Since the last House Report, Kirkham seems to have gone from strength to strength. R. F. Cresswell, who left in the Spring Term, handed over to D. R. Knowles, and our luck immediately changed for the better (no reflection on Cresswell). In the Junior Rugby, the House beat Preston by 21-18 but lost to School 12-6. However, they are a small team but showed great spirit which augers well for the future.

In the Senior Rugby, the team defeated Fylde 8-6 after a very hard struggle and proceeded to win the shield by defeating the School House 3-0. The team is to be commended on the great fight shown in the match. The Harriers provided another surprise, and the House achieved the notable position of 2nd, with D. R. Knowles coming 2nd in the race, despite an injury. The Junior harriers were placed 4th which was rather disappointing owing to the number of runners in the House.

Another field in which we were successful for the first time was music. With D. V. Simpson's faultless piano-playing, the group's rendering of "The Rise and Fall of Flingel Blunt", and the choir singing "Caroline Moon" the House carried the day, and it was a great triumph. In Debating, we are also poised for another possible Trophy, being now in the final against Ashton.

The only sour note to this success has been the Work Cup where, but for the G.C.E. results, the House would have footed the list. More effort is required if we are to achieve a good place at the end of the year. As this term progresses we are looking forward to more successes. The Junior Cricket side beat Ashton in the preliminary round by one wicket and now must surely do well. We are hoping for great things in Senior Cricket, Tennis, Swimming and Shooting, besides a possible win in the Chess competition.

Finally, on behalf of the House, I would like to thank D. R. Knowles for the work he put in as Captain of the House until this half-term, and we all wish him every success at Oxford.

A.D.E.

Lytham House

House Master: Mr. R. T. Bentley

Assistant

House Masters: Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. L. Verity

House Captain: E. T. Redfern

House Prefects: T. J. Akeroyd, G. F. Andrews, C. J. Alexander, G. Cartmell, D. Pardey.

The Spring Term started fairly successfully, with the Junior Rugby Team comfortably defeating Fylde House in the preliminary round by 35 points to nil. However, in the semi-finals, they were beaten by Ashton House, the eventual winners of the competition.

With the conclusion of the main Rugby season, we saw the introduction of a new Inter-House competition, 7-a-side Rugby. The seniors, who had been heavily defeated in the preliminary

round of the 15-a-side competition, did better in the new competition, finishing third behind Fylde and School Houses. They defeated all the other House teams, including Kirkham House, who won the 15-a-side competition.

However early prospects did not fulfill themselves later in the term. In the Senior Cross Country, after winning it last year, we finished a dismal sixth — and in the Junior Competition, despite high hopes of a victory, we were pushed into second place. However, the House had the honour of the first two men home, A. Carter and I. McLaren crossing the line together — a very commendable performance.

In the Music Festival, we had, as usual, good prospects, but only managed third place. A good deal of effort went into the preparation for this event and the two Whittinghams deserve credit for their organisation and performances. In athletics, as usual, we had a poor start from standard points, although this year we made little progression on Sports day — finishing 5th. Good individual performances came from A. Carter and I. McLaren.

The Competitions still to be decided show some promise. In Chess we drew with our rivals Kirkham House and defeated Preston and Fylde. At present we tie with Kirkham for 1st place with only Preston having a chance of beating us.

In the Work Cup we have been performing far better than in previous years, and are at present fighting hard for 1st place. The other competitions hold some hopes although the latest result to hand — a defeat in the Junior Cricket semi-finals by Kirkham House, has not upheld expectations.

E.T.R.

Preston House

House Master: Mr. S. Crane

Assistant

House Masters: Mr. B. Coates, Mr. D. Brewer

House Captain: D. C. Harper

House Prefect: P. L. Archer

The House continues its run of failures, though it must be emphasised that although the House has won no trophies, it is not through a lack of trying. A sixth form of five, and six upper fourths does nothing to strengthen the House or add to its stability.

It is this serious lack of members in certain sections of the House which is responsible for our rather black performance. Yet there are encouraging signs in the lower part of the House, where our numbers and enthusiasm is at its greatest.

A list of our recent performances would make painful reading, and thus a brief survey of the period would be less harsh.

The Spring Term brought a number of sporting activities. The seven-a-side rugby competition was completed in which the House came fifth. The junior rugby team was built around one man — Martindale, who scored all the points, and despite a gallant effort against Kirkham House, it failed to reverse the outcome of the Senior's match. One of the chief activities of the term was the preparation of the Music Festival. The House's programme consisted of a Junior Choir, a House Group, and a piano-piece by Morgan. We were placed fourth although only four points behind the winners.

This term saw the arrival of Sport's Day. The number of standard points amassed was very disappointing, particularly in the Seniors, and this went a long way to ensure our final position — sixth. There were, however, some good performances by individuals, particularly Martindale, Goodwin and Cowell.

Hopes of a successful junior cricket side were soon shattered when they lost to School House. As usual the House was forced to rely on one or two members. This time it was Worrall who held up the side, making 19 runs and taking all the wickets.

Thus we continue our way, without a success to our name for over two-years. We have a very faint hope of winning the Chess Cup, and similarly a chance in the Tennis Cup. Great will be the rejoicing when Preston House eventually win a trophy.

D.C.H.

School House

House Master: Mr. R. A. Knowles

Assistant

House Masters: Mr. G. Bellis, Mr. S. J. Cooper, Mr. D.

House Captain: E. Worth, Mr. C. W. Day

House Prefects: M. J. Barnes

L. Harrop, I. K. Hague, J. N. S. Jones

The aim to equal last year's quota of five House Trophies seems well on the way to being fulfilled at the time of writing "success breeds success" appears to be the current House maxim and the Houses's achievements throughout the year have been generally outstanding.

Both Juniors and Seniors reached the Finals of the Inter-House Rugby Competition but were unfortunately defeated in both cases. There is however, much promise for the future. L. Harrop, I. K. Hague, J. S. Donald, T. M. Pearce, G. T. Warden, and T. Orchard are to be congratulated on being awarded 1st XV. Colours.

In the more academic worlds of the Music, Chess, Debating, and Work Cups the House has had a varying degree of success. M. T. Barnes and I. K. Hague were narrowly defeated in the Semi-Final of the Debating Competition against a skilled Kirkham House; the House was once more a very close second in the Music Competition — J. N. S. Jones to be thanked for his timeless efforts in this field. Despite high hopes and numerous practices organised by L. Harrop the House failed to distinguish itself in the Chess Competition. In the Work Competition the House held an overall position of second by a minute margin after taking first place in the Summer Term First Half.

Meanwhile the House has continued to develop its sporting talent. I. K. Hague, G. T. Warden and A. L. Maunder ran regularly for the Harriers and were awarded Team Colours; I. K. Hague particularly, is to be commended for his consistently good performance and convincing win in the Senior House Competition which was won by the House. The Juniors also gave an inspiring and determined display of teamwork in both practice and in the actual competition, to win with ease.

On Sports Day the House confounded the critics by almost trebling the initial lead on points. J. S. Donald and I. P. D. Ruddlesden both gave noteworthy performances and, despite the unfortunate injury of C. Ball, a resounding victory was recorded.

The Houses's representation in Senior Cricket has been poor, I. K. Hague being the only regular representative, and J. S. Donald in the 2nd XI. In the Juniors the prospect has been brighter with D. Little, J. Brandon, G. Strong, and B. Strong representing the U14XI. The Juniors easily won through to the Junior Cricket Final and victory against Kirkham House is hoped for. In the Senior Competition the House hopes to vindicate its poor school representation and repeat the Junior's success.

A flurry of Inter-House activity accompanies the approaching end of term when the Shooting, Swimming and Tennis Competitions take place: all of which are anticipated with enthusiasm by the House.

School House has had, on the whole, a successful year. It is hoped that the continuing weakness in the "Middles" sector will disappear and with promising Juniors this seems likely.

Finally it is hoped that the N.U.J.M.B. will look kindly upon the House's members and grant them favourable results in the G.C.E., and, for the leavers, The House would like to wish every success.

M.J.B.

Automobile Society

Chairman: Mr. D. H. Butterworth
Secretary: D. A. Walsh
Committee: R. J. Hall, T. J. Akeroyd, J. R. Huges

The second year of the Auto-Society began with a flourishing membership list, but enthusiasm for the society has since waned and this term the society has been very inactive.

Last term a society visit to the National Drag Festival at Woodvale had to be cancelled because only three people were really interested, and the same fate seems to have met the attempts of a member, who tried to arrange a visit to Halewood.

As we, the committee, hand over to new blood may we suggest that the failure this year was partly due to the almost total lack of VIth form interest in the society, a society which was inaugurated in 1964 because of the demands of a 'motorized' VIth form.

Therefore, if next year's committee fails to capture the interest of the VIth form and cultivate that interest into real and constructive programme then possibly the Auto-society will no longer be able to justify its existence.

D.A.W.

Badminton Club

Chairman: Mr. S. Crane
Captain: D. C. Harper
Secretary: I. Hird
Committee: P. Kayton, J. F. Sailsbury, G. Kerby

This term the team has not met with a great deal of success. Our only victory being over Arnold. The other two matches were lost to King Edwards and Hutton.

There were also two junior matches against King Edwards, both of which we were unfortunate to lose by the narrowest of margins. Several juniors played very capably and, in a few years time, we should have a strong senior team.

Finally, this report would not be complete without a word of thanks for Mr. Airey, who has been chairman of the Badminton Club for the last two years. He has devoted much of his time to practices and matches and we wish him every success in his badminton career at Preston Grammar School.

I.H.

Chess Club

Chairman: Mr. C. W. Day
Secretary and
Treasurer: R. C. Orrell
Committee: E. T. Redfern, G. A. Irving, I. Hird,
D. T. Elliott

The School Team has won the Blackpool Schools' Chess League to regain the trophy for a second year. Many thanks are due to Hird, Irving, Orrell, Redfern, Elliott and Andrews for some fine performances.

In the Inter-House Competition, the two favourites Kirkham and Lytham, after completing all their games are both equal top with 74 points each. However, the Preston House, with one game still to play, have a slim chance of winning.

Positions to date:—

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Kirkham	5	3	2	0	74
Lytham	5	3	2	0	74
Preston	4	2	0	2	51
School	4	0	2	2	42
Ashton	4	1	0	3	41
Fylde	4	1	0	3	30

In the School Chess Competition, the semi-finals have been reached, the great surprise being the removal of Hird, last year's runner-up.

R.C.O.

Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. G. Bellis
Secretary: E. T. Redfern
Committee: I. K. Hague, J. C. A. Emmett, G. Cartmell, A. C. Pilling

In the Spring Term, there were four Inter-House Debates — all of which were, as usual, keenly contested and well-attended. In the preliminary rounds, Kirkham House defeated Fylde House on the motion. "If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything", and Lytham House defeated Preston House, who proposed "that work is whatever you are obliged to do, the rest is play".

The semi-finals followed on quickly, and Kirkham House were again victorious, this time against School House. They debated the merits of lowering the voting age. Lytham House were not successful however, being defeated by Ashton House on the topic "that there is too much criticism and not enough co-operation".

The Summer Term has seen the usual suspension of activities, with the fine weather producing too much competition. However, the Final of the Inter-House Competition, later this term, should prove very entertaining.

E.T.R.

Dramatic Society

Chairman: Mr. I. J. Kremer

Secretary: A. P. Jackson

Although the society set out at the beginning of term with high hopes of keeping busy, members' interests, as usual in the summer term, lay elsewhere, and little has gone on.

On Friday, May 20th, we held a very successful joint play-reading with the Park School, Preston. The play, chosen by the girls, was "One-Way Pendulum" by N. F. Simpson, a comedy in two acts. Its object was to poke fun at the style of writing of Harold Pinter, and its humour appealed to some more than others. We are very grateful to the girls of the Park School Theatre Group for their hospitality; we hope to arrange another such reading before the end of term.

At the beginning of the term we expressed the hope that we could choose a play for our winter term production before the summer holidays, so allowing extra time for more reading, learning and finer details than usual. We still have some hope of doing this, but it remains to be seen whether we can do so — we have been expressing such hopes for several years.

Another long-standing hope of ours is to have a full-scale joint production with a girls' school — if I may quote R.B. White's article on the society (July, 1964), — "Perhaps next year a joint play-reading with the Park School, who knows?".

A.P.J.

Geographical Society

Chairman: Mr. R. A. Knowles

Secretary: G. Cartmell

Treasurer: J. N. S. Jones

Committee: M. J. Barnes, R. A. Little, G. T. Riding,
W. R. J. McQueen

Last term the society held five meetings. Mr. Butterworth gave a very interesting lecture, illustrated by colour slides on his holiday in the U.S.S.R. and proved that it's not all "rubber truncheons and secret police". The Society would like to express its thanks to Mr. Butterworth for his talk. Three films were shown on Ulster, Norway and the famous Zambesi River. Attendances at all the meetings were very encouraging, but this term the society, as usual, lies dormant while next year's programme is prepared. Undoubtably future success rests in more illustrated lectures and high-quality films.

G.C.

Gym Club

Chairman: Mr. D. E. Worth

Secretary: A. D. Irvine

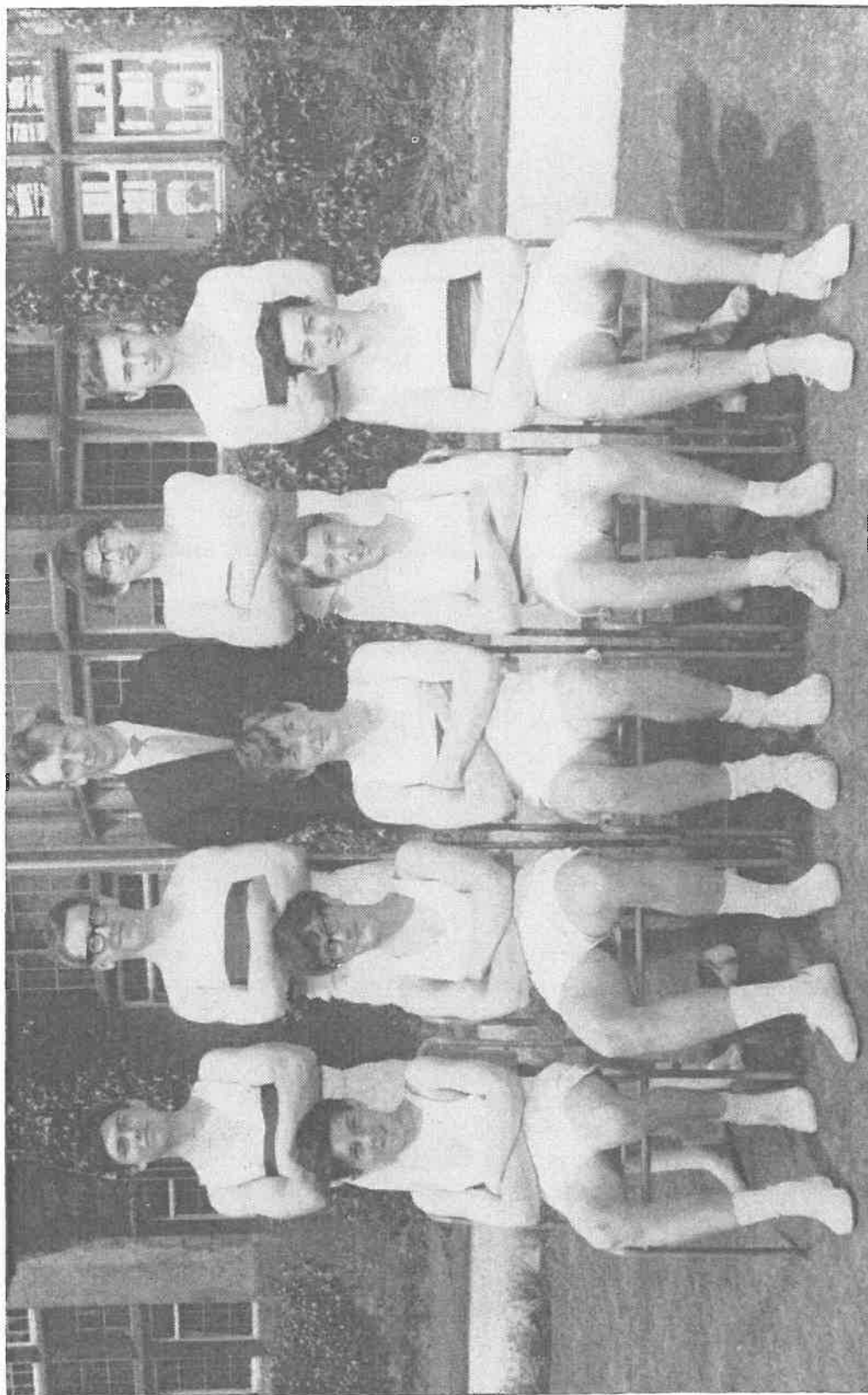
Committee: G. D. Harrop, R. Barrett, G. A. Irving

This term has provided much activity for the gym team. First of all there was a 'Competition' with Rossall which we managed to win by a narrow margin, thank's to a good individual performance by Jordin and West. Kirkham 532 pts., Rossall 525 pts.

The next event in the term was the Easter Fair Display. This took place in three parts, first of all there was a display of Swedish Drill by lower forms, then there was a display of 'General Gymnastics' by the more senior members. The climax of the display was a demonstration by the Team of an actual 'Gym Competition'.

The next event for the Gym Club is the Garden Party, where, as usual, a display will be given, which we hope will excel all previous displays in both quality and quantity.

A.D.I.



K.G.S. GYMNASTIC TEAM — 1966

(Top row) : J. R. Barrett, P. E. Clark, P. E. Worth, Esq., A. Cross, D. A. Irvine.
 (Bottom Row) : D. J. Rawcliffe, T. S. West, J. S. Donald, G. T. Riding, G. D. Harrop.

Music Society

Chairman: Mr. J. Murray
Secretary: A. D. Emery
Treasurer: D. V. Simpson
Committee: J. J. Scott, A. Grieve, A. Forgan, J. N. S. Jones, P. E. Clark

After a very successful school contest, and an equally entertaining House competition, in which Kirkham emerged as winners, the summer term settled down to the routine of preparing for the Founders' Day Service at the end of term. The choir continues to flourish, and the orchestra appears to have consolidated its position in the school-music. We are looking forward to a profitable performance at the service, and practices are being well attended.

A.D.E.

Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. L. A. Redman
Secretary: R. J. Hall
Treasurer: C. G. Beeson
Committee: D. T. Elliott, W. McTaggart R. Sharples.

The main event of the Spring Term was the Easter Fair, for which the Society staged an exhibition of equipment and a competition concerned with recognising pictures of small pieces of the school. Also the Norwood Block film was shown in Room 11.

The darkroom continues to be used a great deal, although rather untidily by some members, which can hardly lead to good results. Several items of new equipment have been bought, including a new developing tank.

F. J. Taylor is to be thanked for taking on the running of the facilities during the G.C.E. Examinations, after which a start is to be made on a new cinè film.

R.J.H.

Scientific Society

Chairman: Mr. J. L. Verity

Secretary: T. M. Pearce

Treasurer: P. E. Clark

At the end of this term our Chairman Mr. J. L. Verity will be leaving us and we would like to thank him for all he has done for the Society during his time with us.

Last Term's Easter Fair exhibition was held in the Norwood block for the first time and with the new facilities available to us we felt that our exhibitions in future years will be even more interesting and ambitious.

Films for the coming year are in the process of being booked and full details of these will be posted next term.

T.M.P.

Tennis Club

Chairman: Mr. C. W. Day

Captain: D. C. Harper

Secretary: A. D. Emery

Treasurer: P. B. Hayton

Committee: J. C. A. Emmett, D. A. Walsh, E. T. Redfern, T. Cora, M. J. Barnes

The season began this term and eight matches have been arranged. We played three before half-term, against Hutton G.S. at home when we lost 8-1, against Hutton G.S. away when we again lost 6-3, and against the Park School, Preston, when the team won 5-2. The House matches are to be played towards the end of the term and a match versus The Masters has been arranged. It is very encouraging to see the number of youngsters, especially in the III's who have shown great interest in the Club and have always been keen to use the courts to their greatest advantage. It must be hoped that the school will in time create a tradition of strong teams.

A.D.E.

Table Tennis Society

Chairman: Mr. J. L. Verity
Secretary: A. Caine
Treasurer: A. C. Pilling
Committee: T. P. Cara, G. Cartmell

This year there has been a great demand among the Lower Sixth to play Table Tennis, so much so that the society has had to ask for a grant from the G.S.C. to obtain a second hand table to cope with the members. As yet, a suitable table has not been found.

We had hoped to arrange matches against other schools but having only one table we did not think this was a practical idea since it would take too long to complete the match. However, if we can acquire another table soon we may still be able to arrange some matches.

A.C.

Library Committee

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In many respects, 1965-6 has been one of the most remarkable year's in the Library's history. Over 800 books have been accessioned since last September, bring the total number to well past the 7,000 mark. Many older books have been rejuvenated by hard-backing.

Probably the most notable achievement of this year has been the development of the Junior Section, which is now used more regularly than any other department. The committee feels certain that, by buying books which will appeal to younger members of the school, it is paving the way towards a healthy use of the library in future years.

Much of what has been achieved this year would not have been possible without the perceptive guidance of D. R. Knowles, who not only helped stage general policy, but personally attended to the details involved. The committee would like to record its thanks, both to Knowles, and to the General School Committee, whose generosity has done much towards giving substance to its ideas.

L. Harrop.

New Books for the Junior Library

In the past two terms we have increased the Junior Library by more than 300 books. We decided that the Junior section of the Library deserved the lion's share of the various grants and donations awarded us and considered that, within the Junior section, it was in the fiction category that most improvement was needed.

This was an obvious decision to make. Filling the shelves proved a more difficult task. We would have to cater for all tastes in this new fiction section, for most of the old books were thrown away. So books were bought dealing with Science Fiction, Mythology, Cowboys, Ancient and more recent History; stories of sport, sailing and modern heroes like William or Jennings. Detective stories, mountaineering stories, even stories of the last war have all found a place in the Library.

My favourite stories always had something to do with History. Fine Elizabethan gentlemen with feathers in their caps and long thin swords; Cavaliers, elegantly dressed, riding on beautiful horses, often masked, contrasting well with chunky roundheads, spoil-sports with faces as ugly as old Cromwell and swords, short and thick; Pirates like Captain Blood, Highwaymen like Dick Turpin, Vikings, Explorers, Romans, Greeks and of course King Arthur; all these were close friends or feared enemies not so many years ago. Little wonder therefore that a rich selection of books with history as the back-ground, courage and excitement as elements in the stories, are now on the shelves. Notable in this are the books by Rosemary Sutcliffe and Ronald Welch. The MARK of the HORSE LORD, DAWN WIND, EAGLE of the NINTA and several other stories about the Romans and the Dark Ages are all strong meat for those with tastes in this direction. Ronald Welch's stories about the Caroy family involve us in struggles between Cavaliers and Roundheads in FOR THE KING, the Duke of Marlborough and the French in CAPTAIN of DRAGOONS, General Wolfe and Mohawk Indians in MOHAWK VALLEY. The LION in the GATEWAY by Mary Renault, LAST of the VIKINGS by Henry Treece, and the FLIGHT of the HERON by D. R. Broster are all exciting stories about Sparta, The Travels of the Vikings and Bonnie Prince Charlie respectively.

Adventure always seems more natural in the past or the future than in the present. It may be simple to imagine ourselves wielding a sword or a ray-gun but the present day seems to offer to both those who read and those who write considerably less stimulus to their imagination. Probably the most notable author of tales involving people who could be alive today, is Richard

Armstrong. His fine adventure stories about the sea *The BIG SEA* and *SEA CHANGE*, besides *SABOTAGE* at the *FORGE* a story set in a Tyneside steelworks, show how the author can extract from merchant shipping and modern industry, both apparently mundane occupations, original and unexpected services of adventure. More adult stories by Nevil Shute, Hammond Innes and Alistair McLean, many of them, like *TOWN LIKE ALICE*, *CAMPBELL'S KINGDOM* or *H.M.S. ULYSSES*, bestsellers, should be within the range of the Middle School, and are on the shelves.

Sherlock Holmes is well represented, and is in such great demand that the two volumes, the *COMPLETE LONG STORIES* and the *COMPLETE SHORT STORIES*, are rareties in the Library. In the near future however we hope to provide more of these stories, assured as we are of their popularity. Other books with a more contemporary setting and possibly well known to many who read regularly include *ROGUE MALE* by Geoffrey Household, *WITH MY LITTLE EYE* by Roy Fuller and *SAMMY GOING GOING SOUTH* by Witt Canaway; the first one in particular as the tale of a self-appointed Assassin, who after failing to kill the Dictator he detests, is pursued the length of Europe by ruthless secret agents.

In recent years Alan Gamer has made a name for himself by providing two excellent novels with a mysterious legendary background. *The WIERDSTONE* of *BRISINGAMES* and *ELIDOR* both possess what has been described as a "compelling, strong Wagnerian quality". The settings are alarmingly original and the stories appeal both to the imagination and the nerves. The books of C. S. Lewis and his kingdom of *NARNIA* have also been included. *PRINCE CASPIAN*, *The VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER* and *the MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW*, should all appeal to those readers who have the taste for legend and fairy-tale. However, perhaps the greatest excursion into this field of fiction is *The ONCE AND FUTURE KING* by T. H. White; incorporating the *SWORD IN THE STONE*, it describes with a unique mixture of realism, magic and mystery the whole saga of King Arthur, and his Knights. In an entirely unusual form we are shown the tragedy and the pathos, besides the deeds of heroism, which characterised the history of King Arthur. This is a book for sixth-formers and adults as well as the junior school and cannot be too strongly recommended.

Humour plays a large part in the average person's reading and we have tried to cater for this with our new books. P. G. Wodehouse is well represented in the senior fiction section but most of his works are suitable for the Junior and Middle School as well. In fact *VERY GOOD JEEVES!* is now on the junior shelves. The 13 *CLOCKS* and the *WONDERFUL "O"* by James Thurber, *The ROSE* and the *RING* by W. M. Thackeray, *UNCLE*

by J. P. Martin and the books about PADDINGTON the bear by Michael Bond are included. Perhaps the most original and amongst the most amusing books in this category is **THE BULL THAT WAS TERRIFICO** by Karl Jaeger the excellent illustrations, almost as funny as the story, are a notable quality of this delightful book.

Animal stories are always popular among a certain group of readers whether true or fictional, and although most animal stories are more suited to the shelves of a girls-school library, a fair selection of books interest chiefly to boys has been obtained. Amongst the most famous of these is **FINN the WOLF-HOUND** by A. J. Dawson. The classic sagas of Jack London **WHITE-FANG** and **CALL of the WILD**, stories of Wolves and savage dogs in Arctic Canada have the same appeal now as ever. On the non-fiction side **MAN-HUNTERS of KUMAON** by Jim Corbett and the animal stories of Gerald Duwell and Joy Adamson (**BORN FREE**) illustrate how animal stories should be tense and exciting rather than sentimental.

Good stories with sport as their main subject are difficult to find. In this field rugby and athletics are non-starters but cricket and soccer do make exciting stories **PLAY UP BARNLEY!** by Leighton Houghton a tale with schoolboy cricket as its main subject should appeal to most boys at K.G.S. For those who prefer soccer, the **GREATEST GOAL** by Ralph Moyes should provide sufficient excitement and interest. The more exciting and demanding sports of mountaineering and potholing have been included. One of the greatest adventure stories for boys ever written "**BANNER IN THE SKY**" by James Ramsey Ullman describes the way a young climber called Rudi faces the challenge of the Citadel, the most fearsome unclimbed mountain in Europe and on which his father had been killed. **CLIMBER'S GLORY** by Garry Hogg's is a climbing story about Wales. Showell Styles has written an excellent novel describing not only the dangers and thrills of potholing, but also illustrating the techniques a potholer uses. The **LAST POTHOLE** is an excellent book both for the aspirant caver and the general reader.

Science Fiction books are amongst the most eagerly demanded by the users of the Library but they represent a demand which is not easily satisfied. Most Science Fiction stories are rarely simple or exciting enough for the Juniors and Middle Schools. However four volumes of an **ANTHOLOGY of SCIENCE FICTION** with stories by John Wyndham, Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke, among others should satisfy most Science Fiction fans! Paul Bema, author of a **HUNDRED MILLION FRANCS**, has written a realistic Science Fiction novel **THRESHOLD OF THE STARS** and this too is in the Library.

One hopes that this survey will have illustrated, above all too those members of the Junior and Middle Schools who do not use the Library, that a new set of books has been purchased which should cater to all tastes. The selection was purely arbitrary, those buying the books were largely unaware of current trends in junior fiction. This ignorance was, we hope, soon remedied, and the books purchased as interesting and varied as possible. The remarkable response of the Junior school to this influx of new books — a no less than 300 per cent increase in books taken out in one term — encourages the Library Committee to give increased consideration to the reading requirements of those below the Sixth Form. To this end, it would be greatly appreciated if suggestions for new books for the Junior Library, stories, biographies, books on hobbies etc., could be given to L. Harrop, the Library secretary. Thus we can begin to hope that the Junior Library, in catering for more and more people and their individual tastes, may encourage people not only to read but to use correctly and take an intelligent interest in, the Libraries at their disposal.

D. R. Knowles.

C.C.F. Report

C.S.M.: P. E. Clark
S/Sgt: G. S. Worrall
Sgts.: A. D. Emery, J. C. A. Emmett, D. C. Harper, D. A. Walsh
Cpls.: G. F. Andrews, I. K. Hague, R. J. Hall, J. N. S. Jones, B. Cookson, P. Coope, P. B. Hayton, J. F. Sailsbury, G. Alexander
L/Cpls.: T. P. Cara, G. Cartmell, D. V. Simpson, P. L. Archer, A. Caine, T. Davies, A. P. Jackson, A. C. Pilling

The first event of the last two terms was the Proficiency exam for the U.V. army cadets. For this examination we entered 33 cadets and all 33 cadets were successful. Hudson P., Kerby J. and Shepherd D. A. gaining credit passes. We extend our congratulations to all the cadets and especially to these three. An Easter Camp report will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Field day last term was spent near Carnforth. The juniors were presented with a map reading exercise 5 miles long which they duly carried out quite successfully, and the seniors were provided with a new activity. They were introduced to orienteering with an exercise devised by D. R. Knowles (an expert on these matters) which was enjoyed immensely.

Returning to the Proficiency candidates once more, in order to fulfil the requirements completely it was decided to carry out an expedition of fifteen miles spending one night under canvas. This they did at the end of last term. They camped on the cabbage-patch and although bad weather was not expected the night was very rough indeed and in fact it snowed. However the cadets were not deterred and carried out their task successfully.

This term so far has only seen two activities. The first was a visit to Fulwood army camp during army week. At the barracks were many travelling pieces of equipment and some vehicles. The displays were very interesting and most of the equipment could be operated by the visitors, which of course pleased the juniors immensely. The afternoon was spoiled only by the heavy rain which prevented us from using the parachute jump simulator, which was perhaps as well as it displayed a notice saying that you jump at your own risk.

Later in the term was Civic Sunday in Kirkham. For the parade we provided 2 officers, 7 N.C.O's and 25 cadets (predominantly School House) whose turnout and marching were good despite being given a somewhat doubtful beat by a distant band behind a group who had no intention of marching in step. Later (after the service given by Rev. W. A. P. Francis) Councillor J. Whiteside, Chairman of the Council and a Governor of K.G.S. thanked the parade and our platoon for turning out.

Later this term the Senior cadets will fire .303 Open Range practices at Altcar and the contingent will attend summer camps from 14th to 22nd July.

This year the camp is at Monmouth, a camp to which we have only been once before and which we enjoyed very much indeed. We are taking a larger party than usual, 70 cadets, and we have no doubt that they will enjoy it, as much as we did last time.

P.E.C.

Easter Camp 1966

5 N.C.O's and 15 cadets stare apprehensively at a broad expanse of green turf, their home for the next seven days. Within hours the turf is transformed into an adequate training camp, little tents for the cadets, big tents for the N.C.O's and a caravan for the officers.

There were two base camps, one at Hope Beck in Grummockdale, the other at Grange, south of Derwent Water. After

the weather had foiled a plan to climb Great Gable, the fell-walking was mainly confined to the area around and between the two camps. Mr. Kremer led the rock-climbing on crags around Grange and Mr. Worth introduced us to canoeing, an interesting and very entertaining activity. Naturally he had first to demonstrate how easy it was to capsize but despite this, several cadets managed to cruise around Grummockwater, even to travel up-river to Buttermere — or float down backwards as the case might be. These were the exercises arranged in a circuit for each group.

And when the day was done . . . there was a return to base camp with its routine of cooking, washing up, drying clothes and generally "flogging things from the stores". There was the usual community singing in which Dave was outstanding in one way and another, whilst our illustrious photographer persisted in taking pictures of all and sundry in the most unlikely situations.

It happened on Friday morning, the day after the Election, when we awoke to find the tents, under a great weight of snow, brushing against our noses. That was when the camp spirit really showed through, on some more than others. Planned activities for the day had to be cancelled and nearly all contented themselves with a merry jaunt around the Lodore Falls, but five of the more hardy types, led by Big Brother, successfully climbed a snow-covered Skiddow. Unfortunately the exciting view from the summit, which had been promised, was somewhat spoilt by the mist.

After that brief interruption the programme could continue and passed without incident except for one stranded group who were offered a place at Harrow — the neighbouring contingent. On the final night everyone reassembled at Hope Beck, where equipment was collected with remarkable alacrity and efficiency. The following morning we all breakfasted on Mr. Kremer's "jam-butties" and, in a violent hailstorm, we struck the tents — whatever that means.

Our thanks are due to all the officers, Major Reay, Cpt. Kremer, Lt. Butterworth, Lt. Verity and Mr. Worth, for an enjoyable worthwhile camp.

G. Cartmell.

R.A.F. Section

Flt. Sgt.: E. T. Redfern
Sgts.: C. S. Shaw, J. S. Donald, T. M. Pearce,
F. S. Taylor
Cpls.: A. D. Irvine, R. Proctor, G. Kerby, C. G.
Beeson

Since the last issue of the magazine, when it was reported that the section was "bulging at the seams", we have received, as was hoped, an increase in establishment from 60 to 85 cadets, thus necessitating the recruitment of another officer. With the difficulties of teaching such large numbers we have increased the number of N.C.O's substantially!

Also, since the last report, we have had several examination results, all very commendable. There have been two advanced entries — the results of the first (in December 1965) were 5 passes and 1 credit pass, obtained by C. G. Beeson, from 6 entries. The second, a larger batch in March 1966, gave 10 passes and 2 credits gained by R. Proctor and P. T. Dytham from a total of 13 entries. Also at this time we had an ordinary Proficiency entry of 29 cadets — from whom 15 gained passes and 6 credits — Cadets C. Bainbridge, H. S. Chappell, R. C. Harris, I. Hird, G. A. Irving and D. H. Whittle and 1 cadet, P. H. Jackson, gained a distinction. Very creditable performances indeed.

Thus the present state of the section is as follows: — 9 N.C.O's, 9 senior cadets (doing post-advanced work and N.C.O. training), 24 advanced candidates for next year, and a total of 36 ordinary candidates, of whom 6 have already sat and are awaiting results.

The other activities of the section this term have been numerous. In March, 1 officer and 35 cadets went on an overnight Field Day to R.A.F. Finningly where we toured the base, seeing everything of interest. During the Easter Holidays, 3 N.C.O's and one officer went to a camp in Germany, R.A.F. Bruggen, for 8 days, and a larger contingent, with 1 officer, went to R.A.F. Shawbury. This summer there are three vacancies on gliding courses, yet to be filled.

Perhaps the most notable achievement this year has been the award of a Flying Scholarship to Senior Cadet I. S. Akeroyd. The competition for these awards is very high indeed — and the Selection Course is very difficult. Cadet Akeroyd will be spending one month during the summer holidays at the Cumberland Flying Club, Carlisle. A successful completion of the course will mean an award of a Flying Scholarship badge and a Private Pilot's license. With him go our best wishes and heartiest congratulations.

All together, it has been a very successful year, and it is to be hoped that the promise shown in the section, at present, develops fully in the year's to come.

E.T.R.

R.A.F. Section, Easter Camp

Two N.C.O's, thirteen cadets and Fl. Lt. McKerrow set out for R.A.F. Shawbury on the 13th April. Two other schools were also there — Perse School from Cambridge and Royal Liberty School from London.

The first day began with drill, taken by Sgt. McKlintock of the R.A.F. Regiment — this was his first encounter with the irrepressible Philip! No-one enjoyed this session and it came as a pleasant surprise when the other sessions were called off by bad weather.

The activities included three exercises. One involved carrying a highly dangerous radioactive can of water, a distance of some three miles — without going within two feet of it. It was an initiative test, indeed, one group bent the rules somewhat by using snow as their water. The other two exercises were building rafts to cross a river, with limited materials. On both occasions, White demonstrated his love of water and on the second, Whittle joined him.

A competition was held between the schools — it consisted of a drill competition, shooting, sport and swimming competitions, and marks gained from four barrack block inspections — of course we won the plaque which I collected from the C.O., during a parade on the last day.

The bad points of the camp were the rather limited recreational facilities and the weather. The good points were excellent accommodation and food, and a very varied and interesting programme. Despite this, I don't think anyone with the possible exception of "Doink" was sorry to leave on the Wednesday.

Our thanks must go to Fl. Lt. McKerrow, the late — arriving Flg. Off. Cheeseborough and the officers of the R.A.F. Shawbury for such an enjoyable camp.

F. J. Taylor.

R.A.F. Camp in Germany

F/O Cheeseborough. Sgts. Redfern, Pearce, Shaw

"Hey! C. J. isn't that the G.P.O. tower?". "It looks like it. I wonder how we get to Fleet Street from here?". The time was 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning, 6th April and Sgts Redfern and Shaw were walking the streets of London.

The K.G.S. party joined up at about 7-15 a.m. at Victoria air terminal hoping that F/O Cheesborough hadn't forgotten the tickets. By 9 a.m., everyone was at Gatwick where a large gathering of cadets could be seen ready to do war with the officials of Lloyds bank who were working to rule and refused to change any money until 9 p.m.

At 9-30 a.m. a chartered Viscount took off. Because of cloud not much could be seen during the flight but one cadet had the right idea. He was sick and gained the attention of the air-hostess who removed him to the rear of the aircraft, for surveillance he said but we found it hard to believe him!

We arrived at Wildenrath at about 10-30 a.m. and were shunted through customs in a matter of minutes.

We travelled by bus to R.A.F. Briggan and as soon as we had been allocated to billets and had had a meal we were given a security talk. R.A.F. Briggan is a N.A.T.O. base. The operational aircraft in the base being Camberas. The camp was divided roughly in two by a main road running through the camp and the camp to the east of this road was out of bounds to us except when accompanied by an air officer and then you were not entirely safe. It was possible to get shot at if you didn't stop when ordered to do so on that side of the camp by either R.A.F. MP's or U.S.A.F. MP's, that's if the dogs didn't get you first. As a U.S.A.F. officer told us later on the Yanks shoot to kill and the British to wound but they are both such bad shots that they both usually kill you.

Because of the Easter grant we didn't manage to see very much of the camp although the Sgt. Major got hold of us for drill once and told us in no uncertain terms what he thought of our marching. You look like a cross between a constipated cow and the back end of a bus, the whole lot of you. All of the cadets were shown round the Technical wing, fire section, which provide us with a demonstration giving us the job of putting out the fires, and a look round the Camberas themselves which are still operational.

A survival exercise was arranged for one evening, although it was more like a holiday camp with all mod cons including camp beds and a water tanker a couple of yards away from the tents. Hardly anyone in the camp slept that night except one certain officer (no relation to this school) whose snoring seemed to improve with the amount of noise we made. Most of the camp spent the night in lean-to's built around a roaring fire by Sgt. Pearce and it was 3 a.m. in the morning before the MP's discovered our whereabouts. We really spent more time off the camp than on it.

Visiting the local sites. Roermond was a popular hunting ground in the evening and after spending a Monday evening in cinemas and dance halls with several Dutch girls who were all too eager to practice their English on us, we asked them if they would come out on Tuesday evening. This was met with looks of horror, "only bad girls go out on Tuesdays" they replied. 99% of the cadets could be seen in Roermond on Tuesday night.

The catacombs at Vaulkenburg in Holland were visited. We were shown round the catacombs, which are an exact reproduction of those at Rome, by a young Dutch guide whose English was limited. On asking if anyone had any questions, whilst he was showing us around someone asked where the gents was. "There are no men", he replied, "all the bodies have been removed from the coffins".

We also visited the War Museum at Overloom travelling there by coach and train, the cleanliness of which puts British Railways to shame.

Cologne was on the programme for Monday and we were surprised by the fact that war damage did not exist any more in the city although the R.A.F. flattened most of the town during the war. The K.G.S. party excluding F/O Cheeseborough discovered that it was 504 steps up a 4 feet wide circular staircase to the top of the spires of Cologne Cathedral.

Because of the Easter grant we saw more of the country surrounding the camp than we we would have done had the camp not been on holiday. All of us thoroughly enjoyed the camp and recommend a German camp to anyone who gets the chance to go on one.

T.M.P.

Athletics 1966

After a postponement on Wednesday, 11th of July, because of heavy rain, the Inter-House Athletics took place the following day in bright sunshine. The results resembled the variable weather, with some bright results in the Junior sections, and rather dismal results in the Senior events. Outstanding in the Juniors was Martin-dale who won several events.

The guest of honour was Mr. S. Middleton, the Deputy Head Master, who presented the Trophy to the School House.

RESULTS:	1. SCHOOL	237 pts.
	2=ASHTON	152 pts.
	KIRKHAM	
	4. FYLDE	127 pts.
	5. LYTHAM	122 pts.
	6. PRESTON	102 pts.

Inter Schools Athletics

1. BLACKPOOL.

The Inter Grammar School Sports were again blessed with fine weather, but this in no way encouraged the School Athletes. With one or two exceptions, all the team performed well below their standard, and we finished the day well behind the other Schools. Donald and Clark in the Seniors did well to gain places, with Donald jumping a personal best of 5ft. 6ins in the High Jump, and Clark gaining a hard won second in the 440 yds.

The reasons for our failure are various, but the main one is the age of our athletes. In the senior group, most of them were competing against boys two or three years older, and most of the Juniors were well under the age limit. The only consolation is that this young team will probably be in the school for another two or three years, by which time, K.G.S. may once again be 'on top'.

RESULTS

SENIOR		JUNIOR	
1. St. Josephs College	38 pts.	1. Baines	35 pts.
2. Blackpool G.S.	27 pts.	2. Blackpool	22 pts.
3.=Lancaster R.G.S.	22 pts.	3. St. Josephs	21 pts.
Baines G.S.	22 pts.	4. Kirkham	12 pts.
5. Hutton G.S.	21 pts.	5. Hutton	9 pts.
6.=Arnold School	16 pts.	6. Arnold	6 pts.
Kirkham G.S.	16 pts.	7. Lancaster	5 pts.
8. Fleetwood G.S.	3 pts.	8. Fleetwood	0 pts.

BOLTON.

This match was held during the Whitsuntide half-term, and it is a measure of the enthusiasm of the school athletics that some travelled long distances to compete. Although well below full strength, the team gave an excellent display.

RESULTS

SENIOR		JUNIOR	
1. Bolton School.		1. Stoneyhurst	
=Liverpool College		2. Liverpool	
3. Stoneyhurst		3. Kirkham G.S.	
4. Lancaster R.G.S.		4. Bolton School	
5. Kirkham G.S.		5. Lancaster R.G.S.	

COUNTY SPORTS

Porter (shot) and Ruddlesden (220 yds.) both gained places in the South Fylde Team for the County Sports. Hague, Donald, Bell, Almond represent the school in the Senior Events.

Rugby 1965 - 66

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	17	5	0	12	134	241
2nd XV	13	5	0	8	116	130

Once again, the results of both rugby teams are disappointing, but the failures are offset by the promising displays of the younger members of both XV's. At the start of the season only four of last years colours remained and it was necessary to re-build the team around these four. Fortunately the new players blended in well, and the basis of the team was formed.

As the results show, however, there was a lack of scoring power in the 1st XV but defensively they were quite sound. Although I hesitate to single out players, both Ball, the full-back, and Orchard, wing forward, deserve praise for their play.

The 2nd XV was made up almost entirely of new player's from the UV, and LVI, and they gained valuable experience during the season. Well led by their captain, E. T. Redfern, they were quite successful and in most of the games they lost they were only beaten by the odd try.

The general pattern of the senior rugby teams leads me to believe that next season will witness a revival. The 1st XV should have half of last seasons players to form the basis of the team, and I have high hopes of those players in the Lower V who will be eligible for the senior teams next season.

1st XV

P. E. Clark (Capt.), C. Ball; T. J. Akeroyd; J. K. Rayton; I. R. Howarth, J. S. Donald; G. Worrall; T. M. Pearce, T. Orchard; J. Porter; L. J. Shaw; D. Pardey; G. J. Warden; I. K. Hague; L. Harrop.

2nd XV

E. T. Redfern (Capt.), Spedding; Irvine; Bignell; Almond; Hall; Simpson; Bibey; Harrop; Cartmell; Hughes; Kerby J.; Taylor; Maunder; Smith A.; McCondichie.

COLOURS: School colours were awarded to:—

P. Clark, G. Worrall	—Re-award, Full colours
C. J. Shaw	—Re-award, Team colours
I. R. Howarth, J. K. Rayton	—New award, Full colours
Ball, Akeroyd, Hague	New award—
Orchard, Donald, Porter	Team colours
Pardey, Warden, Pearce	
Harrop, Redfern	

7 - a - side Competition

This competition was introduced as an experiment during the season, and inspite of adverse weather conditions, it was quite successful, and I hope that it will be continued next season. Seven-a-side Rugby encourages the open style of play which is so often missing from the fifteen-a-side games.

RESULTS:—

1.	Fylde	10 pts.
2.	School	7 pts.
3.	Lytham	6 pts.
4.	Kirkham	5 pts.
5.	Preston	2 pts.
6.	Ashton	0 pts.

County Rugby Schools Section

Although the school had no representative in the county side this season, P. E. Clark was selected for the Final Trial in the senior section, and J. G. Grimbaldeston played in the Final Trial at Southport but failed to gain a place in the UXV.

Harriers 1966

The Harriers have enjoyed a moderately successful season and one which has followed the pattern of previous years. Little success was recorded before Christmas, although a narrow victory over Hutton G.S. should be mentioned. During this period many non-Rugby players were given trials in the teams and a great deal of enthusiasm was generated, and runners such as T. Cara, B. Nuttall, P. Coope, P. Hayton and the captain, D. Knowles put up some very praiseworthy performances. At the end of the Rugby season, however, the team was greatly strengthened by the advent of the Rugby players; encouraging victories were achieved over Hutton, King Edward's School, Lytham, and Blackpool. But a previous injury to the captain, and the somewhat disappointing form of a few key runners, caused us to finish no higher than fourth out of the ten competing schools. Rossall and Lancaster R.G.S. fought a very close battle for first place, whilst Baines G.S., who had previously beaten us on two occasions, again beat us for third place.

In the final analysis, the outstanding runner, although troubled by injury, has been D. Knowles but T. Hague, A. Maunders and P. Clark showed up well on occasions. Hague, in fact, was

the winner of the individual Trophy in the Inter - House Cross Country Race, an event which was convincingly won by the School House, with Kirkham second, and Fyde third. School House were also very worthy winners of the Junior Trophy, although the joint individual winners, A. Carter and I. MacIaren, came from the Lytham House.

All together, a satisfying and satisfactory season, and one on which we can look back on with a certain amount of pleasure. I would like to add my personal thanks to all the Kirkham teams for their whole-hearted running and for their co-operation in a sport which is not always as popular as it deserves to be.

At a Committee meeting at the end of the season Full Colours were awarded to D. R. Knowles and Team Colours to P. Clark, I. Hague, A. Hall, P. Hayton, G. Irving, A. Maunder and G. Warden.

Cricket 1966

1st XI v PRESTON G.S. May 7th

Kgs. 92 for 6 declared. Preston 83 for 7

This being the first match of the season, Kirkham found it very hard to get runs. The first four batsmen were struggling against tight bowling by Preston and there were few attacking strokes. Hall (35) was the mainstay of the Kirkham innings, and played some attractive attacking strokes, but Rayton (11) and Salisbury (10) batted for a long time without any inclination of attack. It was left to Hague (11 N.O.) to liven the proceedings and the Captain declared at 92 for 6 in 132 minutes.

Both Preston's openers batted well, and the score soon rose to 27, when Hague (4/26) took the first wicket. The batsmen never looked in any trouble, especially from some poor quality spin bowlers, Preston's score seemed to rise steadily, from more confident batting, but at the end of play, Preston were 9 runs behind with 3 wickets left.

1st XI v BLACKPOOL G.S. May 14th

Kgs. 109. Blackpool 98 for 8.

Kirkham did not start well, losing the first three wickets for only 22 runs. Then Worrall (19) joined Hall (9) and added 28 runs in 25 minutes, when Worrall was caught. Another wicket soon fell, but Salisbury (44), after his batting practice at Preston the week before, quickly increased the score with quick singles between the wickets and well timed shots through the fielders.

Blackpool started well, and scored 22 runs when their first wicket fell to Hayton (3/32), but Storey (37) attacked all the bowling, and was helped by poor fielding and bad catching. Blackpool had scored 73 for 5 when Storey was out and Hayton and Hague, with some careful attacking bowling, reduced the score to 89 for 8. At the end of play Blackpool were 98 for 8 and it seems a great pity that there is a time limit for a match like this.

1st XI v BAINES G.S. May 21st

Kgs. 58. Baines 59 for 5.

After Kirkham lost a wicket on the first ball of the match, there were no real signs of recovery. Brown (3/14) and Lang (6/12) soon reduced the Kirkham batting to 9 runs for 5 wickets. Then Bignell (12) joined Rayton (12) and they carefully pushed the score along to 28. Clark and Hague helped to keep the score increasing until Kirkham were 58 for 8. The last two wickets fell without any more runs being added, after a very poor innings.

Hague (5/18) took a quick wicket at the beginning of Baines' innings and continued to worry the batsmen throughout his long bowling spell. A stand between Craven (27) and Ellacott (12) soon brought the score to 49 when Craven was stumped by Rayton. Hague then took 3 quick wickets in a last attempt to curb the Baines batsmen, but they eventually passed Kirkham's total with 5 wickets in hand.

1st XI v KING GEORGE V SOUTHPORT June 4th

Kgs. 124 for 4. Southport 87 for 5.

At last the Kirkham batsmen seemed to have found their form. Simpson (18) and Kerby (16) gave the innings a firm foundation. The first wicket fell at 34 and 3 more fell with the addition of only 10 more runs, but Hall (37 N.O) and Salisbury (35 N.O.) gave a magnificent display of strokes which brought Southport's bowling close to ruin, even the stumper had to bowl! Hall and Salisbury added 80 runs together in 60 minutes, when the Captain decided to declare at 124 for 4.

The Kirkham bowlers soon had Southport worried. Hayton (3/30) took a wicket in the first over of the innings, and together with Akeroyd reduced Southport to 17 for 3. Two more wickets fell when the score was 33 but Eckersall (51 N.O.), with Abram (8 N.O.) brought the score to 87 for 5 at the finish.

1st XI v KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM, June 11th
Lytham 94. Kgs. 78.

Lytham scored slowly, and the bowlers dictated the greater part of the innings. Lytham had 56 for 3, when Hague (4/24) and Akeroyd (4/24) opened their attack with consistent deceptive bowling, and 17 minutes later, Lytham were 58 for 8. Unfortunately Lytham were then let off the hook, and Robertson (16) was the mainstay of their recovery, when their last batsmen put on 36 runs.

Kirkham again started badly, loosing 2 wickets for only 6 runs, but Simpson (25) hit 2 magnificent 6's over long on, and 3 fours in the same direction to increase the score very quickly. The rest of Kirkham's batting, except Worrall (18) and Clark (15) did not show any sign of helping the situation, and Kirkham were soon all out for 78 runs, only 16 runs behind.

J.N.S.—Jones

My Impressions of the English

Before coming to England I had, like every self-respecting French person, a clear enough idea of what England and the English were like.

England? an isolated and rain-swept island jealously guarded by her inhabitants brought up in public-schools and all wearing bowler hats, carrying umbrellas and sporting carnations. A strange people living on eggs and bacon, who every morning consumed an enormous breakfast but for the rest of the day survived on sandwiches, everything (how awful!) washed down with tea, available at any hour of the day or night but absolutely "de rigueur" at 5 o'clock.

Strange people, too, who having travelled all week on double decker buses, having worked very hard for England in Her Majesty's service, felt on Sundays compelled by tradition to mow the lawns.

Alas! these ideas so simple and easy to accept were quickly swept away by strong cross currents. England appeared to be a country in turmoil inhabited by beatniks, where beatles were kings, where "mods" and "rockers" law prevailed and, in spite of puritanical restrictions, gin and whisky flowed like water. The national drink was no longer a nice cup of tea but rather a foaming pint of ale and the national dish was no longer bacon and egg but, for practical reasons, fish and chips, eaten from a newspaper. Sundays and lawns were the only things which remained unchanged. I was torn between horror and amusement — I found it difficult to explain England and to define English character. I strove in vain, the British character defied definition and after almost a year of careful study, my French national attitude has faded into the background and I have become very much influenced by the British attitude to life. I am now content to live without too much introspection and no longer struggle to understand a national character and opinions that can produce at the same time Public schools, the traditional ordered English queues on the one hand, and beatles and sporting fanaticisms on the other. I subside into deep lurious armchairs, delight in lovingly tended lawns and like all pets. Having adopted English (British ! ! !) attitudes I am enjoying to the full my year in England, a land where the people are as hospitable as their climate is dull and bleak. You have made me feel "at home" and all is well.

Mademoiselle Francoise Liron

French Assistante.

Holidays Abroad

Where do you go for your holidays? Is it some drab English village or boring seaside town where the only excitement is a ride on the Big Dipper? This year, break out of the routine, and go to the place which guarantees non-stop excitement: Saigon.

By day, you can watch the colourful pageants put on by the Buddhists and the police, or you can go out into the delightful surrounding countryside. Although this region has been spoilt by North Vietnamese and Chinese tourists who come down for the shooting, it is still very quaint.

But the excitement really begins when the night lights — mostly Buddhist — start burning. In the many nightclubs, two new dances are all the rage, the Viet-conga, a charming dance done by the peasants to the tune of "G.I. Blues", and the Escalation, a very similar but more civilised dance done by the many American tourists to the tune of "The Ballad of the Green Beret".

Travel to Saigon from Britain is expensive at present, but the American and Australian governments operate excellent free travel schemes.

G. F. Andrews, UVISc.

A visit to France

At 9 p.m. on Sunday, 17th April the two adventurers set off along the M.6 to hike to France equipped with rucksack, passport and a little money. After walking for several hundred yards the appearance of an officer of the law made them retrace their steps to the motorway turn-off, whereupon they had the good fortune to be offered a lift in a Vauxhall Estate Car to London, driven by an amiable fellow and duly assisted by his young son Barnaby. But alas their luck did not hold out for after only two hours the car broke down and was forced to stay in a garage for three hours whilst the mechanic tightened up the nut and bolt which was the cause of the trouble.

But by 6 a.m. that evening the tower (of London) was in sight and after an evening's rest in the Dorchester the road to Dover lay ahead. An uneventful crossing of the French channel brought Calais within reach by midday on Monday. By evening they were but a bare five miles out, trempes jusqu'aux os, in typical Manchester weather. Night descended swiftly and the only shelter was a three-sided cow shelter with half a roof, occupied by a plough, various other farm implements, one large puddle, and

soon, two very weary hikers. The following day however proved to be more fortunate in that by 4 p.m., with the assistance of three successive lifts, the 150 or so miles journey to Paris was completed via the towns of Boulogne, Abbeville and Rouven where the slums are much worse than can ever have been experienced even in nineteenth century England, although a beautiful Cathedral in the centre of the city marks its recent modernisation.

A camp-site was duly found in Paris in the Bois de Boulogne, one huge forest on the outskirts of Paris expanding over several square miles and criss-crossed by numerous roads and tracks. That evening they set out to see the Paris night-life, but after two hours they had yet to find their way out of the forest. They continued walking and arrived back at the camp site, much to their amazement, after completing a full circle of the heart of the Bois. Needless to say the journey into Paris itself was postponed until the morrow.

And so Wednesday dawned; a beautiful sunny day which enhanced the reputation of Paris in the springtime. It is without doubt the most wonderful city in Europe, as was particularly emphasised by numerous patriots, and by a young Canadian whom they met on the way home who had completed a round tour of Europe in 5 months on his own. The Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and all the other sights fulfilled all expectations. The Paris streets were crowded with shoppers and sightseers. Lunch was taken in a quiet restaurant at an exorbitant price; and no matter where the journeyers went, the waiters demanded a tip after their service; so different from the easy-going proprietors at home. The food was rare in typical French fashion with blood-red steaks and streaky sausages, and prices seemed abnormal. The cost of living in Paris especially is something we would never dream of in England.

Everything in Paris is on the grand scale. Gendarmes walk round in groups of ten or more; cars, mostly Citroens, follow each other incessantly through the streets which were packed all the time and incomparably more so than Hyde Park Corner even during the rush hour. The metro, the Paris underground, even had first class carriages, and begging musicians to entertain the passengers at the stations with their accordians and raucous voices. Even the camp site was like something out of fiction, with a shopping centre, showers and washrooms, fish and chip shop, and bar.

But everything wonderful must come to an end and Thursday lunchtime the return trip to Calais started, and the green English shoreline was duly reached by midday on Friday. Green shoreline? But surely it should have been white cliffs. However,

once the adventurers stepped onto English soil, again amidst a torrent of rain, they realised that they were in Folkestone and had got onto the wrong boat. The crossing his time was rough, and a party of unfortunate females from a London convent felt the worst of it, reclining in most unfamiliar postures in the saloon and continually dashing outside to rid themselves of their unsettled stomachs.

Folkestone to Preston is approximately 275 miles and not exactly feeling up to such a long walk themselves, and with still sufficient money in their pockets, our heroes took a train, and by ten o'clock that evening were safely tucked away in bed at home.

The journey was over. It had been a marvellous experience, journeying into the unknown of the continent for the first time. France had really been something worthwhile seeing, especially its capital, and the thing which caused the most astonishment was how the French could find the time and money to spend several hours each day sitting in a restaurant-bar (for there are no public houses in France as we know them here, and there is no restriction of time upon the sale of alcoholic beverages) drinking wine or beer as the case may be, talking incessantly to their neighbours in their loud, high-pitched accents, and going through packet after packet of evil-smelling cigarettes, the thickness and length of a man's index finger.

Yet that is life, and one can see it only by travelling throughout the world. At least we have seen France now, and do not regret the time, money or energy spent on the journey in any respect.

J. Sailsbury UMVI

(Accompanied by P. Hayton).

Determined not to be behind the Times (with its new feature — “As it Happens”) we now present our own gossip column:—

Before it Happens

HOME NEWS — In a last minute bid to save the economy Mr. Coates assures us that his yacht will not be affected by the Seamen's strike and any proposed increase in library finds is to be referred to the Prices and Incomes Board. On the Productivity front our chemistry correspondent writes “The workmen on the new Cadet Hut didn't do a stroke of work for two solid hours” — He didn't take his eyes off them for “two solid hours” Due to an acute shortage of tennis partners, P. E. Clark went to a lesson, Period 2, Thursday, June 9th.

OVERSEAS NEWS — Attempts to bribe Mr. Bentley to leave one or two of his party with General Franco this summer have so far been unsuccessful, meanwhile we are to send over 60 of our correspondents on a “fact-finding mission” to Monmouth.

INVALIDS — Congratulations to Blackpool Victoria Hospital for finding A. C. Pilling's appendix, but on a more sombre note, we were sorry to hear of the recent injury sustained by our sports correspondent during a chess match — he was using the Sicilian Defence.

SPORT — A gloomy season is forecast for the 1st XI; except for possible victories over the Masters and 2nd XI.

CORRECTION -- Mayor Reay has vehemently denied reports from our Defence correspondent, that next autumn's Field Day will be held around Da Nang. We apologise.

HONOURS — We were sorry to see that Jones, J. N. S. did not receive an M.B.E. for his services to H.M. stores K.G.S. Our political correspondent is to be congratulated on correctly forecasting a Labour victory in the General Election — although the chairman of the Magazine Committee still maintains that the Tories won under an assumed name.

TRENDS — So far only one tiger has been seen in the masters' petrol tanks. Mr. Day is leading a revolution in umbrellas, and LVa have a higher proportion of brief-cases per boy than the entire sixth form — perhaps they do more work.

Finally, we hope that Mr. Middleton's widely publicised remark that “K.G.S. is the happiest school in the country” will save us from possible libel actions.

T. P. Cara, G. Cartmell.

“There’s plenty of time” — or is there ?

Any UVIth or UVth next September will tell you there is plenty of time for revision and finishing off the syllabus before the ‘O’ and ‘A’ levels arrive next June.

However, this is not as true as it seems when one studies it more closely; we waste an enormous amount of time, as I will now show.

Much of our lives we spend sleeping, preparing for sleep, or starting the day. The average bed-time throughout the school is about 10-00 p.m. and we start school at 9-00 p.m. Thus 11 HOURS PER DAY are “wasted” as regards school work. First period starts at 9-20 a.m. thus another 20 MINUTES are wasted.

Break and dinner take up a further 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES.

On average the journey home takes 1 HOUR (School House not exempt — how much real work do you do before tea?).

When we get home we usually “unwind” (from the rigours of a day in the library?) by reading the paper or by getting changed and so on. Then we have tea. All this can take till 6-00 p.m., or, much more likely, 6-30 p.m.

Suppose homework begins at 6-30 p.m. (an unlikely occurrence with VIth formers) then another 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES of fruitless time has passed.

Up till now 15 HOURS 35 MINUTES of each day has been wasted. This assumes that one works steadily between 6-30 p.m. and 10-00 p.m. This is definitely not the case, as we often stop for drinks, or sandwiches or to visit the “smallest room” all of which on a conservative estimate will amount to 30 MINUTES.

More time than you think is wasted at school, 5 minutes between lessons total 35 MINUTES. 5 minutes a lesson can be spent waiting for the masters’ attention when he is straightening out a colleagues problems — 40 MINUTES PER DAY. Then at least 5 MINUTES PER DAY is spent sharpening pencils or crayons and filling pens.

The total “wasted” time is now 17 HOURS 25 MINUTES PER DAY.

Then there is the less obvious time waster — we blink for $\frac{1}{4}$ second about every 2 seconds. Even if we assume we can think

and write with our eyes shut, we cannot possibly read, and if we read about $\frac{1}{2}$ the time we work then one-sixteenth of the remaining time (6 hours 35 minutes per day) is wasted — 25 MINUTES.

Then at least 40 MINUTES PER DAY is spent looking for books, looking for pages and in moments of despair when we just cannot think.

This leaves us with 5 HOURS 30 MINUTES each working day.

Continuing the process further we find that of 44 periods in the week 4 are taken for games and P.E. (6 in the junior school) 1 general period, 1 R.I. period, 1 administration period, 1 discussion period and 1 choir period for most. Thus about 8 periods a week pass by without us doing a stroke of work towards exams. This is ONE DAY, thus we work $4\frac{1}{2}$ days per week at 5 hours 30 minutes per day. This is very nearly 25 HOURS PER WEEK. Most VIth formers work for 3 hours sometime during the weekend (if you do not, then you should) thus work 28 hours a week.

There are $7 \times 24 = 168$ hours in a week. Therefore we work of the total time available, this is one-sixth of the time.

Between September and the external exams, there are 10 weeks of holidays when on the average one works for 2 hours a day. Thus of the 10 months before the exams just over 2 are taken with holidays when we work about 140 hours or 6 days. Of the remaining 8 months, when we work for one-sixth of the time we are left with $8 \times \text{one-sixth} = 6$ weeks.

Thus between September and the exams there are just 7 WEEKS of working time.

I must also point out that some of the estimates were generous and many of you will work for less than 7 weeks. Societies and sports with activities after school take much of your time. Then there are half-days missed for Speech-Day, Easter Fair, the Music Festival and other activities. Thus a more realistic estimate of your time would be 6 weeks.

Then of course in the VIth form you study 3 main subjects, giving you 2 WEEKS PER SUBJECT before the 'A' levels in which to revise and finish the syllabus.

In the UVth form you have 8 subjects, thus the time available is very little indeed.

I might also add that in reading this account you have just wasted 5 minutes of your very valuable time.

P. E. Clark

"Aspects of the North-West"

We were promised an entertaining and academically stimulating day's geography, an opportunity of hearing "real-live" university lecturers at work on their home ground and a first glimpse of university life, so we all offered to attend the Geographical Conference in the newly completed Roscoe Building at Manchester.

Then Mr. Knowles told us that it entailed getting up at 6-30, missing the F.A. Cup Quarter-Final at Preston and the Grand National, but despite this nearly all of us made it, and one Upper Sixth was so zealous, that, after missing the bus, caught a train and joined us for lunch.

We had little time to survey the immediate local geography in the large, modern and surprisingly comfortable lecture theatre, before the first lecturer bounced onto the platform to deliver a general introduction to this alien region — the North West. We settled down to an hour's note talking but we were genuinely impressed by the efficiency with which the lecture was conducted and particularly by the presentation of colour slides and maps which illustrated it. We were also surprised that the lecturer was young and seemingly human.

After coffee, the conference split into groups for lectures on various aspects of the North-West, including Manchester, Water Supply, the Rossendale Forest and the most popular "Mid-Mersey" region in the main theatre. The overall standard was not as high as the previous lecture, but nevertheless most rewarding.

After lunch was the "main-feature" of the conference, a lecture on the coastline of the North-West by Dr. K. Gresswell, the leading authority on the subject. He spoke for over an hour, giving a very well illustrated talk on the development and changes of our own coast speaking without notes, and also to our delight, asking us not to take any.

This was followed by the forum consisting of most of the lecturers who attended the conference, and we had the satisfaction of hearing our (Mr. Knowles) question about building barrages across Morecambe Bay, answered by Dr. Gresswell.

We returned home in time for the football results, knowing a lot more about the region we live in.

T. P. Cara, G. J. Warden, LVIMod.

They blame us!

Life
Is living death.
It kills us all, in time.
We come, we go,
But what do we leave?
Weapons of war
To kill more and more
People.

Darkness
In the womb.
Then gasping, suckling,
For air, for food.
We grow, we mature
We beget more and more
Children.
Men marry, and women,
And beget children,
Children to be punished
And more children to be punished
And yet more.
Inoffensive children.
Punished by birth,
By being Born
Into this cruel world.

We get old,
Decaying,
Doddering, senile idiots
Dribbling down hairy chins,
Tottering through the park
Meeting old cronies
Exchanging experiences of war
And Death.

Playing Grand-dad to little brats.
They are harmless,
Let them be,
They ruined our world
For us.

Us,
The younger generation;
And then they say
They don't understand,
Understand us.
What are we coming to?

Coming?
We're not coming, we're going,
Running,
Fleeing from our heritage,
Our world,
Ruined by them,
For Us.

Heritage!
Glorious Inheritance!
I laugh and spit on their shadows.
We live under a cloud
Made by them.
A mushroom cloud,
Hanging
Hanging over us all,
Because of them.
Them and their lust for power
Power to conquer, to kill,
Power, which, conquering,
Kills.

Kills all
Indiscriminately.
Women and children,
None are spared
Spared from the Horror.
Horror of war
And Death.

We are born, and die,
Die the death,
And all the time a threat
A threat of death
Children to old idiots
It gets us all in the end,
Finally.

K. Nelson LSc.VI

A Cold War

A chilling current penetrates your clothes
As cold air ripples from the window frame;
Its steely fingers grip your creeping back.

You wriggle like a silver worm when hooked
And try to find some shadow from the draught,
But sink forlornly to the same, numb place.

You sigh, and cramp gnaws sharply at your back.
Too tired for thought you sit and try to smile
And hope tomorrow will be warm with peace . . .

Tomorrow will bring other colds — not peace,
And tried discomforts will return renewed
To hold you in their pris'ning, vice-like grip,
Off'ring no freedom, only deathly peace.
You're trapped, my friend — for all eternity.

J. P. Cara, LMVI.

Death of A King

The chase is entering its second hour.
The foaming mouths of the panting savages
Gain ever-closer on the tiring fox.

Dead-beat, nearing death — and almost beaten,
His second wind is like a long forgotten friend
And still the nightmare baying closes in.

The forest King, once splendid, happy, free,
Faces brutal murder — first and last defeat
Above, without a friend to save him.

He runs and runs and stumbles blindly on.
Each step a torture, each step nearer death,
But still he must not give his life away.

He rips his flesh on brambles, trips on roots,
The hounds run faster at the scent of blood,
The fox runs slower, terrified he turns—

Fear in his eyes, he whimpers at their sight
His torn coat dusty, O how unlike a king's
His weary limbs refuse to bear his weight.

He turns and falls and hears their bounding feet
Rush on with glee towards his falling frame
His screams of pain are muffled by their barks.

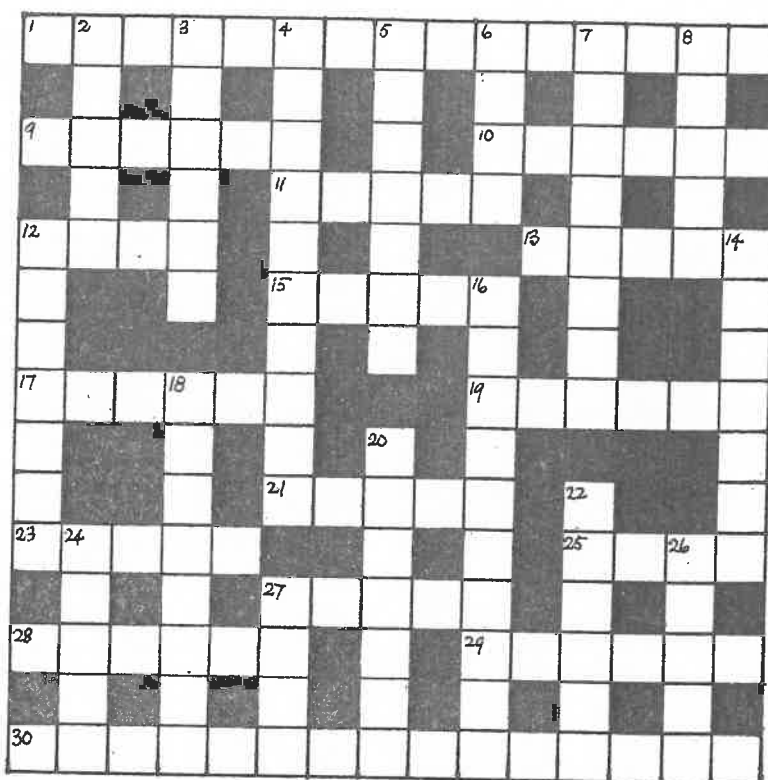
Their tearing teeth destroy his golden flesh,
And sinking deep they lap his royal blood.
His lovely brush is carted from the fray.

And far away, across the rolling park,
The huntsmen laugh, and joke and toast the fox
Who did not know the reason why he died.

J. P. Cara, LMVI.

The Kirkhamiam Crossword

Solution on
page 53.



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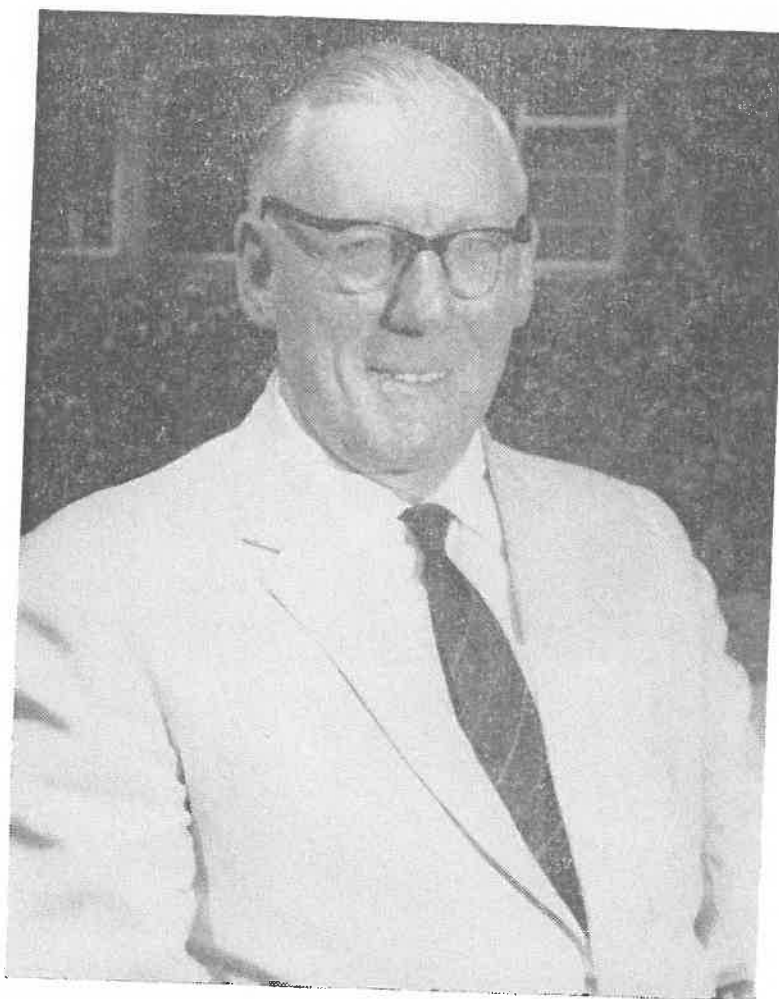
1. What you have won when you Beat the Clock (4.7.4.)
9. May have one arm or two (6).
10. Being Serious about melons (anag) (6).
11. Instruct as a he-cat (anag) (5).
12. The burden we shoulder (4).
13. Play in which there is often action (5).
15. The direction a bent thorn may point (anag) (5).
17. French currency! Nothing to a Spanish general (6).
19. Planted, like the people in hospital (6).
21. Appetising (5).
23. Hears about the cut (anag) (5).
25. A hundred leave the sea-side to go in the hop-field (4).
27. A cold house and inside a backward schoolgirl (5).
28. Expects someone from the roundabout I was at (anag) (6).
29. Set the trap again and get a discount we hear (6).
30. Where one print cannot be found (6.4.5).

CLUES DOWN

2. Make a profit, once again (5).
3. Steel and copper are about the most aged (anag). (6).
4. Losing your wicket and leaving (7. 3.).
5. How they dance in and around Paris (anag). (2. 5.).
6. Rope and Rosa's horse (4).
7. Skilled at breaking a date in lent (8).
8. Add 1001 and 1099 and take off (').
12. The teams' clothes (7).
14. With which to fight a three pronged attack? (7).
16. For those who take up riding as a pastime (5. 5.).
18. In one nation, go back to using symbol writing (8).
20. P.S. Change the psalm book (7).
22. With which to tidy one's hair at the fight (6).
26. Upset (5).
27. Lies around, in the sea (anag). (4).

Profile No. 20

Mr. S. Middleton, M.A.



Educated at West Hartlepool Grammar School and Durham University Mr. Middleton came to K.G.S. in 1928, as a young man, and when the school had only 180 boys and 7 masters. He was given a junior form in part of the present woodwork building, and had to teach them everything, including art — one boy actually passed School Certificate Art under Mr. Middleton's guidance.

He has always taken a lively interest in the many activities of the school. He was resident house master until his marriage in 1932, Preston house master and finally Deputy Head. Himself a Durham County player, he helped in the change-over from soccer to rugby, and played regularly for a School cricket XI against club sides. He has organized many school trips abroad, especially to Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy and for the past nine years has done invaluable work as Careers Master.

During the war he was away from the school for five years when commissioned into the Loyal (North Lancs.) Regiment. He finished, with the rank of Major, in 1946 and within four years he founded the School Cadet Force. This was of great help to Old Boys during the period of Compulsory National Service, and he was its Commanding Officer until 1957.

Having been elected to the committee of the Old Boys Association in 1929 "to represent the younger members", it is particularly pleasing that in his final year he should be made President of the Association. He is very interested in agricultural matters, particularly those pertaining to Old Boys who are tenants of the Church Commissioners, and it is still his great delight to travel the Fylde, visiting many flourishing farms of his former pupils. Besides the Old Boys, he has been a member of the "Friends" since its inception and is proud to have given it that title.

A span of 38 years at K.G.S. must produce a host of memories, often wittily recalled at Speech Days or Old Boys' Dinners. Perhaps the three most outstanding are the gradual extension of the school buildings, culminating in the Norwood Block; the brilliant Quatercentenary Celebrations, and the efforts to raise £600 for a cricket pavilion. This included the famous Dickens Pageant when he acted the part of Mr. Micawber.

Why has he stayed at K.G.S. for so long — because he has always been "very happy and very comfortable". There is no room here for generalisations, each boy, each old boy, will have his own individual impressions and will bear individual gratitude. Perhaps the only criticism can be that he came to K.G.S. with the country in a grave, economic crisis and he leaves with the country in a similar position, but despite this every boy, past and present, will like to wish Mr. and Mrs. Middleton a long and happy retirement. After 38 years devoted selfless service to the school it is well earned.

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The 1966 Annual Dinner will be held at the Barton Grange Hotel, Preston, on Friday, 23rd September and will be preceded by the Association Annual General Meeting. Members are reminded that items to be included in the agenda must be submitted to the Secretary 28 days prior to the meeting and nominations not later than the 20th September. Tickets will be priced at £1 except to members having left school in 1964/65/66 to whom the price will be 10/-. The scheme to make tickets available to younger members at a reduced rate was started last year and was aimed at encouraging their attendance. Since this worked so well it has been decided by the Committee that it should continue. 1965 saw the hundred "topped" at the Dinner and it is hoped that this year even more members will be able to attend.

During the current financial year five life members, Messrs. J. Davy, C. H. Morley, J. F. Morse, R. Russell and E. O. Walton, have become Vice Presidents of the Association: in doing so they re-affirm their interest and support and also assist the Association in a most practical manner. Other life members are asked to consider the possibility of a Vice Presidency; details from the Secretary or Treasurer.

Unfortunately, owing to the new restrictions governing motor rallies, it was not possible to hold the Car Treasure Hunt this year. Any member having suggestions for informal functions of a similar nature are asked to contact the Secretary.

News of Old Boys

D. Balmer
1942-47

Now systems and procedures co-ordinator at
Guelph University, Ontario.

R. E. Melville
1934-40

Area Representative for the Refuge Assurance
Company for the North East of Scotland.

C. H. Morley
1936-43

Left Ghana in 1963 and is now Secretary/Accountant for the British Cotton Growing Association in Northern Nigeria.

- E. Parkinson
1952-60 Now teaching Geography and coaching 1st XV at Sandbach School.
- E. O. Walton
1910-16 The son of K.G.S. Headmaster 1905-19 Mr. Walton has now retired from Saltus Grammar School and his living in Pembroke, Bermuda.
- S. H. Wilcock
1946-54 Now in Dallas for six months will be back in time for the Annual Rugby match against the School on September 24th.
- A. R.
Carpenter
1952-60 Has been awarded a B.Arch., degree with first class honours at Durham University.
- Flt. Lt.
W. H. Twist Has been awarded the A.F.C. in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, for services with the British Joint Services Training Team in Ghana. His brother Bob Twist, is now the Captain of the B.P. Ocean tanker, British Flag.

Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

President: Rev. W. A. P. Francis Chairman: Mr. L. Nicol
Secretary: Mr. A. R. Andrews Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Scott

Our New activities got off to a resounding start with the usual concoction of Drives à la Whist-Domino-Beetle plus a film, all of them well supported. A Supper Dance held in March left nobody in doubt as to the popularity of Salmesbury Hall as a venue. Interesting to speculate that had the premises been larger we could have sold more tickets; on the other hand we booked larger premises elsewhere, experience indicates that we would have sold fewer tickets. All of which goes to show that there must be something in the dictum according to Barnum, substituting "please" for "fool".

The above events helped to finance the main project for 1966, i.e., provision of a book-case for the School Library, and benches for the sports field.

It was with very much regret that the Social Sub-Committee had to forego this year's Car Treasure Hunt because of complications arising from some new road traffic legislation. The lessons have been learned, and it will be our aim to re-instate this popular event next year.

At the time of writing, arrangements are in hand for the Garden Party, and we are fervently hoping that the summer did not expend itself during that beautiful spell in early June.

This report would not be complete without mention of Mr. Middleton's retirement as Deputy Headmaster. Despite his School duties and his interests in the Old Boys' Association, among other activities, Mr. Middleton has still found the time, quite voluntarily, to serve the Committee of "The Friends" long, faithfully and extremely well. Our organisation is deeply indebted to him for these services, and to Mrs. Middleton as well for help so frequently given at our social functions. Our very best wishes to them both for a long, full and happy retirement.

By now, parents whose sons entered School during the 1965/66 academic year and who had not yet joined the Association will have received missives from the writer appealing for their support. To those parents who have not yet replied, may I conclude with a gentle reminder — if not a hearty "dig"?

A. R. Andrews, Hon. General Secretary,

17 Edward Street, St. Annes-on-Sea.

Solution To Crossword

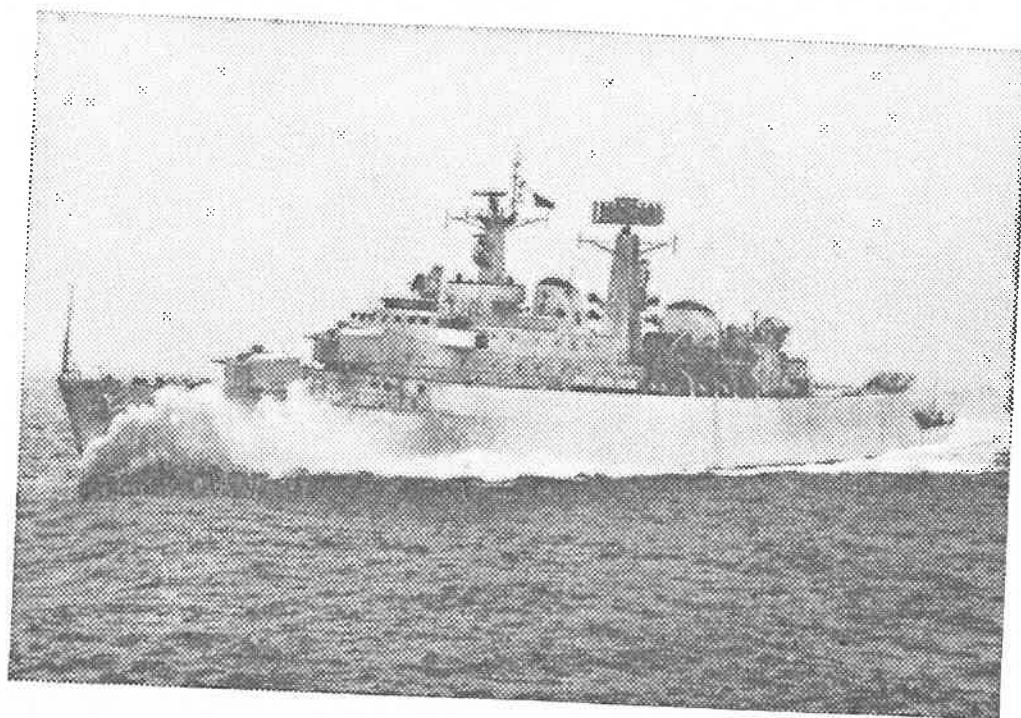
ACROSS

1. Race against time.
9. Bandit.
10. Solemn.
11. Teach.
12. On-us.
13. Enact.
15. North
17. Franc-o.
19. Bedded.
21. Tasty.
23. Shear.
25. (c)oast.
27. Igloo.
28. Awaits.
29. Rebait.
30. Orange Free State.

DOWN

2. A-gain.
3. Eldest.
4. Getting out.
5. In pairs.
6. Sash.
7. Ta-Lent-ed.
8. MI. MIC.
12. Outfits.
14. Trident.
16. Hobby-Horse.
18. N-ot-ation.
20. P.S. Alter.
22. Comb-at.
26. Spilt.
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