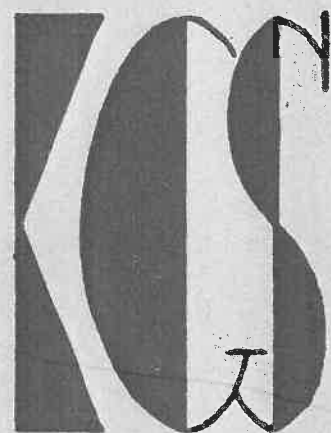


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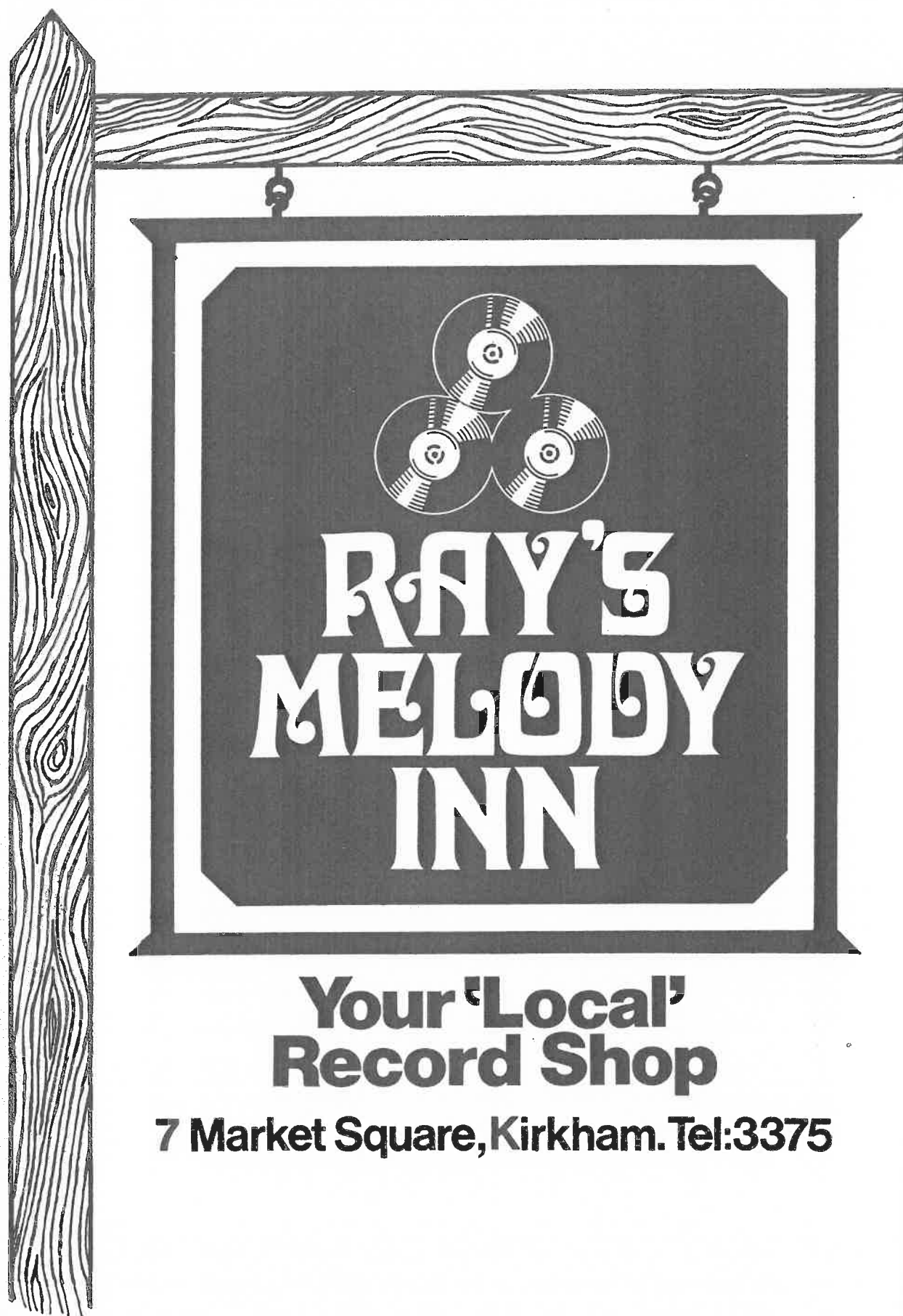
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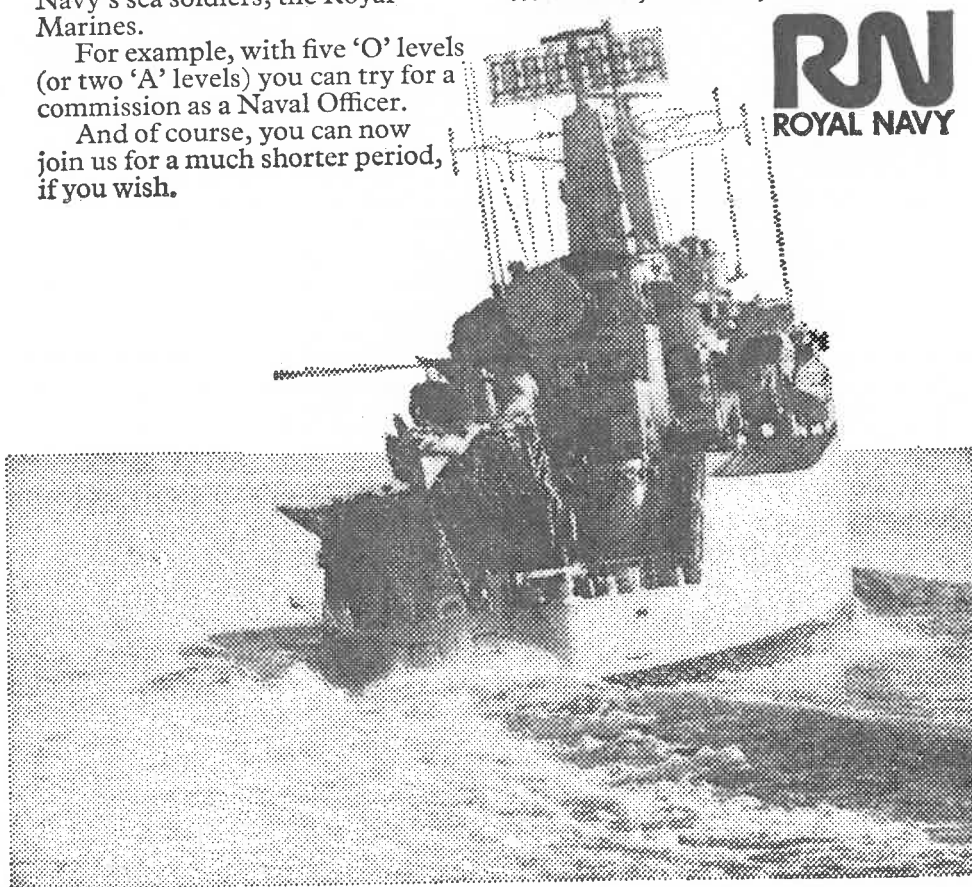
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EDITORIAL

Chairman: MR. H. B. WILSON

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In the last edition of the Kirkhamian there was a mention in the editorial of the appeal on behalf of the Sixth Form Centre Project.

It is with pleasure that it can be announced that the building is now nearly complete at the time of going to press. After over a year of fund raising and planning the building has finally come to rest between the School fields and the C.C.F. hut.

Those who have been involved with the project will know how much effort has been put into the fulfilment of this scheme. However, the full cost has yet to be met, and efforts must continue unabated. It is hoped that the fine support given by boys, parents and many others will still be forthcoming.

To those who may feel the school is changing out of all recognition the following extracts are re-published from a Kirkhamian of many years ago:

"A certain senior cadet finds even the smallest uniform too big for him".

"As a form the L.Vth is mainly noticeable for its frequent appearances at meetings of the Prefects Detention Society".

"Upper Sixth singing is not up to much", and finally—"most of us (IIIb) have joined the (School) bank: at the latter our money is eagerly grabbed by our friend Mr. Wil."!

Such is the splendour of tradition.

On a less happy note we have to say goodbye to Mr. Crane, who has contributed so much to the school, no less in this latest venture where he has been a prime mover.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines:- "The Arnoldian", "The Rossallian".

CONTRIBUTIONS

Snippets

The Chairman and Members of the U.D.C. attended the Service which was conducted by the Vicar. As usual on these occasions he looked at the Councillors and prayed for the town. (*Church Mag.*).

John Smith wishes to thank the 600-odd people who voted for him in the recent elections. (*Stourbridge County Express*).

Wanted, Latin or Games Master. Degree or interested in 5 inch gauge railway. (*Ad in Times Ed. Supp.*).

Birth. To Norah a son. With effect from August 1st. (*Rangoon Paper*).

Mr. Parker is also being married soon, but his ambitions lie elsewhere. (*Yorkshire paper*).

Parkyns. To the memory of Mr. Parkyns passed away September 10th. Peace at last. From all the neighbours of Princes Avenue. (*Leicester Mercury*).

No Water—So Firemen Improvise. (*headline in Liverpool Daily Post*).

Please Help our Nurses Home. (*Notice in Hospital*).

Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil should see the manager. (*Cafe sign*).

Caption from Singapore Herald:

“Coffin making a dying trade in China now”.

Advert in Devon paper:

“Lost, Tabby cat, male, answers to John. Reward (one black eye).

Mr. Bloggs was elected and has accepted the post of People's Church Warden. We could not get a better man. (*Church Magazine*).

Maiku Sol of 1464 Nuvana Ave., was arrested by police las nigh on a charg of bing dunk and for assaul and bary on a woman. (*Honolulu Star—bulletin*).

Absence. I shall be away from Parish from April 21st—24th. It will be convenient if parishioners will abstain from arranging to be buried or from making other calls on me during this time. (*Church Magazine*).

M. BURKE (U.VI.Sc.)

Toad

Cold sweat drab
pictured the toad
in earthworm foliage
where the damp nettles
were dripsy in the soak
and grey grovel
was lovely in the loam
where flowerpot clay was
in the moss
living-damp

insect gossip

Placid but tinged with
the sparkle of life dew
and exact was the toad
in the earth clod
but movement broke the tender fabric
clambering
brief and brown
citizen of the short forest.

The City (Theme)

cold south side
out here
over there
the glare of morning sun on cold euphoric steel
cranes, scaffolding
glass like water, water like glass
wharf rat
improvises-gregarious
black-white two-tone
shadowy jungle
eco-ellipsis, two-plane, four-plane
aerosol aedifico
ants, rats
insect foliage-teeming, steaming
the peopled city
scatterbrain; subterranean
cacophony colony; choking, smoking
fusion
oases
pigeonpark
dank pavement

The sun,	Ocean
is energy	everywhere white, dazzling
is life,	neon white, dazzling,
is God,	mind white, dazzling
is the basis,	At one, as one—
the city,	overflows
the theme.	the white edges spin.

Part 2—the suburbs

(J. A. BLAIKIE. 5y.)

The Assembler's Tale

(with apologies to G. Chaucer)

Into the colde halle us wrecches creepe
 From warme beds a-weepe
 The goldenne stremes of earlie mornynge lyghte
 Upon our washed faces shyne aryghte
 Thru windows throwne a-forth
 We come to learne of oure truwe worthe.
 Spurred on by prefects who nothyng daunted
 We settel downe on seaties herde
 With grumble tumie and our minds abreyde
 The fingers froze and barred al
 Oure wearie eyeliddes beginne to falle.
 Entre oure pedagogies makin merrie
 From laste nyghtes binge on Spanish sherrie
 Ek sitte theye but yacke on
 Of hangovers everichon
 The blaudie hymmes to helle they curse
 For makynge their thummpinge hedaices worse.
 Up the antipodead headmaster stande
 To readdresse this happy bande
 'You muste love youre naybore as yourself
 Especially if he hath a greater wealthe'
 'Be notte wrotthe with stupidde ffolke
 To be stupidde is not any joke!'
 After the chante the sterner newses comme
 In the prefects roome was founde some rumme
 And severalle seniour kiddes are expelled
 For many othurs privlages are withelde
 In feyned disguisste he stawkes away
 And lettes others have theire smale sayes.
 Thisse mornynge's scession alle are nowe adjourned
 Havinge of oure godde still nothyng learned
 We are once more fru this belle halley horded
 To face this daye's worke, greye and sordidde
 But tyme is shorte, my hands are tremblie
 From wrytings of oure assemblee.

M. BURKE (U.VI. Sc.)

An Old Person's Christmas

Shuffling across the floor
He goes into the kitchen.

Looking around, he lifts a towel
And finds the two-pound chicken.
Vainly he tries to prepare the bird
But he can't cook—or cope.
Barbara could; but she's dead
And the kids—they visit too little.
Of course John had asked him,
Asked him to spend Christmas with them
But he couldn't impose,
And John hadn't pressed.

He surveys his handiwork,
The mutilated bird, rudely trussed,
His Christmas dinner.
The first true one for three years.
God bless the Government,
He'll vote for them next election,
If he lives that long.

A carol comes over the radio,
His favourite—Silent Night.

Tears wet the lino.
He's thinking of Christmas past—and Barbara.
Another carol—God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.
True, he thinks, Christmas is a time of cheer,
But for whom?
Those who are not alone;
Or unhappy;
Or friendless.

And as the chicken dries in the oven
He sleeps.
And as he sleeps,
He is, at last, united
With Barbara.

J. I. HOUSTON (4y.)

HOUSE REPORTS

Ashton House

Housemaster: Mr. H. B. WILSON

Assistant Housemasters: Mr. G. CHEESBROUGH, Mr. D. E. WORTH,
Mr. G. T. BROWN

House Captain: T. S. K. AITCHISON

House Vice-Captain: D. J. LAMB

House Prefects: P. G. DUXBURY, R. J. LIGHTFOOT, A. PIGOTT

As usual the transition from old regime to new within the House went smoothly and my thanks and best wishes for the future go to T. A. Reeder and his henchmen who led the House last year.

In the Summer term of last year the House sprang to life, a notable achievement being that of the Athletics team which finished second to Preston House. Magnificent performances from Collins, gaining two first and one second place and Whiteside gaining three first places and later breaking the junior triple jump record, spearheaded a fine team effort.

The Cricket competitions were a little less commendable, both senior and junior teams being defeated in the early stages, but the Tennis Cup was a very different story.

The Ashton House team, red hot favourites yet again, dealt competently with first Preston and then Fylde House and were then informed of a delay in the completion of the other semi-final tie. Time passed and the team, fearing no one, confidently awaited news of their opponents for the final; the news however was not forthcoming and time passed on to the end of the school year. Then, at the beginning of the new year a scandal of 'News of the World' proportions was announced when Kirkham claimed the Tennis Cup! According to Kirkham House officials it had been decided in the presence of the Ashton House captain that, had the final been played, Kirkham would undoubtedly have disposed of Ashton and so they should receive the cup. This doubtful state of affairs was greeted with derisory disbelief but despite rigorous protestations on our part, in the absence of any evidence to suggest otherwise Kirkham House were adamant that such an agreement existed and were duly awarded the Cup. I can only observe that a trophy gained in such a dubious manner constitutes a hollow victory!

The wind taken from our sails the House finished the year rather lamely without registering any further success.

The new year started with the senior rugby preliminary round match against strongly fancied School House who finally ended the period of Ashton House dominance in this competition. D. C.

Stevens led a shaky looking Ashton side onto the field and proceeded to give School a lesson in spirited defence. The result whilst being a victory for School House on paper, was a triumph for Ashton who won the admiration of the few privileged spectators who saw the match. Those who did bore witness to a tremendous team effort and individual triumphs for the hard tackling Stevens, Jenkinson and Lightfoot and the fleet-footed Collins whose 60 yard try was the highlight of the day. Special mention must, I feel, be given to the much under-rated pack leader Lea, whose dynamic example encouraged the best forward display I have ever seen at House level.

A similar fate befell the unusually young Junior team who lost to eventual winners Fylde in an unexpectedly tense semi-final. The Ashton side strove manfully to overcome their physical disadvantage and almost succeeded, Whiteside being the outstanding player in a typically spirited Ashton House team. With nine of the side available next season, including the powerful Berry, and four first year players Lanigan, Longworth, Pigott and Manning who were outstanding for such youngsters, the prospects look rosy for next season.

The Cross-country competition brought its now customary disappointment, both juniors and seniors proping up the results table from the wrong end, and the House must strive to move up the table next year.

With the coming of the Easter vacation the House made its final fling of the term and was unfortunate in being placed second in both the Music and Gym competitions.

On the music scene all credit must go to P. R. Bagshaw whose coaching and arrangement of the three House items deserved the ultimate success, whilst in the Gym competition we fielded the youngest team ever and were narrowly beaten by the more experienced Kirkham. Whiteside (3rd), Gardner (6th) and Morgan (9th) were ably supported by McCann and Drayton and as we can look forward to fielding the same team for the next four years we must be optimistic.

And so, to date, we are still awaiting an outright success this year, but it cannot be coincidence that Ashton House consistently provide teams of such high standard to challenge for all the House trophies and with good prospects in the Athletics, Chess, Debating, Shooting and Work cups a sustained effort from all must surely receive a just reward for the effort already expended. Only the best is good enough.

T.S.K.A.

Fylde House

House Master: Mr. D. H. BUTTERWORTH

Assistant House Masters: Mr. B. GORNALL, Dr. B. S. SUMMERS,
Mr. H. WATKINS

House Captain: C. R. R. HUGHES

House Prefects: M. D. BENTHAM, B. P. CROWLEY, R. A. ELLIS,
N. H. GRAVESTON

The House has continued the improving trend noted in last years magazine, and has performed well in all events.

The first success of the year came when Fylde won the Junior House Rugby for the second year running. In the first round they beat Lytham House convincingly 42-8. This victory brought with it over-confidence among the players which showed against Ashton House in the semi-finals, whom they beat 22-12. In the final, Fylde started very slowly and only led by 6-3 at half time. In the second half Fylde played to their full potential, winning lots of ball for the three quarters who made full use of it, especially Leyland with some strong, penetrating runs. If he puts on any more weight he will end up in the forwards where he'll have to start working for his living! Harris, the captain, Schofield and Kirkham also played well.

The Seniors attempted to emulate the Juniors' performance beating Preston House 18-0 in the semi-finals, but then met School House in the final, a School House of mainly 1st and 2nd team players which met a depleted Fylde side. All the Fylde players pulled their weight, especially Dennis, Woodward and Crowley in the three quarters, and Lambert in the forwards, who caused a great deal of trouble to School House in the loose.

Fylde also look well placed to repeat last year's victory in the inter-house Chess competition, having defeated all opposition to date, Price and the younger Watkinson being outstanding in the seniors and juniors respectively.

In the Senior House Cross-Country the House finished a very good second, Taylor (3rd), Ulygtt (4th), Webb (9th) and Dennis (13th) running especially well. All members of the team are eligible to run next year, this being a very young team, and with the addition of the really outstanding talent of Redgrave, Fylde should have no trouble in winning next year. In the Juniors the House as a team, performed less well, being 5th, but all credit to Redgrave on winning the race the second year in succession in record time. He was well backed up by Mason and Halliday, who did exceptionally well for a 1st year in finishing 24th.

Fylde performed less well in the Music competition. The Juniors did not live up to their 'Pre-match form', but Scholey turned in a good individual performance at the piano, and Brown should be thanked for his organising and patience with a not very musical senior choir.

Briefly, the House performed creditably in the inter-house Gym competition, being placed fourth, with a good team effort rather than one or two outstanding performers. Cooper, J. and Mason were the best scorers. The House is also lying a good third in the Work Cup.

The House is looking forward to more success during the Summer term, when we will field a strong Athletics team and a much improved Shooting team and continue to test the other houses in the remaining events, including a much belated Debating competition.

The House has performed well this year and its future looks bright if the very promising talents the House possesses is prepared to exploit its full ability and avoid falling into complacency.

Finally I should like to thank everyone in the House, masters and boys, including new House Masters Messrs Watkins and Summers, for their support throughout the year, and wish those who are leaving the House and those who are staying the best of luck in all their endeavours.

C.R.R.H.

Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. H. J. REAY

Assistant House Masters: Mr. A. R. BAINES, Mr. H. H. WOOD,
Mr. J. A. SUTCLIFFE

House Captain: R. FISHER

House Prefects: D. S. LOXHAM, S. J. BERRY, A. M. HIRD
J. SHORROCK

Since the last report was written, almost twelve months ago, the House's fortunes have been mixed, probably the most notable event being the departure of Mr. Redman to Lytham House and the arrival of two new House Masters Mr. Wood and Mr. Sutcliffe. It is interesting to note that now, all the House Masters actually have a connection with Kirkham and I, on behalf of the House, would like to welcome the two new Masters.

We gained four expected victories in the two Cricket competitions, Tennis and the Work Cup. We were expected to win the Senior Cricket as we had five first XI players in our team. In the first round we disposed of Ashton House convincingly, Jenkins scoring an unbeaten 50, but as so often happens to a fancied team we were very nearly put out in the semi-final by Preston House who, on paper, should have been easily beaten. However, after overcoming this obstacle thanks to tight bowling by Berry and Fisher, the team showed its true worth by hammering Lytham House by almost a hundred runs in the final, Berry especially batting superbly.

In the Junior Cricket we were victors again, the team winning all its matches against Fylde, Preston and School Houses convincingly. Again this was a team effort but Fisher D. and Timms stand out as worthy of special mention.

Another perennial victory was ours in the Tennis Cup, which we won leaving much to be desired for, after beating School House in the Preliminary round, Ashton and Lytham Houses both refused to play us, and the cup was ours by default. It is hoped that, this year, we will win the cup in a more satisfactory manner.

Last, but by no means least, we won the most pleasing victory of the year in the Work Cup, and I feel that the Juniors should be congratulated on their efforts in this field.

Last Summer Term, we were unsuccessful in several events, namely Shooting, Athletics and Swimming, although in the swimming competition we were narrowly beaten into second place by a strong School House team, Sanderson especially swimming well. In this event this year, with an influx of new talent into the House, hopes are high for a long-awaited victory.

At the beginning of this year, under the new regime, it was hoped that the Winter and Spring Terms would be more successful than for some time, especially when the Junior Rugby Team defeated School House 36-8 in the preliminary round and then in a similar manner crushed Preston House in the semi-final. In the final, however, the team was narrowly beaten by a big Fylde House side after losing Ross and playing all the second half with fourteen men. Harris, the captain, led his team well in all the matches.

Unfortunately, the senior team was less successful losing 6-4 to Preston House, although a good performance was given by the whole team, especially from some of the 4th year members.

The Juniors once more carried our hopes in the Cross-Country, but again we were second to School House, Palmer especially putting in a fine performance in finishing fifth in the race, although all the team ran to the best of their ability.

The Seniors were a little more disappointing, finishing fifth, despite Fisher coming fourth individually.

In the Music Competition we were fourth again, as last year, the House relied too much on the efforts of Carter, who must be congratulated both on a fine individual performance and on the work he put in with the Junior Choir who also performed well and gained respectable marks.

As I write this report I hear the glorious news that Kirkham House have regained the Gym Cup. Thanks for this effort must go mainly to Hird and Berry who came first and second individually and also took all the team practices.

The other activity this year has been the House Chess Competition in which the House has been doing reasonably well, breaking about even in the matches completed so far. Here the House owes a debt to Shorrocks who, besides organising practices for the team, has also taught quite a number of juniors to play.

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank Mr. Reay and the other House Masters for all they have done for the House this term.

R.F.

Lytham House

House Master: Mr. L. A. REDMAN

Assistant House Masters: Mr. W. J. WEBSTER, Mr. B. F. TAYLOR,
Mr. J. BRADBURY

House Captain: M. S. GRUNDY

House Prefects: J. FISHER, S. HEATH, N. ALLAN, J. PROUDLOVE,
C. TABERNER, L. J. HOULDEN, D. J. ALLISON, A. J. BLAKEY

Much was expected from the Junior rugby side in their first round confrontation against Fylde House. We had size, weight and skill in several members of the side. Even so in the early part of the first half Fylde scored several tries to the dismay of Lytham House, and towards the latter part of the first half the team began to play good fluent rugby, scoring twice. The second half went much the same way as the first, early pressure by Fylde then last minute efforts by the Lytham House team. Even so they were very unfortunate to be on the wrong end of a 10-8 scoreline. Special mention must be given to the captain Cotgreave, Hyde, Tate and Abraham.

The seniors, unlike the juniors, lacked skillful players and missed S. D. Heath for his drive and enthusiasm. However, against a strong School House side, some good tactical play and some excellent kicking by N. G. Allan kept the score line down to 8-6 in favour of School House at half-time. The team maintained its defensive tactics and held School House in the second half until the loss of the captain N. Allan, and the final score was 38-6 in favour of School House.

The House Chess team, under the leadership of M. S. Grundy, has not lived up to its expectations. Lack of enthusiasm by only one or two seniors may have been the cause, but it is difficult to pin point the exact reason, for the poor results. The House results to date are:- played two, drawn one, lost one. At present the score against Kirkham House is 10-6 in favour of Kirkham.

In the Senior Cross Country competition the House was placed third behind two very strong teams, Preston and Fylde. Congratulations must go to Clifton who finished 6th overall and Taberner who finished 7th.

In the Junior Cross Country we at last managed to vacate last place, and finished in fourth place. Congratulations to Wilson, who ran very well to finish in 6th place.

In the House Music competition we were placed 3rd overall, and the House quartet was selected to play in the music concert. In this competition one cannot help feeling that, just a little more practice might well have been enough to carry off the Cup.

The last competition to be held this term was the Gymnastics, in which we were placed 3rd overall. Excellent performances were made by S. Heath and N. G. Allan who finished fourth equal.

There have, this term, been some marked improvements in the results of the House over last year, and I only hope that this will lead to a revival of Lytham House as a major competitor for all trophies in the years to come.

M.S.G.

Preston House

House Master: Mr. T. JACKMAN

Assistant House Masters: Mr. J. CATTERALL, Mr. R. M. CLARKSON

House Captain: S. R. BEAVEN

House Prefects: M. A. AINSWORTH, T. R. BALL, N. L. HART, D. J. MORTIMORE, K. SWEETMORE, G. K. TAYLOR

Preston House finished last school year with rather mixed fortunes; of the many summer activities, the athletics and the debating proved to be our most successful.

Both in the athletics standards competition, in which we were placed second, and on sports day when we were again first, the House showed great enthusiasm. Those athletics gaining places for Preston House are too numerous to mention, but those gaining first places were Hutton (junior 400 and 800 metres), McGregor (intermediate triple jump and 800 metres), Wright (intermediate javelin and discus), Bramwell (senior 800 metres), Russell and Beaven (senior 1500 metres) and of course Martindale (senior shot, long jump, 100 and 200 metres). Special congratulations must go to Martindale for his performances, especially for winning the long jump again, an event he has won every year while he has been at the school.

In the debating competition, Dalley and Sykes talked their way into the final, where they opposed the motion that "The way up is the way down" which was being proposed by School House. Unfortunately, the decision, though close, went School House's way: Mr. Sutcliffe pointed out that support for the main speakers in the form of speeches from the floor is of great value in interhouse debates.

In both senior and junior cricket competitions, we were dismissed by Kirkham House: the juniors were beaten by ten wickets, but the seniors facing a strong Kirkham House side did very well in losing by a mere sixteen runs. Similarly in the tennis, the team was eliminated by Ashton House in the first round.

The House teams in the swimming and shooting competitions did not fare too well, being placed sixth and fifth respectively. Hopes are somewhat higher for these competitions this year.

In the work cup, after placings varying from second to fifth throughout the year, we finished third, one place lower than last year. In the chess competition, we won one game, lost one and drew three, to give us equal second place with four other Houses.

This year started well with a victory over Kirkham House in the senior rugby. The score-line gives little indication of the run of play, Kirkham being hard pressed into defence for most of the game, the final score however being only 6 to 4. Fisher R. of Kirkham House insists that his absence from the team cost his side the match, but it is obvious to those who played or watched the game that his presence would have made no difference to the result. In the semi-final of this competition we played Fylde House, who fielded a very good team; those people who played for Preston House in this match should be congratulated for holding the Fylde side to 18 points to nil.

The junior rugby team, after a bye from the first round, met Kirkham House in the semi-final and were beaten by 40 points to 8; however the Preston team was a very young one, and things look bright for next year's competition.

Towards the end of the Winter term, the music and gym competitions were held; the standard in the music was probably lower than in previous years, and in both events we were placed sixth.

However, just a few weeks earlier the junior and senior cross country competitions were held on consecutive days. The juniors unfortunately lost the trophy that we have held for the last four years, coming third; the team was again a very young one, with just one fourth year in it, so things look very promising for the next couple of years. Special attention should be drawn to Williams' fourth place, very creditable for a first year.

The senior cross country was again very easily won by Preston House, with six in the first seventeen, and a final score of 58, an excellent result. Once again two Preston House runners were placed equal first!

I would like to thank the House masters for their support throughout the year, and the House prefects for their assistance in taking practices and selecting teams. Also I would like to wish the best of luck to those boys taking external exams., this summer and to those who will be leaving at the end of this term.

S.R.B.

School House

House Master: Mr. F. W. SAYER

Assistant House Masters: Mr. S. CROOK, Mr. R. WATSON, Mr. T. CAPPER

House Captain: C. A. HAYNES

Vice Captain: O. WHALLEY

Prefects: S. M. AICHISON, M. H. NORTON, T. D. HARRIS

Firstly I must officially welcome Mr. F. W. Sayer to the post of House Master and thank him for the hard work and thought he has put into the House since the beginning of the school year.

Under his guidance the House has done well, winning four out of a possible six cups so far, three of which were won within four days.

Though these successes have been largely due to team-work in the House some individuals do stand out notably Harris (the Lancashire champion) for fencing, Norton for the Music cup and Nelson and Ward in the Junior Cross Country.

The senior rugby is regarded by many as the most important trophy—again the House was successful defeating Fylde in the final, 28-0, the points being scored by Gates (one try), Morgan (one try and several unfortunate side-steps) and myself (three tries). The team as a whole played well though the more senior were outstanding—Smith, Harris, Norton, Aitchison, Rich and Atkinson especially. Ward and Pierce both played well also, Pierce converting four out of five long-range kicks in a strong wind.

Representation on school teams this year has been excellent, all the above have played for either the first or second at some time during the term.

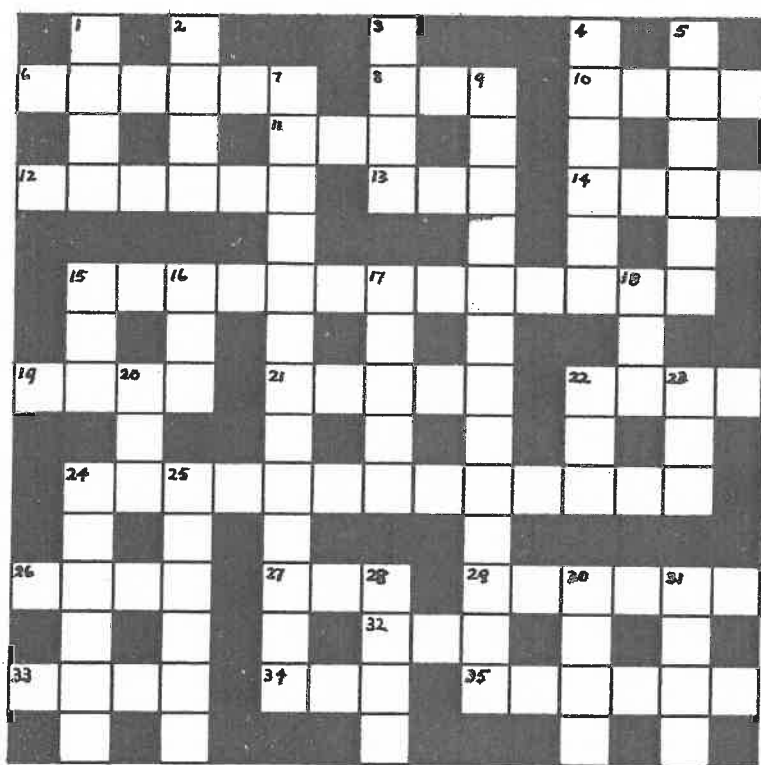
I am pleased to see the House performing so well on the games field, during the school Play and the Easter Fair and to see the steadily improving standard of work. The House looks forward to success in the Gym, Athletics and Debating competitions while the Shooting and Swimming competitions are regarded by many as certainties for the House.

Obviously the House has done very well so far and for this I must thank the prefect body and especially Mr. Sayer and his assistant House masters.

C.A.H.

THE KIRKHAMIAN CROSSWORD

Compiled by W. M. Bramwell (I.VI. mod.)



Solution on page 39

CLUES ACROSS

- 6 The spirit of motoring (6).
- 8 Though bad, it is partly protective (3).
- 10 To some extent the house detective is not new (4).
- 11 Part of the picture is of a river (3).
- 12 Power started by a name of tiny significance (6).
- 13 Soundly thank a black sailor on the road? (3)
- 14 One could go so far as to say flat (4).
- 15 Patriotic confidence in the country parks (8, 5).
- 19 Not only but as well? (4).
- 21 It sounds refreshingly tantalising (5).
- 22 Don't go when support is needed! (4).
- 24 Chilling air in the tavern (6-7).
- 26 Creature with the mark of authority (4).
- 27 The chap to rob in novel form (3).
- 29 Inclined to give shelter (4-2).
- 32 It's on the cards he's a No. 1 pilot (3).
- 33 Return that letter to school (4).
- 34 It is nearly warm but can be cold (3).
- 35 Levels from which a start must be made (6).

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Thrash your opponent around the middle (4).
- 2 Concert played on the seafront? (4).
- 3 Type of work to worry one? (4).
- 4 Book-case for the office (6).
- 5 Takes refuge from the oasis? (8).
- 7 Win resulting from a duel shot at the lottery (4, 2, 3, 4).
- 9 A complete reversal when positioning the furniture (4, 3, 6).
- 15 Absolutely nothing concealed between illusions (3).
- 16 It is also to be seen in the cartoons (3).
- 17 Presents with the prize in a room of sickness (5).
- 18 One short day to take it easy (3).
- 20 Certainly not a part of a red skin's outfit (3).
- 22 To collapse in the passage (3).
- 23 A peculiar talent skilfully exercised (3).
- 24 Just enough wind to disturb the bather (6).
- 25 Ability to cash in on the bible (6).
- 28 Just the threads of a tale (4).
- 30 Take care to come round to the plot (4).
- 31 Centre of art at Easter (4).

SOCIETY REPORTS

Auto Society

Chairman: Mr. D. H. BUTTERWORTH

Secretary: D. J. LAMB

Treasurer: A. J. BLAKEY

Committee: M. T. BURKE, N. G. ALLAN, R. E. ELLIS, B. P. CROWLEY

Since the society's last report the process of obtaining and showing films has become much smoother and more efficient. I must take this opportunity to thank Mr. Webster for his help in this.

The society has a full programme of films to take it up to the start of the 'A' level exams.

We hope to have ordered before the end of the Summer Term a programme of films for showing during the Winter Term.

D.J.L.

Chess Club

Chairman: Mr. J. BRADBURY

Secretary: M. S. GRUNDY

Captain: P. G. DUXBURY

Treasurer: S. M. AITCHISON

Committee: J. FISHER, J. SHORROCK, P. KENNEDY, A. PRICE

The playing of the World Chess Championship this year has, without doubt, boosted the interest of many people in chess. This is illustrated in the increased competition for places in House teams, especially in the junior sections.

However, the school team playing in the Blackpool and Fylde Chess League has yet to field a full strength team. The results in the League reflect this difficulty. To date four matches have been played, two have been lost one was drawn and one won. The introduction of a new knock-out League trophy means that hope is not yet lost, for the talented school team to still acquire a trophy this season.

The inter House competition is progressing slowly, and there will be quite a rush to finish all matches by the end of the year.

The senior and junior competitions are now in the later stages. The vast number of entries this year is also evidence of the influence of World Championships on school play.

M.S.G.

Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. R. J. WATSON

Secretary: J. M. NODDER

Treasurer: C. A. HAYNES

Committee: N. H. MORGAN, R. S. SMITH, A. J. BLAKIE, J. LAMB,
N. SCOTT.

The Debating society is, by tradition, primarily a school activity. This year we are trying to extend our field of activities beyond the limits of the school, so far with only a modicum of success. A request to Elmslie School that they might debate with us was abruptly refused. Undaunted by this insult to our masculinity, we searched for other likely candidates for debating. Through family contacts with the Civil Service we have been able to arrange a fixture for the summer term at Wigan National Insurance Office. The Civil Servants, though inexperienced in the art of debating, are keen to learn from us.

On the home front, we are preparing for the Inter-House Debating competition, and this will take place early in the summer term.

We are hoping for a good, fiery competition, and perhaps this year the rest of the school will be able to give the School House a little opposition in this competition where they annually excel.

Finally, on behalf of all the society officials, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Chairman, Mr. Watson. We hope his sentence with us will prove to be a happy and profitable one. Perhaps he will be able, in his usual insurmountably zealous manner, to inject enthusiasm into those members of this happy institution who still regard debating as a boring, non-event. I sincerely hope that society activities in the summer will prove that their opinion is an unfounded misconception.

J.M.N.

Dramatic Society

Chairman: Mr. J. A. SUTCLIFFE

Treasurer: Mr. G. S. CHEESBROUGH

Secretary: C. HAYNES

Committee: J. NODDER, M. WATKINSON

This year's school play was John Arden's 'The Happy Haven'. Despite being somewhat experimental in character for a school play it was successful nonetheless, enjoyable for both cast and audience. The addition of Olivia Carruthers and Susan Barlow to the cast was a welcome if sometimes distracting one, both girls made an important and talented contribution to the finished product.

THE CAST: "THE HAPPY HAVEN"



Photo by courtesy of "The Lytham St. Annes Express"

As usual the school play was very much a School House affair, the School House providing everything from stage assistants to stars, booking officials to ushers and I'd like to thank the House for their important contributions without which the play could not take place.

Mr. Sutcliffe—producer, prop-scrourer and teamaker must take much of the credit for the play. I'm glad to see he has now almost recovered from the strain of such a production. Perhaps by next year he'll be able to repeat his mammoth task.

I hope the future holds the success that the society has enjoyed in the past and that members of the school as well as the School House will be prepared to help in this event in the future.

C.H.

The Fencing Club

President: Mr. F. W. SAYER

Secretary: T. D. HARRIS

Treasurer: A. ELLIS

Once more the fencing club has had a busy and successful year, with few week-ends passing without some form of fencing taking place. The club has had, however, very few chances to fence locally because of the relatively few schools participating in the sport, but of the eight matches that have been held, has managed to win seven of them, beating Q.E.G.S., Fulwood and Lancaster and Morecambe.

The competition season started with the Blackburn Tournament in which the 'A' team of Harris, Barnes and Haddleton came second, losing only on the final hit to Hyde Grammar School. In November, the Liverpool Novice Tournament was held at the Y.M.C.A. and N. R. Scott was placed third in the finals. Cocker and Haynes reached the semi-finals of this event.

The next major event was the Cheshire Schools' Open Foil and it proved to be a good day for Kirkham fencers. Haddleton was placed first in the Intermediate Section with the third and sixth places going to Morgan and Ellis respectively. Barnes was third in the Senior Section.

Following closely on this was the Lancashire Schools' Foil where Harris was placed first in the final of the Senior Section with Barnes taking the third position. In the same competition, Morgan was placed third in the Junior Section and Haynes was placed fifth.

The most important event in our calendar followed. This was the Section Schoolboys Championships. In these, Barnes was sixth in the Senior Section and Haddleton was third in the Junior Section, securing for himself a place in the National Schoolboy Finals to be held in Sheffield during the Easter holidays.

Our final tournament before going to press was the Lancashire Schools' Open Novice where we sent one representative. He proved to be powerful, if diminutive, and we congratulate McKenna on being placed second in the event and for winning the prize for the best style!

In view of the results above, five K.G.S. boys will represent Lancashire in Inter-County matches this year. They are Harris, Barnes, Haddleton, Morgan and Haynes. As there are five out of the eight county fencers from this school alone, we can feel justifiably proud. (The Chairman of the Lancashire Selection Panel for Schools Fencing is . . . guess who?)

At the Easter Fair, it was decided that we should run an inter-House competition instead of the usual display. School House finally took the honours on aggregate but only after some exciting and forceful fencing and a triple barrage for first place, in which Haddleton (Preston) was first, Harris (School) was second and Barnes (Fylde) was third.

At senior level, the club is very strong but the lack of novices is disturbing and anyone wishing to join the club would be most welcome.

Thanks are due to the many parents who have assisted the club in many ways, to the Friends of K.G.S. for their continuing financial support of the club and finally to Mr. Sayer for giving up so much of his increasingly precious time in coaching us, losing his temper with us and carting us all over the country! It is to him that we owe all our success.

F.R.H.

Geographical Society

Chairman: Mr. W. J. WEBSTER

Secretary: W. M. BRAMWELL

Treasurer: J. A. BLAIE

Committee: S. P. RICH, I. V. GASCOIGNE, P. H. BROWN, C. S. EASY

Since last year the society has been fortunate to get the services of Mr. Webster as Chairman. He has managed to bring renewed interest into the several successful films shown so far this year. A lunch-time quiz had to be abandoned because of the field-trip to Torquay but it is hoped to stage this in the near future. The Christmas Quiz was again a success but we know that many fill in the quiz but do not hand them in. Nevertheless we had many entrants and the prizes went to J. T. Spencer, J. A. Blaikie and D. Manning.

W.M.B.

Music Society

Chairman: Mr. J. CATTERALL

Secretary: D. J. MORTIMORE

Treasurer: G. K. TAYLOR

Committee: P. BAGSHAW, A. J. BEDFORD, I. C. KIRKHAM, S. J. WELLS

The Winter term began with a request for the choir to give a concert at Fairhaven in aid of the church organ fund. The programme, which consisted mainly of items from last year's concert included a performance of Herbert Chappell's 'Daniel Jazz' admirably sung by the trebles and the 'Stone Wall' for choir and audience participation by Malcolm Williamson.

This was followed by the Blackpool Music Festival where the trebles singing 'A wet sheet and a flowing sea' and 'Clang clang clang' defeated last year's winners to win the cup.

The choir's next concert took place at St. Annes Parish Church where they performed a similar programme, raising £10 in all for the 6th form project.

The term was then rounded off by the choir's annual contribution to the Carol Service where in addition to many traditional carols the choir performed Walton's 'All this time', and 'Sir Christemas' both of which were admirably accompanied by our organist for the day, Mr. Murray. Our thanks must go to him and also to Read who gave the service a fine start with his solo in 'Once in Royal David's City'.

The Easter term's activities began with the music competition which was adjudicated this year by the headmaster of St. Michael's Primary School in Kirkham, Mr. Lohan, whose adjudication was as follows:

1 School	240	4 Kirkham	210
2 Ashton	230	5 Fylde	205
3 Lytham	215	6 Preston	175

The best items from this competition went with the school's orchestra, choir and madrigal group to make up the Easter Fair Concert which this year ran for two nights.

Notable items from the concert included a fine performance of the 'Jonah Man Jazz' by the trebles, a collection of songs by the school choir and perhaps the highlight of the night, a performance of 'Knight in shining armour', a piece for choir and audience participation by Malcolm Williamson accompanied by Mr. Watkins. The audience, divided into knights and robbers performed magnificently, after which a final rendering of 'Rule Britannia' brought the concert to a rousing finish.

D.J.M.

Natural History Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. BAINES

Secretary: D. C. BOYS

Treasurer: A. J. BEDFORD

Committee: C. BEDFORD, W. BEDFORD, R. L. BLEASDALE, A. H. GRAY, I. P. HALL, D. JACKMAN

At our A.G.M. last July we elected our officials for 1972-73 and said thank you and goodbye to several of our retiring officers and members notably the retiring Secretary G. W. H. Rybicki (now reading Ophthalmic Optics at Aston University). We then got down to planning the next 3 terms' events which are now nearing completion. It was decided that the whole programme this academic year should revolve round the idea of Nature Trails.

About 40 members on each occasion have seen the films 'The Kingfisher', 'Learning by Discovery', 'Natures Strangest Animals', 'Shadows of Progress' and 'The Rival World' (the latter with the Geographical Society). Unfortunately less than 10 people on each occasion heard illustrated talks on 'Conservation in England' (by I. P. Hall, 4X), 'Biological Bugging Devices' (by A.R.B.) and 'Biological Snaps' (by F.W.S.). Most of this was valuable background for our main theme to which we devoted 6 'Forays' and 4 planning meetings along with the whole of the Summer term meetings to plot Nature Trails in and around the School Grounds.

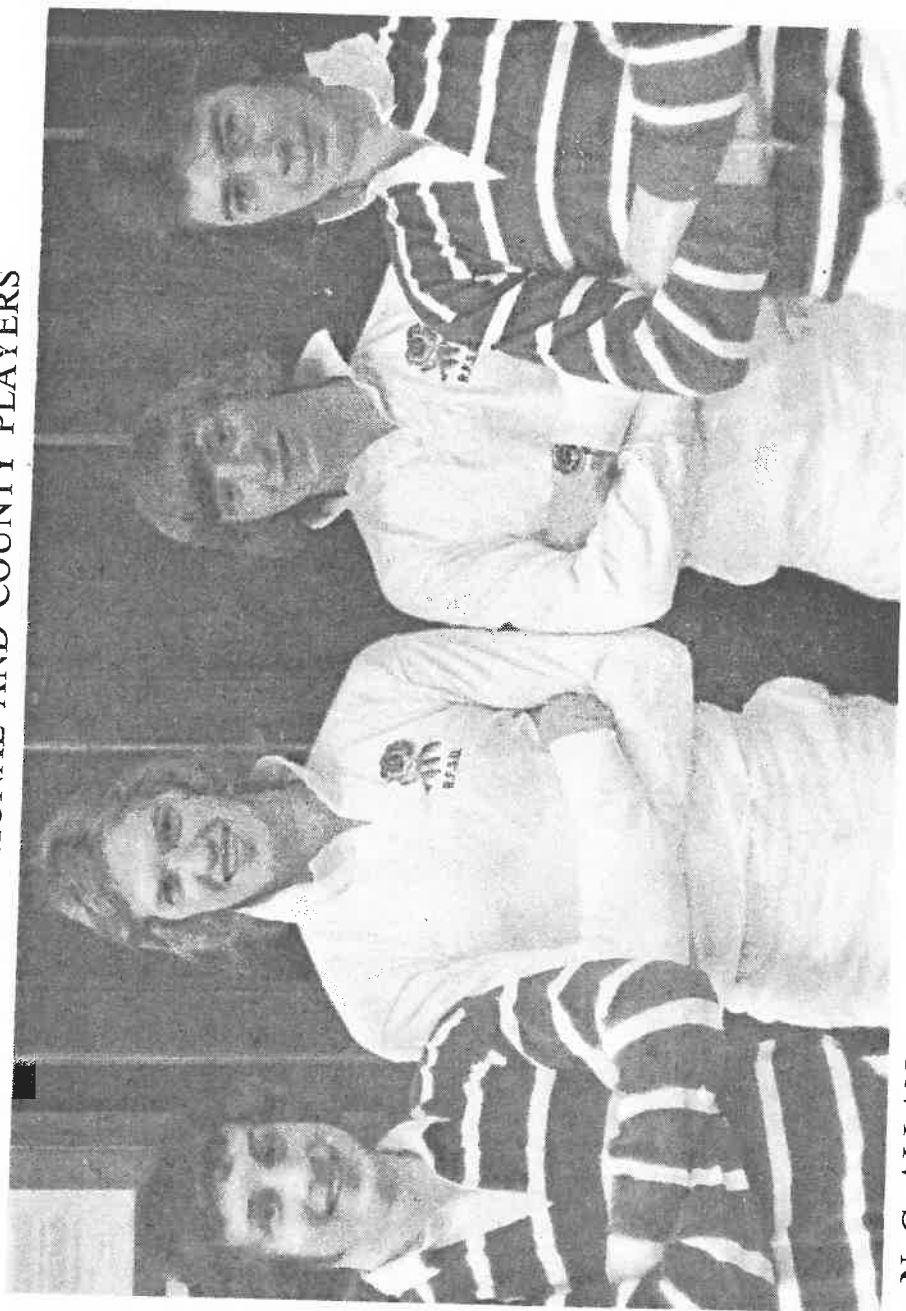
The Society organised 3 exhibitions on 'Biological Gear'; Books for Natural History and Biology (hints on how to spend Christmas book tokens) and at the Easter Fair in March our exhibition theme was 'Fresh Water Biology'. Along with the Scientific Society exhibition, also held in the Norwood Block, £22 was taken at the door that day for the G.S.C. funds.

Our Easter Competition was a flop—no one entered it! The ideas—to design a dust jacket for a Natural History or Biology book or to design a 'symbol' for our Society—can be used again. The prizes were awarded in a Nature Trail Quiz instead when 16 members visited the Birkacre Valley (nr. Chorley) on April 4th 1973.

Finally members have helped to administer the school's 'Plant a Tree in 73' effort, the planting of sponsored trees provided by the Forestry Commission in the School Grounds. The sponsors were staff, pupils, old boys and 'friends' of the school, the money for the 6th form project. Senior members have attended external lectures at Balshaws G.S. (Prof. P. W. Sheppard on 'Natural Selection and Evolution') and Preston Polytechnic (Old Boy Dr. Alan Clift, Senior Biologist at Euston Forensic Science Lab., on 'Forensic Science—Some Aspects').

Just before our next A.G.M. thanks to our Treasurer for finding the solution to keep us solvent; to our very inventive publicist (A. N. Gray 5X) and to our hardworking and efficient Secretary (sine qua non—almost!) who has also been the projectionist for all our films in Room II (for which space we are also grateful). Thanks to yourselves too for your interest. We hope that it will continue into another full and varied year as this has surely been. A.R.B.

INTERNATIONAL AND COUNTY PLAYERS



N. G. ALLAN
Travelling Reserve
Lancs. U. 19 XV

C. R. R. HUGHES
England and Lancs
U. 19 XV

T. S. K. AITCHISON
England and Lancs
U. 19 XV

N. MORGAN
Lancs.
U. 19 XV

SCHOOL SPORTS

Rugby 1972-73

1st XV P.26 W.17 D.2 L.7 F.507 A.307

After a very slow start to the season, when injury and misfortune depleted the XV, the 1st team, having lost five of the first 6 games, began to improve. A 32-6 win over King's School Macclesfield, one of the new fixtures during the season, started a winning run and the team lost only two more games since then, once to Wade Deacon G.S. and then in the Final of the Waterloo Schools' K.O. competition.

This competition aroused great interest both locally and nationally—we even had a mention in the 'Times'. Defeat in the final was a great blow to our pride as we should have won in spite of the absence of Hughes and Aitchison. However, Dennis playing at full-back, Lambert at No. 8 (happily restored to fitness) and Wright who took over at stand off, played outstandingly in their places.

This competition and the inclusion of two of our players in the England U.19 team greatly enhanced the reputation of the school outside Lancashire—no other school in England had two representatives at international level, and this from a small school. Keith Aitchison and Clive Hughes fully deserve their international caps and we are all very proud of them. In addition to the internationals these two also played for the Lancashire U.19 XV where they were joined by Morgan, who played one game, and N. Allan who had the 'misfortune' to be travelling reserve for all the county games and never played!

During the last six weeks of the season, the team was often deprived of the services of Aitchison, Hughes, Allan and Morgan and team spirit, a desire to win, and a willingness to move up or down from 1st to 2nd XV developed a strong pool of players, and we played players almost on a 'rota' basis towards the end of the season, indeed in one match whilst only three regular 1st XV players, Stevens, Loxham and Harris were in the side, all but two of the others had played in the 1st XV at some time. This depth of experience and ability should be the makings of next season's team.

2nd XV P.18 W.7 D.1 L.10 F.341 A.314

Potentially this was one of the best 2nd XV's we have had in the school. The pack was capable of holding the 1st team and almost all the backs had spells of 1st team rugby. In fact, only the half backs Hird and McGregor had never played in a full 1st XV. The season was, however, a very hard one for them, and games against Myerscough College, and Blackpool Technical College taxed them severely.

The lack of success was due in part to the strength of their fixture list, and by the constant demands made upon them by 1st XV calls, and the balance of the team was often upset. Their enthusiasm for the game remained a bright feature and even when called upon at the last moment to play in 'the big games' at Waterloo, players such as Dennis, Price, Allison and Wilmot never let the side down, nor did they raise objections to playing on Sundays after last minute calls. The spirit shown by the 2nd XV this season can only do good for the school rugby, and I hope that next seasons teams will enjoy success and derive as much pleasure from their games as have this year's 1st and 2nd XV's.

COLOURS

Re-Award Full Colours:

T. S. K. Aitchison, C. R. R. Hughes, N. G. Allan.

New Award Full Colours:

D. C. Stevens, S. J. Berry, N. H. Morgan, N. L. Hart, D. Lambert, O. Whalley.

New Award Half Colours:

P. H. Wright, A. A. Woodward, J. Bellamy, L. J. Dennis, A. K. Jenkinson, T. D. Harris, D. S. Loxham, S. A. S. Green, D. W. Jenkins.

U.15 P.12 W.7 D.1 L.4

Taken as a whole the season has been reasonably successful but the team has played its best rugby in the second term.

The team was capable of playing good rugby from the start of the season but much good play would be spoilt by silly mistakes. Games were lost at the start of the season because of these mistakes.

They were often made because of a lack of understanding of the game. This did not matter provided the ball was being played from a set piece but once in broken play when given the ball in an unexpected situation a mistake would often be made. The other main reason for these failures was a lack of cover in depth caused by the back row running too flat across the field. As the season has progressed the team as a whole has gained an understanding of the game and the back row has given more cover by running deeper resulting in an elimination of these mistakes.

The team has always been willing to train hard and this has been the main reason for its improvement.

Duckworth has been a potential match winner on the wing even if his handling is unsure. Dickinson and Bamber have been reliable centres while the half backs have always played soundly. Palmer has developed into an outstanding hooker and was desparately unlucky not to gain a county cap, while Downs, Easy, Blaymires and Ward have been the outstanding members of a much improved pack.

7-a-Side Competitions

This season has seen a massive increase in the number of 7's competitions we have entered, and in the majority of them the Senior teams have established a fine reputation, although the only trophies for the season are an U.16 team winners shield in the Colne and Nelson R.U.F.C. competition, a losing finalists trophy in the Southport R.U.F.C. U.17 sevens, and the Losers Competition Plate in the Manchester G.S. sevens.

The Senior team has suffered in the big competitions of this term as neither Aitchison or Hughes have been available; they have however had much success.

Edgehill T.C.C.	—Finalists
Manchester G.S.	—Winners (1st Round Losers Plate)
Manchester University	—Semi-Finalists (K.G.S. 0 : Blackpool 6)
Birkenhead Park R.F.C.	—Semi-Finalists (K.G.S. 0 : St. Edwards 22)
Fylde R.U.F.C.	—Quarter Finalists
Hipperholme 7's	—Quarter Finalists

Teams from: Aitchison, Hughes, Allan, Berry, Lambert, Jenkinson Woodward, Bellamy, Hart, Wright.

U.17's

Southport R.U.F.C.	—Finalists K.G.S. 18 : Wade Deacon 20
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Team: Lambert (Capt.), Woodward, Wright, Bellamy, Dennis, Jenkinson, Price, Worthington.

U.16's

Colne & Nelson R.U.F.C.—**Winners**

Team: Bellamy (Capt.), Ward, Collins, Pierce, Green, Blaikie, Wood, Bamber, Dickinson.

The U.15 teams were rarely successful and the basic problem lay in lack of real speed, and so in spite of good technique they have rarely been able to take their chances. The U.14's played one competition at Stonyhurst College, where they beat Rossall, but a fixture confusion caused them to play too close games together in which they lost. They did, however, show great promise for next year.

Junior House Rugby Final

Fylde v. Kirkham

By tradition, the Junior House rugby final is always a match that produces fine, hard rugby; being the climax of an embittered com-

petition. This particular match was no exception to the rule, and indeed proved what talented rugby players and team spirit exist in the junior end of K.G.S.

Fylde played for twelve minutes or so with only fourteen men, yet right from the kick off they put pressure on Kirkham House—who were by no means a weak team. The Fylde forwards aggressively penetrated the Kirkham half of the field, their attacks repelled only by the long kicks produced by Harris from the Kirkham backs. It was Harris, too, who led the infrequent runs into the Fylde half. However, the wingers and brave full back for Fylde House, Jones, were able to prevent any scoring.

Eventually the ever-active Fylde scrum-half, Schofield, was well rewarded with a fine try, which, converted, gave a 6 : 0 lead. Before half-time, a penalty kick taken by Harris gave Kirkham House their only three points.

During the second half the Fylde House forwards and half-backs found little resistance from a weak Kirkham pack. However, Savile, at second row, put in a lot of effort for the losing side, and should be given credit for this. The play became tougher as the game wore on and Ross of Kirkham House fractured his collar bone and was consequently forced to retire from the game. A strong forward rush led by the persistent Wakefield enabled Morrison to score for Fylde House. The kick was converted by A. Kirkham, to make the score 12 : 3. Another try, scored by Leyland, the result of a similar attack by the forwards, was also converted to bring the score to 18 : 3. There was one more try, unconverted, before the final whistle. This was Rigby's try, so that the ultimate score was 22 : 3.

To sum up, the superiority of the Fylde House forwards must be emphasised. The prop forwards, Wakefield and Appleby, often worked hard to rip the ball from loose rucks. Harris, at wing forward, was useful here, and besides gained many yards for his team with strong running. Schofield, of Fylde House, had an outstanding game at scrum half. His elusive speed and agility often enabled him to leave opponents squirming in the mud. Before the onslaught of this talented and obviously well-trained team, even the strong Kirkham House side had to falter. It was a deserved victory.

J.M.N.

Harriers

This season the Harriers have had mixed success. Unfortunately one of our key runners suffered from injuries in the early part of the season and this accounted for some of our defeats.

We have two excellent front runners in Bramwell and Beaven, ably backed up by Taylor, Clifton and Taberner and in the latter part of the season by Ulyett whom we hope will be a good prospect for the future. Webb, Roberts, Balmer and Bagshaw have also run well throughout the season.

Thanks must of course go to Mr. Clarkson who has encouraged the team by turning out in his track suit regularly.

Results are as follows:

Ran	Won	Ind.	Lost
12	5	3	3

In the Inter-Schools Race we came 6th against very strong opposition but we have hopes for the future with a relatively young side.

This Term we also ran the Inter-Home Cross Countrys. In the juniors Redgrave of Fylde House came first, School House winning the cup, two of their runners, Ward and Nelson coming second equal. In the seniors Beaven and Bramwell came 1st equal for Preston House who won the cup.

This year there is a re-award of full colours to S. R. Beaven, and a new award of full colours to S. P. Rich. There is also a new award of half colours to Bramwell, Clifton, Webb, Taylor, Ulyett, Taberner and Balmer.

Inter-House Gymnastics

Places

1st—Kirkham; 2nd—Ashton,; 3rd—Lytham; 4th—Fylde; 5th—School; 6th—Preston.

Once again the competition proved most successful and most competitors reached a high level of performance. Much of the praise must go to the House captains who trained their teams during the term to gain such good results. Some of the individual agilities which we saw were of a very high standard, and included some difficult activities.

This year the form of the competition was changed and instead of Senior and Junior teams the Houses were asked to produce one team of five. It is to the credit of the juniors that in the individual placings four of the first ten places were taken by boys of fifteen and under.

Individual Placings

1st	M. Hird	126 pts
2nd	S. J. Berry	120 pts
3rd	A. Whiteside	118 pts
4th	—S. D. Heath	115 pts
	—N. G. Allan	115 pts
6th	M. Gardner	109 pts

Athletics 1972

During 1972 the senior athletics' team had only a moderately successful season coming only fifth in the Inter-Grammar School sports.

The main reason for this was that the team was comprised of only a few athletes because of a lack of depth of talent in the senior school. This meant that a few talented athletes had to shoulder all the responsibility which resulted in a lowering of their performances.

Pigott and Hughes did very well in the field events but Martindale and Aitchison had to undertake too many track events. Pigott won the senior inter-grammar school discus while Hughes was first in the javelin at the Lancashire Championships. There is however hope for the future.

The under fifteen were unbeaten in fourteen matches and were joint champions at the inter-grammar school sports. Wright, Collins and Bellamy all achieved first places, Collins breaking the record in the hundred metre hurdles. All three also achieved five star awards in the A.A.A. award scheme.

The under fourteen and under thirteen came second at the junior inter-grammar school sports, Duckworth, Blaymire and Whiteside gaining first places. Duckworth also gained a five star award.

It is hoped that in 1973 much of this promise will be fulfilled through serious and conscientious practice.

P.W.

Cricket 1972

The school teams have once again had a most successful season. For the second time in two years the 1st XI lost only one match, to King Edward's, Lytham, and that on a day more suited to rugby than cricket. The poor weather was, unfortunately, a characteristic of the season, and this meant a lack of good batting pitches, the only surface on which a true comparison of cricketing ability can be made. However all the games were most interesting and highly competitive.

Berry again topped the averages, closely followed by Fisher and Jenkins. Fine performances also came from Loxham, Hird and Reeder. The standard of fielding and bowling was also high and this facet of our game was often praised by opposing schools.

The 2nd XI, although inconsistent, played well, winning a majority of their games. Grundy, Kennedy, Tyldesley and White formed the backbone of the side and were continually pressing for places in the first team.

The Under-14s XI had a mixed season. They showed great enthusiasm, but, as is common with junior sides, little patience. The craft of steadily building an innings must be fostered in these young players then perhaps better results will follow. Fisher D., and Downs were the stalwarts of the side and finished the season with the best figures.

So, all seems good for cricket at K.G.S., and we can look forward to yet another successful season in 1973.

D.W.J.

Swimming 1972

The school saw little success in this year's swimming season. The only competition we entered was the Inter-Grammar, held at Derby Baths, Blackpool. The Juniors had a disappointing performance, since they had the potential to win, but merely gained 4th place. Gerrard gave a creditable performance, and came 2nd in the 50 yards, the Freestyle and the Butterfly, and was placed 3rd in the Breast stroke.

The seniors did very well in the competition, and were narrowly beaten into third place. Once again, the School House provided us with the top swimmers. S. M. Aitchison gained 2nd place in the 50 yards Freestyle after leading up to the last yard. Norton was placed 2nd in the 50 yards Butterfly and 3rd in the Breast stroke. R. S. Smith came 2nd in the 50 yards Back stroke and 3rd in the 200 yards Freestyle.

The Senior Squadron was a team dominated by School House swimmers. Consisting of Haynes, Smith, Aitchison and Hall, it was placed a creditable 3rd. The final positions for the competition were as follows:

Juniors		Seniors	
1	Arnold	1	Blackpool
2	Blackpool	2	Lancaster
3	Lancaster	3	KIRKHAM
4	KIRKHAM	4	Arnold
5	St. Joseph	5	Hutton
6	Hutton	6	St. Joseph

The Inter-House Competition was again won by the School House. They provided a remarkably fine number of swimmers, with very strong Senior and Intermediate teams.

Since no one out of last years school team has left, this year's swimming season promises to be a successful one.

R.S.S.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS

6—Petrol; 8—Rot; 10—Used; 11—Ure; 12—Atomic; 13—Tar; 14—Even; 15—National Trust; 19—Also; 21—Tease; 22—Stay; 24—Bitter draught; 25—Seal; 27—Roy; 29—Lean-to; 32—Ace; 33—Eton; 34—War; 35—Strata.

DOWN

1—Belt; 2—Prom; 3—Fret; 4—Bureau; 5—Desert; 7—Luck of the draw; 9—Turn the tables; 15—Nil; 16—Too; 17—Award; 18—Sat; 20—Ski; 22—Sag; 23—Art; 24—Breath; 25—Talent; 28—Yarn; 30—Acre; 31—Tate.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND TRIPS

The School Play

'The Happy Haven'

It isn't easy to put over a relatively unknown production to a School Play audience, people are so suspicious of the arts these days. But as it happened John Arden's 'The Happy Haven' could almost have been written for such an occasion. After the introductory monologue it zipped along at a cracking pace with no lack of comic situations and wit, uncovering some interesting characterisations and complex inter-relationships. Indeed the skill of the five patients in creating these, perhaps concealed the fact that the basic plot was a somewhat weak one.

The outstanding performance was probably that of Olivia Caruthers as Mrs. Letouzei, whose face changed so markedly in her dealings with each of her colleagues, that it could almost have been four different actresses. Particularly good were her confrontations with the failed Mr. Crape, a droll pessimist played by J. M. Nodder who added some delightful mannerisms to the part, giving it a true depth. C. A. Haynes as the brash aristocrat Mr. Hardrader and Susan Barlow as the simple Mrs. Phineus were especially good in their sadder moments and T. J. Oliver made an auspicious stage debut as the rather more fragile Mr. Golightly.

In the supporting roles D. J. Lamb carried off the silent role of Orderly Robinson with a Chaplinesque use of mime, though I thought M. J. Watkinson in the most difficult part of Dr. Copperthwaite didn't quite come over as the extrovert his visions suggested he was. The other actors all showed up well, particularly in the awkward times when they were out of the centre stage action, and they will all have gained valuable stage experience. D. A. Price produced a wonderfully co-ordinated series of pet sounds; let's hope he comes out of his backstage retreat for next year, and the make-up notably of the mayoral party at the end was really excellent, Mr. La Rue please note.

Overall a thoroughly enjoyable production from Mr. J. A. Sutcliffe who must have lost sleep and sweated bucket fulls at times, but who eventually must have been delighted with his cast, his staff and his audiences.

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Carol Service 1972

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols this year achieved notable heights in music and readings, under the respective directorships of Messrs. Catterall and Wood. The choir was the best I have personally heard during my time at the school, and as usual the lessons were delivered with a resonance and zeal such that everybody present was able to understand the message of Christmas that they contain.

As a congregation of priests, parents, preceptors and pupils we sang traditional favourites, along with a number of carols which are

more rarely included. For myself, I particularly enjoyed 'The First Noel' in which the choir contributed a descant, and Franz Gruber's beautiful 'Silent Night'.

The choir itself gave memorable renderings of some very old carols, and the treble section in particular was outstanding. 'All this time', which dates back to the 16th Century, and 'Sir Christemas' from the 14th Century were both examples of how old carols may be given a new interpretation by a good choir. 'Tres Magi De Gentibus', one of Mr. Crook's favourites no doubt, was another lovely carol. The church organ, of course, was the instrumental backbone of these carols, played with no mean dexterity by Mr. J. Murray.

In the lesson reading section of the service, the school once more produced fine readers. They clearly understood what they were reading, and consequently were able to give expressive prolations from the Bible to the congregation. In this respect, for me at least, they clearly overshadowed the performances of our guest readers, who tended to speak in more of an indistinct monotone.

The overall impression I was left with was that the quality of the Carol Service is on an upsurge, and I think that all who were present will agree that this was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

J. M. NODDER (L.VI.m)

The Easter Fair Concert 1973

Variety was again a noticeable ingredient of this year's Concert, or rather this year's Concerts, for there were two performances to enable boys and more parents to attend. A few comments on the more important highlights will have to suffice in an evening which gave great pleasure.

Mr. Webster made an accomplished debut as compere in place of the indisposed Mr. Wood, but his sureness was eclipsed by the performance of M. Norton, who entertained the audience with his skill on guitar and trumpet, and with his sojourns to the rear of the stage for liquid refreshment during short pauses in the score. It was a pity that one or two of the other performers lacked this, though problems of nervousness can be appreciated. R. M. Bagshaw on the clarinet handled his items with skill that a person of much greater years would be proud. The Lytham House ensemble played pieces very reminiscent of the background music to BBC 'Tudor' productions, if with not quite the same technical perfection. Other items included piano solos, a lower sixth contemporary group, choirs and folk groups, notably a fine rendering of 'Wimowey' and a Tijuana brass group.

The school choir and madrigal group performed to their usual high standard, particularly the trebles, and the whole concert was another success. All credit to all those who took part, especially Mr. Catterall. An item not to be missed next year.

B. P. CROWLEY, Pref.

Field Trip to Devon—L.VI

Armed with notebooks and geological hammers the Lower 6th party set off in two minibuses under the guidance of Messrs. Webster and Watson. Three hours and two tyre changes later the party actually got out of the school grounds only to break down again outside Kirkham and at Bristol.

Mr. Webster, with his 'wide experience of driving buses' managed to get to Torquay in time for our evening meal. The hotel was very good with very tolerant owners, a games room and, most popular of all, a 24 hour bar!

Next day we invaded Torquay and Exeter to discover the wonders of the 'Central Business District' although Scratch (Hitchen) seemed otherwise attracted by the bargain buys of certain shops and was eager to come again. On Saturday disaster struck on the way to investigate Dartmoor's geology. To relieve further embarrassment to Mr. Watson it needs only to be said that one mini-van, not two, were used for almost the rest of the week and he walked with a distinct limp. The trip to Dartmoor was abandoned, and, after visiting the local police station, we were let loose in Newton Abbott where 'Nook' hung around for a while over the river—held by one leg!

Torquay's night-life was good, but 'not full of the Carolyn Moores of this world', as Mr. Watson would say. Everybody enjoyed themselves and by twelve everyone was trickling back to the minibus, especially Simon Roberts.

With the sunny weather the whole party was fairly tanned, although Joe Clifton had the sobering prospect of a future tan to come. Sunday was devoted to studying land utilisation in the Dawlish or Starcross valleys.

On Monday we caught up on missed time by visiting a very misty Dartmoor, before inviting a public scandal by informing the populous of Totnes of a future American Air Base in their town. The rest of the week was occupied by studying the Torquay coastal land farms, a visit to Dawlish Warren and a study of a local village.

Dave Holland celebrated his birthday, lucky fellow, on the last night with an unfortunate accidental trip fully clothed into a bath full of cold water. The journey home soon passed with rousing choruses of 'Gypsy Queen' and Mr. Webster dispelling all rumours that he was the 'Second Messiah' despite grunts of disbelief. Several members of the group were exhausted with the amount of work and only recovered after half-term as may have been regretfully noticed at school.

All members of the 6th form would like to thank all the masters concerned for a most educational and enjoyable week and hope that next year a similar venture will be possible.

W. M. BRAMWELL (L.6M)

REPORT

C.C.F.

Army Section

C.S.M.: R. FISHER

S. Sgt.: S. R. BEAVEN

Sgts.: J. FISHER, ALLISON, DUXBURY, SWEETMORE, AINSWORTH

Cpls.: BERRY, LOXHAM, PIGOTT

L. Cpls.: STRONG, NODDER, RICH, HARRIS, ATKINSON, HOULDES-
WORTH, WORTHINGTON, SMITH, PRICE, JENKINS, HITCHEN,
BROWN, BOYS, BOWSER, FISHER I., FIELDING, IRELAND,
VAUGHAN, WILMOT

Just after the last report was written the Annual Inspection took place. The Inspecting Officer, Col. D. E. Gibbs, seemed to enjoy his day at Kirkham, which started with the inspection of the Guards of Honour which were turned out well and whose rifle drill was of a very high standard, and then the march past, which this year was done in line and was carried out accurately and well.

As usual the Inspecting Officer was impressed by the training programme presented for him and in his report he congratulated both officers and NCO's on their knowledge and skill in instruction and the cadets on their enthusiasm and smartness.

This year the weekly activities of the contingent have gone well and the anxieties due to the small number of sergeants have been dismissed thanks to the keenness of the Lower Sixth, large numbers of whom have proved themselves able instructors.

Fewer members of the fifth year this year passed proficiency than is usual and although it is true that certain boys did not make the effort on the day, it is fair to point out that the standard set this year from the Cadet Training Team was higher than ever before.

Field Days this year have provided a great range of activities including overnights for fourth and fifth years, rock climbing, shooting and walking and it gives me great pleasure to write that both of this year's field days have been blessed with perfect weather and that transport difficulties have been less apparent than in recent years.

Finally I would like to thank all officers and NCO's for the work they have done to make it a successful year for the C.C.F.

Summer Camp 1972—Brecon

This camp had a lot to live up to as the camp at Brecon in 1969 had been one of the most successful ever. The record number of cadets who attended the camp were not disappointed. The weather was marvellous and the food even better, which are the two main criteria for every camp. The only thing which spoilt the camp was

the rather vigorous riot-training exercises which the regular paratroopers were engaged in, and which tended to involve any cadet or officer wandering about the camp after curfew-time no matter how urgent the errand.

The activities were much the same as on any Summer camp, but these were made more enjoyable by the excellent weather and the suitability of the area for this type of training. The juniors had a very varied programme consisting of a walk in the Brecons, a map-reading exercise, canoeing and an overnight with night exercise. The activities for the seniors were an option of a three-day walking exercise or a four-day canoeing and walking exercise.

The only cadet who gained less than maximum enjoyment from this camp was one E. R. Lea who spent the latter part of it in hospital nursing his grumbling appendix. The camp in general was most enjoyable and the programme ensured that there was as little time wasted during the day as possible.

Easter Camp 1973—Cairngorms

The camp almost got off to a disastrous start on the Friday night when only Captain Butterworth's alertness prevented us from missing the train at Preston. However, we arrived on time at Aviemore and set off on the six mile walk to the Norwegian Hostel in Glenmore which was to be our home for the next week. When we eventually got into the hut we found it exceeded our wildest dreams, as it was spacious, clean and warm. The only thing which marred the occasion was the lack of snow, however this was remedied when we awoke the next morning to find a six-inch fall. Everybody was delighted at this except Beaven who feared for his safety in the drifts, so we agreed that he should at all times wear a brightly-coloured hat so that if he was to fall into a drift he would be clearly visible.

The activities of the week proceeded smoothly, with four days skiing being possible for those who wanted it, and then two days walking to finish with. The skiing, though enjoyable at any time, was made even more so by the good-humoured and friendliness of our instructor, who did his best to persuade Mr. Reay to let us have an extra day on skis.

The night life was better than ever before at an Easter Camp, thanks to the brilliant idea of taking a Table Tennis table with us, and Duxbury must be congratulated on winning the Aviemore Closed Championship, despite Sid's attempts to talk him out of the final. Two films were also seen although the opinion was generally held that Rock Hudson was a trifle below his best.

Everybody seemed to think that this was the best Easter camp ever, and thanks must go mainly to Mr. Reay and Mr. Butterworth for the work they put into organising the camp and making it run so smoothly and also to Mr. Clarkson whose late-night talk-ins gave us a great deal of amusement.

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R.A.F. Section

Officers: F/Lt. CHEESBROUGH, F/O. BROWN

N.C.O's SGT. AITCHISON, SGT. BLAKEY, SGT. HEATH, SGT. HIRD,
CPL. ALLEN, CPL. BURKE, CPL. COOPER, CPL. CROWLEY,
CPL. GRUNDY, CPL. HOLLAND, CPL. HOULDEN

First of all I would like to say how much the R.A.F. section misses the wit and guidance of Mr. R. T. Bentley, who retired at the end of the summer term last year.

Despite this loss and with the help of our two remaining officers F/Lt. Cheesbrough and F/O Brown, the section has managed to continue in its activities under the new syllabus.

The section is now the largest it has ever been, having ninety six cadets, leaving a lot of work for the hard working N.C.O's?

A new overnight camp has been affiliated to the section because R.A.F. Lindholme has finally closed down leaving behind happy memories of cold showers and Sergeant Zimmermann. The new station, R.A.F. Church Fenton, in Yorkshire, is a flying training school which is equipped with Chipmunks. Our Air Experience Flights are only supposed to be from R.A.F. Woodvale but F/Lt. Cheesbrough, with a natter and a few pints in the officers mess has been able to get a few cadets flying at Church Fenton. The station has a well equipped gym.

R.A.F. Camp this Easter is at R.A.F. Abingdon where they have a parachute training school. Parachute jumps without parachutes are being arranged for the more boisterous members of the section.

Also this Easter we have been given six gliding places at R.A.F. Cosford, possibly due to the good performance of Cpl. Burke and Cdt. Kennedy who obtained advanced gliding certificates and Cdt. Bedford who obtained a proficiency gliding certificate when they went on a course there last summer holidays.

Sgt. Heath and Cdt. Dennis have also obtained their proficiency gliding certificates.

Sgt. Blakey went on a Flying Scholarship this summer, and Cpl. Burke has been recommended for one.

Next term we have the examination results and the inspection in which I am sure we will be able to match up to our performance in previous years.

S.M.A.

Easter Camp at R.A.F. Abingdon

On arrival at Oxford Station Sgt. 'Teddy' Heath was informed by a member of the Black Watch that he should have changed his railway warrant at Kirkham Station; the ticket collector, however, was very amenable and obliged by changing it for him. After the dubious comforts of British Railways everyone was relieved by a ride

in the luxurious R.A.F. Abingdon N.A.A.F.I. bus. At the end of our journey we were shown our billets and quickly settled in.

The evening's programme consisted of a drawn out speech by the camp commandant who introduced us to U.K.M.A.M.S. and T.A.T.E.

The rest of the evening was spent at the 'Ordinary Bit' of the Airmen's Club.

On Thursday morning our contingent and the one from Wellingborough went to R.A.F. Brize Norton for flying in a V.C.10. Unfortunately only a few cadets had a flight in a V.C.10 but the others flew in a Belfast.

During the day Corporal Norman 'Brains' Allen and 'Muttley' Bellamy arrived lowering the tone of the camp somewhat.

Friday saw the first event in the great flag raising saga. Corporal Kennedy managed to raise the flag to about two thirds of the way up the flag pole, where it remained as a memorial of worse things to follow.

In the morning everybody went shooting and everyone including Cadet Upward, who ceased to be a pacifist for a couple of hours, enjoyed themselves.

Friday afternoon brought the highlight of the week so far, a visit to R.A.F. Hullavingdon a 70 mile journey no less, and all to see a parachute being packed. The Wiltshire yokels seemed, however, to have a peculiar habit. As soon as we arrived they all downed tools and disappeared, only reappearing a half hour later. When at work it seemed that Jacky Stewart had secured a part-time job running over cadets with a fork-lift truck. A moral was learned from this day, two hours in a N.A.A.F.I. bus playing 'I spy with my little eye' is not recommended. (47 verses of Allouette are much better).

Saturday was a free day and cadets were allowed to go where they pleased. The only minor accident of the day was caused by cadet (that cockney again) who contracted some unknown disease in Abingdon. He was escorted back to the billets where he collapsed into a mild coma on his bed. He, realising that his presence was anti-social, duly retired to the ablutions where he spent the night.

On Sunday morning after the usual greasy breakfast some cadets went to Church whilst others recovered from Saturday night. Up 'till now the food had been of rather poor quality and Sunday lunch proved no exception to the normal run of the mill meals. Another feature which had slightly marred the camp was the lack of a well planned timetable which included organised games.

The afternoon was spent on an inspiring walk around the local countryside.

R.A.F. Abingdon is a parachute training station and on Monday morning we visited the Parachute Training School. All cadets jumped from a Fan exit trainer. This was a nasty looking device

supposedly mounted thirty feet above the ground (we suspect it was nearer 60). Flying Officer Brown refused to jump however saying it was much too windy. In the afternoon all cadets went to Weston on the Green for a flight in a Wessex helicopter—F/O Brown included. At night everybody went on a most enjoyable night exercise to Weston on the Green.

The most notable event of the day (cherished in all our memories) was the flag-raising ceremony performed by Spiny Norm. After much fumbling the flag was finally raised upside down and the flight collapsed in fits of laughter. Norm unperturbed stood to attention while F/O Brown, who was parading his tonsils, saluted.

Tuesday was a day in which to recuperate. Our cockney friend however insisted on playing with a can of Gillette foam and managing to get it all over himself. He was running around in the corridor when a sudden gust of wind into the billets forced him back to bed curtailing the night's activities.

Finally on Wednesday, 11th April, 21 tired cadets returned home after an extremely jovial, if not completely successful camp.

D. R. BOOTLE
J. R. Warburton

PROFILE No. 33



Mr. S. CRANE (1936-1973)

A two line paragraph in the Kirkhamian of 37 years ago announced that 'Mr. S. Crane, B.A., joined the staff in September 1936 and succeeded Mr. Saunders as House Master of the School House'.

This was the quiet start to an association which has lasted for over 30 years.

When Mr. Crane joined K.G.S. as a Junior Master he had to teach English, French, Latin, History, R.I., Woodwork, P.E. and Games. He continued his sporting activities, which had started with his playing rugby and cricket for Birmingham University and playing for Richmond R.C., with Lancashire's Preston Grasshoppers and Fylde. He was also interested in school games, and a later issue of the magazine reports that he 'signalled his first appearance at the Present Staff versus Past by scoring 66 not out by good cricket and taking 4 for 32.

The war then intervened and Mr. Crane joined the navy, was soon commissioned and saw service in the far east.

He rejoined K.G.S. in 1946 and was appointed to the post of Games Master in 1948. Apart from rugby and cricket he was especially interested in athletics. Knowing his pride in the achievement of the school in this field two boys once conspired with the groundsman to set up three world records by making the course forty yards shorter than it should have been!

In 1955 he left the School House when he moved to Dowbridge and joined Kirkham House. In 1963 he handed over the supervision of the games department to Mr. Worth and in 1966 he was appointed Deputy Headmaster. It is in this role that many of the more recent members of the school will remember him; one or two villains, perhaps, with less affection. But even they would have to admit that he has always retained a fairness and consistency which has done justice to his post.

His organisational skill has added impetus to many ventures: the Tuck Shop and 6th Form Centre springing to mind.

Mr. Crane has given much to the school, but also feels that it has given much to him, and that the quality of a school depends to a great extent on its pupils. He believes in the dictum that one gets out of things what one puts in.

In retirement he will continue to live at Dowbridge, to fish, play golf and bridge, and to take pleasure in offering hospitality to the many generations of boys that he has known: he has ideas for travel and charitable work. We wish him well.

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Current Affairs

7th Southern Dinner (Oxford)

Once again we thank Eric Sidebottom for organising a splendid Dinner at St. Edmunds Hall. Some 34 members attended. Especially welcome was Headmaster Malcom Summerlee returning to his old haunts.

Important Dates Ahead

A.G.M. DINNER FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 1973

This will take place at The Lantern Lytham and our principal speakers will be Bill Rishton and Hugh Edwards.

The Rugby Match will take place at the school the following day.
ANNUAL DANCE FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY 1974

Social Secretary Peter Hosker has arranged for this to be a Dinner Dance at the changed venue of The St. Ives Hotel in St. Annes. By reverting to a dinner dance function we hope to encourage more members to attend.

Sidney Crane Retirement

Tribute to Sidney has already been made in my previous newsletter and he is the subject of the profile in this issue. Old Boys responded magnificently to my appeal for generous donations to mark his

retirement and so far the fund totals some £180. A collection of this size is unprecedented and Sidney wishes to convey to Old Boys his heartfelt thanks. It must be emphasised that all monies collected will be donated by Sidney Crane to the VIth Form project the fund for which is still short of target. We are keeping open the appeal for donations to mark the retirement of 'S. C.' We hope that we can reach a figure of £250 before we close it. Please send your donations to our treasurer or myself.

Cups

The Headmaster arrived at a Committee meeting recently bearing gifts or so we thought! His parcel turned out to be a collection of seven Sports Cups all dated around the turn of the Century. They were heavily tarnished and Arthur Baines took upon himself the task of cleaning them and they will now grace any cup cupboard or display cabinet. They are not valued highly by dealers but to Old Boys they may be worth a lot. To give everyone opportunity to purchase a cup we are auctioning them at the Dinner in September. Old Boys not able to attend can send written bids through the post to me and I will act for them at the Dinner.

Strange Times No. 4

The editorial in the 4th K.G.S. Chronicle (July 1923)—the official publication of the K.G.S. O.B. Association—claimed that, with a waiting list of 162 (including 3 Life Members, Governors, Staff and the name of this author's Primary School Headmaster namely Percy Billington of Kirkham Council School as it was called in those days), the Association could justify claim to be 'established'.

The magazine contained the usual accounts of school and Old Boy functions (after all, the former body didn't have its own organ yet!) namely Sports (athletics, cricket, shooting, swimming and soccer), Prize Day, A.G.M. and dinner, Whist Drive and News of Old Boys section. 'It is very difficult to obtain detailed information for this column which we recognise is very incomplete' comments the Editor about the Old Boys news. However, 3 more names had been included in the list of those to be put onto the New War Memorial (to commemorate 1914-18 War Dead) so information was coming through. A photograph of the completed memorial appears on page 21.

The Association's sporting life was flourishing. The Old Boys Race (over 220 yds) on Sports Day was won by R. S. Crozier. The Old Boys Cricket XI defeated School by 16 runs thus gaining some revenge for their defeat on the soccer field 1-4 on November 22nd prior to the A.G.M. and Dinner (held in the School Hall). There is on p. 12-13 a most interesting letter from Gordon C. Wilson (1916-20) of Fulwood in which he suggests that 'It would be beneficial to the School to take up Rugby Football' He goes on to give 3 reasons but 'were space available, I could further advance the advisability of such a change' he writes.

The A.G.M. and Dinner were held at the School. At the meeting 1. The War Memorial Fund Account was closed. 2. The subscription for Life Members was fixed at £4 (the Association year ended on October 31st; the Annual Sub was 5/-; the O.B. tie was 4/- and post free!). 60 members were at the Dinner in the School (House) Dining Hall. After the loyal toast came toasts to 'The School', 'The Association', 'The Governors, Masters (Past and Present)' and 'Absent Friends'. Many letters and messages from members unable to attend were read (yes the information was coming in in response to the Editors appeal to 'keep in touch'). After dinner entertainment was provided by Messrs Kirkham and Grant from Preston by Mr. Budden (Violin solos—S.C. please note!) and by Mr. J. H. Crook (Recitation).

The 'News of Old Boys' section had 2 entries of note: 1. P. D. Mitton was in India and had just passed second in the qualifying examination of the Bombay and Baroda Railway thus achieving a permanent appointment. 2. Miss K. M. Budden (1916-20) was reported as 'devoting herself to the missionary field in India where she was teaching under the auspices of the S.P.G.' Miss Budden had had 2 years preparatory training before going to India.

Another Association event was a Whist Drive on January 3rd 1923 held in the 'School Assembly Hall' and attended by 48 people with Messrs Turner, Winchester and Myles winning the prizes.

Finally, Prize Day 1922 took place in the School Assembly Hall on July 26th. The Chairman of the Governors (Rev. W. T. Mitton) presided and Lord Stanley distributed the prizes. The Headmaster (Rev. Cresswell Strange) reported that 'the School had undergone a thorough inspection by the Board of Education', the first since 1911 when there were 64 boys (cp.178 at this inspection). The Headmaster also referred to the new Memorials to the late Headmaster (Rev. T. C. Walton, M.A.) and to the Old Boys who had died in the 1914-18 War. He went on to underline the importance of Sport 'in the training of the Sound Englishman', K.G.S. sportsmen being 'marked by good sportsmanship' and having 'the spirit which plays for the side and not for self'. He also 'alluded to the good work being done by the Agricultural Class' and expressed regret that Mr. G. T. R. Harding was leaving the School. Mr. Harding's successor, history was to prove, would also get good work from the Agricultural Class and be the kind of sportsman which the Headmaster was particularly proud to have connected with K.G.S. Mr. Harding's successor was Mr. Bernard Stevenson (1922-60), of the Harper Adams Agricultural College, 'who held the National Diploma of Agriculture, and possessed practical knowledge of farming'.

A.R.B.

News of Old Boys

Many Old Boys say that the most vital part of our newsletters is this particular section. Modesty perhaps inhibits members from letting us have news about themselves but contemporaries and others are always interested in such news. Please help us to make this section interesting with stories of the careers, happenings and progress of Old Boys.

R. BENTLEY (1950-1972)

We see that Bob Bentley is not idle in retirement. He got the local headlines recently by winning the Amateur Swimming Association bronze medal—he couldn't swim a stroke some 5 months before.

S. BURY, M.A. (1922-1929)

Mr. Bury wrote recently telling us of his retirement from the headmastership of Brookfield—Lancashires first Comprehensive School. He recalled those days at K.G.S. when the boys totalled 150. It was a strong games school in his day. He referred to the dominating influence of Cresswell Strange whom he claims influenced the change over from soccer (1925). The staff were much devoted to the welfare of the boys and they gave up a lot of their own time to games activities. The School then had much more of an independent status. The VIth form together totalled less than a dozen people. Science was given little importance.

J. B. HOWELLS (1947-1952)

Jim Howells retires in August after 36 years of teaching. He will have plenty to do. Apart from his continuing support of our activities he will pursue his hobbies of cricket (chairman of selectors, Wrea Green), gardening and piano playing.

R. HULL (1949-1954)

Praised for his direction and conception in the Preston Cecilian Choral Societies recent performance of Verdi's Requiem was Robert Hull who also conducted in the local fifth Tarleton School Musical Festival. He is now a lecturer in music at the C.F. Mott College of Education in Liverpool.

M. HURST (1963-1970)

Mark has recently spent 6 weeks in Northern Norway with a research team working on the glacier Tunsborgal. The work involved botanical and geomorphological investigation into glacier retreat and a large scale topographical survey of the area. He hopes to graduate in geography this summer.

C. P. S. JONES (1955-1962)

After getting an Hons degree in Chemical Engineering Mr. Jones joined Honeywell on computer work. He is now a control engineer with I.C.I. organics Division at Huddersfield. He is married with two children.

J. G. LEECE (1947-1954)

Formerly of School and Lytham Houses Geoffrey now practises medicine at 59 Warren Road, Orpington, Kent.

W. F. RISHTON

Bill who is to propose the toast 'The School' at the Annual Dinner this year is hard at work as boss of the Trustee Savings Bank's head office in Preston. We hope that he may liberally dispense money as well as nostalgia when he addresses us in September.

I. G. McCONDICHIE (1962-1969)

We congratulate Ian on his recent marriage to Hazel Rathbone at St. Ambrose Church, Widnes. We hope that they enjoyed their honeymoon in Majorca. We wish them every success in the future. Ian and his wife are school teachers.

E. THOMPSON (1945-1952)

Major Edward Thompson C.D., M.B., F.R.C.P.(C) is a consultant physician at the National Defence Medical Centre in Ottawa. In recent correspondence I asked him to elaborate on his career development. He replied:

'I have been in the Canadian Armed Forces since 1960, having obtained my M.B. Ch.B. degrees at Edinburgh in 1958. I served in several posts ashore and at sea before returning to Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia for 4 years post-graduate training in internal medicine. This I completed in 1971 and in 1972 I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Later that year I was elected to membership in the American College of Physicians.

In 1973 I received the Canadian Forces Decoration and at present am consultant physician at the National Defence Medical Centre in Ottawa. I am also a lecturer in medicine at the University of Ottawa'.

Edward invites any Old Boy going to Ontario to contact him there.

N. SWIFT

Prominent in local cricket affairs is Norman Swift. He is now club chairman of Kirkham and Wesham Club. He is ably supported by J. Ball President and other Old Boys including our Treasurer Robert Kirby.

N. WHITTAKER (1967-1972)

Well done Nigel—the only first year student out of 150 entries to win a prize in a Dutch dairy competition at Blackpool 'Tech'. He won a silver medal for his dish 'Coudarols'—a fishy cheese!

G. SEED

We hear that Geoffrey is now living at Cabus, Garstang. He is an engineer with the Lancashire River Board.

MEMBERS' LETTER

by F. Sutcliffe 1913-1918

There must be many people around whose memories of the halcyon days of K.G.S. go nearer to 1900 than mine, (1913-1918), but, Paul Schweikher was still Chemistry Master, followed by (W. L.?) Lewis who became Scoutmaster of the 1st K.G.S. troop, of which I was a member. 'Piggy' Whitelock was Classics Master until he rejoined the R.A.F. and became second-in-Command of Uxbridge R.A.F. Station. The 'Home Guard' in those days drilled on the school playground on Saturday afternoons, their ranks swelled by one or two Senior Red Feather scouts (e.g. J. Samson) and one or two members of staff, including F. E. B. Wanstall, who taught Classics for a while. I afterwards met him at Cambridge where he was coaching. Other staff between 1913 and 18 were C. V. Gilbertson-Pritchard, Miss Johnson, who was Betty Walton's governess, Cresswell Strange (1915), before he was Headmaster, J. B. Coates, W. L. Budden (after Miss Budden, Miss Watkins and Miss Stephens and Miss Ashford), W. Davies, W. T. Simmonds, W. C. Duckworth.

We had sports' half-days about once a fortnight in those halcyon days. The date of my name on the Victor Ludorum Cup is 1918, which was the only souvenir of the event. My first award for being placed in a sports event was a certificate stating (1915) that I was 3rd in the Sack Race, and that the prize money had been given to the Serbian Refugee's Fund.

After evacuation in 1940 from Jersey I joined the staff of Arnold School (1940-46) and was given the job of taking most of the teams which went to K.G.S. to do battle in continuation of the old rivalry'.

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Since the last report we have held the Annual Garden Party in June which was reasonably successful despite the fact that we picked the coldest Saturday of the Summer. There was a social evening to welcome new parents in September and Whist and Domino Drives in October and January. These were well attended despite bad weather for the January event. There was also a Family Evening in February during which we enjoyed a Beatle Drive in the first half and a film show in the second.

The Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Fernlea Hotel, St. Annes in November, when Mr. and Mrs. Bentley were our guests of honour.

The Samlesbury Hall Supper Dance was once again a resounding success, with all the tickets being sold and all who attended appeared to have an enjoyable evening.

Jumble Sales are proving to be good fund raisers. One was held last Autumn and another one is due in May.

The Garden Party is to be given a face-lift this year and will incorporate an 'It's a Knockout' type of competition between the school houses as well as several new stalls and side-shows. The event will take place on 7th July, so please come along.

We look forward to your continued support for all our activities during the coming year and thank you for your generosity.

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