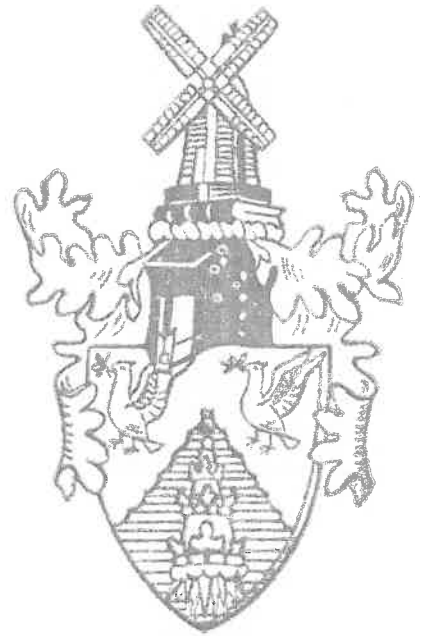


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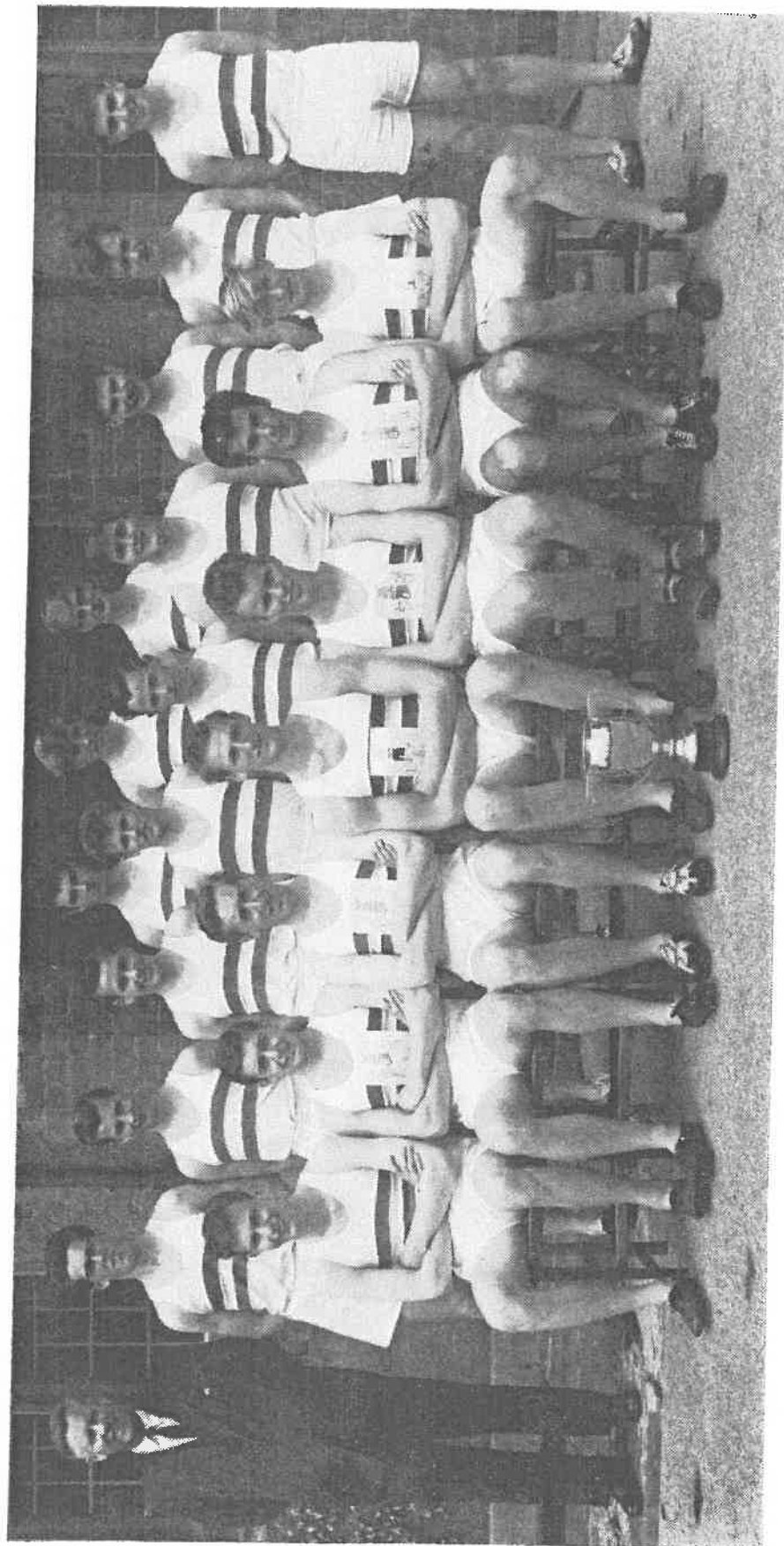
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# KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM.

Rear Row (left to right): C. J. Gardner, J. G. Brownbill, D. Colbourn.

Middle Row, (left to right): Mr. S. Crane, J. Myers, D. Moore, M. Kirkham, M. Hobbs, M. Gunn, G. Ibbison, B. Lewis, G. Nightingale, S. Cartmell.

Front Row (left to right): J. Morgan, J. Harrison, R. Helm, J. Montgomery, P. Whitehead, F. Lay, D. Brownbill.

## *Editorial*

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Editor: J. G. Morgan.

Committee: G. R. Moores, A. D. Kirby,  
P. S. Allison.

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Once again another school year has come to an end. As we look back over the achievements of the past three terms, we realize just how encouraging a year this one has been, and how much the results of the past promise even better things to come for the future. We have had success both on the sports field and in the academic sphere. Our Athletics team has reached unprecedented heights, and three of our senior boys have gained places at Oxford or Cambridge. Wherever we look, K.G.S. continues to flourish, and in each department there has been marked progress and improvement. A school such as this is based on its tradition, and we must never forget that it is up to us to continually better that tradition. We as members of the school must always strive to raise our standards and make the school even better for those who follow after us. This year we have achieved just that.

We also hope that 'The Kirkhamian' will be a true reflection of the life of the school, and that as the school improves, so will its magazine. We once again call the attention of the school to the fact that it is only they who can bring about this improvement, and that all contributions will be gratefully received.

Finally, we should like to send all our best wishes to W. J. Harvey, starting in his new life at Oxford, and express our gratitude for all the hard work he put in as Editor of this magazine. We hope we shall maintain the high standard he set whilst a member of this committee.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines: The Arnoldian, The Poultonian, The Rossallian, Queen Mary's School Magazine, The Georgian, The Veseyan, The Dove.

# Ashton House

House Master: Mr. H. B. Wilson.

Assistant House Masters: Mr. T. Jackman, Mr. G. Cheeseborough.

House Captain: J. Dewhurst.

House Prefects: I.D. Ascroft, M. C. McCreath, P. M. Whitehead.

The house started rather badly this term with a heavy defeat in the junior Rugby by a much stronger and far more competent Kirkham House team. However the team lacked only valuable experience and should prove a very formidable one in the future.

Once again in the music competition we proved our outstanding superiority by winning the trophy for the fifth time in the history of the competition. An excellent rendering of "The Policeman's Song" from "The Pirates of Penzance" by B. T. Lewis was well supported by a piano solo by Clark and the mass choir. Thanks must go to Cross who undertook to train the choir after Harvey's ill-timed exeat at Christmas.

The chess team under the captaincy of Evans has had an extremely successful season, remaining unshaken throughout. We took this trophy for the first time in its history from School House who finished in second place, 12 points behind. Evans and Cross deserve worthy mention, being unbeaten in all their games. Both are members of the school chess team.

In the gym cup we lie second place behind the all-too-often-victorious School House. The majority of points has come from the seniors and intermediates, and one must feel that with better support from the junior section, we should stand a chance of winning.

Although we finished in third place in the inter-house cross-country, we were by no means disgraced by our runners. Indeed, we were honoured to have the first man home in B. T. Lewis, the captain of the team. Worrall, one of the youngest members of the team, ran excellently, and should be able to repeat Lewis's performance in future seasons.

The Athletics this season has been well below standard and lack of accumulation of points prior to Sports Day resulted in us finishing fifth. Practices were very poorly attended and a certain section of the house seemed lacking in any house spirit whatever. However things look bright for the future as we have an outstanding intermediate section who performed magnificently on the day. P. E. Clark deserves special mention, taking more places in the competition than the rest of the house put together.

In the debating competition we have reached the final, having scored victories over the Preston and Lytham houses. In the final we meet School House, and it is to be hoped that the speakers receive the support they did in the qualifying rounds.



We received byes to the semi-finals of both the Junior and Senior Cricket, and it is hoped that the Senior XI **do not** repeat the performances of past teams, who, although always being the best team on paper, seem to fail dismally on the day.

In the Work Cup we are just holding second place behind Kirkham House, and an all-out effort is required if we are to narrow the gap between first and second places.

J.D.



## Fylde House

House Master: Mr. B. Coates.

Assistant House Masters: Mr. D. H. Butterworth, Mr. I. J. Kremer.

House Captain: J. G. Brownbill.

House Prefects: R. H. Helm, G. W. Ibbison, T. P. Wallbank,  
J. G. Worden.

The theme of this report is the more satisfying progress of the Fylde House during the past 6 months. But first things first. The Junior Rugby team was defeated by the eventual trophy-winning team of the School House, and due to the forced absence of the main speaker, the Debating pair could not quite hold the same house in the Debating competition. Further was our disappointment when the Cross-Country team finished fifth overall but there was some consolation with P. A. Richards taking third place in the race.

Our efforts in the pursuit of success in more intellectual and academic spheres have, as yet shown little return. The chess team, — never constant in composition, — is faring indifferently at the moment, as in fact it has done all season. It did, however, manage to obtain a draw with School House, which is worthy of mention. Third position in the Music Cup was a very creditable performance. We have nothing to say about our continued repose at the bottom of the list of Houses in the Work Cup other than that there must be an irresponsible majority in the lower school section of the House which has permanently adopted an apathetic outlook towards learning.

Now a significant change occurs. For the second successive year and for the fourth time in five years, the Fylde House has won the Athletic Sports trophy — and by a considerable margin.

Finally we come to cricket, that yeoman English activity. The Junior XI defeated the Preston House by 6 wickets with contributions of 39 not out from A. Hall and 7 wickets for 13 runs from J. Severn. At the same time it was apparent that the fielding was extremely shoddy. In the Senior XI competition this House has obtained a reputation for novelty and in demoniac fashion we contrived to tie with the Lytham XI, 53 runs each. In the replay

we scraped home with 4 feeble runs to spare. The best individual performance was that of Marshall who took 14 wickets for 23 runs overall. Informed opinion implied that the batting was never better than bad and if we are to further our interest in the competition we must rectify this.

This report may seem encouraging in part but the success is due very largely to a few talented people most of whom will be leaving at the end of the year. We can only form the opinion that there are certain people in the House who are weak both in bodily strength and mental capacity, and what is more important, who are doing nothing whatsoever to better themselves. It is disturbing to find that these people are not in a minority.

Our hopes of respectable placings in the Shooting and Swimming competitions remain very high and high respectively.

J.G.B.



## Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. H. J. Reay.

Assistant House Masters: Mr. L. A. Redman, Mr. A. Baldwin.

House Captain: P. J. Cresswell.

House Prefects: R. A. Irving, D. K. Jackson.

At the commencement of the Easter Term, the house was pleased to hear that Shearman, its captain, had gained a place at Cambridge University, and now that he has left we extend our best wishes to him.

On the games field there have been few surprises, the house doing well when it was expected to, but not excelling in the other events. One notable exception was the Junior Rugby competition in which the house was just beaten in the final by School, but only after a most exciting game which went into extra time, the final score being 6—9.

In the Music Festival, despite the efforts of our valiant jazz group, the house was narrowly defeated, but we hasten to add that we were beaten by quantity, not quality. In the Work Cup we still hold our convincing lead, which I am sure will be reinforced by the Internal and External examination results.

In the Swimming Cup it is very cheering that only one person in the seniors has not swum the full six lengths, and if the juniors emulate this achievement we should have little trouble in winning the actual competition.

Unhappily the victorious chess team of last year has not quite regained its former glory, but a 20—4 win against Lytham House has done much to raise the team's morale, and let us hope that next year sees the re-birth of the all-conquering Kirkham House chess team.

Lastly, we wish all those leaving this year, and especially those in charge of various house activities, every success, and hope that they have benefitted from their sojourn in the Kirkham House as much as we have benefitted from their endeavours.

P.J.C.



## Lytham House

House Master: Mr. C. K. Lee.

Assistant House Masters: Mr. R. T. Bentley, Mr. J. L. Verity,  
Mr. J. Murray.

House Captain: R. Walmsley.

Vice-Captain: T. J. Huss.

House Prefects: D. A. Colburn, C. A. Mugridge, P. S. Allison,  
A. S. Gaffney, D. W. H. Walton, I. A. Walton.

Since the last report the optimism prophesied for the Senior Rugby Team has been amply fulfilled. After beating Ashton House by five points to nil the team met School House in the final. In a very hard but clean match the team won 6 points to 3, the two excellent tries being scored by Cartmells and Ross. This was a very memorable occasion, the first time the House has won the Senior Rugby Shield.

Unfortunately, the very young Junior team was unable to emulate the example set by the Seniors and lost to Kirkham House by 14 points to nil.

In the Debating Competition the House was represented by Huss T. J. and Allison. However, the motion "Men and Women should have an equal place in Society" was defeated and Ashton House went forward to the next round.

The House has also had little success in the Chess Competition. After a draw with Fylde House the chess team relapsed into their old ways and in the next match suffered a heavy defeat from Kirkham House.

However, in all the other competitions the results have been reasonably good. The House was placed fourth in the Music Competition — the items were a piano duet by Ross and Glasson, a singing duet by the Whittingham twins, and two songs rendered by the Junior choir.

In the Cross-country Race the House was again fourth. All the team made a good effort and Colbourn D. must be especially congratulated for finishing second.

Before Sports Day the House was bottom on standard points but on the Day the team was outstanding and we finished in fourth place. The team had positions in 20 of the 34 events, 7 of which were first places, and Bailey broke the record for the intermediate hurdles.

In the Senior Cricket Competition the House played Fylde who batted first and scored 53. In reply we had scored 53 when Walton I. A., trying to finish the game in style, was caught at deep square leg. In the replay Fylde House won by the narrow margin of four runs. Snape was the outstanding bowler, taking 7 wickets for 24 runs in the first game, and 4 wickets for 5 runs in the second.

It is hoped that the House, in the remaining competitions, will improve and come higher than fourth.

R.W.



## Preston House

House Master: Mr. S. Crane.

Assistant House Master: Mr. I. W. McKerrow.

House Captain: G. Parkinson.

House Prefects: P. Cookson, R. O. Maddock, J. F. Harrison.

Since the last House report, the Preston House has carried off the Cross-Country Cup. This was won in fine style by 18 points, Preston's six scorers totalling 58. Congratulations to Cookson, Evans, Benson, Lindley, Chrystall, Nightingdale, Berry and Brown, who comprised the team.

In the Junior Rugby competition the House went down by 12 points to nil to a more experienced School House team.

The House did extremely well to come a very good third in the Athletics Sports. Injuries disrupted our chances, yet only Fylde House, the eventual winners, scored more points on Sports Day. Harrison and Nash were the outstanding athletes with five firsts and two seconds between them.

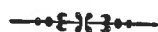
The House has in the past had a tradition for being inspired with bat and ball, but this year both Senior and Junior cricket teams failed to survive the preliminary rounds. The Seniors bowled School House out for 104 but the batting crumbled and at one stage the score was 20 for 7. Simmonds (29) and Hague (20) had an excellent stand of 48 for the eighth wicket and the final score was 70. The Juniors after scoring 54, of which Worrall made 32, were beaten by six wickets by Fylde House.

Away from the Sporting Field the House has not had great success. The Debating Trophy was lost in the first round after the closest debate the competition has known, and the House came a disappointing sixth in the Musical Festival.

The Chess team has won its last two matches by margins of 16—8 against Kirkham and 18—6 against Fylde. We are now in third position. The Work Cup chart now shows us in second position thanks to an extremely good performance in the "Mock" exams.

Our only hope for further success would appear to be the Work Cup, for the legacy left from last year in the Swimming and Shooting competitions is two last positions. However the great thing is not so much to win as to take part, and the House has certainly taken part with enthusiasm and determination, which are firm foundations for the future.

G.P.



## School House

House Master: Mr. R. A. Knowles.

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

House Captain: J Montgomery.

House Prefects: B. R. J. Walters, J. G. Morgan, W. H. Owen.

Since the last report the House has been involved in several competitions. In them all the House has put up some very worthy performances.

For the third successive year the Juniors won the House Rugby Competition. They always played together as a team, with their forwards, enthusiastically led by F. G. Rigby, always moving about the field dangerously as "a pack." In reaching the final, playing Fylde and Preston, they scored 33 points without reply. The final against a strong Kirkham House team proved to be an exciting game, with the score standing at 6—6 at full time. It was the superior fitness of the team that led to victory in extra time, Harrop L. scoring the vital try. The Senior Team also took part in a very exciting final, one of the best seen for a number of years, but they had to bow to an efficient Lytham team, who ran out 6—3 winners. However, the team showed that, given the chance, they were capable of playing some good, clean, open rugby.

Once again in the Inter-House Cross-Country Race we finished in second place, this year to Preston House. The team trained and ran well, and look promising for future years. H. M. Gunn and J. B. Johnson are to be congratulated on running for the School Harriers this year. Thanks to the efforts of every member of the House, Sports Day saw us leading on standard points. The team itself did extremely well in coming second to Fylde House. M. H. Gunn ran a fine race in the Senior Mile, managing to break the five-minute barrier, a feat rarely achieved at K.G.S. Creditable performances also came from J. G. Morgan, J. Montgomery, and C. Ball.

Our disappointing position of fifth in the Musical Festival was poor reward for the amount of work put in by the House musicians under the patient supervision of Walters. The need for a good pianist was painfully obvious. At the time of writing

we lie third in the Work Cup Competition, but the G.C.E. candidates have still to make their final efforts, and we are hoping to improve on this position in the final reckoning. Although most of the House deserve praise for their efforts, there are a few who could do much better if they really tried.

In the debating competition we are through to the final after having beaten Fylde and Kirkham. We look forward to an interesting final at the end of term. In the Sixth Form Public Speaking Competition we have J. G. Morgan and G. Leaney in the final, and we wish them both the best of luck.

Both the Senior and Junior cricket teams have won their way to the semi-finals of their respective competitions. Individual mention must be made of F. G. Rigby, who played in both matches and by watchful batting scored 30 runs for the Senior Team in their defeat of Preston House, and 40 for the Juniors in their match against Kirkham House. The Senior team does not intend to slip up as it did in the Rugby Competition, and with practice the Cricket Shield could once again be ours. The House has been well-represented in the School Athletic's team as well as in the Cricket Teams. W. H. Owen (1st XI), J. N. S. Jones (2nd XI) and R. B. Brown (U14's) have been very efficient and conscientious scorers this season.

We offer our congratulations to Ashton House, on just beating us to the Chess cup, but we are determined not to let the gym or swimming cup slip from our grasp.

The year has seen us finishing in second place in more than one competition, and although this may seem satisfactory to other houses, it is not good enough for us. It is up to those returning next year to give all they have, both in the classroom and on the playing field, and so make certain that "The House" remains dominant in future years. "Hours of toil bring moments of triumph."

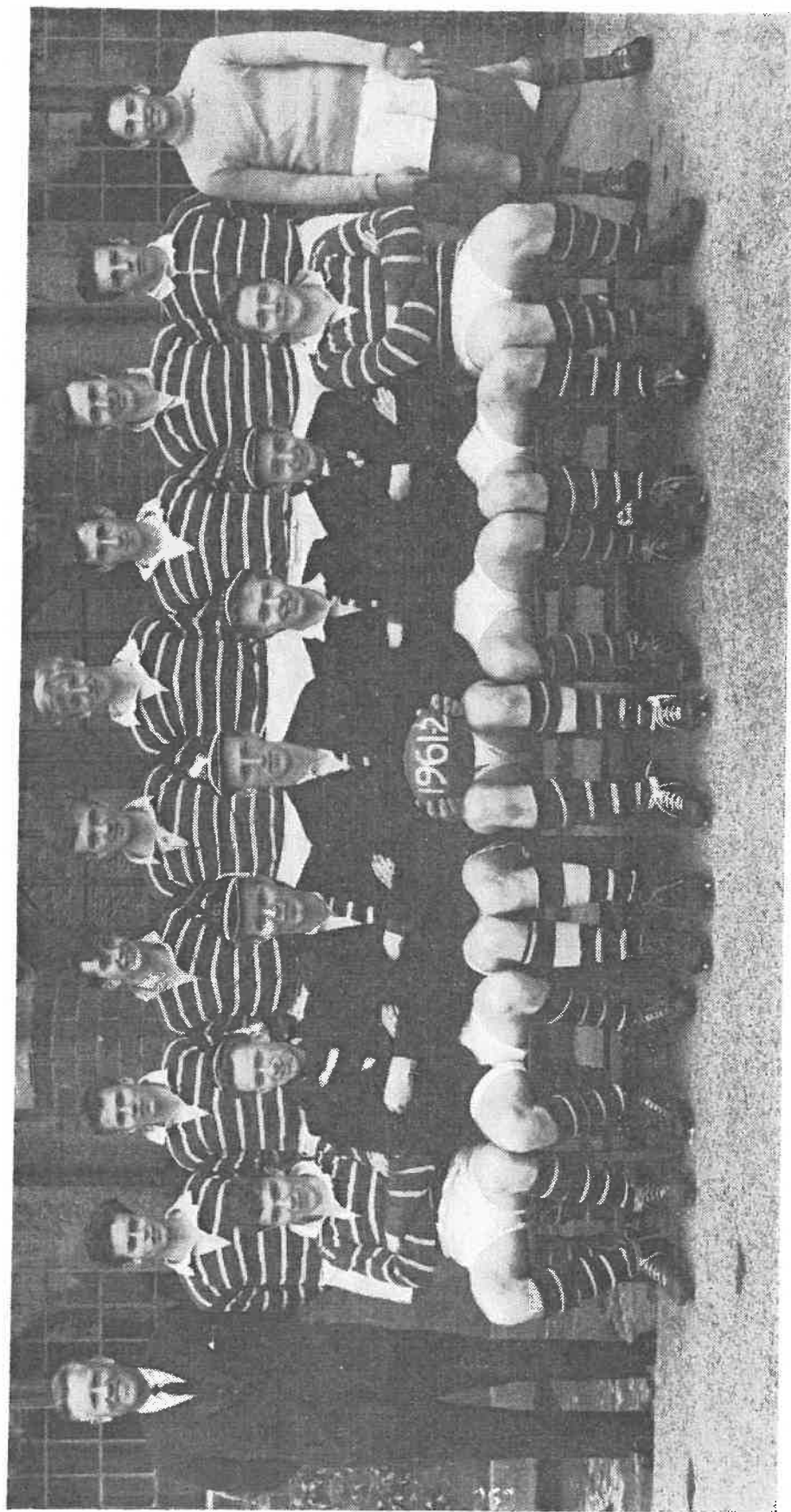
J.M.

## Rugby Football 1961-2

|          |    |    | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | Points<br>for | Points<br>against |
|----------|----|----|--------|-----|------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1st XV   | .. | .. | 17     | 10  | 2    | 5     | 176           | 97                |
| 2nd XV   | .. | .. | 14     | 10  | 2    | 2     | 189           | 74                |
| Under 16 | .. | .. | 4      | 4   | 0    | 0     | 53            | 24                |
| Under 15 | .. | .. | 9      | 2   | 0    | 7     | 61            | 156               |
| Under 14 | .. | .. | 8      | 2   | 0    | 6     | 51            | 103               |
| Under 13 | .. | .. | 5      | 2   | 1    | 2     | 69            | 35                |
| Under 12 | .. | .. | 1      | 1   | 0    | 0     | 11            | 10                |

There has been another very full programme of Rugby this year, with 58 games played of which 31 were won and 4 were drawn. As in previous years, the results have followed the usual pattern, a good measure of success in the Senior teams, and seeming failure in the Juniors. But results in the Junior games are of secondary importance to the style of play and it can fairly be said that all teams have tried to play good open Rugby and none more so than the under 12, the new boys. In their one game against King Edward's School Lytham, they played extremely hard and enthusiastically and have done very well to have picked up so much of the game in so short a time. The under 13, too, retained all of their initial enthusiasm and although they have no match winners of size and speed, they have played very well as a team. A. Hall, the captain, was outstanding behind the scrum with good support from G. Cartmell and I. Howarth, whilst A. Pilling, A. Jackson and D. Pardey were the most prominent of the forwards. The Under 14 again saw the season out without the help of their best player on loan to the Under 15, but of all the Junior sides they probably made the most progress. The driving force here and undoubtedly their most outstanding player behind the scrum was G. Ethelston, whilst F. Rigby, with a little more composure, could be a very good scrum half. G. Kerby was a reliable full back although not over-fond of tackling. In the pack, the two props D. Walsh and C. Shaw got through a lot of good unspectacular work, with T. Downing and L. Harrop always very prominent in the open play. The under 15 were the disappointing team of the year. They have many promising players in P. Clark, scrum half, A. Leigh, W. Ross and J. Rayton behind the scrum, G. Worrall in a variety of positions, and in the forwards F. Thompson, J. Burrows and D. Robson, but generally its members except on isolated occasions never seemed to play together as a team or to benefit from the advice given to them.

With the Seniors it was a very different story. The Under 16 continued on their winning way and in fact have never been defeated in their progress through the School, and this is all the more praiseworthy when we remember that they lost their scrum half to the



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV, 1961-2.

Standing (left to right): Mr. S. Crane, A. G. M. Chrystall, M. C. Hobbs, I. A. Walton, L. F. Abbot, D. R. Brownbill, D. K. Jackson, T. P. Wallbank, R. Barclay, J. Carmichael.  
 Seated (left to right): J. Dewhurst, J. G. Worden, P. M. Whitehead, J. Montgomery (captain), P. Cookson, J. F. Harrison, G. W. Ibbison.



1st XV and that another of their stars played for the 1st on several occasions. The backs were the main strength of the team, with W. Redfearn, D. Myers and S. Cartmell forming a very dangerous mid-field trio but they received a plentiful supply of the ball from a strong pack of forwards where J. MacIldowie, D. Simmonds and B. Ashcroft were always prominent. The 2nd XV remained undefeated until the beginning of the Spring term. They were a very keen, if unspectacular, side and enthusiastically led by their captain A. Evans. Its stars were the forwards as a whole, with Evans, J. Marshall and B. Walters outstanding, good halves in P. Bates and G. Nightingale and a most competent full back in D. Moore, who played with distinction for the 1st XV on several occasions.

The 1st XV took some time to settle down and a number of experiments, not always successful, had to be made before the make-up of the team was finally decided upon. It was perhaps all the more disappointing that after Christmas the team never again displayed the form shown in November and December. The threequarters proved that given plenty of the ball, they were a fast and dangerous combination with the right wing pair P. Whitehead and J. F. Harrison showing a great deal of penetration. Behind them J. Worden was very reliable at full back and always ready to open up the game from that position. M. Hobbs did extremely well as a fifteen-year old, to make the scrum half position his own, and towards the end of the season he played some very good games. His partner, A. Chrystall took some time to get used to the tempo and methods of 1st XV play, but he proved a strong and elusive runner whilst his gaol kicking was invaluable. The forward play was dominated by J. Montgomery the Captain. He achieved the honour of Captaining the Lancashire Schoolboys in one of their holiday fixtures and of taking part in the final English trial at Buxton. He was particularly outstanding in the line-out and in the loose. He received excellent support from the rest of the forwards, and especially P. Cookson who got through a lot of unspectacular work, I. Walton and G. Ibbison, whilst J. Dewhurst did a good job in the unaccustomed position of wing forward.

The season was brought to a close by the Senior and Junior House Championships. After one of the best finals for years, the Lytham House defeated School by a very narrow margin but the School House Juniors avenged their Seniors by defeating the Kirkham House in the last minute of a very exciting game.

At a meeting of the Rugby committee at the end of the season, Full Colours were awarded to J. Montgomery, P. Cookson, J. Harrison, P. Whitehead and J. Worden and Team Colours to L. Abbott, R. Barclay, D. Brownbill, A. Chrystall, J. Dewhurst, M. Hobbs, G. Ibbison, D. Jackson and I. Walton.

Finally the Rugby Committee would like to extend its thanks to all those who have contributed in any way to the success and successes of the past season.

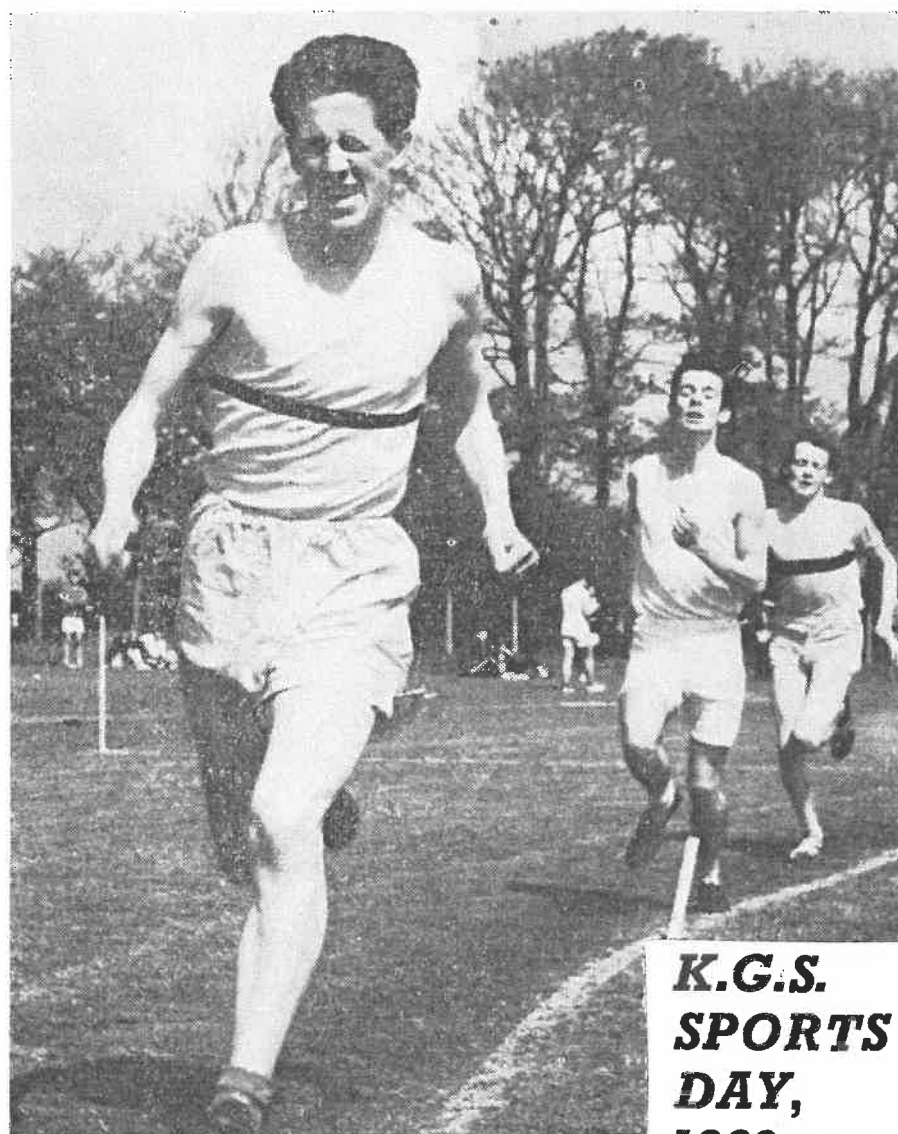
## Athletics 1962

This season has been a memorable one, surpassing even the highly successful season of 1961. More inter-School fixtures were arranged for the Senior team and all were won by convincing margins. Schools competed against have included Rossall, Lancaster R.G.S., Hutton G.S., King Edward School Lytham and King George V. Southport. The strength of the team has again been found in the Sprinters, Throwers and Jumpers and in these categories R. Helm, J. F. Harrison, A. Lay, D. Brownbill, P. Whitehead and J. Montgomery have been outstanding and they have received excellent support from J. Morgan, J. Brownbill and G. Ibbison. Middle Distance running still seems to lag behind the other departments but mention must be made of M. Gunn for his consistent running in the mile. The highlight of the season, as always, has been the Inter Schools Competition held this year at the new Athletics track in Blackpool. The school retained the trophy won in 1961 and increased the winning margin from 17 to 19 points. First places were gained by R. Helm (100 yds.), J. F. Harrison (220 yds.), J. Montgomery (shot), A. Lay (Triple Jump), D. Brownbill (High Jump and 120 yds. Hurdles) and the 4x110 team of S. Cartmell, J. Morgan, A. Lay and R. Helm.

The Under 16 team had two fixtures during the season, narrowly losing to Rossall and defeating Lancaster R.G.S. and King George V. Southport. Their outstanding athlete has been S. Cartmell, but several others including C. Gardner, D. Myers, M. Hobbs and J. Bailey have shown great potential. The Under 15 contains two good athletes in P. Clark and A. Leigh, and the team defeated Hutton G.S. and K.E.S. Lytham although it could finish only fourth in the Inter Schools Competition at Blackpool.

The School Sports were held on Wednesday, May 9th. There were many good performances and seven new records were set up. At the conclusion of the Sports, Superintendent Montgomery of the Lancashire Constabulary presented the House Trophy to the Fylde House and congratulated all concerned on an excellent afternoon's entertainment.

After a meeting of the Athletes Committee Full Colours were awarded to J. Montgomery, D. Brownbill, J. F. Harrison, R. Helm, A. Lay and P. Whitehead and Team Colours to J. Brownbill, S. Cartmell, D. Colbourn, M. Gunn, M. Hobbs, G. Ibbison, M. Kirkham and D. Moore.



**K.G.S.  
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# K.G.S. Athletic Sports 1962

| Event                      | 1st                              | 2nd               | 3rd              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Triple Jump (Int.)         | P. Clarke (A)                    | Thompson (S)      | J. Bailey (L)    |
| Pole Vault (Sen)           | M. Kirkham (K)                   | I. Walton (L)     | A. Chrystall (P) |
| 110 yards Hurdles (Int)    | J. Bailey (L)                    | J. Rayton (F)     | P. Almond (K)    |
| Putting the Shot (Int)     | J. Rayton (F)                    | T. Dowling (L)    | F. Thompson (S)  |
| Putting the Shot (Sen)     | J. Montgomery (S)                | G. Ibbison (F)    | J. Brownbill (F) |
| Throwing the Javelin (Sen) | P. Whitehead (A)                 | D. Moore (S)      | M. Kirkham (K)   |
| Throwing the Javelin (Int) | P. Clarke (A)                    | P. Almond (K)     | R. Hartley (S)   |
| High Jump (Sen)            | D. Brownbill (F)                 | J. Montgomery (K) | D. Colbourn (L)  |
| High Jump (Jun)            | C. Ball (S)                      | D. Nash (P)       | D. Pardey (L)    |
| High Jump (Int)            | J. Bailey (L)                    | P. Clarke (A)     | J. Donald (S)    |
| 100 Yards (Sen)            | R. Helm (F)                      | J. Harrison (P)   | J. Morgan (S)    |
| 100 Yards (Int)            | W. Ross (L)                      | G. Knight (A)     | H. Gardner (F)   |
| 100 Yards (Jun)            | D. Nash (P)                      | A. Townsend (L)   | A. Hall (F)      |
| 880 Yards (Int)            | D. Butler (F)                    | G. Worrall (A)    | S. Duck (P)      |
| 880 Yards (Sen)            | D. Colbourn (L)                  | J. Myers (P)      | A. Evans (P)     |
| Throwing the Discus (Int)  | A. Leigh (P)                     | I. Hague (S)      | J. Doherty (L)   |
| Throwing the Discus (Sen)  | J. Montgomery (S)                | J. Brownbill (F)  | G. Ibbison (F)   |
| 220 Yards (Sen)            | J. Harrison (P)                  | J. Morgan (S)     | R. Helm (F)      |
| 220 Yards (Jun)            | D. Nash (P)                      | S. Walton (L)     | D. Knight (A)    |
| 220 Yards (Int)            | J. Bailey (L)                    | G. Knight (A)     | Wilkinson (P)    |
| 100 yards Hurdles (Jun)    | J. Hough (P)                     | D. Cook (F)       | D. Pardey (L)    |
| Mile (Int)                 | P. Richards (F)                  | D. Knowles (K)    | I. Baxendale (A) |
| Long Jump (Jun)            | A. Pilling (F) and S. Walton (L) | J. Hough (P)      |                  |
| Long Jump (Sen)            | D. Brownbill (F)                 | J. Morgan (S)     | A. Lay (F)       |
| Long Jump (Int)            | P. Clarke (A)                    | S. Duck (P)       | J. Rossall (K)   |
| 440 Yards (Int)            | P. Clarke (A)                    | W. Ross (L)       | D. Butler (F)    |
| 440 Yards (Sen)            | D. Colbourn (L)                  | M. Hobbs (S)      | I. Ascroft (A)   |
| Mile (Sen)                 | M. Gunn (S)                      | B. Lewis (A)      | P. Cookson (P)   |
| 120 yards Hurdles (Sen)    | J. Harrison (P)                  | D. Brownbill (F)  | R. Helm (F)      |
| Inter House Relay (Jun)    | Fylde                            | Preston           | Lytham           |
| Inter House Relay (Int)    | Ashton                           | Lytham            | Fylde            |
| Inter House Relay (Sen)    | Fylde                            | Preston           | Lytham           |

## STANDARD POINTS

A. 68;  
F. 84;  
K. 66;  
L. 64;  
P. 82;  
S. 100.

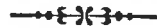
## FINAL POSITIONS

Fylde 222 pts.  
School 185  
Preston 173  
Lytham 148  
Ashton 130  
Kirkham 94

## Harriers 1962

The Harriers have enjoyed only moderate success this year although the fixture list had been considerably enlarged. Lack of pre-season training, injuries, and unaccountable loss of form have contributed to this state of affairs and it appears inevitable that a junior team will have to run alongside the Seniors in order to provide more material and time for rebuilding. There are a number of very promising runners in the middle school and it is hoped that an Under 15 team will come into being next year. The team's best performance was undoubtedly the victory at King Edward's, thus avenging a previous defeat but it could finish only fifth out of eight competing schools in the Inter-Grammar Schools Cross Country Race. The outstanding runners for the school have been the captain, B. Lewis, and D. Colbourn, with good support from M. Gunn and P. Richards. The latter in particular is a most promising distance runner. The Inter-House Cross Country Championship was won by Preston House after a very close struggle with School.

After a meeting of the Harriers Committee at the end of the season, final Colours were awarded to B. Lewis and D. Colbourn and Team Colours to M. Benson, A. Evans, M. Gunn and J. B. Johnson.



## Cricket 1962

**1st GAME v. Q.E.G.S. BLACKBURN, MAY 5th**

**K.G.S. 99: Q.E.G.S. 100—9.**

Kirkham were sent in by their opponents and began badly, losing 3 wickets for 13 runs. A good innings by Moore (39), who hit seven fours, was the basis of a sound total. The other batsmen were troubled by Reid (6-12) although Whitehead and Marshall both struck out to good effect.

Blackburn's reply was steady but 9 wickets were down for 76 against a competent attack. Marshall (4-34) and Snape (3-14) both impressed in their first game. Kirkham, who seemed to have the game under control, lost their grip. The last wicket pair, aided by some poor fielding, brought about our defeat with seven minutes to spare.

**2nd GAME v. PRESTON G.S. MAY 12th**

**K.G.S. 39: P.G.S. 40—1**

Kirkham commenced disastrously; once again their early batsmen disappointed. They lost 5 wickets for 14 runs. Montgomery played calmly for 10 and displayed that the terrors of the

bowling and pitch were not as real as some made out. Most batsmen succumbed to Robinson, who gained figures of 9-12, eight of which were clean-bowled.

Preston's reply was made at a run-a-minute. Although Marshall removed one of the openers for 2 runs, Barton and Reeves played solidly, and were never troubled by a Kirkham attack that found the pitch far from responsive and the total too small for us to have a chance of success.

### **3rd GAME v. BAINES G.S. MAY 26th**

**K.G.S. 69: BAINES 36**

Kirkham's first victory was due largely to Whitehead and Marshall. They livened up an otherwise sober and uninspired batting display by both scoring 19. For the third time in succession Kirkham had lost their first three wickets with under 20 runs scored.

Whitehead and Marshall both used a lively pitch to good effect when Baines replied. They removed the first seven batsmen for 18 runs and though something of a revival was effected, Baines fell 33 short. Whitehead, in showing something like his old form, took 5—9.

### **4th GAME v. ST. JOSEPH'S G.S. JUNE 2nd**

**K.G.S. 73: ST. J.G.S. 42**

The backbone of Kirkham's score was a good innings of 24 by the left-handed Moore. When he was out, at 48 for 8, Kirkham were indebted to some good batting by Marshall (10) and Cartmell (11), in his first game, for a reasonable total, in the face of some good bowling by Alston (5-30).

The St. Joseph's batsmen were overwhelmed by Whitehead (5-12) and Marshall (3-20). They reached 39 with only 5 wickets down and were in with a chance, but then four wickets fell without a run being added. No St. Joseph's batsman reached double figures.

### **5th GAME v. HUTTON G.S. JUNE 6th**

**K.G.S. 40: HUTTON 41—2**

Kirkham's start made their previous performances appear less dismal. Seven wickets were down with 14 runs on the board. As before none of the batsmen's talent was displayed and it was left to Montgomery to show the way. He scored 19 in good style before being unluckily run out. King and Davies took four wickets each.

Only Whitehead, who had two wickets, troubled the Hutton batsmen, who played steadily and took 80 minutes over achieving their victory. Robinson (29 not out) showed good form.

**6th GAME v. G.K.V. SOUTHPORT JUNE 16th**

**K.G.V. 88—7 dec.: K.G.S. 57—5**

This game was a far from exciting contest. Southport lost two wickets for only four runs and thereafter refused to take any risks against a steady attack. For a total of 88 in over two and a quarter hours they were largely dependent upon Hill who hit a solid 30.

An overdue declaration left under 80 minutes for Kirkham's innings. After losing their first three batsmen early, they had to be content with a draw. A bright 28 by Montgomery enlivened the later proceedings and suggested that with less caution this might have been another victory for Kirkham.

**7th GAME v. K.E.S. LYTHAM JUNE 20th**

**K.G.S. 121: K.E.S. 108**

In contrast to previous contests, this was a highly entertaining game. Kirkham's early batting was merely steady; at 53—8 it seemed they were heading for a purely moderate total. Kirkham's total was doubled however in only 50 minutes by the tail. Largely responsible were Nightingale (22) and Brownbill (20) both playing their first games, as well as Snape (22) who also hit well.

Kirkham's attack, as feared, looked thin without Whitehead and Marshall. K.E.S. reached 57 with only one wicket down. The game was swung round however by Snape (5-17) who was supported steadily by Nightingale (4-55). A run-out ended a last wicket attempt at victory.

**8th GAME v. ARNOLD S. JUNE 23rd**

**K.G.S. 107: A.S. 108—8**

Kirkham fared disastrously apart from Moore. Batting first wicket down he was undefeated for 65 out of a total in which only one other batsman reached double figures. The rest were overwhelmed by Holt (6-55) and Everall (4-26). Kirkham's recovery from 24 for 7 was an excellent performance.

Arnold in their turn collapsed and recovered equally amazingly. At 21 for 7 Arnold were in dire trouble largely due to Whitehead (5-41) and Marshall (3-23). Kent (36) and Copeland (49 ) brought them to victory with only another wicket down: an amazing performance. In spite of frequent bowling changes Kirkham failed to make the break through that would have brought them the win for which they had seemed destined earlier.

W.H.O.



## C.C.F. Report, Army Section

C.S.M.: R. Walmsley.

Sgts.: I. D. Ascroft, K. Halstead, R. A. Irving, D. K. Jackson, R. O. Maddock, G. Parkinson.

Cpls.: J. G. Brownbill, A. G. Evans, P. A. Hemingway, M. Kirkham, C. D. Robertson, T. P. Wallbank.

L. Cpls.: D. G. Barnes, A. S. Bridle, A. D. Kirby, J. M. Dobson, A. J. Howells, A. C. Kennedy, E. G. Knagg, B. T. Lewis, G. J. Nightingale, C. T. Robinson, R. M. C. Smith, I. C. Wright.

Since the last report, the number of N.C.O.s has increased to 26 with the addition of 10 L Cpls, who finished their cadre in the Easter Term.

This year we got off to a very good start with a very encouraging Cert. 'A.' Part II examination. 37 cadets took the examination and of these only 3 failed. Cdts. Parkinson and Powell are to be congratulated on obtaining credit passes.

3 officers and 16 cadets attended Easter Camp in the Lake District. The base camp was in Langdale, and there were two bivouac sites on a circuit, one in Eskdale and the other in Wasdale. The events which stick in the mind are awaking to find a steady torrent flowing through one's bivouac, walking bleary-eyed out of one's tent onto a carpet of snow six inches deep, or having one's slumber abruptly interrupted at one a.m. by the strains of community singing from bedraggled cadets, huddled round a tent-pole watching their sleeping-bags floating on the water as it gradually rose. However, everyone enjoyed the walks on the snow-capped hills, the rock-climbing and absciling, and the meals cooked by themselves on petrol stoves. Without doubt we all returned home healthier and fitter, thanks to the fresh air, exercise, and biscuits served plain.

This term Brigadier Mann paid an informal visit to the contingent to see the training in progress, and was impressed by the performance of both cadets and N.C.O.s

On Sunday 17th June, 2 officers and 30 cadets took part in the Civic Sunday procession at the invitation of the Chairman of the Kirkham and Wesham Council. The contingent was represented for the most part by members of School House, with a sprinkling of local cadets, and several reports have been received by the school of the favourable impression created by the smart turn-out and high standard of drill. Congratulations to Sgt. Morgan, the Army and R.A.F. N.C.O.s and the cadets who took part in this parade.

There is a very varied programme for the rest of the term, and will include a Cert. A. Part I examination, a Field Day at Whitewell in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and a visit to Altham to fire .303 rifles and Brens on the open ranges.



Annual Camp this year will be at Stoneycastle Camp near Pirbright. 5 officers and 65 cadets will be going to what promises to be an enjoyable camp with good facilities for both adventure and basic training.

R.W. and H.J.R.



## R.A.F. Camp, Easter, 1962

As at Easter in 1957, the authorities blessed us with rather a delightful camp. It was situated in the middle of the Vale of York, numerous miles from York, Leeds, or any other large town. But our first impressions turned out to be illusions and everyone had an enjoyable camp thanks to Flt. Lt. McKerrow and Fl. Off. Cheeseborough.

On arrival at the camp, R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse, we discovered that we comprised only about a quarter of the total cadets. The P.E.T.L.O. immediately introduced us to the camp by sending us on a mystery tour with a map and numerous blank spaces to fill in.

The programme for the remainder of the week kept us fully occupied, consisting of flying at R.A.F. Dishforth, each cadet gaining one hour's flying experience; a visit to Air Sea Rescue at Bridlington, which consisted of a trip round the bay whilst a helicopter completed rescue operations; an initiative test in the Yorkshire Moors, which ended up as a survival test, because somebody forgot our dinners, each party trying to reach a snack-bar first. Other excursions included an organized trip to one of York's swimming baths (even smaller than those at Kirkham), and a most interesting trip round British Railways coach works. Excursions to York at night proved uneventful but interesting, although the town had a marked lack of juke-boxes. Although interesting and up to standard, camp would have been uneventful but for St. Brenda's bath night (fire buckets are useful appliances, it was proved), and the fact that Briers and Co. managed to find a "body" in the River Ouse.

On the whole, though, camp was both interesting and exciting, especially when a certain person managed to fly his link-trainer at minus 150 feet and at 200 m.p.h., and our thanks must go to Flt. Lt. McKerrow and Fl. Off. Cheeseborough for an enjoyable camp. We look forward to next year's camp hopefully.

I.A.W. and J.M.

## Easter Fair 1962

There are many ways of judging the success of an Easter Fair. You may judge it by the number of people it attracts to its stalls and sideshows, by the kind of atmosphere it manages to generate, by the good or bad weather with which it is blessed, or simply by the amount of money which is made during the afternoon. In all respects the Easter Fair of 1962 was a great success. The record profit of £241-5-1 was made, and no visitor could claim he went away that afternoon without having got good value for money.

After the usual onslaught on the bring and buy stalls in the hall, which left the tables deprived of their wealth but the money-tins overflowing with riches, the visitors began to roam further afield to see what the rest of the school had to offer. Here a lone figure was valiantly repelling a continuous onset of footballs released in his direction from the bottom of the quad, (not a difficult task, since the goalmouth he was defending seemed a little smaller than those generally seen on a football field); there a crowd of apprehensive visitors were watching the progress of their gas-filled balloons rising aloft from the region of the cadet hut, full of fears as to whether their newly-acquired property would manage to clear the tops of the trees on the edge of the field; elsewhere about the school, guests were being introduced to the wonders of elementary science, being shown the school film, or were enjoying an ice cream and bag of crisps in the Room 2 cafeteria. And mention must be made of the bottle-stall: not only did Mr. Crane muster the record total of 350 bottles, but he and his assistants brought home to an avid Mr. Wilson the grand sum of £55. We can only offer hearty congratulations to all concerned, and hope that the other stalls manage to become half as successful at next year's Fair.

Other attractions included a non-stop record session in Room 11, a mysterious Fortune-Teller in the School House senior study, darts and billiards, a shooting gallery, and various games and outdoor entertainments, of which the crazy golf proved as popular as ever. Thanks must go to all concerned in any way in the organization and running of the proceedings (and that includes about three-quarters of the entire school), and to all the people who worthily came and supported the good cause and made the Easter Fair of 1962 such a big success.

J.G.M.

# Easter Fair Concert and Play

## CONCERT PROGRAMME

- 1 Minuetto in C, by Hummel.
- 2 SONG: "O Lovely Piece" by Handel. *School Orchestra*
- 3 PIANO SOLOS: Solfeggietto, by Bach. *P. and D. Whittingham.*  
Song without words, by Mendelssohn.  
Cornfields, by Swinstead.
- 4 Bouree, by Handel. *B. A. Johnson.*  
The First Waltz.
- 5 SONG: "Come to the Fair," by Martin. *School House Recorder Group.*
- 6 PIANO DUET: Polonaise, by Dvorak. *Ashton House choir.*  
*D. Glasson and W. Ross.*
- 7 SONGS: "The Forge" and "Lullaby" by Brahms.
- 8 PIANO SOLOS: Study in A minor, by Loeschorn.  
The Pendulum, by Richardson.  
Minuets I and II from Sonata in E, by Mozart. *P. Parkin.*
- 9 POPULAR SONGS: "Moon River."  
"Midnight in Moscow."  
*Kirkham House instrumental group.*
- 10 SONG: "The Twins."  
*P. and D. Whittingham.*
- 11 POPULAR SONGS: "Can't help falling in love with you."  
"Stranger on the Shore."  
*D. Glasson and P. Parkin (clarinets) and W. Lomas (Flute).*
- 12 Selections from "The Pirates of Penzance."  
*School Choir (Soloists: B. R. J. Walters and B. T. Lewis).*

The Easter Fair Concert, which took place on the evening of Saturday, March 24th, 1962, was a great success, and maintained the standard set in previous years. The main feature of the programme was the inclusion of far more popular music, and Mr. Murray must be congratulated on achieving a balance between light entertainment and music of a more serious nature. Undoubtedly the performers who stole the show were the Whittingham twins, with their number appropriately entitled "The Twins."

Also worthy of mention was the finale given by the School Choir, who sang selections from "The Pirates of Penzance." Signs of much hard work during rehearsals were evident, and their performance was polished and entertaining.

After an interval of 15 minutes, during which the stage hands did miracles in transforming the stage into the authentic replica of a coal-mine, the Dramatic Society presented its production of "Hewers of Coal," by Joe Corrie, a play in one act. A few days before the performance, the producer, the actors and the technicians had paid a visit to Chisnall Pit, near Standish, Wigan, at the invitation of the National Coal Board, in order to get some first-hand experience of conditions in a mine. The Coal Board had also loaned the school some properties for the performance.

The play told the story of a disaster in a Lancashire coal mine, and its effects upon some of the miners who had become trapped at the coal face. The central figure of the play was Dick, played by G. Parkinson, who gave a stolid and able performance throughout. J. Montgomery was convincing as Peter, the miner whose arrogance and overbearing nature were reduced almost to hysteria by the tense atmosphere in the mine after the disaster. Kay showed us that he is developing into a first-rate actor by handling a difficult part very well, and D. R. Knowles made a good debut in school dramatics in the part of the courageous young Billy. W. H. Wood, a school actor with quite a lot of experience, played Bob, the gaffer. The play was produced up to the usual high standards by Mr. Kremer.

A word of praise must go to Mr. Butterworth and B. R. J. Walters and staff for the excellent work in rapid scene-erection, and also in the skilful way they managed to create a realistic coal mine atmosphere. A word of praise, too, to Mr. McKerrow (sound effects) and C. P. S. Jones (lighting), for their invaluable part played behind the scenes, which included setting off the most realistic explosion ever seen or heard. Mr. Wilson and the art department provided the scenery. Last, but not least, thanks must go to the senior members of the School House, without whose aid there would have been no stage, and to certain members of the Upper Sixth, who lent their vocal talent to colour the production with their rendering of the closing song, "Billy Boy."

J.G.M.

## Library Report

Chairman: Mr. B. Coates.

Secretary: G. Parkinson.

Treasurer: J. F. Harrison.

Committee: P. J. Carmichael, P. Cookson, G. W. Ibbison, R. A. Irving, D. K. Jackson, R. O. Maddock, J. G. Morgan, W. H. Owen, R. A. Walmsley, B. R. J. Walters.

Work in the Library seems to be unending. At the time of going to press, several new books are still waiting to be accessioned. This is after 628 new books have been introduced into the Library this year.

The introduction of the new books has produced a spate of reading and the record for yearly issues is already well beaten. The English and Geography sections in particular seem to have been more extensively used. So far 3080 books have been issued this year, which is approximately four hundred more than last year. Issues for individual sections include Science 643, Junior 575, Geography 438, History 395, English 357, and Fine Arts 260.

The Library is to purchase a new magazine rack before the end of term, which should enhance the facilities already present.  
G.P.



## Geographical Report

Chairman: Mr. R. A. Knowles.

Secretary: F. B. Cross.

Treasurer: J. Montgomery.

Committee: J. F. Harrison, G. R. Moores, C. J. Horn, J. B. Johnson, P. A. Richards.

Since the last report the society has held six meetings at which films covering subjects ranging from Maoris to minerals have been shown.

The films shown were as follows:—

“Look to the Sky.”

“Energy for Europe” and “Sao Paulo Story.”

“Diggers of the Deep” and “Modern Coalmining.”

“Australia’s Greatest River” and “Millions for the Finding.”

“Shadow over the World.”

“Farming in New Zealand” and “People of the Waikato.”

The good attendance of the winter term continued despite the many and varied counter-attractions made possible by the coming of fine weather.

At the time of writing an expedition to the Great Langdale Valley is being planned for a date sometime near the end of the Summer Term.

F.B.C.

## Debating Society

Chairman: Mr. G. Bellis.

Secretary: G. Parkinson.

Committee: J. F. Harrison, T. J. Huss, R. A. Irving, P. S. Allison,  
A. S. Bridle.

The main activity of last term was the inter-House competition. Ashton and School are to be congratulated on reaching the final.

The four motions for the competition were: "This House supports Britain's application to join the Common Market," "This House believes that men and women should have an equal place in Society," "This House disapproves of censorship," and "This House believes that Rutherford did mankind a disservice by splitting the atom."

On March 28th, twenty members of the Society visited Fleetwood G.S. for a return debate. Parkinson and Walmsley proposed the motion "This House is of the opinion that our country owes more to Public Houses than to Public Schools." The opposition bravely defended Public Schools, dragging in the British Army to help them, but even that was not enough to combat the proposers, who were inspired by what they owed to Public Houses and talked of brotherly love to all men with such feeling that the debt on the slate against Public Schools was 42—16. Fortunately the opposition deserted their allegiance on the way back, and were able to recall a most enjoyable debate.

G.P.



## Musical Society

Chairman: Mr. Murray.

Secretary: M. P. Benson.

Treasurer: B. T. Lewis.

Committee: G. Parkinson, T. Huss, G. Moores, F. B. Cross.

The musical life of the school was this year centred on the Easter Term, for both the Inter-House Music Festival and Easter Fair concert took place then. Standards were quite high in both these events, and the items presented were the result of many hours' practice.

The School Choir continues to flourish and its members are practising hard for Founders' Day at the end of this term.

The Society has been extremely pleased to receive a grant of £20 to be spent on records, to add to the somewhat scanty and out-of-date record library which it possesses at the moment. The committee is now engaged in the difficult task of selecting suitable records.

The music section of the library has also been enhanced by a number of new books, including a beautifully bound volume presented by A. E. Haythornwhite. The Grove Dictionary of Music has also been completed by the purchase of the remaining volumes, and the supplementary volume.

M.P.B.

## Badminton Society

Chairman: Mr. Knowles.

Captain: R. A. Irving.

Secretary: L. F. Abbott.

Treasurer: J. F. Harrison.

Committee: J. Montgomery, R. A. Irving.

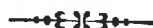
The team was:

1. Irving R. A. and Abbott L. F.
2. Montgomery J. and Harrison J. F.
3. Moore D. E. and Whitehead P. M.

We beat K.E.S. convincingly by 6 games to 3; but Hutton, an extremely keen and able side, beat us easily by 8 games to 1. Obviously much more practice and determination is needed if we are to approach the fine standard of Hutton badminton.

Irving again proved himself the most capable member of the team. Whitehead, a new member, showed much promise, with more practice and a wider range of shots, he will have much to offer.

The junior members played as often as was possible and with keenness. Next year new members will be needed for the side and it is to be hoped that the resulting competition for places will improve the standard of Kirkham badminton. L.F.A.



## Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. L. A. Redman.

Secretary: A. D. Kirby.

Treasurer: G. R. Moores.

Committee: H. Lomas, C. J. Shaw.

The terms activities in the Photographic Society have been reduced both by the external and internal examinations and because many members prefer to be outside during the dry spells.

Nevertheless during the first few weeks of term a 150 ft. film of the Italian Holiday was edited and shown. The film was made by A. D. Kirby, R. M. C. Smith and H. Lomas during the recent visit to Rome and Florence. It was made on Kodachrome II which proved to be far superior to the old Kodachrome I in both colour rendering and grain. This film too has the advantage of being faster, it is rated at 25 A.S.A., though this was unnecessary in the Italian sunshine. The film was financed by the General School Committee. In its completed form it lasts for about thirteen minutes and it has proved to be a worthy record of a most enjoyable holiday.

As for the other activities of the society; the darkroom has been in fairly constant use, mainly owing to younger members who are begining to show an interest in photography. This interest has been stimulated by instruction in developing and printing by senior members.

At the end of last term the society had a very successful afternoon at the Easter Fair. There was the usual exhibition in room 6 which was well attended. This year we had two innovations; the taking of portraits in the dark room and the showing of the society's own films. The latter was by far the most popular, having three "full-houses".

Support in the society comes mainly from the lower and middle school but seems to trail off round about the UVths. I would strongly urge people around this age group who are interested in photography to make full use of the equipment the society offers.

A.D.K.



## Judo Club

The advent of the Judo Club at the beginning of the school year was met with great enthusiasm. Membership had to be limited to the Seniors. By the end of the winter term and during the spring term attendances had dropped to a faithful few. However, under the guidance of Mugridge, the foundations of the art were well laid. Unfortunately no meetings have been held this term because of interference by exams. It is hoped that enough enthusiasm has been stirred to enable the club to function in the future.

B.R.J.W.



# Spotlight on Politics

or

## "LIES, DAMNED LIES, AND STATISTICS."

In the excitement of Orpington, Blackpool, Middlesbrough West, Montgomery and the rest, the result of the election for the new seat of Kirkham seems to have been passed over. The result in this seat, which consists of few industrious workers, a number of dormitory suburbs, and a large proportion of unregistered voters, was as follows. The Liberals won 42% of the votes, the Tories won 32%, the Socialists 15%, and the Communists 10%. The other one per cent was made up of spoiled votes, most of them advocating Welsh Nationalism.

The significance of this result is immense. The main point of the result is that in all constituencies of this type a vote for Welsh Nationalism is a wasted vote. If this swing of 42% to the Liberals, 32% to the Tories etc. in new seats continued throughout the country, then more seats would be won than were contested at the last General Election.

The election bears an interesting comment on the controversy over Opinion Polls. An Opinion Poll, taken two days before the election, stated that 25% of the electorate "Didn't Know." As no-one "didn't know" in the election, the accuracy of Opinion Polls seems to be in doubt.

For the Liberals the result is most encouraging and indicates that they are not seriously troubled by the threat of Englishmen to vote Welsh Nationalist in protest against American bases in Scotland.

The Tories have claimed the result as a great vote of confidence in the Government, since they came second and the Returning Officer has changed the colour of his biro from red to blue . . .  
*Well really!*

THIRD PARTY

## THE LEGEND OF THE LEADEN DOOR

I told them once, I told them twice;  
Nor listened they to my advice,  
But o'er the blacken'd fields they passed,  
Until they reached the hills at last.

'Tis many a day since they rode hence:  
Brave Arnilon and good Milence,  
And Tarminir with noble Clore,  
Away toward their goal they bore.

Toward dark Sauron's land, in haste,  
Where evil and death they would lay waste;  
And so they hoped, that by this deed  
The whole earth might from sin be freed.

Away they spurr'd towards that land  
Where grasses wither, where no trees stand,  
Where through the gloom a Terror reigns,  
Where Love and Peace are bound in chains.

And when they reached the Dreaded Gate,  
Foes they perceived, yet could not wait;  
They bared the shield and drew the sword,  
And clear'd a way right through the horde.

But as they reached the Mighty Door,  
A cry was heard that ne'er before  
Had fallen upon the ears of man,  
And, pray we all, shall ne'er again.

And worse, through this, was yet to come,  
For Tarminir was struck, as dumb,  
And through his lips there passed no sound,  
As he fell in death upon the ground.

Now Clore was filled with grief and hate:  
With axe, in fury, he beat the Gate;  
And yet he laboured not in vain,  
Though his worthy steel was burst in twain.

For he opened the Door a fraction wide  
But a sliver of steel struck his side,  
While in the arms of Milence he passed  
To The Place where brave hearts rest at last.

The two that stood went not inside,  
For beset by foes on every side,  
They were hewn until they stood no more,  
And never was passed the Leaden Door.

So as the task is still undone,  
And Evil still dwells 'neath the sun,  
We wait for men so brave as they  
That tried to pass the Forbidden Way.

L. HARROP UIVA.

## Book Reviews

### "WHAT IS LIFE?" *By Erwin Schrodinger.*

Subtitled "The physical aspects of the living cell," this book is a brilliant scientific essay. In it, Erwin Schrodinger, one of the leaders of modern science, applies Quantum—Mechanics to the gene, the unit of heredity, and come to the conclusion that it is an aperiodic solid or crystal; this some years before the actual structure was discovered. He goes further with Quantum—Mechanics and interprets mutations of the genes as quantum "jumps," thus explaining the rareness of mutations and the relative stability of the gene. The author has made his subject original and has handled it with great clarity, producing a book which can be read by anyone with a knowledge of basic science.

### "THE TURN OF THE SCREW" *By Henry James.*

This novelette is Henry James' best-known 'ghost-story.' The whole work is pervaded by a sense of evil. The fact that the evil is ambiguous only heightens the effect of the atmosphere. The central theme of the story, the children's relationship with their late governess and guardian's valet, is the one ambiguity which Henry James thought necessary. Was the relationship real or imagined? There is a fascination to be obtained from the novel however one interprets it. It can be regarded straightforwardly as a tale about ghosts and ghostly possession. Or the viewpoint of the critic Edmund Wilson can be adopted. This is that there are no ghosts; the apparitions seen by the governess are the hallucinations in the mind of a psychologically repressed woman. She is the source of the children's condition and Miles's fear of her subsequently causes his death. However, this book is not for people who like 'light reading.' Henry James' prose style is notable for the demands it makes upon the reader's attention.

### "WOMEN IN LOVE," *By D. H. Lawrence.*

D. H. Lawrence considered this his best book. Many people would agree with this judgement, yet it will never be as popular as "Sons and Lovers." This novel concerns the relationships between the four central figures. Birkin, a self-portrait of Lawrence, is the main character of the novel. He is entrusted with expounding Lawrence's ideas of modern society. Birkin wants to 'love' Ursula. However, he does not want sentimental or romantic love, nor does he want the love typified by the Christian Church. And again, what he calls "The African Way" does not satisfy him; he wants something more than sensual love. Love, to him, means an act which 'fulfils' one, yet leaves the individual intact. In it, each person derives something from the other. Also, Birkin's contrast with Gerald Crich helps set forward another of Lawrence's doctrines: the idea of a sort of "Central Life Force," which every

person needs. This is not merely the will-power possessed by Gerald which eventually overwound, resulting in his destruction. Gerald is a machine, and Lawrence portrays him as making himself a success in business. Yet essentially he is a failure, a fact symbolised by the drowning of his sister Diana in the water-party which he arranged. The work is one of creative originality which is one of the greatest novels of the century.

G. R. MOORES, LSc. VI



## Italian Holiday, 1962

On Monday, 2nd April, 31 boys and 2 masters assembled on Preston station. We were going to spend twelve days visiting Rome, Florence, and Pisa.

After the usual farewells we settled down to a train journey to London lasting several hours. From Euston we made our way by "tube" to Lancaster Gate and the hotel where we were to spend the night. We had the afternoon free and most people went sight-seeing. The party met in the Strand Corner House for an evening meal. One progressive group then decided to tour London on a 6d. tube ticket. After travelling on every conceivable line, they emerged, remarkably, at Lancaster Gate!

The following morning we left Victoria to start two days of journeying by train. At Dover we boarded the boat and had an excellent meal before sailing. The crossing, though rough, was uneventful. After passing through the French customs we boarded the train for Milan. It was on this train that we heard a foreign language for the first time. One member of the party was heard to say: "If they don't speak English, they're not worth talking to!" The monotony of the journey through France and Switzerland was only broken by some breath-taking early morning views of the Alps. From Milan we travelled on a typically Italian train to Rome.

After crossing the city by coach we arrived at our palatial hostel. The "Casa," as it was called, was built to house the athletes for the Olympic Games, and consequently no expense was spared. The floors throughout were of marble and the accommodation could not have been better. As it was our first evening in Rome and as we had been travelling for two days, we all stayed in the Casa that night. We found the bar and lounge very luxurious and many members of the party settled down there for the evening.

The next few days until Sunday were spent in general sight-seeing and a day excursion to Tivoli, some 20 miles east of Rome. We visited about all the architectural sights in Rome. Some of the more memorable were the Forum, the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's. An added attraction was a visit to the catacombs, where we descended into the depths of the earth

to see the early christian burial grounds. They consist of miles of underground passages, some 30-50 feet high, lined on each side with the former graves of Christians. A realistic touch was added by the odd bone here and there! Other attractions in Rome proved to be Martini, Chianti, Italian girls, and T.J.'s kilt!

We arrived in Florence on Sunday evening, to be quickly taken by coach to the Pensione Casci, our hotel, where the famous Italian musician Rossini once lived. The next day we first came into contact with Romano, our guide. He was a most unassuming, reserved and modest character!!

Florence is Italy's centre of art and here we were to see many of Michelangelo's statues, including "The Boy David," perhaps one of his most famous sculptures. This was furnished in the Academy of Fine Arts along with several of his unfinished statues. We were to visit many world-famous collections of paintings, such as those in the Uffizi Gallery, and in the Pitti Palace.

One day was spent at Pisa and Viareggio. At Pisa we stopped to see the cathedral and the Leaning Tower. J.S.B. still holds to his theory that the tower is upright whilst everything else leans! We then went to visit Viareggio and the Mediterranean Sea. However, our impressions of an azure sea melting into an equally blue sky were soon dashed by the thick grey pall that persisted throughout the day.

Our spirits we rejuvenated the next day for we had a free afternoon in Florence to buy all our presents and souvenirs. By the following morning, however, the stark reality of returning home was realized by all. Nevertheless we had enough happy memories either on film or in the mind, to survive the daily routine of home and school life.

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly thank both Mr. Middleton and Mr. Wilson on behalf of the entire party for the time and energy they spent in making this a very enjoyable holiday.

A.D.K.



## School Trip to Austria

On Saturday, 14th April, our party set out for the Midlands to join a group of Coventry Grammar School boys on a joint trip to Austria. We stayed overnight with the Coventry boys and managed to have a look at the marvellous new Cathedral, although it was only from the outside.

On Sunday morning, the coach sped down the M1 to London, and we were soon on the boat train on our way to Dover. Our first sight of the sea was rather frightening, as the waves were breaking over the quayside, but with the aid of a tug, the Channel steamer was soon on its way towards Belgium. The following

three hours for some members of the party (including Mr. B.) will not be mentioned, for the sea was very rough. Ostend harbour was a welcoming sight, and we then boarded the trans-European express train on our way to Stuttgart.

Our couchettes were packed away at 7 a.m. the following morning, and we soon arrived in Stuttgart railway station, to go straight to the hotel for breakfast. No eggs and bacon this time, but coffee and rolls. The German coach driver who would be spending the rest of the holiday with our party joined us for breakfast, and then we were on our way down the autobahns to Munchen (Munich), where we had lunch. In the afternoon we continued down the autobahn towards Salzburg, stopping at the Berchtesgarden, the place where Hitler had a house built on the top of a mountain, and then proceeded across the Austrian border into Salzburg, arriving at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

We stayed in Salzburg for two full days, and managed to visit many interesting places; — Mozart's birth-place, the Bishop's Palace, with its hidden fountains which drenched most of the party, the famous castle, and of course some Austrian shops.

In glorious sunshine, we left Salzburg on our way to Vienna, and this unexpected heatwave stayed with us for the rest of the holiday. We had four wonderful days in this very large city, with its wide streets and avenues of trees, its subways with modern shops and restaurants under the roadways, and its picturesque sights and buildings. Every corner had some connection with a musician, — Mozart, Wagner, Haydn, Strauss, — and we visited several of the houses and "beer gardens" (open only at night) where many composers had been inspired to write some of their music. The State Opera was booked up, but we did manage to visit the Rathaus (town hall), the Cathedral, Parliament buildings and palaces. Many of the boys spent a fair amount of time and money in the large shops, buying souvenirs for home.

On one of the afternoons in Vienna we crossed the famous "Blue Danube" into what was once the Russian sector of the city, and we noticed how very little rebuilding had been done in this part. We also passed the large funfair and iron wheel used in the making of the film "The Third Man." From this part of the city we then went up into the now famous Vienna Woods to look down on the Danube Canal passing through the straggling city.

On Easter Monday our coach headed south-westwards to Velden about 30 km. from the Yugoslav border, and we spent the night at a rather luxurious holiday resort at the side of two huge lakes surrounded by snow-capped mountains.

The following day the coach set off into Italy and after much delay at the border (one of the party dropped his identity card down the side of a window between the glass and the bodywork), we motored into Italy on our way to the Brenner pass. Snow

was on either side of the road and the scenery was magnificent, mountains rising all about us. Once over the pass we went over the border into Austria again, and then down the hairpin bends into the Valley of the Inn, where we stayed at Innsbruck. We descended in semi-darkness and could see the lights flickering in the valley, not realizing the wonderful mountain scenery surrounding Innsbruck until the following morning.

The next day in Innsbruck was spent sightseeing and shopping with the highlight being a trip by cable-car to the top of one of the surrounding mountains to watch the skiers. At the top the snow was 6 to 9 feet deep in places — as some of the party found out!

On the Friday we packed our belongings and all the souvenirs, travelling to Munich where we said goodbye to our coach driver and boarded the Athens — Ostend boat-train. Ostend was crowded with other parties returning to England, and the Kirkham party had to leave the Coventry boys and travel on the relief boat — much less crowded. The return crossing was very calm, although the boat had two attempts at entering the Dover harbour, owing to the heavy mist.

The next few hours saw us dashing across London by tube, and then onto the last train from Euston to Preston, where parents were waiting to hear about our journey.

Only afterwards did we realize the many things we had seen and done on our visit to Vienna and the rest of Austria. Needless to say, the heatwave finished the moment we saw those familiar white cliffs!

E. G. Knagg, LVI Sc.

## Letter from an Old Boy

Dear Editor,

Had I been asked to record my first impressions of Manchester, and, in particular, of the Royal College of Music, this would undoubtedly have been a somewhat dismal letter. Yes, Manchester is grimy, dirty, Victorian — but it has some redeeming features, which, as I now near the end of my second year of study here, have become more apparent.

In appearance, the Music College certainly fits into this pattern — delapidated brick building, devoid of any architectural value, which at first sight might be mistaken for a warehouse, but for the cacophony which assaults the ears from all directions — pianos scaling, violins wailing, singers vowing, clarinets gurgling, trumpets sounding and a host of other noises defying classification. A normal day at the college is in full swing.

On entering the building you find yourself in the Concert hall, which, owing to the swollen student population, now has to serve as common room as well — the original common room now being used as a lecture hall. You will look in vain for “beardy weirdies” and other eccentric artists, for, although they do exist, they are a small minority, and most of the people at the R.M.C.M. are surprisingly normal. Social life in the college may seem a little hard to find, and in fact is hardly what could be called vigorous, owing to cramped facilities, and the student population being widely dispersed in flats, digs., etc. The university is close at hand, however, and there is no difficulty in meeting and mixing with a wide variety of students. Among these there seems to be a liberal scattering of Kirkhamians, but at the College we are few and far between.

Perhaps the highlight of student activity this year was the production of Debussy's opera, ‘Pelleas and Melisande,’ a work of rare beauty and extreme difficulty which is seldom performed. But the college was really ‘put on the map’ by the recent success in Moscow of one of its greatest ‘Old Boys,’ John Ogden. Until his removal to London, this brilliant pianist was frequently to be seen around college, and, in spite of his achievements, he displayed great modesty and humility, coupled with a genuine friendliness and interest towards his lesser brethren.

Aspiring musicians please note — some good can come out of the barbarian north — London is not the only place for developing one's talent. Who knows, when we move to the promised new building in Oxford Road . . . . ? But then, castles in the air were never a great deal of use to that most realistic of races, The Mancunians. Let it suffice to say that, in spite of cramped surroundings the R.M.C.M. not only exists — it progresses.

*yours sincerely,*

A. E. Haythornwhite.  
(1951-60).



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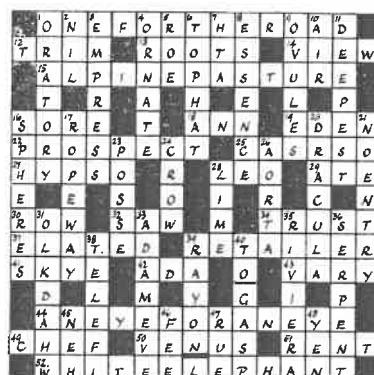
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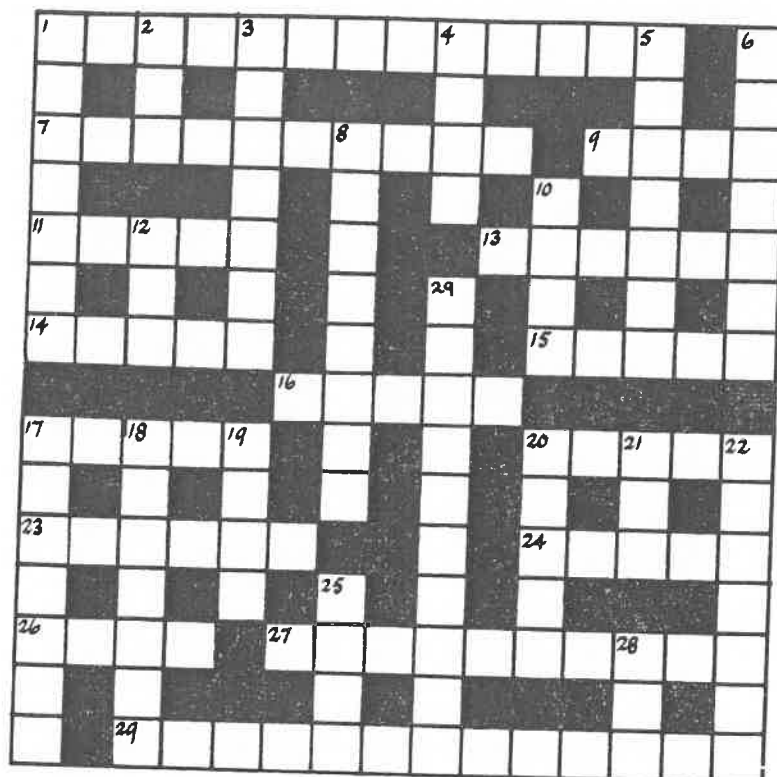
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# The Kirkhamian Crossword

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## ACROSS

1. This way you'll get nowhere! (2, 7, 4)
7. Appointment (10)
9. Undo your robe, you Dutchman, you (4)
11. Get your gun girl! (5)
13. Help required urgently—we're up the pole! (6)
14. Part of the unsavoury (w)hole has needle and thread associations (5)
15. "The song too daring, and the — too great!" (Matthew Prior) (5)
16. Tree found with men in town halls? (5)
17. O! We've lost of course. How slanderous! (5)
20. Found in 29 across (5)
23. Take in with baby's table-wear (6)
24. Is the censor at work in this kind of place? (5)
26. Every one is just out of reach (4)
27. Well-known Spanish landmark (10)
29. They give a dark account of the East! (7, 6)

## DOWN

1. Human being in French race (7)
2. The sun has transformed Nat all right! (3)
3. This animal sounds fishy and expensive (7)
4. Time it nearly all belonged to us (4)
5. Determined maxim (2, 2, 3)
6. Essential all round for the motorist (3, 4)
8. Mythical heroes' final resting place (8)
10. Hard luck if you land in it (4)
12. Inane wench, you'll soon discover! (3)
17. Foreigners noted for prominent jawbone? (7)
18. Girl's name (7)
19. German river (4)
20. With relation to frequent spot (5)
21. Scots thief? (3)
22. "Who take their—from the Ape  
"Their habits from the Bear"  
(Belloc) (7)
25. Sounds of lofty loyalty (2, 2)
28. March animal, and about turn! You've lost your tail! Can't make sense of this (3)
29. Little clergyman in obstruction act (10)

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June 1962.

Dear Old Boys,

The Spring and Summer months are usually quiet months as far as the Association is concerned. After the Annual Dance in January the next event is Founders Day and the Old Boys' Cricket Match in July leaving a clear five months during which time I'm sure members are fully occupied with various outdoor activities, not to mention holidays. During these months there of course, many sporting activities at School to which you all have a standing invitation. I do try to give you advance notice of these events when possible, but in any case a telephone call to School will soon put you in the picture.

The problem of keeping in touch with Old Boys, particularly the newer members, is very real and it has been suggested that one member from each year might be persuaded to join the Association and try to maintain contact with his contemporaries. The first of these representatives:

W. D. Molyneux, (1954-61),  
"Alwynne House,"  
8 Watling Street Road,  
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will be pleased to hear from any Old Boys who were at School in his time.

In conclusion I should like to make the usual appeal to Annual Members to send in the many subscriptions which are outstanding for this and past years. May I also remind Life Members that they have an opportunity to subscribe to the ever mounting cost of running the Association by becoming a Vice-President for only £5-5-0d. All subscriptions to be sent to me at the above address.

Best wishes,

yours sincerely,

Peter Hodgson,

Hon. Secretary.

## News of Old Boys

Peter I. Vardy (1949-57) has recently qualified as a doctor, has London University degrees M.B., B.S. and is eligible to receive on graduation an Associate of Kings College (London). He is now a house surgeon at St. Stephens Hospital, Chelsea.

Whilst studying medicine in London, Peter has also met: Geoffrey Leece, who is at Westminster, & Eric Sidebottom, at St. Barts.

E. Thomson (1949-52) is now a Surgeon Lieut. with H.M.C.S. Sussexvale and gives an address in Esquimalt, British Columbia.

**PROFILE**  
**No. 11**

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***Reg.***  
***Haworth***  
(K.G.S. 1926-32)



At the Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Association held in December 1961, Reg. Haworth was elected as the third annual President and thus we did honour to one of the most loyal and devoted old boys of the school.

He would be the first to admit that his six years at school did not end in a blaze of academic distinctions and prizes — indeed this period, thirty years ago, is now perhaps most memorable for the scrapes he got into and for the indignities which a certain fleshy part of his frame had to undergo. One remembers how, when the whole School House was in training for the Sports and the fiat went forth that they should scorn delights and live laborious days, Haworth was discovered raiding a secret cache of toffees. To expiate this heinous offence his punishment was, each day, to run round Wrea Green, and this he did at the end of afternoon school to the cheers and yells of the whole house which regularly assembled to see him off. However, he did enjoy his school life

hugely and become a very useful member of the 1st XV pack and he kept up his rugger after school by playing for Rochdale R.U.F.C.

When "the happiest days of his life" were over, he entered the family business and with his faithful brother Alf as his "side-kick" he has built up a flourishing and prosperous bakery. He has played a useful part in the civic life of his community and has been a councillor and chairman of Shaw & Crompton U.D.C. He is also a keen and hard-working Rotarian. During the war he was, most aptly, a Sergeant-Cook, and one can imagine no one more fitted by ability and appearance for that important job. He tells a most stirring story of how his Division nearly had the honour of invading the Japanese islands.

He is a most genial character, and devoted to K.G.S. He thinks nothing of making the somewhat long and often difficult journey from his home to attend a meeting or function at K.G.S., even in bad weather. Like many other Old Boys he has been disappointed that the terms of the 1944 Education Act and the inflexibilities of the 11 plus examination have debarred his sons from attending their father's school, but his own affections remain undiminished. One's own impression is that he is at his best when, leaning on a bar, with a gin-and-tonic in his hand, he is displaying his not inconsiderable powers as a raconteur.

We get all kinds of boys at K.G.S. — bright boys, not-so-bright boys; strong boys, weak boys; sporting types and non-sporting types, but it seems to be a fact that those boys who carry off most of the honours of the school are not always those who show most affection for and gratitude to the school in after years. Reg. Haworth indeed was rather diffident about accepting the position of President, because he said his school career had not been very distinguished and there were others more suitable than he. There were not.

We wish him a happy year of office and hope that the Association flourishes under his direction.

## Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

President: Rev. A. R. Allen. Chairman: Mr. F. S. Benson.  
Secretary: Mr. L. Nicol. Treasurer: Mr. W. N. Harvey.

The six months interval between articles for the "Kirkhamian" has once again passed with what seems to be unprecedented swiftness, and I find that the Editor is impatient for the script.

Socially there has been no lack of activity since my last report. Our Annual Dinner Dance at the Clifton Arms was, as always, a well patronised and enjoyable evening in congenial surroundings. The Car Treasure Hunt, ably organised by Mr. Kremer and Mr. Reay, was a strenuous event at least mentally if not physically. Having borne the brunt of organising our social events during the past two years, I think that Mrs. Kirby, the Social Secretary, is to be warmly congratulated on the way in which she has handled the affairs of the Social Committee. I am sure that the Chairman and members of the Social Committee will join me in these thoughts.

The 1962 Project for the School has been finalised as a gift of One Hundred pounds to be applied for the provision of a Television set at the discretion of Mr. Kennedy.

Departing from our actual activities for a change, perhaps it will not come amiss to remind all Friends and pupils of the School of the objects of our Association. We are aiming high, as a study of the following quotation from the Articles of Association will reveal:—

The Objects of the Association shall be:—

- (a) To promote the general advancement of the interests of Kirkham Grammar School.
- (b) To promote co-operation between parents or guardians, and the teaching staff, and to encourage their interest in the educational and social life of the school.
- (c) To foster cultural, academic, sporting and other activities of the school.
- (d) To provide facilities for discussion of educational problems as they affect home and school.
- (e) To establish a Careers Information Service and an Advisory Panel of Employment Consultants, on vocational guidance.
- (f) To raise funds to be used in any way for the benefit of the school and boys — e.g. provision of literature, apparatus, school or sports equipment, outside that obtainable through the ordinary school allowance.
- (g) To provide means of social fellowship amongst the members.
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