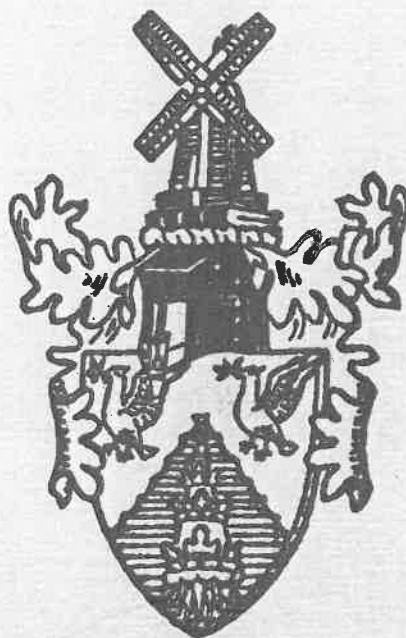


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Editorial

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It is always best to get the unpleasant things said first, and to finish on a brighter note. On, then, with the Editorial.

You cannot say we haven't tried—we really have. In spite of not inconsiderable publicity, the interest of the school—with the sixth form possibly excepted—in helping with the magazine, seems to be almost nil.

We notice our troubles are shared by the managers of the Rossallian, to whom we extend our sympathy.

In spite of our lack of support, the magazine seems to be slowly improving, and circulation continues to rise. The last eight years' worth are now in single-volume form in the school library. It is debatable whether or not there will be a 'Kirkhamian' in another eight years. It would be interesting to consider the form of the magazine then

The Editorial? A comment, perhaps, upon the likelihood of comprehension under the new Liberal Administration? House reports, perhaps, to include a *serious* Wesham House? Society reports little changed, except, perhaps, for the addition of the Moon Club Report? A 'mini-crossword'? Or will things be back to normal size by then? The contributions section for instance.

Our good wishes go with Mr. Hanmer when he leaves us at the end of term to take up an appointment at Madely Teacher Training College.

The Editors wish to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines:- The Balshavian, The Arnoldian, The Rossallian, The Poultonian.

House Reports

Ashton House

House Master: MR. H. B. WILSON

Assistant House Masters:

MR. G. S. CHEESEBOROUGH, MR. C. W. DAY

House Captain: T. P. CARA; *Vice-Captain:* A. NICKSON

Prefects: C. G. BEESON, A. P. BRIERS, S. BOND

The Sage, P. E. Clark, once told me in confidence, 'To avoid boasting, stick to the chronological order' and undoubtedly our biggest triumph for many years was in the Gym Cup, where A. P. Briers, A. Cross, R. E. Pigott, T. L. Armstrong, S. N. Jenkinson and D. S. Short won the first victory ever against School.

After a confident win over Preston, the Senior Rugby team lost 16-3 to School, but played with commendable spirit against a stronger team. The Juniors lost the Final 6-3 to School, but were only beaten in extra time, after a fine run by T. A. Reeder had equalized. There are some exciting players in the Junior XV. In the 'Sevens' we won the Wooden Spoon, defeating only Fylde (8-5). The Chess team is also doomed, losing by 'narrow margins and wide', but always losing.

The Senior Cross Country team came second, a long way behind school, but A. Nickson (5th) and T. P. Cara (9th) ran well, and the Juniors beat all but School, with M. D. O'Neill (4th), P. M. Bamber (8th) and S. N. Jenkinson (10th) leading the team. School House do seem to be the blight of Ashton's harvest in the field. Revenge came in the Debating, where the team told of 'the End of Man', but the Revenger's Tragedy was another defeat by Lytham.

In the Music Festival a poor position (4th) seems only justified by a poor position in the draw. Certainly the choir, led by A. D. Mole, whom we congratulate as one of only seven boys in the diocese to pass a 'stiff' examination for the Royal School of Church Music, and the Quartet performed well both in the competition and in the School Concert. The adjudicator called Hank C. Beeson's Rhythm Group, 'the most musical I have heard'.

In the Athletics, we were beaten only by 'the boarders', and 'the farmers'. P. C. Matthews, S. N. Jenkinson, M. G. Dawson and the Inter. Relay team winning firsts, and ten other boys gaining places.

At the moment we look forward rather reluctantly to exams., cricket and our customary triumph in the Bath, and more optimistically towards the Work Cup in which we have a marginal lead, and the Tennis, in which we are favourites.

I would like to thank the House for its support, and congratulate its members on a fine standard of behaviour throughout my year as 'chairman of the Board'.

T.P.C.

Fylde House

House Master: MR. I. W. MCKERROW

Assistant House Masters:

MR. D. H. BUTTERWORTH, MR. R. INGLESFIELD

House Captain: A. C. PILLING

House Prefects: A. D. IRVINE, I. R. HOWARTH, A. CAINE,
K. NELSON, R. L. HASMALL, R. KEYES

For the first time in many years, there is now only one moustache attending House Prayers. Our very best wishes must go with Mr. I. J. Kremer, who left us last term to teach at Kendal Grammar School. Our loss must be Kendal's gain, for Mr. Kremer was one of the most popular masters at K.G.S., taking an active part in the C.C.F., the Sixth form Society, the School Play and on the sportsfield. Last term's House Captain, J. F. Salisbury, also has our best wishes for his coming University life. We must welcome our new Assistant House Master, Mr. R. Inglesfield, who joins us from Kendal.

Last term was one of mixed fortunes, with at one end of the scale the Chess team losing 24-0 to Kirkham, but at the other end Fylde House winning through (at the expense of Preston and Kirkham) to the final of the Debating Competition, thanks to the efforts of Pilling and Salisbury.

Both the Senior and the Junior Harriers did badly in their Cross-Country Races, the Senior team coming 5th and the Junior team 4th. Special mention must go to K. Nelson (7th in the senior) and D. J. Rawcliffe (3rd in the Junior).

In the seven-a-side Rugby we were 4th and in the Gym competition we were 3rd, thanks mainly to the efforts of D. J. Rawcliffe (outright winner) and A. D. Irvine (3rd). Also last term was the Music Competition in which we did very well in coming 3rd.

This term has brought a huge revival in Fylde House spirit, for, although we were victors on the day, standard points pulled us down and we were a very close 2nd. to School in the Athletics Cup. A. J. Walsh and J. R. Parker had two 1sts and a 2nd, G. R. Tomlinson and R. J. Rhodes two 1sts; I. R. Howarth a 1st and a 2nd, H. R. Metcalfe a 1st and a 3rd, A. J. Curwen two 2nds and a 3rd, E. J. Patton a 2nd and a 3rd and A. C. Pilling two 3rds. All in all, we were very unlucky not to win the House Trophy.

For the future, although we have but a slim chance in the Work, Chess and Swimming Cups, we are well placed to win the Debating Cup, and with a little effort both the Cricket and Tennis Cups could be ours too.

Finally, our best wishes to all who face the hurdle of 'A' and 'O' levels, and may they, as an eminent House Master is wont to say (with an evil chuckle) 'get what they deserve!'

A.C.P.

Kirkham House

House Master: MR. H. J. REAY

Assistant House Masters: MR. L. A. REDMAN, MR. K. HANMER

House Captain: F. J. TAYLOR

House Prefects: D. T. ELLIOTT, A. P. JACKSON, G. KERBY,
D. V. SIMPSON.

Since the last report, the house has had rather mixed success.

The spring term began with a flourish of success—the Senior Rugby team crushing Lytham 38-0 in the semi-final. We won the final against School House 6-3 after extra time in one of the closest finals for years.

The 'Sevens' competition was run on a league basis—we won it, again at the expense of School House.

The second half term was very different—we were knocked out of the Debating Competition and our performances in the Cross Country events are nothing to enthuse over. However, in one field we still stand unchallenged—Chess. Elliott has announced in ringing tones that yet again we are Chess Champions. This was offset by the fact that we were only fourth in the Athletics. Irving, Dytham L., Purnell and Mileham are to be congratulated on obtaining 'firsts'. Later in the term sees the Junior & Senior Cricket, Tennis, Swimming and Shooting Competitions. We all stand to do extremely well in all these.

Finally, I feel I must mention Mr. Hanmer. He has been with us for three years and during this period, his presence has certainly been felt

The House and School will be the poorer for his leaving and I am sure that we all will wish him the best of fortune at Madely Teacher Training College.

F.J.T.

Lytham House

House Master: MR. R. T. BENTLEY

Assistant House Masters: MR. J. MURRAY, MR. J. BRADBURY

House Captain: G. CARTMELL

Vice-Captain: D. PARDEY

House Prefects: C. J. ALEXANDER, J. A. S. HUNTER,
A. G. TOWNSEND

Progress has been somewhat erratic, failures on the Sports Field coupled with fine successes in the more academic sphere.

To the echo of sounding brass and crashing cymbal, we convincingly carried off the Music Trophy, continuing a fine record in this

competition. Much of the credit goes to the Whittingham twins for the work they put into practices, duly rewarded on the day, especially in the singing of the Junior Choir. In the Work Cup we were handily placed in third position, though the Chess Team has been less successful. A defeat of Ashtonian immigrants saw us through the semi-final of the Debating competition and we now look forward to the final against Fylde.

Less credit-worthy have been our sporting endeavours. An under-strength Senior Rugby XV was summarily dealt with, 38-0, by the eventual winners, Kirkham, but the 'Seven-a-Side' team played rather better, defeating Ashton and drawing with Fylde to finish equal fourth in the league table. The Cross-Country Competition produced results very similar to those of last year; the seniors again finished sixth, a keen and competent junior team was very disappointed with third place though again the House had the first two home in McClaren and Bretherton. Bottom in the Athletics Competition was equally disappointing. As the seniors achieved what must be a record low of a mere four points on Sports Day, that we were neither annihilated nor disgraced (twelve more points and we would have been fourth) is due to good results from the intermediates, with McClaren again outstanding with three firsts and a second, and some promising performances from the juniors.

These results show all the symptoms of that recurrent Lytham House malaise, sporting weakness among the seniors, tending to cloud over the rest of the House's activities. This tendency must be reversed for certainly our achievements so far have not been without distinction. In the remaining competitions we must try to improve our record on the sports field and cement our gains in the academic competitions, all for the betterment of the House and so for our own betterment.

G.C.

Preston House

House Master: MR. T. JACKMAN

Assistant House Master: MR. D. BREWER

House Captain: P. L. ARCHER

House Prefects: B. NUTTALL, J. J. SCOTT

The 'ailing' Preston House thought it was high time to arise with vigour from its sick bed to teach Ashton not to underestimate the strength of its opponents and in the 'Seven-a-Side' Rugby Competition which was the first event of the Spring Term, the house was determined Ashton should suffer and so convincingly beat them 10-0. Bignell scoring all 10 points. The house went from strength to strength and finished the competition in 3rd position with a record

of Won 2, Lost 2, drawn 1. Outstanding in all the games were Cowell and Bignell who at the centres played magnificently and Martindale at right wing who tackled superbly and in the manner befitting a 1st XV player.

Overall the Spring Term can be looked upon as one of the best terms for quite some time with the Rugby success and secondly the House Music Festival in which Preston finished 2nd a few points behind the favourites Lytham House. The House's programme consisted of a House Group, a Junior choir, and a piano piece by A. Morgan.

In the Gym Competition held at the end of the Winter term, the House team, remaining intact from the previous competition, came second only 7 points behind the winners. G. T. Riding gained an individual position of 2nd in the Seniors.

At the beginning of the Inter House Athletics the House looked in a very bad way lying 6th with only 54 points from standards, 22 points behind Lytham. After some brilliant performances by Martindale, 1st 100 yds. and 220 yds. (I), Bignell 1st in Senior Hurdles, Hough 1st in Intermediate Hurdles, Archer 1st 440 yds. (S), Benson 2nd Mile (S), Massey 2nd High Jump the House doubled its score and gained 5th position—an example of Preston House spirit and teamwork.

Future events include the Senior and Junior cricket competitions, the Inter House Shooting, Tennis and Swimming competitions. However the House finishes in these competitions if there were trophies for runners-up and for persevering Preston would take both.

P.L.A.

School House

House Master: MR. R. A. KNOWLES

Assistant House Masters:

MR. G. BELLIS, MR. S. J. COOPER, MR. D. E. WORTH,
MR. A. C. CROOK

House Captain: L. HARROP

House Prefects: G. J. WARDEN, A. A. MATTICK, R. PROCTOR

Since the last edition of the magazine, in February, a great deal had happened in the field of inter-house activities. Although the senior rugby team was again bitterly disappointed to be narrowly defeated by Kirkham House in a final which ran into extra time, the juniors played excellently to win their competition in a similar, close contested match. I. Ward scored two tries, so that the final result was 6-5 in our favour.

House teams retained both cross-country cups this year by very considerable margins. Sports Day also reflected the characteristic

skill and spirit of members of the House. Beginning the day with a lead of some twenty points, we were still well ahead by the end of the last event. The senior relay team came first in a time of 48.4 seconds, and the most outstanding single performer was C. Ball, who gained first place in the long jump, triple jump and high jump, and third place in the 220 yards. M. E. Roberts ran a well-judged mile to win comfortably from Benson of Preston House.

Meanwhile, our position in the work cup is stronger than it has been for some time: we lie second to Ashton House, who are clinging to the narrowest of leads. The Chess team has registered some good results this year, beating Lytham by 20 points to 4 and Preston by 15 to 9. The next match, against Ashton House, is expected to ensure our finishing second.

After much detailed preparation for the Music Competition, it was inevitably slightly discouraging for the House to be placed sixth. But no apologies need be made for what was an entertaining and very competent performance.

Representation in the school cricket teams has been moderate only, although Brandon, Coomber, Wright and Strong B. have all played for the U14 eleven. The juniors are rightly hopeful of retaining their cricket cup; they have their first test against Preston House on 30th May. Harrop L. and Mattick have so far played for the First XI, with Warden, Proctor and Roberts in the Seconds. There are several among the seniors who appear anxious to conceal their cricketing talent. It is hoped that their coyness will have been dispelled by 3rd July, which is the date set for the preliminary round of the cricket competition.

With four of the eight trophies which have so far been allocated already to its credit, the House looks forward with some relish to the competitions which are as yet undecided. Shooting has long been a source of strength, as, of course, has swimming, while tennis also provides possibilities.

L.H.

Society Reports

Photographic Society

Chairman: MR. L. A. REDMAN

Secretary: C. G. BEESON

Treasurer: D. T. ELLIOT

Committee: A. P. BRIERS, P. R. W. ASHWORTH

As usual, the darkroom has been well used this term. Up to the time of writing, the weather has prevented the usual emigration to the field of those members who come in to escape the cold; but there is nevertheless a hard core of dedicated members who will remain active when the sun eventually appears.

Sports day provided the usual opportunity for members to demonstrate their expensive equipment to the school. As well as the usual photographs of events, an interesting—but so far undeveloped—series of photographs of non-participants was taken. In fact, this aspect of Sports day is becoming the more important from the photographic point of view.

It is hoped to organise a photographic competition towards the end of this term. Details should have been posted by the time this magazine appears.

R. C. Harris and J. R. Hughes are to be thanked for taking over the Society while the officials are away for the 'A' levels.

C.G.B.

Automobile Club

Chairman: MR. D. H. BUTTERWORTH

Secretary: J. R. HUGHES

Treasurer: K. N. NELSON

Committee: A. P. BRIERS, A. CAINE, B. NUTTALL

This term has shown considerable increase in interest and activity. D. Irvine provided a home-built Go-Kart for the clubs inspection and use, but restrictions on its use were made, as its safety was not considered sufficient.

Another engine was acquired by S. Bond, but the use of the old cadet hut as a work shop has not yet been confirmed, so this project has been dropped.

A further engine, discovered by P. Archer, has given us farther hopes, but nothing can be done until we have somewhere to work.

J.R.H.

Badminton Club

Chairman: MR. J. BRADBURY

Captain: I. HIRD *Secretary:* W. McQUEEN

Committee: G. KERBY, A. D. IRVINE

The term has been quite an active one for the badminton club. There have been five matches, including one major fixture.

The team has met with mixed success. The juniors lost a close match by 4 games to 5 against King Edwards, and the senior team lost their game by the same score. The team won an away match at Blackpool G. S. by 6 games to 3 and repeated to earlier success against Arnold, winning 8-1.

The final match was an away fixture versus Hutton, and a weakened team, with three regular members absent, put up a good fight to lose 2-7, Hird and McQueen winning the two games.

W.M.

Chess Club

Chairman: MR. C. W. DAY

Captain: D. T. ELLIOT

Secretary: J. A. S. HUNTER

Treasurer: I. HIRD

Committee: A. C. PILLING, T. J. SCOTT, P. H. JACKSON,
G. A. IRVING, C. J. BENSON, A. A. MATTICK

On this year's chess scene there has been a marked Kirkham House dominance. In the house competition they have assured themselves of the trophy by gaining a record 97 points from their five games. School house who stand second have a highest possible aggregate of 93.

Table to date—

| <i>House</i> | <i>Played</i> | <i>Pts. For</i> | <i>Pts. Against</i> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| KIRKHAM | 5 | 97 | 23 |
| SCHOOL | 4 | 69 | 27 |
| PRESTON | 4 | 44 | 52 |
| LYTHAM | 4 | 38 | 58 |
| FYLDE | 3 | 23 | 49 |
| ASHTON | 4 | 17 | 79 |

—remembering that total points for is decisive and not games won or lost.

In the School Chess Competition congratulations go to semi-finalists I. Hird, P. Kay, G. Kerby and G. Irving.

The school team entered the Lancashire Schools Knockout Competition. After beating Arnold School in the preliminary round 4½-1½ we were unfortunate to lose to Darwen. At one time victory seemed to be ours, but slight errors by Kirkham players caused the

face of the game to be changed and eventually we were defeated by 4pts.-2. However there is no cause for gloom for this is the team's only defeat this year.

We are now entering the Sunday Times National Competition, where, with a little luck we should fare well. J.A.S.H.

Debating Society

Chairman: MR. G. BELLIS

Secretary: A. C. PILLING

Committee: T. ORCHARD, D. PARDEY, G. CARTMELL,
G. IRVING, I. HIRD

Last term was very quiet with the exception of the Inter-House Debates. This year they have been of a very high standard indeed, with the result that the adjudication has always been close. However, Fylde will meet Lytham House on July 4th.

The period after the exams promises to be a successful end to a successful year, for two Inter-School Debates are in the offing. We already have a 100% record as far as School Debates go—living memory cannot remember a K.G.S. debating defeat—and so we will have to keep up this unique record (one that no other School team equals!) A.C.P.

Dramatic Society

Chairman: MR. G. BELLIS

Secretary: T. P. CARA *Treasurer:* MR. L. A. REDMAN

Committee: A. C. PILLING, G. J. WARDEN, A. P. JACKSON,
D. PARDEY, J. G. BRUCK, G. A. IRVING

There is little to report of the Society's progress since our idol, Mr. Kremer, left.

The group is always enthusiastically inactive during the summer, but when there is less tension it is hoped that there will be play-readings with Girls' Schools, and that the Society will turn out enmasse to see the South Fylde Group Theatre's Production of 'A Midsummer-Night's Dream' in July, in which we are represented. T.P.C.

Geographical Society

Chairman: MR. R. A. KNOWLES

Secretary and Treasurer: R. A. LITTLE

Committee: G. T. RIDING, W. R. J. MCQUEEN, D. I. LITTLE

Since the last time the magazine went to press the society has shown three films all of them in the Spring-term.

As always the society conducts no activities during the summer term due to competition from outdoor attractions during the good weather. A series of new films will be arranged for the winter term. R.A.L.

Gym Club

Chairman: MR. D. E. WORTH

Captain: A. D. IRVINE *Secretary:* T. S. WEST

Committee: G. D. HARROP, G. T. RIDING, G. A. IRVING

The Gym Club competition, which was held at the end of the winter term and won by Fylde House, did enable us to spot individual talent amongst the younger element of the school. This talent was, to a certain degree, put to good use in the competition we had against Rossall School last term.

We had hopes of beating Rossall like we did two years ago but we didn't quite manage it; we were beaten by several points. There were no outstanding individual efforts but Irvine and Rawcliffe did well for the team.

At the 'Easter Fair' the gym club gave a now almost traditional display and it was enjoyed by all including the members of the club.

We shall, in all likelihood, perform again at the Garden Party held by the 'Friends'—all are welcome to come and watch.

T.S.W.

Library Report

Chairman: MR. B. COATES

Secretary: A. NICKSON

Treasurer: D. PARDEY

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The library now enters its relatively quiet period of the Summer Term. The total number of books taken out during the whole of last term came to 1,606, of which the English and Junior Sections were the most used.

At the time of writing there are still some new books to be accessioned, and, when the pressure of exams is over, working parties will complete this job.

A.N.

Musical Society

Chairman: MR. J. MURRAY

Secretary: D. V. SIMPSON, *Treasurer:* P. WHITTINGHAM

Committee: D. WHITTINGHAM, D. BENSON, J. J. SCOTT, A. MORGAN

Last term the School Concert was given and finished at half-past eight—surely the shortest Concert on record. But if quality is more

important than quantity then this was also one of the best concerts on record.

This term the School orchestra again fulfilled the function of providing music at the C.C.F. annual inspection and Mr. Murray was congratulated by the visiting officer on their performance although whether 'Puppet on a String' is suitable music seems questionable.

Both choir and orchestra are now rehearsing for the Founders Day Service later in the term.

D.V.S.

Scientific Society

Chairman: MR. J. BRADBURY

Secretary: R. PROCTOR

Committee: A. C. PILLING, P. L. ARCHER, A. CAINE,
R. L. HASMALL, C. G. BEESON

The society is still dormant after the Easter holidays and it is probable that it will remain in this state until the end of June. This is due to the fact that the majority of the members, and all the committee are otherwise employed in preparation for the G.C.E. exams

A sixth form outing is in the process of being arranged, and this will take place at the beginning of July.

Films are to be booked, which are likely to be of interest to the Junior section of the society, and these will be shown at the end of June.

R.P.

Table-Tennis Club

Chairman: MR. C. W. DAY

Secretary: G. T. RIDING

Treasurer: P. WHITTINGHAM

Committee: I. HIRD, K. M. BIGNELL, J. B. R. N. SYMS

Since the February Magazine much has been happening within the Rifle-Range and the Society has been extremely active. In the Knock-Out competition, I. Hird narrowly defeated J. A. S. Hunter to become the Lower-Sixth Champion. With its Christmas term £2 grant, the Society put the money to its immediate use by purchasing two new nets to replace torn and faded ones and a supply of table-tennis balls (which has since run out!). With the extra money from the grant and the funds (eventually) received from subscription rates, four new sponge bats were bought replacing old damaged ones. It is now hoped that the Society will be adequately furnished for many a year. One table was also thoroughly repaired by the groundsman, and our grateful thanks must go to him for this service.

Finally, it is hoped that next year's Lower-Sixth will take as active an interest in the Society as we have. The range is full every dinner-time and has proved a great success in providing the Lower-Sixth with a place to spend their free-time.

G.T.R.

Tennis Club

Chairman: MR. C. W. DAY

Captain: T. P. CARA

Secretary: A. P. JACKSON

Committee: D. PARDEY, G. J. WARDEN, P. ATKIN
P. L. ARCHER

'Anyone for tennis?' has certainly been our cry this term. The trouble has been that over half of last year's team has left, and whilst there is no shortage of keenness, skill is perhaps lacking. Given time, however, improvements should become apparent, and, who knows, we may one day win a match.

Regular players will have noticed the new nets and net-bands for which we are eternally grateful, and the courts remain in 'as new' condition. In this direction, the long course of construction seems to have been justified.

Apart from external matches, the house matches have been arranged, and we also hope for a Masters v. Boys match, which should provide some edifying entertainment.

A.P.J.

Scalextric Club

Chairman: MR. I. W. MCKERROW

Secretary: P. R. CAPPER

Treasurer: A. M. MACKIE

Committee: A. BLAKEY, P. H. BUTTERWORTH, J. DUGDALE

Last Winter Term, Dugdale and I decided to start a new club. Twenty or more people (mainly third-formers) joined and Mr. McKerrrow kindly accepted the post as chairman. We took part in the Easter Fair and made over two pounds ten shillings. At the end of the Spring Term we applied to the G.S.C. for the status of an official school society. We were successful, so we now hold regular meetings in Room 10 for members (non-members may attend the Friday night meetings).

P.R.C.

C.C.F. Report — Army Section

C.S.M.: P. L. ARCHER

S/Sgt.: A. C. PILLING

Sgts.: A. CAINE, T. P. CARA, G. CARTMELL, R. L. HASMALL, A. P. JACKSON, D. PARDEY, G. J. WARDEN

Cpls.: C. J. ALEXANDER, J. G. BRUCK, T. DAVIES, D. T. ELLIOTT, J. R. HUGHES, K. N. NELSON, B. NUTTALL, D. V. SIMPSON,

L/Cpl.: P. CHARNLEY

Since the last issue of the Kirkhamian the Army Section has carried out a very full programme of events. The first of these was Field Day held on Thursday, 9th March. The juniors spent the day doing field craft, initiative and map reading exercises around the estate of Leighton Hall, Carnforth. The day here started miserably but all signs of rain cleared by 2 p.m. This was not so for the seniors in the Long Sleddale District. Platoon 2 had spent Wednesday night under canvas, as a requirement of the Army Proficiency examination and were expected, as were Platoons 3 and 4 who joined them Thursday morning, to take part in a map reading exercise. The weather man had other ideas and the programme was abandoned due to the shocking conditions after lunch.

A fortnight later 24 cadets were entered for the Army Proficiency exam, and all 24 were successful. Only D. Cowell gained a distinction. Congratulations to all cadets.

Easter Camp, which took place in Glenmore, near Aviemore, Scotland, proved to be one of the most successful for many years. The main activity of the camp was ski-ing on the slopes of nearby Cairngorm. Weather conditions varied from a blizzard and deep snow to warm sunshine which enabled not only ski-ing but other varied activities such as circuit walks and initiative tests. Our thanks must go to Major Dagless and Toni for the ski equipment and instruction, Major Reay and Captain Butterworth for transporting us to the modern recreational facilities at the Aviemore Centre which rounded off our day so well, and for the organisation of such an enjoyable camp.

The major event of this Term has been the Annual Inspection on 11th May. The inspecting officer, Group Captain A. Reece D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.D.C., R.A.F., was very impressed with the Contingent's turnout, especially Sgt. Warden's Platoon 4, which he said was better than the R.A.F. Section! Well done.

After the successful March Past, which owed so much to a distinctive beat provided by Mr. Murray's orchestra, the Group Captain inspected the training activities of the cadets which included Motor Transport, the traditional Section in the Attack with 'Blanks', Map Reading instruction, initiative tests, and weapon training.

There can be no doubt that the inspecting officer was impressed and we await his formal report.

Future dates include: 29th June when the contingent will fire .303 Open Range practices at Altcar, and 13th to 21st July when 7 officers and 65 cadets will spend Summer camp at Cultybraggan, Scotland where it is hoped the contingent will do well in the Commandants' Cup following the R.A.F. Sections successes.

P.L.A.

Impressions of Easter Camp

We really felt sorry for one member of the party. He was travel-sick all the way from Preston to Aviemore, and then, on arrival at our camping site, found it was under 6 inches of snow.

We had heard Scottish people were mean, but we didn't expect to be charged for hot water—needless to say we only washed on occasions—going into Aviemore, to be precise! However, what the Scots couldn't charge for was the view from the top of (or, to be exact, the rest-house half way up) Cairngorm. The camp site was situated near the shores of Loch Morlich—the only things spoiling the view being the early morning stubbly beards and dirty hands of the K.G.S. party! The scenery was really tremendous on the fine days, but visibility was practically non-existent on the snowy or rainy days.

A typical day was as follows:-

- 0730 Wake C.S.M. up.
- 0731 Back to sleep.
- 0800 Attack Dave.
- 0801 Dave up.
- 0830 Rest of tent up.
- 0831 Washing, shaving completed.
- 0832 Jim's (the tea room).
- 0845 Summoned back by an irate Major.
- 0900 Start training.
- 1600 End training and start meal.
- 1715 End mammoth meal.
- 1730 Ready for Aviemore.
- 2200 Back from Aviemore and lights out.
- 2201 Creep up and surprise Dave.
- 2202 Fight in tent.
- 2203 Dave flops down exhausted.
- 2204 Sleep.

The training consisted of hiking, ski-ing (we got through 2 ski instructors) and initiative tests. These were all performed with great enthusiasm (too much so for D.E.W. who twisted his leg), with the result that the Easter Camp was both profitable and enjoyable.

A. PILLING.

R.A.F. Section

Flt./Sgt.: F. J. TAYLOR

Sgts.: A. D. IRVINE, G. KERBY, R. PROCTOR, C. G. BEESON

Cpls.: P. T. DYTHAM, A. P. BRIERS, T. ORCHARD, A. A. MATTICK

The R.A.F. Section is certainly flourishing. I have just received the certificate for the best contingent at camp (R.A.F. Stradishall)—more of this elsewhere in the magazine.

Recently we had the Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency results. The latter were excellent. There was a 100% pass with thirteen distinctions in twenty-two entrants. The Proficiency results were quite good with a pass rate of over 70%. These results are really good and they impressed Group Captain Reece at the Annual Inspection. At this function we provided the guard of Honour which was commended for its turnout. Later in the day the Group Captain inspected the training, his only criticism was the over-use of textbooks by the N.C.O's—this can easily be remedied.

The only other event of note this term is Altcar (and simultaneously perhaps flying at Woodvale), and judging by the number of shooting badges worn, especially by seniors, we should do quite well.

F.J.T.

R.A.F. Easter Camp

From our War Correspondent, R.A.F. Stradishall, Suffolk:

There has now been a marked lull in military activity here, since Wednesday, 12th April. Exactly a week before then, a flight of 21 K.G.S. cadets, along with 30 of their allies from Brighton and Romford, invaded the station and, despite fierce resistance from leading aircraftsman Elliot, succeeded in establishing their base in one room of the Harris Block. This was a well-chosen stronghold as it was adjacent to the Airman's Mess, the Naafi and the recreation rooms, where the cadets spent most of their off-duty hours.

After beans, on the evening we arrived, we all assembled in the main briefing room, for a short address from Flying Officer Jarvis, the A.C.L.O., who was accompanied as always, by Bob, his soft, patient golden labrador. This was only a preliminary introduction and the following morning the C.O. officially welcomed us to Stradishall. In this short speech, he promised us all at least an hour's flying, but unfortunately the Met. Office were under-staffed and throughout the week they could give us nothing better than almost continued drizzle. Despite this, by the end of the week, there were only ten cadets who hadn't been airborne.

This was due entirely to the increasing efforts of Flg. Off. Jarvis who continually altered the programme in order to get as many as possible of us 'up'.

Stradishall is only a small station and is a navigation school. Thus there was not a great deal to be seen about the camp and, when there was no flying, the visit could have become rather boring, but Flg. Off. Jarvis was determined that it shouldn't and he succeeded in providing many indoor activities, in the form of films, a visit to the Engineering department of Cambridge University, and a games afternoon. This latter event proved so popular that many cadets returned to the gym after evening beans and spent another three or four hours there, playing five-a-side soccer, badminton and basketball; and also trampolining.

One of the most interesting items on our programme was the Saturday, when the camp was more or less deserted and we were left at the mercy of the Nav. Students (or perhaps vice-versa). Firstly, they split us up into several groups, each of which had to erect a 'para-tepee' and then to cook a meal from the ration tins they gave us. In the afternoon we were sent on a short, five mile exercise on which we had to follow directions and answer questions enroute. For one reason and another—but mainly because the exercise was much longer than five miles—we were rather late returning. Thus, we had no sooner eaten our beans, than we were told to assemble for the night exercise. This consisted of 'Capitalists' and 'Reds' (School House) trying to capture the scientists' oil drum, but at the same time not to let the other group capture their own drum. Unfortunately, one of the officers, who stood to lose quite heavily if his group lost, hid two of the drums and told his group to capture the third. Not to be out-done, another officer then drove his car all over the airfield trying to locate cadets who were looking for drums. After this, the exercise folded up at about 02.00 hours and we were driven back to the billet, rejoicing in the knowledge that, the following morning, we could lie in bed until 07.00 hours.

Having recorded all the highlights of our week at Stradishall, all that remains for me to report is that, after a week of every occupation, the R.A.F. eventually managed to drive out the cadets as far as Cambridge—by coach, of course. However, the day was not completely lost, for, we brought back with us three magnificent battle trophies. Two of these were taken, single-handed, by Flight Sergeant F. S. Taylor, and the third was gained by a combined effort, by which we were able to convince Flg. Off. Jarvis that we were the best cadet contingent at Stradishall that week.

I. HIRD.

Athletics, 1967

Not until the end of the season did either of the teams achieve any measure of success. Our failure in the triangular match at Lancaster can be attributed to all the usual causes of inexperience, illness and lack of fitness though Porter won the shot, Ruddlesden the 220 yards and McLaren the Junior Mile.

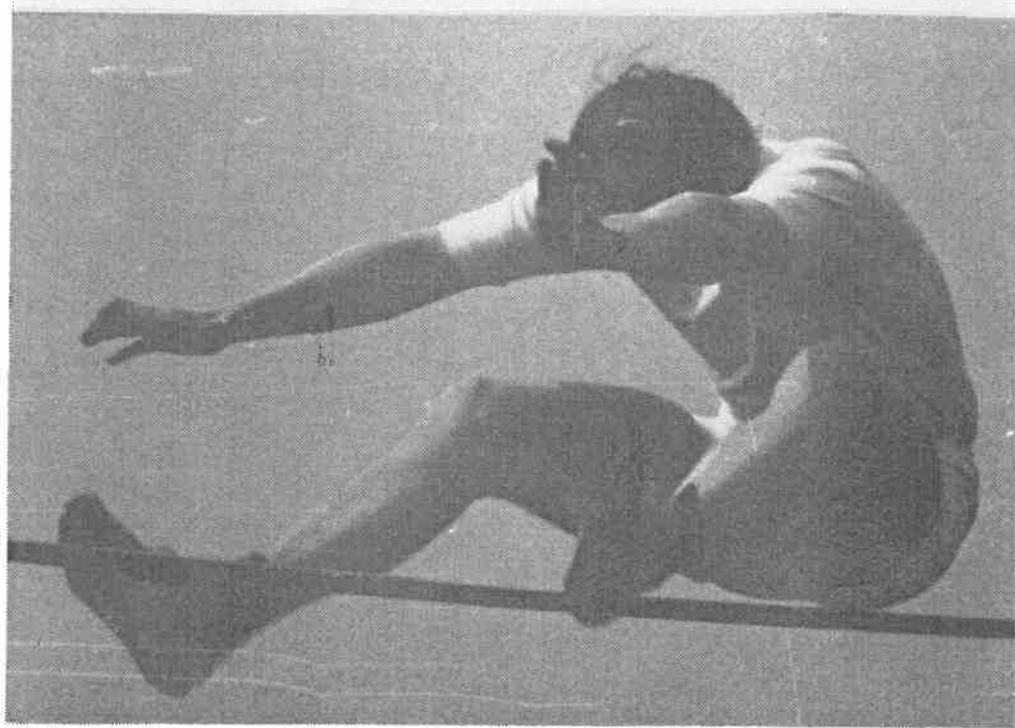
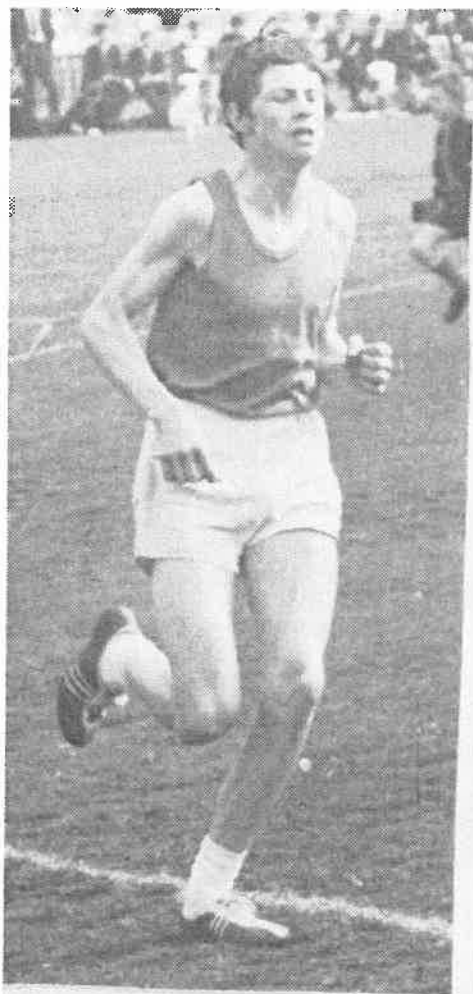
Acute weaknesses in various events were shown in the Inter Grammar Schools Sports at Blackpool where the Seniors came sixth and the juniors fifth. The individual results were generally disappointing although there are many potentially good athletes, but there is little real enthusiasm for practice, especially amongst the Seniors. The only competitors to gain places for the school were Howarth, Ball and Porter in the Seniors, and McLaren, Martindale and Alexander in the Juniors.

A much more pleasant event was the school's Sports Day when Mr. Trevett, the Physical Education Organiser for Preston, distributed the prizes. Our Guest of Honour commented after the sports that the Athletics Championship was only the culmination of preparation and training and that School House won because of their initial lead in standard points. Walsh won the Junior sprints and Ball the jumps and McLaren gave a creditable performance by triumphing in three intermediate events.

He repeated this hat-trick in the five-sided match at Bolton by winning the junior mile, 880 yards and triple jump. This, aided by the creditable performances of Martindale in the sprints and Alexander in the javelin and high jump, led the Juniors to victory. The seniors lost narrowly although there were pleasing wins by Porter, Ball and Ruddlesden, and it was interesting to note that overall, K.G.S. came equal first with Stonyhurst College.

The two school teams are both relatively young but their performances in the Bolton match are encouraging. With concentrated and dedicated practice, the school's chances of victory in major competitions next year are good.

I. RUDDLESDEN.



K.G.S. SPORTS DAY, 1967

Rugby

| | <i>Played</i> | <i>Won</i> | <i>Drawn</i> | <i>Lost</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| | <i>Points</i> | | | | | |
| 1st XV | 21 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 248 | 128 |
| 2nd XV | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 351 | 113 |
| U. 15 XV | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 72 | 118 |
| U. 14 XV | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 115 | 118 |
| U. 13 XV | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 20 | 141 |
| U. 12 XV | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 54 |

In many ways the rugby season was one of contrasts. Contrasts between the Senior Teams and the Junior Teams, and contrasts in style of play and the team approach to the game.

The season was most successful for the 1st and 2nd XV's, but the Junior teams, with the exception of the U.14 XV, did not fare well.

The main reasons behind the successes of 1st and 2nd XV have been the growth of a real team spirit, and a real will to win. Ably led, and controlled by the Captain I. R. Howarth the backs and forwards blended to form a fast, hard tackling unit, whilst individual ability has been harnessed to fit the style of play. This was reflected in the 2nd XV and their results are most encouraging.

Of the games lost, only two have been lost by more than six points, and the number of tries scored against the school team count for less than half the points against. Of the games won, the defeat of Cowley must surely count as the best. The school leading at half-time by a superb penalty kick by Harrop from the five yard, ten yard line intersection, and a converted try scored by Cartmell, held off a determined onslaught by Cowley, to win by 8pts to 6pts.

The Junior teams, although disappointing, certainly have their good players. P. C. Matthews, U.15 XV captain, was selected to play for the North of England in the final of the England area trials, and although he did not gain a place in the Final England Trials, he deserves every congratulation. The U.12 XV, although they lost their games, are probably the best U.12 side for some years. If they continue to show the enthusiasm and ability displayed during the season, they must do well.

Finally, I expect at least ten of this year's 1st XV to return for next season, and 1967-68 could be a season which will be remembered for years to come at K.G.S.

Team-Awards

Re-award of full colours—

I. R. Howarth.

Re-Award of half-colours—

J. R. Porter.

New-Award of full-colours—

T. Orchard, C. Ball, G. Warden, L. Harrop, D. Pardey.

New-Award of half-colours—

K. Bignell, G. Irving, D. Cowell, G. Cartmell, J. Kerby, A. Smith, D. Shephard, M. Bibey.

Harriers

| | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|
| <i>Played</i> | . | . | . | 12 |
| <i>Won</i> | . | . | . | 5 |
| <i>Lost</i> | . | . | . | 7 |

During the winter term the Harriers team had several matches, but lost several of these through injury to key runners. Rugby players are also unavailable during the Winter Term, and this also serves to weaken the team.

After Christmas, the team began to win, and Benson and Nickson always ran well, ably supported by Roberts, Nelson, Massey and Nuttall.

The climax of the Harriers season was the Inter-Grammar School's Cross-Country Championship at Blackpool where the team finished fourth. G. A. Irving finished ninth in the race, and first for K.G.S. Close behind him was I. S. McLaren, still only in the Lower Fifth, who shows great ability.

Half-colours were awarded to Benson, the captain, Irving, Nuttall, Massey, Cara, Nickson, Roberts and Nelson.

Inter-House Cross Country

It was no great surprise when the School House carried off both the Senior and Junior Trophies in the Inter-House Cross-Country races. The senior race, over a new and longer course, was won by G. A. Irving, in a time of 34 mins. 20 secs., with Benson taking second place. The School House, however, packed well, and were easy winners.

The Junior race was won by I. S. McLaren, with Bretherton (both of Lytham House) second, but the next Lytham runner was fifteenth. Once again the School House runners packed well to win the Trophy.

Results

SENIOR TROPHY

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 1—School House | . | . | . | . | . | 59 pts. |
| 2—Ashton House | . | . | . | . | . | 83 pts. |
| 3—Preston House | . | . | . | . | . | 89 pts. |
| 4—Kirkham House | . | . | . | . | . | 152 pts. |
| 5—Fylde House | . | . | . | . | . | 153 pts. |
| 6—Lytham House | . | . | . | . | . | 176 pts. |

JUNIOR TROPHY

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| 1—School House | . | . | . | . | . | 58 pts. |
| 2—Ashton House | . | . | . | . | . | 77 pts. |
| 3—Lytham House | . | . | . | . | . | 79 pts. |
| 4—Fylde House | . | . | . | . | . | 145 pts. |
| 5—Preston House | . | . | . | . | . | 153 pts. |
| 6—Kirkham House | . | . | . | . | . | 207 pts. |

Cricket

K.G.S. 1st XI v. BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI

K.G.S. 64. BLACKPOOL 65 for 6.

Although this match was lost it was the opening match of the season and the team had not played together as yet. K.G.S. opened the batting and two good innings by Bignall and Hunter saved the side from collapse. After tea Blackpool came into bat and although at one point they stood at 25 for 5 a good sixth wicket partnership took them to 52. Their early collapse was due to the very accurate bowling of R. Simpson who took 5 wickets for 16 runs.

K.G.S. 1st XI v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S. 1st XI

Q.E.G.S. 82. K.G.S. 84 for 2.

Q.E.G.S. batted first and scored very slowly mainly due to the accurate bowling of Simpson (4 wickets for 6 runs). Their innings lasted till well after tea and K.G.S. were set with a target of a run a minute. However, spirited batting by Bignall (44 not out) and Harrop (20) took the score to 57 in 45 minutes and after a quick wicket Kerby joined Bignall and the game ended a very good win for K.G.S.

K.G.S. 1st XI v. PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI

PRESTON G.S. 97. K.G.S. 37.

Preston batted first and although their first five wickets fell for only nine runs, they had a very good sixth wicket partnership which took them to 57. Preston then batted till after tea and their innings closed at 97. When K.G.S. came into bat Preston's opening bowlers played havoc till at one point the score stood at six wickets for two runs. Then came a slight recovery but a bowling change ended what looked like being a promising partnership between D. Simpson and I. McCondichi. After this, wickets fell quickly and the innings ended at 37.

D. T. PLATT.

Contributions

The editors wish to thank all those who have contributed to this part of the magazine, and in particular those whose articles have not been accepted for publication—we can only say, 'try, try and try again'.

A WET BUT SUCCESSFUL EASTER FAIR

The weather this year was not as kind to us as it has been. Morning rain unfortunately restricted our activities to the school buildings, but this early set-back was soon counter-balanced by the energy and enthusiasm of all concerned.

All the old favourites were present, and the 'bottle stall', under the new, appropriate, but very capable hands of Messrs. Brewer and Bellis, was as popular and successful as ever. Exhibitions in the new biology and physics labs. proved to be extremely interesting, as did the art and photographic exhibitions. The stronghold of our effort, the School Hall, was extremely well patronized, and, although the stalls could have been fuller, their revenue provided the bulk of the final figure of £209 14s. 7d.

There were hopes, in the Upper School for a new item, concerning a Go-Kart, but the condition of the fields prevented this from materializing. This does, however, point the way to more original ideas for next year.

J. R. HUGHES.

ON SAFARI TO THE FROZEN NORTH WITH MR. BENTLEY

'Now, Willy, remember what I told you about talking to those Norwegian girls'.

'Yes, Mum'.

'And if you don't like it, just phone us up and we'll come and pick you up'.

'Yes, Mum'.

'And don't forget your seasick pills'.

'No, Mum'.

And thus, with the plaintive cries of the many doting parents, fading into the distance, the great Scandinavian expedition was under way.

After a little matter of the coach breaking down at Skipton and almost frantic enquiries at Newcastle as to the whereabouts of the docks, we finally arrived at the Bergen Line quay, where the S.S. LEDA, our boat, was already loading up. The weight of 26 K.G.S. boys was duly added, and then after hurried consultations as to whether it was passenger or freight, Mr. Bentley's rucksack was hauled aboard.

The trip was a calm one and the balmy evening air induced everyone to conversation. Everyone, of course, except a certain long-haired youth in Ashton House who spent most of the crossing humped over the side, his pallid features reflected beautifully on the glistening waters.

On arrival at Bergen, we were whisked through customs and all boarded a bus for the railway terminus hotel where a special Norwegian dish (not the School Travel Service hostess!) awaited us—it was fish, naturally.

At 4.20 p.m. the train left for Voss and once out of the suburbs of Bergen we were carried along the fjord-hugging railway through scenes of exceptional beauty.

Our stay in Voss was short and soon after boarding yet another coach, we were making our way, hedged in by ten-foot snow drifts, towards Myrkdalen, our home for the next seven days.

An hour later we arrived at the hotel, and fortunately had arrived just in time for dinner. We were treated to another Norwegian speciality, but the occasion was rather marred by that same certain youth, who repeatedly insisted that they were Bird's Eye Beefburgers!!

Next morning was spent in the issuing of skis and ski-sticks by Christian, our instructor for the next week. The first tentative attempts at ski-ing were promptly made, but the success with which the would-be champions negotiated the slopes left much to be desired.

However, under the expert and patient tuition of Christian, progress was rapidly made and he was very surprised at how quickly we had all managed to pick up the rudiments.

The first-item on the agenda was the plough-stop. (Our inability to stop in earlier practices had often resulted in extremely artistic acrobatics which would have graced the stage of any Sadler's Wells production). The plough-stop was therefore mastered and our ski-ing repertoire went from strength to strength with the addition of plough-swings, kickturus, Norwegian ski run, tracking and herring bone.

(Note: We are happy to add that for services beyond the call of duty in the pursuance of ski-ing perfection, Mr. Bentley has been awarded the C.D.M.).

Our proficiency was so advanced by the fourth day that Christian decided to take us on a ski-ing expedition up one of the neighbouring valleys. Next day the column set off with Christian in the lead and Mr. Bentley, amply supplied with emergency rations of film, bringing up the rear. The climb up was a trifle hot but the exhilaration and satisfaction of coming down again at speed made everybody's day and it was a ravenous party of boys that entered the dining-room that night.

One climax of the holiday was the trip to Voss to see the ski-jumping. The weather, as it was all the time, was scorching and

anoraks and sweaters were very soon discarded. The jumping itself was magnificent and the world champion himself, Bjorn Wirbola, was present at the meeting. The crowd followed the progress of the jumpers with mounting excitement and when Wirbola broke the course record with a leap of 104.5 metres, the applause was terrific.

Concerning night life, the most memorable evening was when a birthday party was held in honour of Mr. Bentley. Herr Vinje, the proprietor, kindly provided a delicious cream cake, and, with all the other guests joining in, a most enjoyable evening was had by all, crowned by a song-and-joke routine by the guest of honour himself.

The many hot days gave everybody the chance to acquire bronzed faces and also, to two rather more daring characters, the opportunity to display pairs of richly coloured and brief shorts. The titillation that followed, however, aided by brief encounters of snow and shorts, finally prompted them to exchange the shorts for trousers of a more sombre and protective nature.

The day of departure all too quickly approached but we were not to be denied the pleasure of leaving the valleys ringing to the chant of 'The Deepdale Roar!'

All our thanks must go to Mr. Bentley for making possible such a wonderful holiday, for the brochure was not wrong when it promised 'snow, sun and fun'.

D. E. COWELL.

A WET WORKING WEEK-END AT AUSTWICK

Lower Sixth Geographers and Biologists are glad to inform you, that between 2 p.m. of the 21st of April and 7 p.m. of the 23rd, they, were actually allowed 20 hours off . . . to sleep! The rest of the week-end can be described as intensive work, although it was given several other names at the time.

Never a minute was wasted; even the coach trip was 'utilised' to the full. In fact, before Friday's sun had set the whole party had inspected the famous Norber Erratics . . . and almost everything else within a five mile radius of Austwick!

On Saturday and Sunday, the party was split into groups and each went their own predestined way to complete their predetermined tasks. This whole operation proved successful, although a little difficulty was found when trying to sketch in a blizzard, without gloves, and with a biro that refuses to write on soggy paper! Still, we all survived and feel confident that this practical experience will stand us in good stead for our approaching A-levels.

Thanks must go to Messrs. Brewer, Hanmer, and Knowles, who spent so much of their own time planning the trip and running it so well. Special gratitude must go to Mr. Hanmer, who managed to partially control himself when an unsuspecting geographer described his various biological plant-like specimens as weeds. I also feel safe in saying that 28 tired, but enlightened, sixth formers, appreciated the opportunity that the week-end provided.

J. R. HUGHES.

The "Personnel" Column

(or 'Observations from the library window . . .')

. . . P. E. Clark has left . . . Mr. B—L—Y says there will be a meeting in Room 16 after second dinners (Fylde, Kirkham and those members of 3X and 3Y who are in Lytham or School Houses who live in Fulwood, excepting those who were in first dinner last term) to discuss the possibility of a rather more ambitious school trip to Greenland at half-term, 1971 . . . C.S.M. Archer will be happy to hear that attempts by Platoon 3 to have him drafted into the U.S. Marines before his title fight with Cassius Clay have been unsuccessful. The C.S.M. is at present marked No. 2 in the charts with his record 'I was the Major's Tea Maker'.

B. Nuttall wanted his name in the magazine again . . . B. Nuttall.

. . . After Mr. Wilson's flat tyre put his Jag out of the 4.0 race at Kirkham (Le Mans type start from the Common Room), we hear he is negotiating for a more reliable machine. As yet, reports that he submitted a bid of around 'a fiver' for a hotted up pale-blue A35 van are unconfirmed . . . Once again, the Kirkhamian Prize for Spontaneous Wit has gone to the Magazine Committee Chairman, and is contributed by our junior reader:

Little Boy: 'Sir, I've just been killed!'

H.B.W.: 'Never mind, get on with your architecture!'

This year's C.D.M. goes to Mr. Butterworth, who is taking driving lessons . . . Mr. Day is taking the 'Method' method of teaching literature too far. His broken heel received whilst re-enacting 'The Siege of Troy' bears witness . . . the Headmaster wishes to see the author of this article . . .

ANON.

A Thought For Vietnam

My dearest Father,

My travels in this strange and wonderful country have brought me much joy and have shown me many wonders of which our people have no knowledge, and for many months now have I dwelt in peace in these lands seeing only wealth and happiness in our future. The great Khan is a good and noble man and has treated me as an honoured guest among his people so that I might have all the facilities I might want or need, but today something has happened to disturb my mind to the greatest degree.

This morning came four travellers to our city from the lands of the East. One of these, a Mongol girl of nineteen summers, has come as the chosen bride of the late Arghun whose brother now is Khan over us. They have been two years in coming over the sea and their path has been tried with many hardships and the maiden, who is called Cocacin is to be bride of Ghazan, son of Aghan, in his stead. With the maiden, as escort, were three nobles from the court of Kublai

Khan of the lands of the East, from whom is Cocacin come, and by the humours of the fates they are Europeans from our own dear Venice. It is to the head of these, one noble Marco Polo, that I entrust this letter.

The four of us have spent much time in earnest conversation, and I learnt from him much of a mighty Empire to the East they call Cathay. They tell me of lands more vast than we can imagine, of great armies and machines of destruction. They say the people of these lands mix a magic powder, which is of the devil's own handiwork, that, when lit, burns and spits like some homeless demon and can scorch a man like the fires of hell themselves. When, as is the practice, this powder is enclosed in a container and set to burning its fury is so great that it tears its bounds asunder and causes the container to dissolve with much tone and sound or to fly in the air at such speed that all in its path may be destroyed and burnt till they are no more than charcoal.

These things have awakened my fears greatly and I thank the good God that these people show us nothing but the open arms of friendship for a war with such mighty weapons would be too terrible to contemplate. We are men not gods to play with thunder and lightning, and yet I know there are those in our country who would use this knowledge for destruction only and I fear such exist also in the lands of Cathay. For my part I will remain here and pray, for Polo is full of his new knowledge and cannot be prevented from sharing it with all and sundry. May the Lord bless you and keep you in peace.

By the grace of God this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord twelve hundred and ninety four, I remain your obedient son and servant, Andrea.

D. T. ELLIOTT.

2000 A.D.

The town clock struck five. Bells began to ring, indicating the end of another working day. Men and women rushed out of factory gates, dashing to seek shelter from the pouring rain. Hundreds of cars drove slowly along the crowded roads, the drivers peering out, anxious about the fog. Every bus teemed with people, all drenched, all eager to reach home.

Gradually, the car-parks emptied, the only cars left being those belonging to people working overtime. These were trying to save money for Christmas gifts and parties. Like everyone else, they wanted to remember the year 2000.

The rain continued to pour down, as the shift workers began to change into working clothes. Everything was slate grey. As minutes passed, a buzzing noise became audible, coming from the sky.

People on the streets and in buses looked up. All the traffic came to a standstill, and people got out of their cars, despite the rain.

Their eyes were fixed on a silver, globe-shaped object with a flashing amber light. Hearts began to beat fast. Were the Martians invading as they had threatened? Children peered out from the shelter of their mothers' skirts. The object, big as a bus settled to the ground. Doors slowly opened. Then a figure stepped out, and everyone sighed with relief. It was *only* the Prime Minister!

A. PIGOTT.

A Question

A captive in the realms of fancy, a dreamer sitting on a lonely peak, may speak with authority on life. What have I to say? I can say that life is useless; but then I lie. I can say that life is a wondrous thing; but then I lie. I can say one million things about life; always I lie.

What life do I know best? My own? Of course—and yet, who knows his life? Who knows the motivations, recriminations and expirations that make up life? We live, we die, and what is in between, is in between. A mere nothingness which divides life from a mere nothingness.

The two things that we don't control, are our birth, and our death, our coming-in and our going-out. And yet they are the two things which matter most, without them we do not exist, we have not existed.

To some, life is god, to others God is life. To the former comes death, their god has deserted them. To the latter comes eternal life, has their God deserted them? 'And God made man in his own likeness'. Or did man make God to his own liking . . .

We surmise, we wish, and forever we hope, but still we do not know. On this side of the wall is life, on the other side is death—'And the Wall was God'.

What is death? It is the end of life!

What is life? It is the beginning of death!

And so we continue, slowly spiralling our lives away into the depths of that wilderness where lies the eternal question and answer

What is death? It is the end of life!

What is life? It is the beginning of death!

God is the Beginning and the Ending tree which bears the Blossom of life, but whose fruit sows the bitter seed of death.

When is the question answered? When you die!

When will I die? When the question is answered!

A paradox has no solution.

And a question has only one answer. There is no question without an answer. There is no answer.

Therefore there is no question. Therefore I will not die.

Or, Therefore I am not alive.

D. PARDEY.

Daydream

'... his hopeless passion for Maud Gonne'.

The voice droned on, and Richard rifles through the pages of his book, looking for something more interesting than the Irish poet.

Oh to be out in the sunshine and out of the wind. The sun is shining but the wind is cold. Cold in here too; why do they have to turn the heating off. Just because the summer is officially begun we freeze in the classroom. S'pose it's because no sun gets in here. Bet we get salad for dinner as well. Always get a cold dinner on a cold day. Or hot on hot.

'... again she rejected him'.

Oh boy, does he never give up? He must be mad or something. But he is isn't he? Who else has hallucinations and calls them 'Vision'? Ought to get his head tested! But he can't now... he's dead. Like this lesson. How long left? Ten minutes. What's next period? P.S. Good, I'll write an essay... or will I? I wonder if 'Punch' has come yet? No, that's tomorrow. Could revise, I s'pose; only three weeks to the 'A' levels now. Still, I've finished in five weeks. Then two weeks holiday. Grand. Wonder what the weather will be like? Hope the sun shines hot without this cold wind. Get a job, I think. Where, though? On a farm? Good idea. Sun and suntan! Gorgeous.

'... and I expect this essay to be handed in tomorrow morning. That's all, off you go.

'Hey Dave', down the corridor, 'did you get the title?'

K. NELSON.

More Equal For Some

Hardly has the four o'clock bell finished ringing than a volley of shouting schoolboys hurtled into the Junior Common Room, threw their satchels in the general direction of their tuck-boxes, and pounced on the radiators, jostling for their share of warmth. Outside, the wind whistled and howled round the old, cold stone building, and the Union Jack flapped madly at the top of the mast of the church tower.

The initial rush subsided, and everyone settled down, clasping their piece of radiator, as the diminutive bespectacled figure of Oswald Finchley, engrossed in yet another book, entered the room. He had always loved books, and his Ma had always said 'Books is good for learning'. She was wise, but not clever.

Oswald did not know his father. He had once asked his Ma about him, but she only replied that she could not, 'for the life of her', remember 'which one he was'. He did not understand, but did not ask again.

He sat down at the solid wooden table in the middle of the room, oblivious to the cold, still wrapped in his book. Over the past year,

he had acquired eight books of his own, which he always kept neatly in his locker, and he now had two and twopence, almost enough to buy another.

Roker stared contemptuously at him, wondering how anybody could just *sit* ther in this cold. He got up and moved silently behind Oswald, and, without warning, whipped the chair from under him. He sprawled on the floor, banging his head on the lockers. The others had momentarily forgotten the cold and were standing round him, laughing as he grovelled for his book. His face was flushed, and his glasses had slipped down his nose, so that he could not see their distorted faces; he grabbed the book and ran out. The laughing echoed down the corridor.

By next morning he had finished his book, and went to the locker for another. But his books were gone. He turned to see Roker grinning at him.

'Hiya, Funch. Charlton wants to see you!'

'Me?' he stuttered feebly.

'Your name *is* Oswald Meredith Finchley, is it not?' he enquired, as though he were addressing the King.

Stupefied and frightened, Oswald walked down the corridor and knocked on the prefect's door.

'Come in', a voice bellowed from within. He entered and confronted the giant of a boy.

'These yours?' the prefect inquired, turning round and picking up a pile of dirty, tattered books.

After some deliberation, he affirmed that they were his.

'Good', said Charlton, approvingly, already thinking of how he would spend the lost property money. A curry, perhaps? Or a beef stew?

'Eight of them, that makes two bob. And, er, *don't* leave them lying around the common room again, Finchley. Oh, and by the way, the school drains are blocked with leaves; clear them'.

'But please . . .' Oswald was cut short by a massive hand thrust out to receive the two shillings. He dug into his pocket and pulled out the money. It was mainly in coppers—there was the sixpence from Mr. Lumby for sweeping his drive, and there was the threepence from the maths master for getting a hard sum right. He was left with a paltry twopence.

The slime oozed over his fingers as he laboriously scraped and gouged the rotting, glutinous mass from the ice-cold gutters, slopping it into the red plastic bucket beside him. After nearly two hours he could scarcely feel his fingers touching the dirt, and his clothes stank. Roker made suitable comments about his state when he entered the common room. Oswald was too tired to notice.

He went to bed early but could not sleep, sweating as he was. His head was aching but his feet were lifeless and stiff. He rolled over

and curled up, holding his toes with his warm hands, but could feel nothing. The sheets stuck to him, and his mouth was parched. He felt a sudden impulse to speak, but no sound came. He jumped out of bed and instantly fell drunkenly to the floor. The room was spinning round, beds were moving, the lights, hideously bright, flared on. Faces stared at the convulsed shape on the floor. His swollen eyes gaped disbelievingly at them as he screamed, 'The 'ight, th 'ight, no' th' 'ight', but his tongue slurred the words.

'Quick, somebody, get Matron', a voice shouted.

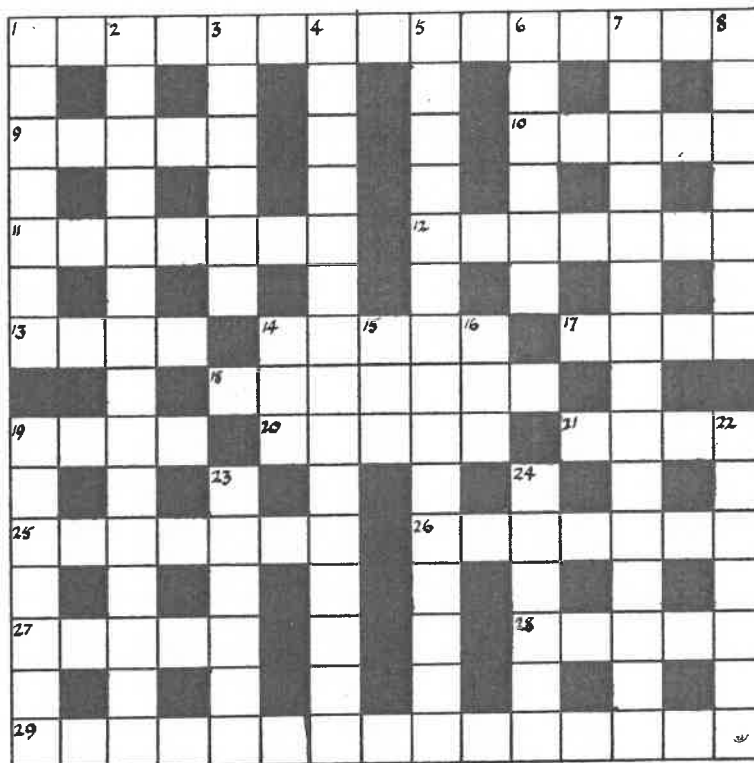
The next morning, the flag shook peevishly in the wind, half-way down the pole. The church bells rang sonorously out. Could anyone explain this sudden death, or give any reason for it?

Not a soul . . .

I. RUDDLESDEN.

The Kirkamian Crossword

Compiled by I. Hird.



Solution on page 152.

The Kirkamian Crossword

ACROSS

1. An oil in a station could bring about a change of policy. (15)
9. At the end of a list. (5)
10. The painful part of a pasting. (5)
11. Intermediate. (7)
12. It's pointless without feeling. (2, 5)
13. An unusual feature lasts a long time. (4)
14. A deadman, like? (5)
17. Sounds like a sporting aid. (1, 3)
18. Architecture prevalent in the 18th century. (7)
19. Intend to give an average. (4)
20. Trust provides one form of support. (5)
21. Where part of a safari might go? (4)
25. South African employment will provide the food. (7)
26. Occurring, but not made. (7)
27. Northern 13's provide a date. (5)
28. Something like a boxing match. (5)
29. These are sometimes in order. (15)

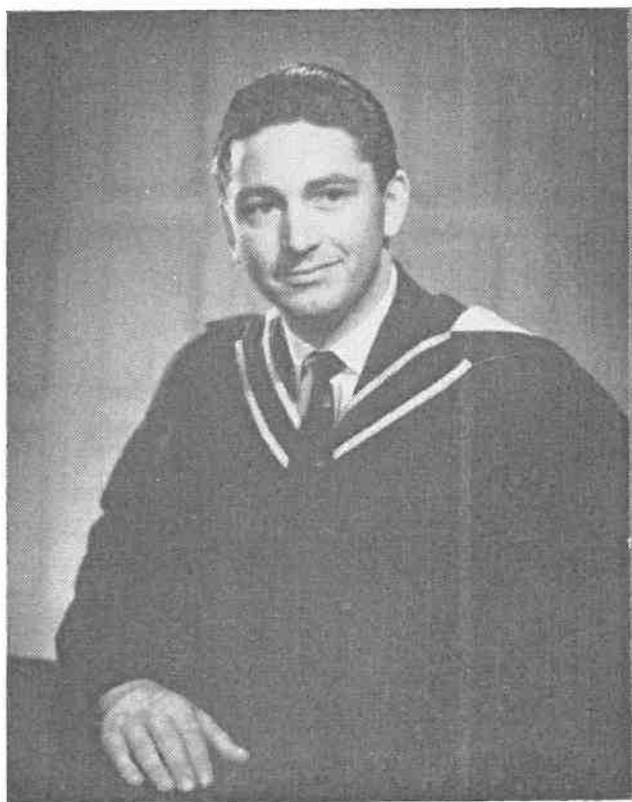
DOWN

1. Outstanding lack of furniture. (7)
2. Islander liable to erupt? (15)
3. Ejected. (6)
4. A royal performance?—improving. (1, 4, 3, 3, 4)
5. Irrelevant and immaterial. (15)
6. Help as well as sister could. (6)
7. It's quite near here, the country, travelling. (2, 4, 2, 3, 2, 2)
8. Disregard the gentle hundred or so. (7)
14. A fluid, in the main . . . (3)
15. . . . and not . . . (3)
16. . . . undulating. (3)
19. Mother's coin is made of stone. (7)
22. Tells, concerning unpunctuality. (7)
23. A cable concerning George Bernard? (6)
24. A stretch of water with no turnings. (6)

Profiles Nos. 22 and 23

J. W. Crozier

1944—1950



There have been, and perhaps there still are, boys at K.G.S. who, possessing neither academic brilliance nor, more especially, athletic prowess, wander through their formative years isolated and 'with a complete unawareness of what is going on'. Among these ranks John Crozier.

After six years he had made no mark on the school, except for the dubious distinction of being the first K.G.S. boy to be caned by Mr. Norwood, for whom he now holds the highest regard; and the school had made no mark on him, except for vague impressions of the Quarter-Centenary Celebrations. At the age of sixteen he had had enough and left. Despite encouragement from all quarters he had no wish to enter University (in those halcyon days one could pick and choose), instead he went into the Treasurer's Department of the Lancashire County Council, with a view to becoming an accountant. Actually he had a bent for architecture but the school did not provide for art and mathematics to be taken together at that time.

National Service interrupted his career, when he joined the Royal Navy, seeing no more of the sea than is possible on a one-day tour

around Nelson's Victory in dry dock, but in 1954 he was back at the County Treasurer's Department. A long period of 'concentrated swotting' loomed ahead. He worked his way through the examinations of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants to become a Chartered Municipal Treasurer in 1957. By June 1961 he held the London University external degree of B.sc. (Econ.); ironically such a chance he had turned down eleven years before and ever since regretted. From the Fylde Water Board, he has recently moved to the post of Deputy Clerk and Treasurer at Durham County Water Board, continuing a worthwhile career in local government, which he thoroughly recommends.

Compared with this measured trend his connections with the Old Boys Association have been more erratic. At first he took little interest in it (in those halcyon days Kirkhamians failed to arrive), but interest revived when Keith Thornton became Secretary. From committee member he became Honorary Treasurer, a post just relinquished on his move from the area.

Indeed it was in the Old Boys Association that John Crozier felt he could repay a debt to the school, true to his own theory that the Association gives boys who have taken much and given little while at school, a valuable opportunity to make amends. We wish him, and his family, every success at Durham.

Solution to Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Nationalisation. 9. Tails. 10. Sting. 11. Between. 12. No sense. 13. Eons. 14. Goner. 17. A Set. 18. Baroque. 19. Mean. 20. Strut. 21. Afar. 25. Sausage. 26. Natural. 27. Nones. 28. About. 29. Congratulations.

DOWN: 1. Notable. 2. Tristan da Cuhnan. 3. Ousted. 4. A turn for the best. 5. Inconsequential. 6. Assist. 7. It isn't so far to go. 8. Neglect. 14. Gas. 15. Nor. 16. Rut. 19. Masonic. 22. Relates. 23. Hawser. 24. Strait.

D. R. G. Hunt

1947—1950



Mr. Hunt came to Kirkham from Bolton school in 1947, and should have gone into the UIV's; but in those days apparently, overcrowding was just as much a problem as today, and there was no room in the UIV's, so he went straight into the LV's, where he stayed for two years.

The change from such a big school as Bolton (1,400 pupils) to K.G.S. (about 300) was quite a big one; the atmosphere here was much more personal and homely, compared with the impersonality of Bolton.

With characteristic modesty, Mr. Hunt makes out he was neither especially academic, nor sporting; however, he played once or twice in the second XV, and represented the school in the inter-school athletics at the unheard of age of 15, which was no mean feat.

It was during Mr. Hunt's stay at the school that two major events took place; the Quarter-Centenary of the founding of the school, and the revival of C.C.F. activities (which had lapsed during the war). His chief memory or association of the Quarter-Centenary celebrations seems to have been that he was hit in the face by a cricket ball and had two black eyes throughout the week's festivities.

Mr. Hunt left school in 1950, at the age of 16, and took an apprenticeship with an optics firm in Preston, qualifying in 1954. On the removal of his parents to Manchester, he too left to join a firm there, in 1955. In October of that year, he was offered a job—at the age of 22—as manager of the firm's Wigan branch, returning to Preston then. He became manager of the Lancaster branch as well in 1957—a true success story, if ever there was one!

When he joined the Old Boys in 1952, he did not know much about the society; his first real contact came when he got notice of the Annual General Meeting, where he expected to find lots of people he knew; it was, however, a very small affair, the Society having become rather run-down. Mr. Clifford Turner, secretary for nearly twenty years, had just retired, and Mr. J. Davy took over, and in a short time, the Old Boys were back on their feet. Mr. Hunt was elected to the Committee at this meeting, and served on it for 9 years before being elected Secretary, a post which he has occupied for the last three years. He has just retired, feeling that three years is long enough, and that someone else should have a chance to come forward with new ideas.

Mr. John Crozier, the other subject of our twin profile, has been Treasurer of the Old Boys over this period, and these two men seem to have done a great deal to help the Society on from strength to strength.

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In the last Kirkhamian I had to report the resignation of D. R. G. Hunt, (1947—1950) from the position of Association Honorary Secretary. Since then Donald and his family have moved to their new

home at 77 Manor Lane, Penwortham, Nr. Preston, Lancs. (Tel. Preston 42735). Would Penwortham and area members note this new address of their area representative?

In this issue of the magazine I have to report the resignation of J. W. Crozier (1944—1950) from the position of Association Hon. Treasurer, a post he has held for some three years. John took up a new appointment in Accountancy in Durham on 1st May 1967. He and his family will not be leaving Ansdell, however, until June '67. The President expressed his personal thanks and that of the Committee to John for his loyal and efficient service at the last Committee meeting in April. I am sure that you will all join in wishing him well in his new post and that he and his family will be happy in their new surroundings. It is appropriate that Profiles No. 22 and 23 are devoted to the 'dynamic duo' of Hunt and Crozier.

Thankfully it was not very difficult to find a successor for the post of Hon. Treasurer. He is David Lyon (1948—1953). He officially took over his duties as from 25th April '67 and for bridging this gap David deserves the thanks of all members for being ready to serve the Association in this capacity.

I hope that these two quiet revolutions have not caused members too much concern. However annual members, somewhat behind with their subs., and Life members, seriously thinking of changing their status to Vice-President, would do well to note the new name and address of our new Hon. Treasurer as printed at the head of this section of the magazine. This charge might at this time be given to one other group. I hope these pages are never skipped by any students at K.G.S. particularly this terms school leavers. Please contact the Hon. Secretary about YOUR membership NOW.

Two important items have been discussed in Committee of late. The first was about the Rules of the Association. Our President, Mr. J. K. Platt, prepared a new draft of these which was accepted in an amended form which will be presented for discussion at the A.G.M. on September 22nd at Barton Grange. Copies of this new draft will be sent to members when they have applied for tickets for the A.G.M. and dinner. Copies will be available also at the meeting itself but if you are unable to attend this function a copy will be sent to you on request to the Hon. Secretary.

The second item was that the Committee decided to raise the cost of tickets for the A.G.M. and dinner from £1 to 25/- for a 'full' ticket and from 10/- to 12/6 for the 'Concessionary' ticket (available to new members for the first three years of their membership). I should like to remind members that the money from the ticket sales has to cover the cost of the meal, service charges, printing of the menu card and the complimentary tickets for our guests on this occasion. I should also like to reassure members that 'full' ticket holders are in no way subsidising the 'concessionary' ticket holders. Any such losses are made good (with reasonable cheerfulness and considerable optimism) by the Hon. Treasurer from Association

funds. It is the Committee's hope that the 'concessionary' ticket holders will become a 'full' ticket holder and as such attend this function for the rest of his days!

Finally my thanks are due to several members who responded to the appeal in the last Kirkhamian for information about certain 'lost' members. Unfortunately, I have to report the deaths of several members. One of these is Mr. H. Daniels (1920—1923) who for many years served the Association as area representative for Fleetwood and Poulton district. This post has now been filled by Mr. David C. Cookson of 78 Lord Street, Fleetwood, (Tel. Fleetwood 3304), a Life member and regular member of the Old Boys' Cricket XI.

STOP PRESS! October 19th '67 is Speech Day at K.G.S. when the Guest of Honour will be the Rt. Hon. Viscount Caldecott, D.S.C. The proceedings start at 3 p.m.

Oxford Dinner, 1967

(Mr. S. Middleton has kindly sent an account of this to the Hon. Secretary and this appears below).

A new, and, it is hoped, permanent department of the Old Boys Association came into being in February when 24 Old Boys, living for the most part in the Midlands or the South, attended a dinner at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. All the arrangements were made by Dr. E. Sidebottom, through whose good offices the amenities of his college were made available to us, and to whom we all owe our gratitude. The evening was a resounding success and a remarkably happy occasion and it was unanimously agreed that this dinner must continue and that Oxford is an ideal centre if we can avail ourselves of the facilities of a college. Because of restricted accommodation some late applications had to be refused, but if more members wish to attend next year perhaps a larger hall will be available. Any Old Boy who regrets missing this occasion and who wishes to attend the next, probably in the Spring of 1968, is advised to notify his interest either to Dr. E. Sidebottom, 335, Iffley Road, Oxford or to the Hon. Sec. of the Association.

Those present were:- J. O. Bullock, 46-54, P. Grime, 49-57, J. D. R. Jeffreys, 48-55, W. H. Kennedy 59- , J. Kirkham, 38-44, D. A. Knowles, 58-65, D. R. Knowles, 58-66, I. J. Kremer, 54-66, S. Middleton, 28-66, P. B. Myerscough, 48-56, D. Norwood, 45-59, N. H. Owen, 31-36, C. R. Plaster, 49-58, A. H. Ratcliffe, 58-65, H. J. Reay, 53- , R. Russell, 30-35, E. Sidebottom, 49-57, K. Thornton, 45-52, C. H. Thorp, 46-54, C. C. Toyne, 29-36, R. M. Wilcock, 51-59, S. H. Wilcock, 46-54, D. G. Williams, 39-45, W. Woodhead, 39-45.

News of Old Boys

- A. R. BAINES
(1950-57) Has been appointed Head of the Biology Department at K.G.S. as from 1st September, 1967.
- R. BROWN
(1949-55) The youngest of several brothers who attended K.G.S., Raymond will have completed eight years on the staff of Hutton G.S. in July '67. He teaches R.I. in the school and is a licensed lay-reader in the C. of E. He and his wife live in Penwortham.
- I. BYATT
(1944-50) Married with two children and living in Bloomsbury, London, Mr. Byatt is a senior lecturer in Economics at the L.S.E. He played an important part in the preparation of the Plowden report on Primary Education in being the only economic adviser to the Committee. The son of a Civil Servant, he served in the R.A.F. After studying at Oxford and Harvard Universities he lectured in economics at Durham for one year. He then left teaching and worked for two years in the Treasury. In '64 he took up teaching again but will shortly be leaving L.S.E. to take up a new post as economic adviser to the Department of Education and Science.
- P. N. CARMONT
(1953-61) Peter, on the teaching staff at the Queen Elizabeth G.S. Blackburn and a local Scout-master was recently married at St. John the Baptist Church, Broughton to Miss Jennifer Sims of Fulwood.
- F. J. COLEMAN
(1920-28) He is the Manager of the Westminster Bank, Leek, Staffordshire.
- DR. R. S. FANSHAW
(1946-53) Recently attended an Operational Research course in Birmingham in connection with his post with I.C.I. (Billingham) where he directs a section of Production Research.
- G. L. HOLMES
(1954-60) Geoffrey has recently been appointed Sales Manager for the West African Thread Co. Starting as a sales clerk with English Sewing Cotton some five years ago in their Manchester Depot he has already visited the firm's agents in Denmark, Hong Kong, Malaya and Israel. Whilst in Hong Kong he was responsible for setting up an industrial agency to sell synthetic threads. An enthusiastic sportsman, he played

- rugby for Preston Grasshoppers and cricket for Flixton C.C. He is now playing cricket for Lagos C.C. and hopes to continue with his rugby also. This appointment requires him to travel extensively and he has already visited most of Northern Nigeria.
- K. HOWARD
(1952-60)
- Obtained a 2nd Class Honours Degree in Biochemistry at Liverpool University. Kevin is now teaching Biology at Helsby Boys G.S. He was married 3rd July '65 to Miss Jean Walm-sley and now has a daughter, Susan.
- R. HULL
(1949-56)
- Bob teaches music at the Penwortham Girls G.S. where his wife is also on the staff teaching French. His name appears often in the local press for he is the conductor of the Preston Cecilian Choral Society. Recently he has been in charge of Choral performances of Mendel-sohn's 'Elijah' and Bach's 'St. John's Passion'. One of his future choral charges may be a concert version of Smetana's 'Bartered Bride'.
- R. INGHAM
(1944-50)
- Formally of Wesham where his parents still live Mr. Ingham appeared for two weeks as a successful challenger on I.T.V. in the Granada programme 'Criss Cross Quiz'. He lectures in English and is a librarian at Ormskirk Training College.
- D. A. JAGGER
(1953-60)
- Married October 1966, and is now a senior planning officer for the Corporation of Liverpool.
- G. W. KIRBY
(1949-56)
- George works in the Telephone Manager's Office in Preston. Married with three children he lives in Walton-le-Dale.
- J. R. LANCE
(1949-54)
- Since Sept. '66 John has been a senior lecturer in Biology at the Coventry College of Education close to the University of Warwick. He has been closely connected with the development of 'Nuffield Science' since he was Head of the Biology Department at Church fields Comprehensive School at West Bromwich.
- Prof. E. R.
LAITHWAITE
(1931-40)
- Was the subject of Profile No. 14 (Feb. '64). He is married with four children and lives in Surrey. His high academic position keeps him very busy and perhaps members saw some of his Christmas lectures for young people, sponsored by the Royal Institution and shown on B.B.C. 2, which were entitled 'The Engineer in

Wonderland'. Earlier this year he had a book published entitled 'Propulsion without Wheels' and recently he has been judging school 'Science Fairs' on B.B.C. 1.

- P. B. MYERSCOUGH (1948-56) He is planning to leave for Canada shortly.
- K. PARKINSON (1948-56) Teaches Biology at the Co-educational G.S. in Fleetwood.
- M. RAMSBOTTOM (1951-57) Had a daughter christened at Kirkham Parish Church March '67.
- J. ROBERTS (1942-49) Produced the newly formed Preston Opera Group in their first Public performances of Mozarts 'Don Giovanni' at the Harris College, Preston during April.
- C. A. SPENCER (1925-30) A Fellow of the Institute of Building, he is the new President of the North Western Region of the National Federtaion of Building Trades Employers. Mr. Spencer is joint Managing Director of I. Spencer & Son (Penwortham) Ltd., and has been in the building trade since he left K.G.S. 37 years ago. At present he is on both the National Councils of the F.B.T.E. and the Federation of Registered House Builders being the chairman of the North West Regional House Builders Committee.
- D. STEPHENSON (1951-56) Often to be seen at the Playhouse Theatre, Preston as a member of the Preston Drama Club, Don recently appeared in the Broughton players production of 'Hobsons Choice', and with the St. Ambrose players Leyland in 'Love' with the St. Ambrose players Leyland in 'Love's a Luxury'.
- DR. J. STEVENSON (1948-56) Jim is lecturing in Biochemistry in the Department of Molecular Sciences at the University of Warwick. He spent two years at Trondheim in Norway after gaining his Ph.D. at Liverpool University.
- H. TAYLOR (1953-60) A former Vice-Captain of K.G.S. and still a keen rugby and cricket player Howard has qualified as a dentist at Leeds University where he gained his B.D.F.
- W. THRELFALL (1951-58) Recently married and now Assistant Professor of Biology in the University of St. John's, Newfoundland.

- COUN. J. TOMLINSON (1918-1921) The subject of Profile No. 9 (July, '61), a Vice-President, past President and former Committee member, Coun. Tomlinson is a well known public figure. He has recently been appointed chairman of the Preston & Chorley Hospital Management Committee after being its Vice-Chairman for some two years.
- D. WALTON Is one of several students from Edinburgh University planning an overland trip to Iran this summer starting in July. At present he is reading for an Honours Degree in Botany and during the trip will study Cattle Diseases and how they might affect Man. The journey, about four thousand miles in all, is to be done in two land rovers across Belgium, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey to Iran.
- A. R. WARD Alan who works in the family's drapery business in Poulton St. Kirkham, is chairman of the Kirkham and Fylde Round Table Charity.
- C. PLASTER (1949-58) A former School Captain, 1st XI Captain and 1st XV member, Caris graduated in Psychology at Hull University and then studied economics at Loughborough College. He worked for G.E.C. and Phillips Electrical Industries at first, operating from Mallards of Blackpool. In 1966 he joined the Perkins engineering group at Peterborough. Here he worked in the personnel and industrial relations division, leading a team investigating the use of analytical training techniques for training craftsmen for the engineering industry training board.. Recently Chris. has been promoted to employee resourcing Manager in the manufacturing department at Perkins. He is also a member of the working party advisory training in the electrical and electronic industry. Married with two children Mr. and Mrs. Plaster live in Helpston, a village close to Peterborough.
- 'MR. WINCHESTER' (1907-11) Prof. E. R. Laithwaite reports that he was recently Guest of Honour at the Bexley-Erith Day. Here he was introduced to a Mr. Winchester who, claiming to have been at K.G.S. between 1907-11, must have remembered the schools removal to its present Ribby Road site

from that close by the Parish Church (now St. Michael's Primary School playing fields). After about 30 mins. conversation trying to find some common ground the two could do no better than remember that the Rev. T. Walton had been Head Master at K.G.S. But then this was 20 years before the Profs. time at K.G.S. Can any of Mr. Winchesters contemporaries add any other information please?

Regretfully the Hon. Secretary has to record the deaths of several members.

COL. J. BUTLER-
PORTER

Started his career as a railway clerk in Blackpool (1913). He had a distinguished Army record in both World Wars. In World War II he had the distinction of taking the first German general prisoner at Bardia during the fall of Tobruk. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1942. He had left the railway in 1921 to join the Royal Irish Constabulary ('Black and Tans') but left the country for South Africa in 1926. He retired in March 1960 as Manager of the Natal branch of B.P. (Southern Africa), after 30 years in the oil industry. He was a Life member of the Natal A.B.A., and his other activities included the chairmanship of the Natal Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association. A member of a well known Wesham family Col. Butler-Porter leaves a married sister living in Kirkham.

H. DANIELS
(1920-23)

A Life member and for many years area representative for Fleetwood and District.

MR. G. HUGHES,
M.C., B.A.

All Old Boys who knew him will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr. G. Hughes in February 1967. Mr. Hughes, who joined the staff of the K.G.S. on his return from the war in 1919, stayed until he retired in 1953. He taught chiefly History and Geography and was a very successful teacher and a well loved personality. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Hughes on behalf of the Association, in which he was a life member.

N. GANDY
(1937-43)

A Life member of the Association who lived in Lytham St. Annes.

H. GREENAWAY
(1922-30)

A Life member.

C. K. HEANE
(1935-40)

Died from a coronary thrombosis last November, he leaves a widow and two children. He was an Association Life member.

E. M. HIPKINS
(1917-21)

A Life member.

F. MULLINEAUX
(1916-21)

A life member who died in January '66.

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We had a fair attendance for our opening event for 1967—the customary Whist and Domino Drive. This was followed in February by a Social Evening in which a couple of experiments were tried—with great success both from the adults' and young-uns' point of view; starting with a miscellany of games and finishing with a film show, we were also treated to two sessions of really professional vocalising from a group called 'The Folk'.

The ancient Hall of Samlesbury was just about bursting at the seams for the Supper Dance in March and, encouraged by this response, there was no hesitation in re-booking the place for a repeat event next year.

The 'dead-line' for this issue being what it is, news of May's Car Treasure Hunt is almost 'Stop Press'. Current regulations governing such events meant that a new approach has to be made, and the organisers are to be congratulated on still providing an entertaining competition within those confines; the new approach seemed to 'throw' some of the competitors—at least, that is MY excuse! The number of entrants was by no means a record, but of those, only one car fell by the wayside, as far as I am aware.

Up to the time of writing, Summer has been notable for its absence—surely King Sol cannot desert us again for the Garden Party in June?

No time has been lost in implementing the 1967 Project for School; this has been a multi-package deal, comprising duplicating equipment, a dictating machine and a cinema screen. There is some prospect of these gifts being supplemented by others later in the year.

This humble contribution is by way of being my swan-song. May I take the opportunity of wishing the Association every success in the future and of reminding parents once again that success can only be assured by their rallying around. Every joy to the new Secretary, as well.

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