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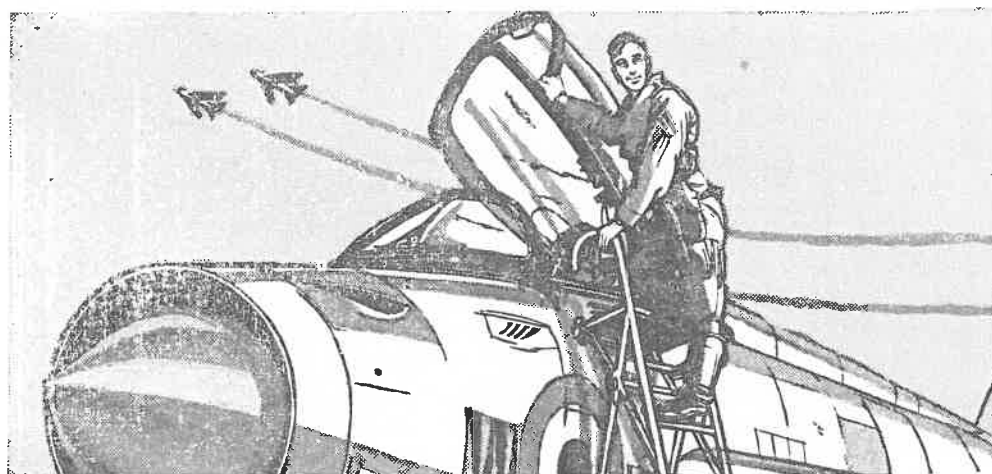


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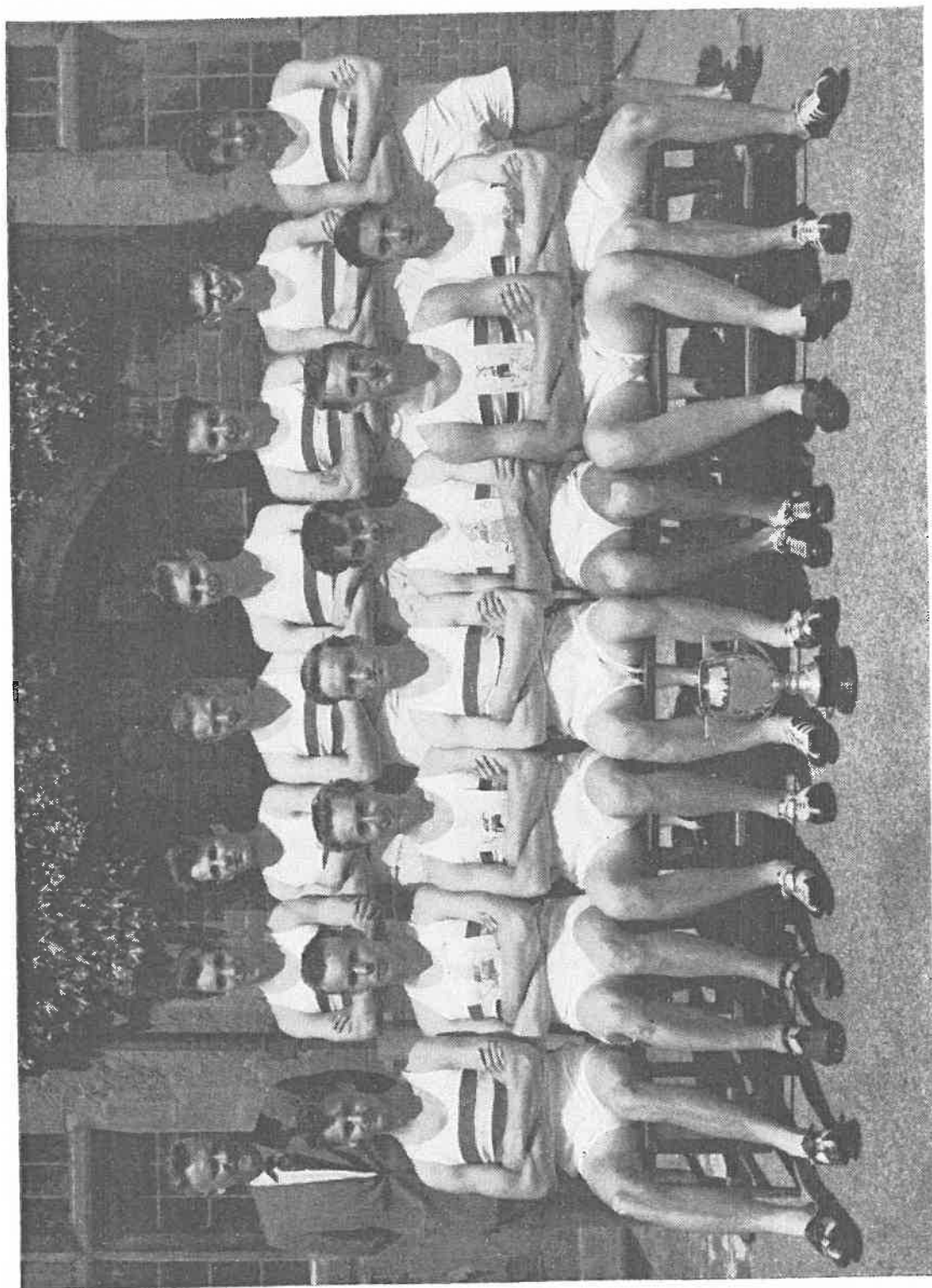
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It is the aim of the Magazine Committee to raise the standards of the "Kirhamian" and to make the School aware of its possibilities. It is all too easy for a school magazine to stagnate, to stick in the same old rut. The "Kirkhamian" must not be allowed to do this; it is produced for the benefit of the whole school and every member of K.G.S. should do what he can to improve it. Constructive criticism from any and every boy is the way to make this magazine better and better. The Committee does what it can, but without your active help and interest the "Kirkhamian" will be unable to improve and extend itself.

This term we have held an essay competition. The response was pleasing but not overwhelming and the Committee congratulates the winners, J. Gardner and P. Cooke.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mark Clayson during an inter-house rugby match played on Wednesday, 1st November, 1961. We wish to extend our sympathy to his parents and family.

## Ashton House

*House Master:* MR. H. B. WILSON.  
*Assistant House Masters:* MR. T. JACKMAN,  
MR. G. CHEESBOROUGH.

*House Captain:* W. J. HARVEY.  
*House Prefects:* J. D. DEWHURST, I. D. ASCROFT,  
M. C. MCCREATH, P. M. WHITEHEAD.

On the whole the Winter Term has been successful. The House has participated in three competitions:— The Chess Cup, The Work Cup and the Senior Rugby Competition.

In Chess our efforts have been well rewarded. In our first game the team was victorious over Preston House by 16pts. — 8pts., and later in the term the team beat Lytham House by 17pts. — 7pts. These successes are very pleasing and we hope to retain our first position throughout the year. The worst is yet to come, however, and next term the team will have some hard games. The House owes thanks to everyone who has played for the team and particularly to A. G. Evans, an able Captain.

Our second success this term has been in the Work Cup Competition. As yet we have been unable to attain first place, but nevertheless a consistent second throughout the term augurs well for the future. If everybody in the House puts that little bit extra into his work during the two remaining terms we can confidently expect a first place by July. The one disappointment of the term has been the Senior Rugby. Our first game, a semi-final against Lytham House, was played under conditions which severely hampered the Ashton team and we were convincingly beaten by our opponents who go into next term's final with our best wishes.

The Easter term brings the House a full programme of inter-House activities. Music, Cross-Country, Junior Rugby, Debating and Gymnastics. Every member of the House looks forward to taking an active and, we hope, successful part in these competitions and to improving on the achievements of the Winter Term.

W.J.H.



## 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.

This first term of school life always seems devoid of activity and so, perhaps we may be permitted to dwell a little on the legacies from last term.

In the Senior House Cricket Competition we amassed 100 runs in beating Lytham House but our sterling attempts to brighten

the cricket misfired against Preston House in the final. In the Shooting Cup the team performed well and came home in second position.

Our performance in the Swimming Cup is also to be commended. The House was placed in fourth position no great distance behind the third House. This is a considerable improvement on our performance in recent years and it is hoped that this revival will continue for some time.

As for this term, there are only two activities of note. Firstly in the Senior House Rugby competition the House was again pitted against School House (this seems to be the thing to do, for next term we play them in the Junior Rugby Competition and also meet them in the Debating Competition) and after taking the lead the House was defeated 13 points to 6 in a good game, a game marred only by the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of M. E. Clayson, a member of this House.

In the House Work Cup our progress is dismal to watch. We at least hold fifth position at one time during the term but are now occupying sixth position.

Next term we set out on a much more active course and naturally the House hopes success will come its way. To all our new members we extend a welcome and to those who have just left us we send our best wishes.

J.G.B.



## Kirkham House

*House Master:* MR. H. J. REAY.

*Assistant House Masters:* MR. L. A. REDMAN,  
MR. A. BALDWIN.

*House Captain:* D. J. SHEARMAN.

*House Prefects:* P. J. CRESSWELL, D. K. JACKSON, R. A. IRVING.

In this review of House activities we must look back as far as the summer term. The senior cricket team lost to Preston House by 10 wickets; the junior team also was beaten in the preliminary round by Lytham House. With much talent, but not enough support from standard points, the House failed to overtake School House in the Swimming Sports, but successfully defended and retained the second position. After much work during the year and the G.C.E. examinations, Kirkham, for the first time, was awarded the Work Cup. The Chess Cup was shared with School House as joint-winners of the competition, and the Shooting Cup was retained once more.

This term has seen little activity. The senior rugby team was defeated by Preston House by 17pts. to 3. In the first chess match of the year, the House scored a strong victory over Fylde House by 18 pts. to 6, which augurs well for the future. We have once again taken the lead in the Work Cup charts; due to the efforts of the junior half of the House; it now remains for the seniors to substantiate our hopes in next term's Mock Examinations.

D.J.S.

# Lytham House

*House Master:* MR. C. K. LEE.

*Assistant House Masters:* MR. H. T. BENTLEY, MR. J. MURRAY,  
MR. J. L. VERITY.

*House Captain:* R. A. WALMSLEY.

*House Prefects:* T. J. HUSS, D. A. COLBOURN, C. A. MUGRIDGE,  
P. S. ALLISON, A. S. GAFFINEY, D. W. H. WALTON, I. A. WALTON

Since the last report the House has only had a moderate measure of success. However the House reached the finals of the Ister-House Debating Competition where G. C. Box and T. J. Huss were beaten by Preston House.

After a very bad start the Chess team improved and managed to obtain fourth place by the end of the competition. Indeed, if the House had not lost 24 — 0 to School House, Lytham might now hold the Chess Cup. This year the House has the same Senior team but it has been necessary to form a new Junior team. Although both matches this term have been lost to School House 14 — 10 and Ashton House 17 — 7, the team has good potential and is expected to achieve better results against the weaker teams.

The Lytham House is usually quite successful in the Inter-House Swimming Sports and last year was no exception. In fact the House gained third place with 110 points — Whiteside won the Junior Backstroke, A. Smith, Mugridge, Crowther and Dowling gained places while the Junior Relay Team was second.

Throughout last year the House maintained a good standard in the Work Cup Competition but, because of very poor results in the summer examinations and G.C.E., fell from third to sixth position. Mention must be made of G. C. Box who gained 70 points and T. M. Smith who scored high marks consistently. This term the House is in third position, in spite of the fact that four boys failed to score, and there is no reason why this should not be improved.

The House did not fare as well as expected in the Shooting Competition but this was because two reserves had to be included in the team at the last moment. Highest score in the team was R. Walmsley with 90 out of 100 and the House just escaped last place in the final order. The team wishes to convey its appreciation to Mr. Verity for giving up a lot of his valuable time to supervise practice.

The House failed in the Cricket Competitions, both Seniors and Juniors losing to Fylde House, and finished last in the competition for the Gym Cup. Nevertheless with practice the House can improve in these competitions.

For the first time in many years the House has a large number of House Prefects. They can lead but can not achieve anything unless the whole House is behind them. At the moment too many members are prepared to let someone else make the effort but when everyone plays his part the House will be really successful.

R.A.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.

At the end of the last House Report in July, the hope was expressed that some other House would wear that runners-up label in the Senior Cricket and Debating Finals. Only two trophies were won by the House last year, and strangely enough they were both won on the same day.

In the semi-finals of the Senior Cricket, Preston batted first and made seventy-seven runs (C. R. Broadbent 19), and School House were dismissed for fifty-nine, thanks to some fine bowling by D. W. Garnett who took seven wickets for twenty runs. In this way, the House qualified to meet Fyde House in the Final. Preston, batting first, scored eighty-eight runs, and Fyde were quickly dismissed for twenty-seven. The two outstanding players in the Preston team were J. R. Butterworth, who scored 29 runs and took 6 for 17, and the captain, D. W. Garnett, who scored 23 runs and took four wickets.

In the morning, the House had won the Debating Competition. G. Parkinson and R. O. Maddock proposed that "Eichmann should have been forgiven and forgotten." With good support from the floor, the verdict went narrowly in Preston's favour.

The House had nothing to be proud of in the other competitions concluded at the end of last term. Preston came third in the Work Cup, fourth in the Gym Cup, fifth in the Chess Cup and last in the Shooting and Swimming Competitions.

The House extends its best wishes to last year's House Captain, D. W. Garnett, and Prefects, J. R. Butterworth and C. R. Broadbent.

This term has not been a very distinguished one, but there is success to report in the Senior Rugby Competition. In the first round the House had a good victory over Kirkham House by 17 points to 3. The House is to meet School House in the semi-final. The House is not given very much chance of victory, but with a display of House spirit, even School House could be beaten.

The Chess team has suffered two defeats at the hands of Ashton and School Houses.

In the Work Cup, the House is in the very uncharacteristic position of fifth, one point above the House in Sixth place. A big effort is needed to remedy this.

Looking ahead, there will have to be a determined effort by the House in the Work, Chess, and Gym Competitions where early promise has been lacking.

The Junior Rugby team should do well, as should the Cross-Country team.

Next term sees two competitions in which the House would seem to have an outstanding chance of success. In the Music Competition the House has excellent prospects of improving upon the runners-up position, and in the Debating Competition, the House must have high hopes of retaining the trophy.

If there is a display of determination and the will to win, Preston House could well have a successful term. Without these the House will fail. Each member of the House should give his best, even though he may not appear in a House team. The best House is not the House with the best players, but the one with the best triers. Let Preston House be this House.

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:* W. D. MOLYNEAUX, B. R. J. WALTERS,  
J. G. MORGAN.

July 1961 and the end of another school year saw the House in possession of five cups. Namely, the Junior Rugby, Junior Cricket, Swimming, Gymnastic and Chess, the latter being shared with Kirkham House.

The Juniors are to be congratulated on retaining the Junior Cricket Cup. It will not soon be forgotten that they dismissed the cream of Ashton House for a total of 7 runs in the final. The Senior Cricket XI were knocked out of the competition in the semi-finals by Preston House, who went on to win the cup.

Once more, thanks to the efforts of every member of the House, the Swimming and Gymnastic trophies came our way. The Swimming team was ably captained by W. D. Molyneaux who was helped in the training of the team by B. R. J. Walters. D. B. Rogers proved a worthy leader of the House's gymnastics.

The results in the Work Cup gave us a final position of 4th. In the Shooting Competition we finished 3rd. There is obviously room for improvement in both these events this year. At the time of writing we are still in the 4th position in the Work Cup this year, but two more terms still remain.

R. B. Brown, who won the Junior Reading Prize, and M. Leaney, who won the Public Speaking Competition and the Chess Cup are to be congratulated.

The end of the year saw the departure of several members of the House to whom our good wishes go, especially to D. B. Rogers and M. Leaney.

The School year 1961-62 has got off to a good start in the House. The Chess team has already recorded two victories and the Senior Rugby team are through to the semi-finals of the competition. All Seniors in the House have their eyes firmly fixed

on the Senior Rugby Cup which for a number of years has eluded the House. The Junior XV are "raring to go" in their competition next term.

School House has also had more than its share of members in School teams. In particular J. Montgomery, W. D. Molyneaux, A. G. M. Chrystall and M. C. Hobbs who have appeared regularly for the 1st XV are to be congratulated. It is also worthy of note that nearly all the linesmen for School teams are from the House and the way they carry out their job is praiseworthy.

In the world of Badminton the House is well represented in the School team, comprising 50 per cent. of it. More practice could lead to a complete monopoly.

Christmas sees the departure of two members of the House from the School, W. D. Molyneaux and S. R. Halliwell. Our best wishes go with them.

If every member of the House plays his part to the full there is no reason why this year should not be more successful than ever, both in the classroom and on the playing fields.

J.M.



## Geographical Society

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Regular attendances of over one hundred at this term's films and lectures were those expected of one of the most popular societies in the school, and, at times, room 11 took on the appearance of the Black Hole of Calcutta.

In looking to the future, the society has been seeking new sources of both lectures and films, with little success in the former field. Indeed, the society would be grateful for any information aiding it in this search.

As for the latter, the society has been more successful and has located several promising prospects. However, to supplement the free films at its disposal, the society is now being forced to hire films and owing to the present limits of its subsidy, it may not be able, in future, to secure films of the high standard which it is trying to maintain.

The society has been considering the possibility of a membership fee of a purely nominal nature but is hopeful of the G.S.C. increasing its subsidy.

Finally, future attractions will attempt to cover the lesser-known regions of the world, and, at the time of going to press a film on the monsoon in India and a very topical one on the H-Bomb have been booked.

F.B.C.

## Badminton Society

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*Secretary:* L. F. ABBOTT.

This term the junior members have as usual played keenly and showed much interest in the game. There are now more upper-sixths playing than has been the case for many years.

The team has been:—

1st pair: R. A. Irving (Captain) and L. F. Abbott

2nd pair: J. Montgomery and J. F. Harrison.

3rd pair: D. E. Moore and J. B. McIldowie.

The team played two matches, loosing 7-2 against Hutton and winning 5-4 against King Edward's, Lytham. After a disastrous start, the team regained confidence in a closely fought match at Lytham. Irving was outstanding with his all-round grasp of the game and Montgomery combined unorthodox shots with daring acrobatics, obtaining good results. The third pair promise well for the future when more match experience has been gained.

L.F.A.

## Chess Club

*Chairman:* H. B. WILSON.

*Secretary and Treasurer:* J. G. WORDEN.

*Committee:* A. G. EVANS, D. J. SHEARMAN, T. J. HUSS,  
G. PARKINSON, B. R. J. WALTERS.

The winter term has seen once again the beginning of the School's Individual Chess Competition. 86 names went into the hat for the 1st Round draw, creating a record for the number of entrants, which the committee feels will be very difficult to surpass. Already shock defeats and near defeats have occurred, to the delight of the younger members, and dismay of certain sixth-formers. By the time this report reaches the School the third round, with its 32 remnants, should be well under way, and it is hoped that the final will be played before the summer examinations commence.

As well as the Individual Competition the Inter-House matches have also started. At the moment 5 matches have been played, and this year the fight for first place seems likely to be between the Kirkham, Ashton and School Houses. Results:—

Ashton 16 — Preston 8

School 14 — Lytham 10

Kirkham 18 — Fylde 6

Ashton 17 — Lytham 7

School 16 — Preston 8

Two school matches, against Hutton Grammar, have already been arranged for the spring term, and it is hoped that this fixture



list may be extended with matches against K.E.S. Lytham, and possibly the masters.

With an increase in membership since last year, over a quarter of the school now being members of the club, it was decided that 3 new chess sets should be bought for the benefit of the school. This was duly carried out; however, only two weeks after purchase it was found that one of these new sets already had a piece missing. On hearing this the immediate reaction of the committee was that the sets should be locked up and only used on the approval of a committee member. We do not wish to have to do this as it will inconvenience ourselves as well as you, but if there is another occurrence of this it may be found necessary to do so. It was for your benefit that the sets were bought; all we ask is that you replace them as you found them.

J.G.W.

## Photographic Society

*Chairman:* MR. L. A. REDMAN.

*Secretary:* A. D. KIRBY. *Treasurer:* G. R. MOORES.

*Committee:* H. LOMAS, G. J. SHAW.

Since the last edition of the magazine there has been feverish activity in the society, for we have made our first film. Under the able directorship of T. Fulford-Brown the society whirled into action. Unfortunately, due to the value of the equipment, the younger members could not actually shoot any film but were compensated by becoming "stars."

As was expected, the darkroom has not been used much this summer, but with the darker nights and colder dinner times its use has increased. During the latter weeks of the Winter Term instruction courses in developing and enlarging have been given to the inexperienced members and I hope the fruits of this will be reaped at our annual Easter Fair Exhibition.

The 10 per cent. discount system for all members at Peter Anthony's in Preston has been in constant use.

A.D.K.

## Music Society

*Chairman:* MR. J. MURRAY.

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*Committee:* W. J. HARVEY, G. PARKINSON, T. J. HUSS,  
G. MOORES.

Once again the main function of the society has been the orchestral practices which take place every Tuesday at 1-30 in the Hall. Although we have gained a few new members, anybody who is interested in joining the orchestra is invited to attend the practices.

No parties have been arranged for the quite numerous concerts given in Preston by the Hallé and Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestras, but several members have attended and enjoyed the usual high standard of performance.

"West Side Story" was also fairly well attended, and those who did go saw, and heard, a magnificent production.

The end of the Winter Term was marked by the Carol Service and everyone enjoyed both the new and the old carols.

This term the important dates are the Inter-House Festival, and the Easter Concert.

M.P.B.



## Student Christian Movement

*Chairman:* MR. H. H. WOOD,

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W. H. OWEN, B. R. J. WALTERS, C. T. ROBINSON:

Four meetings have been held in room 12 this term. Subjects have been very varied and attendances have been well up to the usual standard.

The first meeting consisted of a talk by Mr. Wood on the subject of "Faith." This was followed by a discussion. At the second meeting there was a general discussion on the controversial topic, "Wine, women, and song, right or wrong?"

We were very pleased to welcome the Rev. Fred Wilson to speak to the S.C.M. group for the third time since it was founded. This term he gave a stimulating talk under the title "What is a Christian?"

It is fitting at this point to express our thanks to the Rev. Fred Wilson and to Mr. Norwood for speaking to the group this term. We can assure them that their journeys were well worthwhile. Mr. Norwood, paying one of his many return visits to the School, brought his legal knowledge to bear on the subject of "English Law as a code of Christian morals."

A party of thirty-one sixth-formers paid a visit to the inter-school Conference at the Park School on November 24th. The subject of the Conference was "What is Man?" No one could fail to find food for thought at this Conference which proved to be an excellent introduction to Psychology. Our thanks are due to the speaker, Dr. Frank Lake, the Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Fordham, the organiser, Miss J. Le Gros Clark, and the Headmistress of the Park School, Miss M. Shanks, for making this such a valuable and enjoyable Conference. Apart from those from K.G.S., sixth-formers from the Park School, Penwortham Girls G.S., Balshaws G.S., Preston G.S., and Hutton G.S. were present:

G.P.

## Debating Society

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*Committee:* J. F. HARRISON, W. J. HARVEY, T. J. HUSS,  
R. A. IRVING, P. S. ALLISON.

At the time of writing the main event of the term has still to materialise. This is a joint debate at K.G.S. with the Debating Society of Fleetwood G.S. On Tuesday, December 12th, two speakers from Fleetwood G.S. will propose the motion that "This House believes that Progress is an Illusion." They will be opposed by G. Parkinson and F. J. Huss of K.G.S. The debate will be chaired by W. J. Harvey. It is hoped that the debate will be of a high standard since only members of the sixth-form will attend.

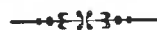
This term, the committee decided to institute a system of membership for the Society in an effort to raise the standard of debates. In the only debate to be held since the scheme's inception there was a definite improvement in the standard of debating. It is the committee's sincere hope that this improvement will continue during next term's inter-House competition. At the present time 79 members of the School are members of the Society.

Four debates have been held on the motions that "This House believes that Britain has no future," "This House believes that the Government should no longer support British Agriculture," "This House believes in civil disobedience," and "This House believes that examinations are a curse of modern life." The first three of these were defeated, and the fourth was carried.

The committee tries to make the motions as varied as possible, but they would be glad to receive any suggestions from members of the Society.

Next term sees the start of the inter-House Competition, and it is possible that there will also be a Junior Debate.

G.P.



## Table Tennis Society

*Chairman:* MR. VERITY.

*Secretary:* J. A. DEWHURST. *Treasurer:* P. J. CRESSWELL.

*Committee:* P. M. WHITEHEAD, P. A. LOMAS, J. DOBSON, A. KENNEDY.

The annual general meeting was held on the 19th September, and from the number attending this meeting, it appeared that the club was going to receive very little support this term. However as the term proceeded this first impression was proved to be wrong and although very few LVI wished to join, the number was brought up to about average by very keen UVI players.

Owing to damage of the net and supports last term it was decided that a new set should be purchased immediately, along

with three new bats. The latter seemed to raise the standard of play appreciably, which, on the whole, was good.

As usual this term, the 'hut' was commandeered for the G.C.E. exams and it was feared, at the conclusion of the exams, that there would be a drop in attendance. However this did not materialise and already many of the old faithfuls have returned to their home from home.

Arrangements had been made for a Masters v. Boys match to be played at the end of term but at the last minute the masters thought better of it and the fixture was postponed. It is hoped the match will be played next term when the masters will have had adequate time to practice, although I doubt very much whether this will make any difference to the inevitable result.

J.A.D.



## Library Report

*Chairman:* MR. B. COATES.

*Secretary:* G. PARKINSON, *Treasurer:* D. J. SHEARMAN.

*Committee:* P. COOKSON, J. F. HARRISON, W. J. HARVEY,  
G. W. IBBISON, R. A. IRVING, D. K. JACKSON, J. G. MORGAN,  
R. O. MADDOCK, R. A. WALMSLEY, B. R. J. WALTERS.

This has been an extremely busy term for the Library sub-committee. Two working parties have been held each week, and the thanks of the committee are due to those members of School House and the Lower Sixth who gave their help to the committee in accessioning new books.

As a result of a grant of £580 from the County Authorities, many new books have been ordered. Already 199 new books have been accessioned this term, and many more have still to be done. During the term the committee accessioned the five thousandth book to be received into the K.G.S. Library. In addition to accessioning books the committee has started the mammoth task of clearing out all the old books in the Library. Two auctions of these have increased the Library's revenue quite considerably. A feature of the term has been the acquisition of a new set of "Encyclopaedia Britannica."

The Committee would also like to thank those Old Boys and Friends who have so generously donated books to the Library.

The more routine work of the sub-librarians in receiving and issuing books during the lunchtime Library sessions has functioned smoothly. At the time of going to press, 1096 books have been issued; this total being 50 fewer than at the same time last year. The Junior and Science sections have been used the most extensively.

Next term would seem to be going to be another very busy one for the Library, with many new books to be accessioned and many more to be removed in the process of bringing this important facet of school life up to date.

G.P.

# C.C.F. Report

C.S.M.: R. A. WALMSLEY.

Sgts.: I. D. ASCROFT, K. HALSTEAD, R. A. IRVING, D. JACKSON,  
R. O. MADDOCK, G. PARKINSON,

Cpls.: D. G. BROWNBILL, A. G. EVANS, W. J. HARVEY,  
P. A. HEMINGWAY, M. KIRKHAM, C. D. ROBERTSON.  
T. P. WALLBANK.

L/Cpls.: J. G. BARNES, A. S. BRIDLE, A. D. KIRBY.

Last term's most encouraging Cert. A Part I Examination must be mentioned first. Out of two platoons only one cadet failed, three still have to satisfy the examiners in Field craft and Buckley and P. E. Clark gained Credit Passes. These platoons will be very successful in the future if this high standard is maintained.

The new recruits have shown great enthusiasm this term and seem to enjoy the C.C.F. training. However the Recruits Test will show how successful this term has been.

The N.C.O.'s have made a good start this year although they are lacking numerically. It is hoped to rectify this when the Cadre finishes by promoting these cadets to Junior N.C.O.'s.

On November 2nd this year's first Field Day was held at Whitewell in the West Riding of Yorkshire. The Senior Platoons went on a cross country, map-reading exercise while field craft games and exercises were organised for the Junior Platoons. The location was excellent for these activities and this profitable, enjoyable day was only slightly marred by heavy showers.

An innovation to the syllabus this year is the First Aid course provided for cadets who have passed Cert. A. Part II. The first course of this instruction, which is both invaluable and interesting, will terminate with an examination at the beginning of the Easter Term.

Brigadier C. M. M. Man, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., paid an informal visit to the contingent on 6th November. He was very impressed by the efficiency of the N.C.O.'s and the behaviour of the cadets, especially those who were in the gym and on the field. He showed great interest and promised to help the contingent in any way he possibly could.

The last event before Christmas was an Army Film and Lecture on the 14th December.

R.A.W.

## SUMMER CAMP, 1961.

Four officers and sixty cadets went to Brecon for the Annual Army Cadet Camp of 1961. All who went enjoyed themselves immensely from the N.C.O.'s down to the Junior Cadets.

The senior cadets went into the wild Welsh hills for cross-country map-reading and initiative tests, the whole exercise lasting 5 days. The juniors stayed in the camp, except for two nights.

spent in bivouacs at Cwm Gwdi, and in the course of the week practiced all that they had learnt at school in the preceding year.

The assault course and the moving targets in the range brought out the best in the cadets but the training they enjoyed most was firing .303 rifles for the first time. Certain N.C.O.'s were reluctant to fire the application practice because they were afraid of scoring fewer points than the cadets, several of whom scored 38 or 39 out of 40.

The indoor facilities at the camp were excellent but there was nowhere for outdoor games. The only time outdoor games were attempted, the participants were threatened with the guard-room by an over-zealous security official. One of the highlights of the post-training activities was the exhilarating wrestling bout between the "Lea Layabout" and the "Wild Welshman."

The food was greatly improved this year, thanks to the sterling culinary efforts of Cpl. Evans and Cadet Lomas. A feature of the junior training was the high standard attained by all cadets — in all a thoroughly profitable camp.

I.D.A.



## Cricket 1961

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	10	6	3	1
2nd XI	7	3	2	2
Under 15 XI	4	1	2	1
Under 14 XI	5	1	4	0

The season got off to a very bad start with three blank Saturdays because of weather conditions and all teams took some time to recover from this lack of match practice. This was particularly evident in the 1st XI who made a most unsuccessful beginning by losing their first three games. But once the team had settled down it developed as expected into quite a formidable combination. The remaining six games were all won, including convincing victories over Urmston G.S. and the Old Boys. The strength of the side undoubtedly lay in its bowling where D. Moor, P. Whitehead and D. Garnett were a very hostile trio. If they failed, there was always J. Butterworth who had the happy knack of getting the vital wicket. This bowling strength was well backed up by some aggressive fielding which stemmed from the very good and enthusiastic wicket-keeping of J. Montgomery. It was in the batting that the main weakness of the team lay. Here there was a lack of good technique and method. Of the principal batsmen only P. Carmont enhanced his reputation and other players could profitably have adopted his air of dogged determination. As it was, 'life-saving' operations usually had to be carried out by the tail-enders. Mention must be made of the captain of the XI, H. Taylor. He recovered from a very shaky start but by

the end of the season, he had developed into a really good and thoughtful captain.

The weakness in batting was naturally very evident in the 2nd XI which had to depend on its bowling strength and general enthusiasm for its success. Here P. Bamber was the outstanding bowler whilst L. Abbott, slow off-spin and A. Chrystall were both quite promising. The keenness of the side was due in large measure to the captain W. Molyneaux.

It is, however, in the Junior teams where the greatest cause for anxiety lies. Not nearly as much cricket is played these days during spare time and Soccer seems to have become the unofficial Summer game. This lack of practice and a genuine love of the game is reflected in the poor results of the Under 15 where a number of players who had shown real promise during the previous season did not develop as expected. It is sincerely to be hoped that this state of affairs is remedied in the 1962 season. The Under 14 are always naturally a very keen side and contains some splendid prospects especially in J. Rayton, F. Rigby, R. Blackburn and P. Hayton and here again it is to be hoped that all the juniors practice sufficiently to acquire the fundamentals of batting, bowling and fielding, and retain and develop their present interest and enthusiasm.

The Preston House is to be heartily congratulated on retaining the Senior shield and the School House on again being the winners of the Junior Cup.

At a meeting of the Committee at the end of the season, Full Colours were awarded to D. Moor, J. Montgomery and P. Whitehead and Team Colours to H. Taylor, P. Carmont, J. Butterworth, D. Garnet, A. J. Lewis, D. E. Moore, M. T. Hill and J. R. Sowerbutts.

Finally, the Committee would like to express its gratitude to all those who have contributed in any way to the organisation and to the success of the season.

1st XI v. Hutton G.S.; 7th June K.G.S. 67 — H.G.S. 69/8

Kirkham's batting mirrored the wet and dismal conditions, but although rain interrupted their batsmen four times there was little excuse for such a display. Seven wickets were down with only 33 runs on the board when Montgomery and the rest of the 'tail' led a revival. Kirkham were however still dismissed for only 67, Pinder gaining the startling analysis of 9-21.

Hutton, batting in much brighter conditions, appeared much more solid and reached 58 for the loss of three wickets. A good spell of bowling by Whitehead (6-21) made Hutton fight for their victory which they achieved with eight wickets down.

1st XI v. Arnold S.; 14th June K.G.S. 64 — A.S. 31

Once again the Kirkham batting was very disappointing. Only Whitehead (23) showed any inclination to attack the bowling and Holt became the fourth bowler to take 5 wickets against K.G.S.

Arnold fared even worse. Dismissed for 31 no batsman reached double figures and seven failed to score. This was due to fine bowling by Moor (6-9) and Garnett (3-0) who were however helped by such a negative approach, in gaining our first win of the season.

1st XI v. K.E.S. Lytham; 17th June K.G.S. 69 — K.E.S. 47

Kirkham were once again dismissed for less than 70, but as they were at one time 19 for 5 this can be considered satisfactory. Taylor (14) batting stubbornly and Garnet (24) in fine style were instrumental in so improving the position.

Except for Chadwick, the opening bat who was undefeated for 21, the opposition were demoralised by the K.G.S. bowlers. Once again Whitehead (5-18) was outstanding in this, our first away victory.

1st XI v. Balshaws G.S.; 1st July B.G.S. 48 — K.G.S. 49/6

Balshaws batted first and were soon in trouble being 17 for 5. They made a tedious revival, scoring throughout at a rate of only 1.3 an over. Moor bowled effectively, if erratically, taking 6-17.

Kirkham's reply was brighter but they lost six wickets in achieving their victory. Hill scored 23.

1st XI v. Rossall 2nd XI; 5th July K.G.S. 130 — R. S. 54

Blessed with fine weather for the first game of cricket week Kirkham's batting at last realised its potential. Hill (29) and Whitehead (24) made 38 for the third wicket while Moore also made 19. The scoring rate throughout was almost four an over.

Rossall could not emulate this bright display and also lost seven wickets for 19 runs to an accurate Kirkham attack. Although a ninth wicket stand of 28 restored their fortunes somewhat Whitehead's bowling eventually brought a well-deserved win.

1st XI v. Urmston G. S.; 6th July  
K.G.S. 106 — U.G.S. 62

A victory in this all important match finally restored the team's fortunes, so low at the start of the season. Carmont dominated the morning's play compiling a careful 27. In the early afternoon, Montgomery, seeking quick runs, scored 18. Neville took 5-26.

Apart from Johnson (25), Urmston's batting never reached the standard it showed in 1960. After his dismissal the result never really seemed in doubt. Garnett's bowling rather overshadowed the batting; he bowled his first eight overs without conceding a single run and finished with 4-15.



## Swimming

The highlight of the season has undoubtedly been the winning of the Junior Trophy at the Inter Schools Swimming Gala held in June at the Derby Baths at Blackpool and is proof that competitive swimming, particularly in the middle school, is at last on the upgrade. The outstanding performer here is certainly P. Crabtree who is to be congratulated on winning the 55 yards Free Style and Butterfly events at the Gala and also being a member of the winning Squadron Relay team. Other middle school swimmers who have done very well and who show excellent promise are C. J. Gardiner, G. Moores and M. C. Hobbs. Of the Seniors, J. Marshall is easily the best whilst A. Smith and B. Walters are much improved performers. In the routine swimming of the School the outstanding and most encouraging feature has been the fact that 95% of the School can swim at least 10 yards whilst of this percentage, 60% can swim more than 150 yards. Both Upper and Lower VIs, Upper Va, Lower Va, Upper IVb and Lower IVa are to be congratulated on having 100% records.

Once again, the School House retained the House Swimming Trophy in the Inter House Swimming Sports held on July 10. The presentation of the Trophy to the School House Captain was made by Mrs. Benson of the Friends Association.

To sum up, it has been a most enjoyable season and one which gives real promise for the future.



## Gymnastics

The School House is again to be congratulated on retaining the House Gymnastic Cup. It has been a very keenly contested competition especially in the Middle and Junior School and for a time it looked as if Ashton House, the eventual runners up might pull off a victory. But the overall strength of the School House finally decided the issue and they held on to a Trophy which has never yet been out of their possession.



## Founders' Day, July, 1961

It has become almost customary for the sun to shine on Founders' Day and this year was no exception. The C.C.F. had held its inspection and march past the previous Thursday and so the school marched down without the usual military contingent. Despite this the whole school was well turned out and marched down to church with great precision.

The service was impressive as always, the choir excelling in its rendering of the introit and the anthem, "The God of Abraham Praise" by H. E. Watt. Canon C.W.D. Carroll of Blackburn gave an interesting and pointed sermon which was much appreciated.

The service ended, many people returned to school for lunch and they were joined by many more for the afternoon's cricket.

#### 1st XI v. OLD BOYS

The school rounded off a promising season by gaining their sixth consecutive victory. Carmont again showed good form, scoring a steady 20. Montgomery then enlivened the afternoon by showing a refreshing inclination to attack, scoring 36 in his very individual style. Plaster took 4-18 including a hat-trick.

Faced with a total of 81 the Old Boys collapsed against the left-handed Garnett (5-20). They lost six wickets for 9 runs, and after Cookson (17) led a revival they again collapsed, this time to Butterworth's bowling.

W.H.O.



#### THE SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS — RUGBY MATCH

The annual rugby match between the Old Boys and the School 1st XV was once again well attended by a touchline gathering of Kirkhamians both past and present. The afternoon of the 30th, September had graced the occasion with a bright blue sky and pleasant warm sunshine, and although the School 1st XV was fielding five reserves, the two sides were evenly matched and all set to give the spectators a good afternoon's rugby.

In the early stages of the game, neither side played as a team, and the pace was slow, and quite a number of careless mistakes were made. However, just as the Old Boys were settling down into a rhythm of play, a penalty was awarded against them almost on their own twenty-five. Chrystall, the School's stand-off, scored 3 points with a very well-taken kick. Ten minutes later, he made the score 6-0 with an equally good penalty-kick almost at the same spot as the first. The Old Boys now began pressing hard, and began to make use of their strong three-quarter line, which up to this point had been virtually left out of the game. The result was a tearaway break by Bamber, the stand off, who then quickly passed to Jackson, his inside-centre, who took the ball over the line for a try. There was no conversion, so the score stood at 6-3 for the School. However, with added enthusiasm the Old Boys managed to develop further attacking moves, until just before half-time, Howard received the ball on the right-wing, ran through, beating two men, and scored a try in the corner. It was not converted, and at half-time the score stood at 6-6.

During the second half, the 1st XV began to dominate the play, and the Old Boys had difficulty in finding a way through their defence. The wing-forwards on either side excelled, and many attacking movements were thus checked. Two-thirds of the way through the half, the Old Boys were awarded a penalty under the School's posts, and Bamber had no difficulty in collecting a further 3 points. This made the score 9-6 in favour of the Old Boys. The School pressed hard after this, and ten minutes from time they were awarded a penalty near the touchline, 30 yards out from the Old Boy's line. It was a difficult kick, but Chrystall unfailingly completed his hat-trick by an almost faultless

effort. This brought the score up to 9-9, and soon afterwards the whistle went for full time, and the game had ended in a draw. On looking back on the match, I think there could have been no fairer result to such a well fought game.



## Speech Day

Speech Day, the first for two years, was held in the Public Hall, Preston on Thursday, 5th October. The guest speaker on this occasion was the Rev. W. G. Fallows, Principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford.

The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Allen, Chairman of the Governors, who explained how the school's proposed building programme was being held up by the government's present economic policy. This was followed by the Headmaster's report. The Commandant of the R.A.F. Apprentices' School at Bircham Newton was then introduced and, on behalf of the R.A.F. presented a book to K.G.S. Library in recognition of the success of an Old Boy of the school, J. P. Pearson, who came first in the Passing Out Examination of that establishment.

The next item was the presentation of prizes by the Rev. W. G. Fallows who then addressed the school and strongly advised boys to make the fullest use of the opportunities available and to beware of old sayings, many of which he thought to contain harmful advice. He wound up the afternoon most agreeably by asking that the school be given a day's holiday. P. S. Allison.



## Carol Service. December 1961

Despite the fact that the Carol Service was held on a bitterly cold day, there was a fairly good attendance which says much for the popularity of this service.

As always the service was begun with the carol "Once in Royal David's City"; a carol in which the choir sing the first three verses and the congregation joins in on the fourth verse. This arrangement serves to break the ice and to start the congregation singing, which is very important if the service is going to be a success. After the Lord's Prayer the choir sang the traditional carol "The Holly and the Ivy"; an innovation to the service. The first lesson was read by C. I. Hamilton, a third former. This was followed by "Angels from the Realms of Glory" and the second lesson, which was read by L. B. Brown. The highly popular "Ding, Dong, Merrily On High", was then sung with much verve both by the choir and the congregation. After the third lesson, read by W. Kay, the choir sang "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." The fourth and fifth lessons were read by W. J. Harvey and J. Montgomery, the school captain. The choir and the congregation then sang the Magnificat.

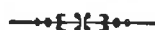
Mr. J. Tomlinson, President of the Old Boys' Association, read the sixth lesson and the choir then sang "Sing Lullaby."

Mr. F. S. Benson, Chairman of the Friends, delivered the seventh lesson. "Silent Night" was then sung by the choir and congregation, after which the choir sang part of "A Saviour Born," a Christmas Cantata by C. Armstrong Gibbs. After Mr. S. Middleton had read the eighth lesson, the choir sang the carol "We Three Kings from Orient Are," in which the soloists were W. J. Harvey, G. Parkinson and B. J. Walters.

While everyone was standing the Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Kennedy, read the ninth lesson. This was followed by "O, Come All Ye Faithful" and the Blessing pronounced by Rev W. A. P. Francis, Vicar of Kirkham.

Although the Carol Service did not quite reach the standard set up in previous years, it still stands as a very important event in the School Year.

G. R. Moores.



## Senior Prize Winning Essay

### A WINTER'S TALE

It is cold, very cold . . . Where am I? What am I doing here? . . . The mist is clearing, swirling slowly away. I can now see that it is snowing; cold snow is drifting leisurely down upon a silent, white earth . . . Yes. Now I can remember. It is coming back to me, as the mist swirls away. I can remember clearly the night of December the twentieth, nineteen hundred and sixty nine . . .

My name is Neil Linden, and I worked as a reporter for "The Daily Globe," a large London newspaper. I was on my way to have dinner with a very old friend of mine, Professor Edward George Waldron. As I strode briskly through the crisp snow, which was still falling, I was whistling a tune to myself. I was happy: I was carefree. The festive season had arrived. The Christmas spirit and good cheer were all around me. They were almost tangible.

I was already clear of the crowds of assorted people who came tumbling out of the large stores of the great city, after completing their Christmas shopping. I can still picture those tired but happy faces, almost completely enclosed in their mufflers, hurrying along, parcels wrapped in brightly decorated Christmas paper, under their arms and in their baskets. Christmas was near. To them it was a time for rejoicing and happiness.

It was half past seven when I arrived at the huge London residence of my host, Professor Waldron. I rang the doorbell, and was shown into a spacious, brightly-lit room by a small Cockney maid.

"The Professor will be with you directly," she told me in her cheery tones. To my surprise, I saw in that room, three other men, one of whom I recognised as the famous Doctor Macartney, a lecturer in Physics at a northern university. In the far corner I could see a short, portly, but smart-looking man. He

was in the uniform of the British Army, and as he was admiring an exotic painting of the Professor's, he had his back to me, but I could still see that he held a very high rank. I looked around me, and lounging in a large armchair by the fire, I saw a tall, thin man, who was, by his appearance, older than the other two. He had white hair and a goatee beard. His eyes twinkled as he turned his head to greet me "Sit down, my lad," he said in a friendly way.

"My name is Linden, sir, and I am a friend of Professor Waldron" I replied politely.

"My name is Professor Johnson" was the cheerful reply "and I am doing research work in the field of Bio-chemistry at the moment."

Professor Johnson then introduced me to the others, and as Field Marshal, Sir George Hunt strode over to shake me by the hand, I could see his neat little black moustache above his pearly-white teeth. His eyes were blue, cool, keen and piercing, and it was evident to all that his greying hair was getting rather thin in places. I held out my hand to Doctor Macartney, but all he did was to give a snort of recognition and continue to smoke his long, briar pipe, his big, dark eyes turned down towards the ground. The dark brown hair of this moody man was thick and unruly, having grown so long at the back of his neck that it was strewn untidily over the collar of his old, grey suit. Such was the assembly at the house of Professor Edward George Waldron that cold night in December.

A minute passed in silence, and I glanced over at Doctor Macartney to see that he was still deep in thought. At that moment a resounding crash followed by the clattering of splintering wood echoed through the air. This startled the waiting visitors, and I knew that it announced the arrival of the Professor. A few seconds later, the door opened and there he stood.

"We shall have to get a new hat stand," he commented. "I completely lost my train of thought when I blundered into that ugly monstrosity."

"Good evening, Gentlemen" he greeted, his black beard bristling. "As you will already have realised, I have invited you here tonight for a specific purpose. I shall enlighten you upon that matter after we have dined."

We were shown into the dining room where a long table had been made ready by the lively, little maid. Everyone enjoyed the meal, and afterwards the Professor invited us into his modern laboratory. In every direction we could see glass reflecting the brilliant light; glass retorts, test tubes, boiling tubes and many bottles containing liquids of every colour of the rainbow. On the central bench, in a beaker, was the most weird potion that I had ever seen. It was continually giving off a white vapour, and its colour seemed to have changed every time I looked at it.

"Yes" said Waldron, realising that all eyes were on his peculiar concoction "you may well be amazed, for that is the very

thing that I have brought you here tonight to see: In a very few minutes I will demonstrate its powers."

"Now, gentlemen" he began, running a huge hairy paw through his mane of thick, black hair, "you will all have realised, as I did, how desperate the world situation is becoming. Soon, I fear, there may be war, terrible war, with devastating nuclear weapons of every kind.

"However, my great brain foresaw the disaster, and about this time last year I started to work on, not a mode of attack, but a mode of defence. This is it" he said, indicating the mysterious substance in the beaker with a hairy sausage of a finger.

"I hope this isn't your idea of a joke" growled Macartney "I have valuable work I could be doing."

The face of Professor Waldron flushed and his beard bristled, "Surely you know me better than that," he roared furiously "And now, if that jackass will cease to interrupt, I will continue." A grunt came from Macartney's direction.

"I know that this will seem to you very hard to believe, but if I can get you to consider it credible, gentlemen, you could persuade the world. The liquid in this beaker has a very remarkable power. To state it simply, it is able to dematerialize human tissue, and this antidote" he said pointing towards a long, thin test-tube residing in a shiny metallic test-tube rack, "is able to materialize it again.

All heads turned towards the antidote, expecting to see another spectacular-looking product of modern science. They were sadly disappointed. In the narrow tube was a liquid looking in every respect like plain and ordinary water. My thoughts were voiced by Macartney "Humph! Water if you ask me!" he grunted.

The Field Marshal scowled over at him, Professor Johnson however was still looking intently at the discoverer of these 'wonders' and eagerly awaited the next statement of the great man.

"We still have the doubting Thomas" replied the Professor with a snarl, "but I purposely invited you because I knew you were sceptical in such matters. It may sound incredible to you but the principle on which it works is really a simple one. I shall now explain it to you." At this point the remarkable scientist departed into so much polysyllabic scientific jargon, that I was completely lost.

I glanced over at my companions. The brow of Professor Johnson was furrowed and his face stern. Sir John Hunt, being a well educated man, seemed to be able to grasp a large part of the Professor's explanation. Doctor Macartney was no longer scoffing, as he listened, eyes wide in amazement, to the hypothesis of Edward George Waldron. By this time Professor Waldron was dabbing with his finger a huge diagram which was hanging on the wall. On the diagram were many complicated formulae. Unable to interest myself in his theories, I began to scrutinize the peculiarities of his dress which had a little of the eccentricity of

genius. He wore a lime green shirt, a large knotted maroon-coloured silk tie, and a chequered sports jacket of a rather thick material. Such was the rather singular attire of the gifted Professor.

Having finished his lecture, Edward Waldron asked me what I thought of the principle of his discovery. I admitted that I had not understood a word of his lengthy account. He voiced as if in pain. "I explained it in the simplest language I could. You must have some mental deficiency if you were unable to grasp my meaning," he growled.

"You see" he continued "the trouble with you men, is that you are so concerned with your mundane affairs that you are unable to realise the vast fields which are waiting to be discovered by the ever-growing subject of science."

"I admit that I am still a little incredulous," I replied "but I would believe without a shadow of a doubt if I could see it proved by experiment."

"Then your case is not hopeless," retorted the lecturer. "I feel that there is reason lurking in you somewhere." The Professor made his way to the other side of the laboratory. In a few moments he returned carrying a large black and white rabbit. "The process is the same for all mammalian tissue" he explained.

Watched carefully by everyone present he opened the mouth of the rabbit and poured down into its gullet the dematerialisation drug. "Now we will await the effects" he exclaimed, a broad smile of confidence among his tangled bristle of luxuriant beard.

After about ten minutes, wisps of a substance which appeared to be similar to smoke, rose from the external tissue of the rabbit and the dematerialisation was complete. I noticed the face of the proud discoverer of this 'miracle.' His cheeks had bunched into two red apples between his half closed eyes and his great black beard.

"How are we to know that you haven't reduced the poor creature to vapour?" asked the Field Marshall.

The face of the Professor clouded over. "I thought that I had already explained that. Still, for the mentally backward, I shall prove it by experiment."

His every move was watched with utmost diligence by the interested assembly. He was seen to acquire from a small cupboard underneath the bench, a sprayer of the variety commonly used for insecticides. Into this he poured a small quantity of the liquid from the test-tube. Taking up the sprayer, he distributed the materializer evenly over the area where the rabbit had previously been. In a few seconds the mammal made its appearance looking as healthy as before but rather sleepy.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Johnson, "I would never have believed it."

"Amazing!" gasped the Field Marshal.

"There's a deception somewhere," snarled Macartney chewing at his old pipe.

"All right, to prove to you once and for all Macartney, I suggest that you be dematerialised yourself," challenged the angry Waldron, his enormous head shaking in his fury.

"Not likely" replied Macartney, backing away a little. "I value my existence too highly."

"I volunteer to try out your discovery," I said, a little regretful that I had been so hasty in my decision, but I had always had a sense of adventure, an urge to try anything new, and now I had grasped the opportunity for the adventure of my life.

"Well spoken, my boy," said Johnson smiling in his admiration of my bravery; or was he smiling at my youthful foolishness?

Professor Waldron was very pleased to see that I had so much 'confidence' in him, and immediately commenced to prepare the drugs. At this terrible moment a violent conflict was raging inside me.

"Don't go through with it. You don't know what dangers it may conceal."

"Don't be a coward. Where is that spirit of adventure and discovery which got Columbus to America, Drake round the world and Marco Polo to China? Does it not exist in you?"

"Are you ready?" asked Professor Edward George Waldron.

I swallowed with a gulp "I am ready," I replied, trying to conceal my tear and too proud to go back on my word.

The others looked on, as the Professor came over to me and handed me a beaker with a measured amount of the remarkable concoction in it.

"Drink it up" he ordered.

"In another quarter of an hour you will be with us no longer" he said sternly. "Here is the antidote. Take it when you wish to return." He was holding in his huge, hairy hand a small bottle with a colourless liquid in it. I took it from him and placed it in my left hand coat pocket next to my small reporters' notebook.

I looked at my self-winding watch. The time was eleven forty-five and the automatically changing date read: — "the twentieth of December, nineteen hundred and sixty nine." I walked over to the large side window of the laboratory to take what I thought might be my last look at the world.

The snow was still falling, slowly, silently. By the light of a tall street lamp I could see clearly the smooth, cold blanket of white, giving a light blue radiance to the dreary London street. To me it seemed very beautiful. Under the lamp was a party of carol singers spreading the cheer and goodwill of Christmas. Already it was becoming misty. I could still hear the sweet strains of "Silent Night" floating over the peaceful, white scene. Gradually, the street faded from my view. The beautiful music of the carol died glowly away. All was misty. All was silent.

When I awoke, it was warm. It was very light but there was no sun to be seen. "Where am I? Who am I? Why am I



here?" The mists had cleared, but there was still a mist around my memory. I could remember nothing. Raising myself from the ground, I looked around me. It was a most beautiful sight that met my eyes.

Wherever I looked there was fresh verdure. Green plants of every shape and size were growing in their glorious surroundings. On most of the larger plants were hanging growths of peculiar shapes. I assumed these to be fruit, as I made my way through the undergrowth of young vegetation. I was happy. I was comfortable. I was ignorant that I had any past life at all, but what did I care?

I journeyed on, dazzled by the new wonders which greeted me every step I took. I know not how long I travelled thus: It seemed only a few minutes, but it might have been an eternity. Then, I heard voices, sounds of laughing and playing in the distance. The noises became louder as I progressed, and I could also hear the sound of swiftly flowing water splashing and bubbling as it went. I peered in between the tall verdant plants in front of me and saw a surprising sight. There, swimming in the rushing water, and resting and playing on the grassy bank, were many happy youths. Young men and women were laughing and playing by the foaming blue water. There were no children. There were no old people. This was a land of eternal youth.

I decided not to disturb them, so I hurried round and stole quietly away through the lush greenery. I was hungry, and decided to try the gorgeous-looking fruits, which were hanging from the green branches above my head. I managed to knock down a huge yellow growth from a low branch. It hit the ground with a thud. I picked it up, and it was the shape of a rugby ball and quite considerably larger than my head. Feeling in my pocket I discovered my penknife, and started to remove the hard outer coat of this marvellous product of the peculiar vegetation. From the very first bite of its juicy centre, I experienced its luscious flavour. When I had eaten my fill I cast away the remainder of the fruit.

By this time my memory had returned. The cloud was being swept quickly away. I could remember the Professor. My first thought was one of panic. "I must get back to them." Feeling feverishly for the antidote, I pulled it from my pocket and hastily gulped it down. The mist returned.

When I returned I started to write this journal in the feeble hope that someone might have survived the terrible disaster, and that someday some human being may read my account and rediscover the marvellous secret of Professor Edward George Waldron.

Here I am, sitting in the cold snow. I can now see that here, where the Professor's house once stood is the bottom of a huge, snow-covered crater. I look at my watch. I can see that the time is eleven forty five on the twenty fourth of December, nineteen hundred and seventy. By the light of the yellow moon

piercing the clouds up above, I am aware of the silent, silvery scene of snow-covered earth.

Could it be that I am the rear guard of the human race? Could it be that this white sheet of snow is the pall of all mankind. I do not know, and perhaps I never shall.

I look at my watch again. It is midnight. Christmas has arrived, but no church bells peal out the good news. There is no-one to ring them on this silent earth. Already the radiation is affecting me. My thyroid is a huge, swollen mass, slowly compressing my windpipe. My limbs are blue with cold, but I shall not die of exposure. It is rather ironical that the human race should perish on the birthday of its saviour . . . . now breathing is becoming very difficult . . . . I am choking.

It is the end.

C. J. GARDNER,  
Uva



## Junior Prize Winning Essay

### A WINTER'S TALE

The first flurry of snow came on a morning of glittering blue when the wind blew sleet from the east. It was scanty enough, small and fluffy like tit feathers, whisked across the bare fields so that it webbed with white every hedgegrow which crossed its path. The massed gulls of the high Whitehouse pasture stood it out till the daylight was an hour old, facing the east with fluffy, puffed feathers and eyes sunk to the wing elbows. Then they cascaded into the air, an ermine-tipped turmoil of silver wings, and swept away to squabble at the coup on the edge of the town. The snowflakes swirled in handfulls, then twos, then singly, and soon ceased altogether. The sun on its low arc glistened pale gold, but the warmth was sucked out of it by the freezing sky.

Border Jock stalked from his lair in Winard two hours after sundown, and found himself in a new world — a hushed, lifeless world, smothered under a thick mantle of white. He pawed the snow and sniffed it, and then he returned to his burrow to think.

After a while, he began to feel the pangs of hunger, but he was not certain that he liked the snow, or even that he was prepared to hunt in it. But hunger conquered that faint tint of fear, and he rose up from his burrow towards midnight, but it was damp and Border Jock disliked the feeling of it, so he returned to his burrow, and closed his bloodshot eyes.

Next morning, he was desperately hungry, and after the preliminary licking and eye-pawing, he clambered out of his burrow. The snow felt deep and crisp under his legs, but he did not realize that he was leaving footprints, clearer than any scent, which were visible to all. He left when the sun was an orange and crimson smudge in the fumid western sky, and passed through a belt of

tall pines into a birch swamp, where he disturbed a roe doe as she browsed standing on her hind legs. It was a two-colour landscape, black and white, as with pine tops seen against the moon. Border Jock pondered upon this phenomenon with something akin to awe.

He decided to visit Ashbridge which was well-renowned for Tam Simpson's game bantam Cockerels, of which he possessed about two dozen. Tam also possessed a .22 smooth bore rifle, which Border Jock knew from experience to be extremely dangerous.

The pangs of hunger were worsening, and Border Jock was happy indeed when he approached Tam's farm. The time was about half-past five in the morning, and Tam and his family would still be asleep. Border Jock did not know at what time the family got up but he knew from past experience that on several previous occasions he had visited the cabins at more or less the same time and had "borrowed" one or two hens.

Border Jock was through the hedge and at the back of the cabins in a flash of his brush. The floor of the cabins was just hardened clay, so that it was no great difficulty to get in. The cocks were flapping their wings and making a peculiar "ho-hack, ho-hack" cry, which puzzled him for a moment. When he got in he was an indiscernable flurry of movement, and the noise was worse than ever. He killed two, but realized that there would only be room for one and himself to get back through the hole he had made.

He carried it as foxes always have done and always will; with the neck in his jaws and the head dangling loosely on one side. As he approached his burrow he tested the wind, and walked in concentric circles leading towards it which he thought would tie any pursuit by a dog into knots. Poor Border Jock never knew that all this was of no use whatsoever.

Meanwhile Tam Simpson had seen the scattered feathers, the blood, and the dead bantam, and knew that there was one missing. He could even see the fox's prints . . . and then an idea came to him. If he could see the fox's footprints here, why shouldn't he follow them right to its lair? He ran inside, told his wife that he would be back in a couple of hours, seized his gun, some ammunition, and an oily rag and some matches, put on his greatcoat and followed the fox's tracks.

An hour later when Border Jock was fast asleep, Tam arrived at his burrow. He lit the oily rag and thrust it inside with a stick. Border Jock was most rudely awakened from his slumber by the smell of fire. The smell of fire — he could see it! For a moment he lay there, and then gathering all his courage he swept through it and out into the sights of the smooth bore rifle. He never knew what hit him.

He also never knew what was the cause of his death . . . snow.

P. L. Cooke, LVb

## K.G.S. Survey

At the end of last term, four curious members of the LVI stirred by the lack of expression of new ideas and opinions from the general body of the school, decided to find out for themselves what people thought. So a survey was composed, of sixteen questions, which dealt with some of the interesting topics we wished to investigate. The survey, we were told, had to be completed in five days, and as we could not possibly interview all the school in that time, we decided on a random selection of ten from each of the lower forms and as many as possible of the VI form. It was only a short survey but it produced some interesting results:—

The school definitely preferred outdoor sports to indoor ones, although a few people, scattered throughout the school, disliked all sports.

The question on the magazines people read brought forth a flood of names, many of which were new to us. Comic reading apparently extends up to the LV, after which it practically dies out. We did, however, find a sixth former who read the Beano every week! The New Musical Express is read throughout the school, LVb apparently having the greatest number of readers. Surprisingly some people never read any magazine and here LVa scored highest with only one of those interviewed reading any magazine. The variety was enormous, ranging from the Angling Times to Gramophone, Car Mechanic to Housewife, War Picture Library to Practical Wireless, and so on.

It was gratifying to see that practically all the school reads fiction but only about 25% of the school had read a hard backed fiction book (as opposed to paper backs) in the last fortnight.

The figures for the numbers of books of any sort (except text books) read in a fortnight ranged from a phenomenal 15 to zero. The average was just over one; not a very good figure.

When asked if they preferred the Observer to the News of the World (taking these papers as types), about 40% said yes. Rather interestingly IIIb, LVa, LVb and UIVb unanimously said no and LVISc was the only form to unanimously say yes.

62% of those interviewed went to church at least once a month, LVISc being the most irreligious.

The average for the whole school for the question "How many nights a week do you watch television for more than one hour?" was 3.5 nights. UIVb had the highest average, 6 nights, and the LVISc the lowest, 2.8.

The amount of nights out, for pleasure, per week ranged from seven to zero but the school average was found to be two. The form averages were practically all the same except for IIIa, which had the surprisingly low figure of 0.8 nights per week. We did find one enterprising boy, in the sixth form, who managed to watch television every night, go out every night and keep up with his school work.

Although many people disliked jazz (and the jazz fans usually liked nothing else) all types of music were well represented, with, as was expected, a large majority for "Pop."

When questioned on how long they expected to live most people settled for between 70 and 80 years. Some people, however, will need an "aqua vitae" if they are to realise their hopes and some others must be contemplating suicide in the near future!

Nearly everybody agreed that one's life should be short and merry, with only one don't know amongst all those interviewed.

The upper part of school seemed fairly unanimous that the fair sex was their chief concern in life at the moment, whereas the IIIrd forms seemed to prefer stamps! A few egocentrics in the VI form declared themselves as their chief concern whilst the LVI has a liberal sprinkling of monetary misers.

Ambitions, from those who had any, were very varied but a surprising number of people wanted to be happily married. Quite a few wanted a win on the pools and several wanted to play football for England. There were some shattering extremes:—get a Ph.D. or do a ton on a motor bike, be a success or drive a bus, sail round the world or be a mathematical genius, leave school or be a man!

The majority of the pet hates were unprintable but apart from those school was the highest scorer. Also in the running are getting up in the morning, authority and discipline, Bert Weedon and people who ask questions.

Lastly, when asked "Do you think the school motto — Enter that ye may profit — is a sign of the capitalism in this country?" the majority of people who understood the question (and they were few indeed) said no.

We would like to thank all who helped in this survey in any way, especially the Park School from whose magazine the idea came.

D. W. H. Walton.

## A Film Documentary of K.G.S.

At the end of the Winter Term the school saw a 25 minute film of life at K.G.S. This is the first full-length film the Photographic Society has made, and it has been made possible by the financial backing of the General School Committee and the Friends of K.G.S. The film was intended to show the first day of a new boy at school, but was expanded into a documentary of school life in general.

After the summer examinations most of the time was spent in photographing lessons and activities. Many masters and boys were only too pleased to become stars and give as much help as they could.

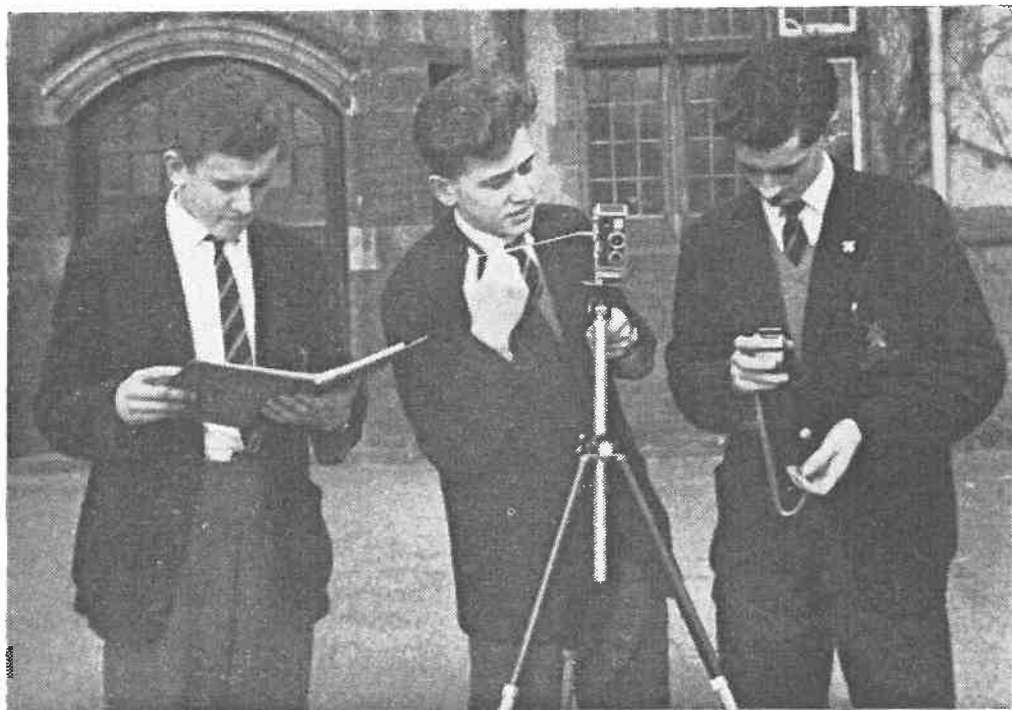
By the end of the summer holidays about 250 feet of film had been shot, most of which was processed and was ready for piecing together. Many of the dinner hours and evenings in the winter term were spent in shooting more film.

By October 400 feet had been used and processed and it now had to be cut and spliced in the right sequence. This took some time and even then it was found that more continuity shots were necessary.

When complete and tested it was shown to the General School Committee and masters and then to the school as a whole. Although the film was primarily intended to be shown to parents rather than to a schoolboy audience, the latter accepted it very well, which was a sign of success.

The members of the Photographic Society, who were involved in the making of this film wish to thank the Headmaster and staff for their co-operation in its production.

T. Lindley



*Left to right: R. M. Smith, T. Lindley, A. D. Kirby.*

## A Holiday in Denmark

During the later stages of 1960 a holiday in Denmark for forty boys and four masters, was being planned by Mr. Baldwin and two of his former colleagues, Mr. Stears and Mr. Gordon, from King Henry VIII School, Coventry. After much correspondence it finally came to pass that a party of Kirkham boys travelled down to Coventry and stayed the night there with the boys from the Coventry School who were also taking part in this venture. On the morning of August 15th, 1961, the joint party flew to Copenhagen in a DC6 of the Nordair line.

We were taken by a luxury coach to our holiday home, the Danske Folke-Ferie, situated by the Baltic sea, near the village of Karles-lunde. Much of our time was spent there, bathing and relaxing. Bathing parties, in the early hours of the morning, bravely led by Mr. Baldwin, were part of the every day routine. The meals were good, and the waitresses always cheerful. The Folke-Ferie itself lay on the main road from Copenhagen to Germany and the continent. Many of the Danish roads were equivalent to our motorways in the standard of maintenance and size. We saw an eight-lane road in the centre of Copenhagen.

We found Copenhagen to be a delightful city, and during our stay we saw the gay Tivoli gardens with their many amusements, including concert halls, souvenir stalls, and all the typical fair-ground amusements. One of the most pleasant afternoons was spent in the world-renowned Tuborg Breweries. We were taken on a conducted tour of the factory, after which we were served with soft drinks: however, some of the older boys were allowed to have beer.

When we arrived at the Christiansborg Palace, the some-time residence of the Danish Royal Family, intending merely to look at it, and photograph it, we were fortunate in securing an English speaking guide, who was willing to show us round the palace itself. We saw most of the interior, including the thrones and antechamber, where our Queen had been several times in the past. It was a very interesting tour.

We also visited the Stock-Exchange. It was approaching dinner time and there were few people around. Near the Stock-Exchange are the Parliament Buildings, but owing to a conference which was in progress, we could not enter.

On a trip round the harbour, kindly sponsored by Mr. Gordon, we saw the Danish Royal Yacht, and the Little Mermaid, one of the most famous sights in Copenhagen. We then walked to the Gefion Fountain, and the War Museum, containing many gruesome reminders of the hard time the Danish Resistance Movement had against the Germans during the Second World War.





The thing to which we had all been looking forward was the proposed trip to Sweden. This took place on a Tuesday, and we were taken by luxury coach, en route for Elsinor. It so happened that the Fredericksborg Castle, another royal palace, lay on the road to Elsinor, and we spent an enjoyable hour or so looking round this ancient castle. At last we arrived at our destination, and had lunch at another Folke-Ferie there. In the afternoon we crossed to Sweden by the ferry boat, and spent some time at Haalsingborg, the small Swedish town to which the ferry sailed.

After returning to Elsinor, we had a quick look round Hamlet's Castle, and then drove back to the Folke-Ferie, via a picturesque costal road.

All too soon, our holiday ended, and once again we boarded a DC6, bound for Gatwick Airport, London. We arrived there late on Friday, 25th August, and another coach took us to Coventry, where we arrived early the following morning. We spent the rest of the morning in bed, and returned to Lancashire the same afternoon, after a most enjoyable holiday.

Our grateful thanks go to all who organised the trip.

P. J. LAMBERT, UVa

P. M. DAWSON, UVa



## The Retreat

Deep in the laybrinths and endless corridors of those imposing and awe-inspiring buildings, which stand in gaunt outline against a watery and cloud-laden sky, is a small, dark, secretive room, den or hide-out.

The first thing noticed as this place is approached is an aroma, a scent of 'baccy,' or is it opium? I must confess, I am never sure. The texture of the atmosphere becomes dense, as if a thick fog had descended. The silence grows more intense. Suddenly, a door opens and shuts again in a flurry of smoke, and the oppressive silence returns. One of them has entered. A question may come to your lips. "Who or what are they?"

They are the inmates, the furtive dwellers of this place.

The more inquisitive person may well choose to slow down, or if he is bold enough, to stop even, and, parting the mists and vapours, try to catch a glimpse of the mystery in this room, the place where scheming minds contrive to devise and execute diabolical punishments, and decide upon the destinies of those forbidden to enter the sacred place. What does the enquiring adventurer see?

A few tables, littered with literature and manuscripts and there in a multitude of positions, some standing, some lolling, some comfortable and contented, some otherwise, barely visible and ghost-like through the haze, sit the idols in their glory and magnificence. Unfortunately the door closes again, and the observer retreats, hoping that his eagerly inquisitive and somewhat rewarding efforts at spying into the nerve-centre of the establishment were not observed, and since no ear-splitting, resounding bellow pursues him along the passage, he can be sure that he was not spotted.

Alas, this brief view of what is surely the most exclusive and interesting place in the institution can never be prolonged, unless, after departure from the seat of learning, sentimental memories and the yearning for old times should lead one back along those torturous and devious alleways to . . . well, who knows, maybe even a cup of tea in the Masters' Common Room.

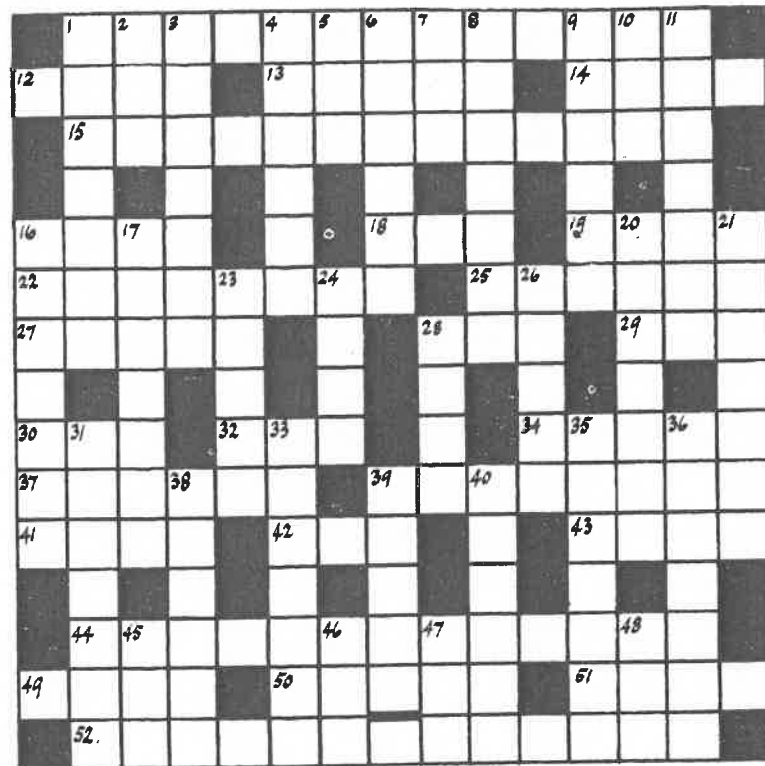
D. K. Jackson, U.VI.Sc.

## A Poem

Fear that is cold and knows no ending  
    Seized a dog as it howled in pain;  
Life which fought for self-negation  
    Whined and moaned in a street.  
The hand that signed the paper  
    Spelled more than blood or bone,  
Wrote torment, anguish,  
    And finished "Yours futility."  
Now a dog in death lies singing  
    The tear-washed tyre-tracks wiped with notes,  
Singing of fear and fear enternal  
    Tomorrow and tomorrow  
    And tomorrow weeping —  
The death-prints of immortality.

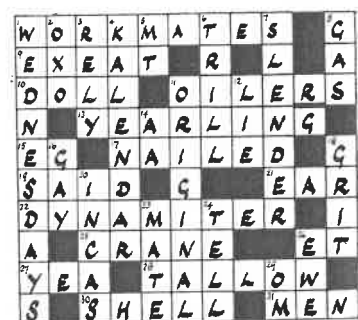
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# The Kirkhamian Crossword



Compiled by J. R. Morgan, Um.VI and G. R. Moores, L.sc. VI

## Solution to Kirkhamian Crossword July, 1961 issue



# CLUES ACROSS:

1. Number supporting Mr. Marples's cause? Hindering it more likely! (3, 3, 3, 4).
12. Becomes neat after addition to the edge (4).
13. Keep the mathematician down to earth? (5)
14. "Ths night is fine,' the walrus said, 'do you admire the \_\_\_\_\_?" (Carroll) (4).
15. Conifer is seen in lofty meadow. (6,7)
16. The result is painful when a mount loses its head and gets confused. (4).
18. The girl in the annexe (3).
19. Gardener's paradise? (4).
22. Expectation needing props, etc. (8).
25. A cross confusion hard to understand (6)
27. Prefix meaning high (5)
28. Cleo's cat? (3).
29. Consumed (in the past) (3).
30. How the Blues annually stage a fierce dispute (3).
32. Must be put together with a country dance (3).
34. Implies reliance upon a corroding organisation (5).
37. Ed is just about behind time, but still happy. (6).
39. Shopkeeper supplying for Manx cats? (8).
41. Isle associated with terriers (4).
42. She's a bit of a madam! (3)
43. The gay Ravel has an element of retrograde change (4).
44. A visionary change-over in a fundamental law (2, 3, 3, 2, 3).
49. I leave the head of the tribe to his cooking (4).
50. Roman goddess (5).
51. Split payment (4).
52. Useless creature who has used too much peroxide? (5, 8).
4. Adorned by no tear (6).
5. Metallic compound muddle sounds fishy! (3)
6. Is the height of fashion for men (3, 3).
7. Half of 6 down suffers from internal disorder; only its head remains intact (3).
8. "And uncompounded is their \_\_\_\_\_ pure." (Milton) (7).
- 9 Love us, for we bear no lion's stamp! (6).
10. Anticipation when there's something in it. (3).
11. Describes a nuisance of an English river at maximum depth? (7).
16. P.S. and a shilling's needed around here to enable thiings to take shape. (7).
17. Pray with woe, and sort out your somewhat precarious course.(7).
20. Character of horror (7).
21. Entrance blocked when the sentinel inside loses a shilling (3, 5).
23. From Beppo's seed there is born the pride of the West (5).
24. One hundred and 30 across get the bird (4).
26. Blood vessel (5).
28. Tree-drink (4).
31. Old hawk is beaten up so much he is unrecognisable! (7).
33. Though here not linked, these two are linked with 19 across. (4,3).
35. I enter a river, a millionaire's playground (7).
36. Tempting to associate it with one of 33 down (7).
38. Suggested name for hi-fi T.V. company? (6).
39. No yard loses its tail, the reverse being a material product (5).
40. Infinitive results when Antony's cloak and Cleo's killer are married head-to-tail (2, 4).
45. Bird that lays back (3).
46. Appears mainly free, but not so (3).
- 47.You'll regret this confusion at tail of 15 across (3).
48. Flair for money? (3).

# CLUES DOWN:

1. Conservative M.P. stands as an alternative, and shows his powers of eloquence (7)
2. Expelled from Manila for nothing! (3)
3. Powerful lady who seems to have got part of her name, at any rate, linked with the papers (7).

# K.G.S. Old Boys Association

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer,  
P. T. Hodgson,  
285 Norbreck Road,  
Little Bispham, Blackpool.

Dear Old Boys,

Last year a quite considerable number of boys left K.G.S. and a lot of them joined the Association. One would naturally have thought that the Dinner of 1961 would have been an all-time record, but as usual apart from 1959, when the elusive 100 was attained, the number of members supporting this function was disappointing.

The only solution to the problem of increasing attendances at our Dinners and Dances is undoubtedly the personal approach. The Secretary, Committeemen and the Area Reps. cannot possibly contact each Old Boy personally so the job falls to "each and every one of us" (as Mr. Sim used to say O.B's 1940-45 will know what I mean!) to fasten on to any Old Boy who hasn't joined the Association, get his 5/- send it to me and I will do the rest or tell those members not in the habit of attending the events just what they are missing.

The finances of the Association give constant cause for concern and this may well be so until each social event becomes self-supporting and the Annual Subscriptions come in in full each year. To give added support the Vice-Presidents Subscription was started last year in the earnest hope that Life Members who joined the Association many years ago, when the cost of printing etc. was only a fraction of what it is today and Life Membership Subs correspondingly lower, might be pleased to donate the sum of five guineas to the Association. As you will see from the heading of this letter the response has not been very startling but nevertheless the amount already received, for which the Committee is very grateful, made the difference this year between dipping into our capital, as we have had to do so regularly before, and covering our expenses year for year. All Vice-Presidents Subscriptions should be sent to the Secretary at the above address.

Forth-coming events: Cricketers and golfers please note.

**FOUNDERS DAY:** Saturday 14th July, 1962. Service at Kirkham Parish Church in the morning followed by lunch at School and the Old Boys' Cricket match in the afternoon.

**GOLF MATCH:** Will those Old Boys' interested and able to play golf on Saturday mornings in the early Spring please let the Secretary know, stating handicap.

Best wishes for 1962,

Yours sincerely,

Peter T. Hodgson, Hon. Secretary.

## News of Old Boys

John Copley (1946-54) is now teaching Geography at Monkwearmouth Grammar School, Sunderland.

Fred. H. Charnley (1938-44) is an Auctioneer and Valuer in Luton.

Fred. Sumner (1939-44) has recently become an Area Further Education Organiser for Devon County Education Committee and lives in Woodbury, Salterton.

Keith Fisher (1940-48) has become a Graduate member of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL DINNER

This year the function was held at the Maçonic Hall, Saul Street, Preston. Mr. J. Davy, very kindly deputising for the Hon. Secretary, read the minutes of the last A.G.M. and the Secretary/Treasurer's report.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year:

President: R. Howarth

President-elect: J. Davy.

Hon. Sec./Treas.: P. T. Hodgson

Committee: Messrs. Middleton, Smith and Tomlinson were re-elected.

Hon. Auditor: J. Ward.

Area Representatives: Elected en bloc with the following vacancies filled.

Fulwood Area: R. D. Thornton, 26 Winmarleigh Road, Ashton.

Blackpool Area: J. Kerr, 22 Coniston Road, Blackpool.

'Will Old Boys' in these Areas please note the change.

By the time the meeting had been concluded the number of Old Boys' and guests had reached 78 and this gathering was served with an excellent meal followed by the usual toasts and speeches. The President proposed the Loyal Toast followed by Mr. H. W. Montgomery who, in proposing the toast to The School spoke of his association with the School as a pupil, an Old Boy and now as a parent of the present School Captain. Mr. Kennedy in his reply gave a brief resume of the School's activities during the year and reported that although the proposed new building project was at present "in cold storage" another meeting with the Education Authorities was imminent when he hoped some progress would be made. The Headmaster said how pleased he had been to see the President Mr. J. Tomlinson at so many of the School functions during the year.

The toast to the Association was proposed in a most light-hearted speech by Mr. I. J. Kremer who had motored from Newcastle-under-Lyme to be present. In a more serious moment Mr. Kremer, who is on the Staff at K.G.S., said how pleased he and his colleagues were to see Old Boys' go back to School for a look round and a chat.

In his response The President said how much he had enjoyed his year of office and how warm had been his welcome when attending the Dinners of the other Old Boys' Association.

A new Old Boy Mr. G. R. Clark very ably proposed the toast "Our Guests" and Mr. J. W. Nuttall of Baines Grammar School Old Boys' Association responded.

To close the proceedings Mr. J. Tomlinson terminated his year of office by formally handing over his Badge of Office to the President-elect Mr. R. Howarth.

Although the hour was late many of the Old Boys' present renewed acquaintances with old school pals and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

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### *The Rev. A. R. Allen*



It is doubtful if, amongst the large number of people who have ties with K.G.S., there is anyone who has so many and such long-standing connections with the school as the subject of this Profile. One reckons that he has eight close and intimate bonds stretching back, perhaps over the whole of his life.

He was a boy at school from 1910 to 1916, finishing as Head Boy, and during this time he made the famous migration from the old school near the parish church to the brand new school in Ribby Road.

His name appears on the Honours Board as the last holder of the School Exhibition (1918-21) By the way, can any knowledgeable person inform us into what desert sands the funds providing this exhibition have sunk?

After a period in H.M. Forces towards the end of the first World War and before going up to Cambridge, he returned to K.G.S. as a temporary master and was resident Housemaster in the interregnum between the Walton and Strange regimes.

Mr. Allen must have heard talk of K.G.S. from his earliest years for his father, who was vicar of Treales, was for many years a governor of the school.

Continuing this parental tie with the school Mr. Allen married the daughter of the Rev. R. W. A. Holme, vicar of Weeton, who was a governor for many years and chairman of the governing body for seven years.



Mr. Allen himself has been a governor since 1940 and has been chairman of that august assembly since January, 1948. What goes on when they are met in solemn conclave is a secret known only to themselves but, judging from the urbane and authoritative way in which he presides over our Speech Day assemblies, one guesses that he is the Chairman par excellence and one hopes that he will long continue to guide the destinies of our school.

His eighth and most recent tie with K.G.S. is his tenure of the office of President of The Friends of K.G.S. and his re-election to that office has been automatic during the ten years of the society's existence. His powers as a public speaker can be assessed by the appreciation with which his speech at the A.G.M. is received every year.

One hopes that boys, and Old Boys, reading this account will be inspired by the devoted service which Mr. Allen has given to the school for over half a century to copy his example and to continue to help and show an interest in the school even when their schooldays are over.

# Friends of Kirkham Grammar School

*President:* REV. A. R. ALLEN. *Treasurer:* MR. F. S. BENSON.  
*Secretary:* MR. L. NICOL. *Treasurer:* MR. W. N. HARVEY.

At the commencement of a new year in the life of the Friends there is a temptation to look back with satisfaction on the achievements and activities of our Association during the old year. With good reason we can regard 1961 as a satisfactory year but we must not become complacent and should strive for better results in the future.

Membership in 1961 continued in excess of 600, many new members being gained from parents of new entrants to the School. There was no lack of volunteers for service on the General Executive Committee and at the Annual General Meeting several "new" members were elected to serve. It is always a healthy sign when new blood enters the committee and we are then assured of continuity and perhaps some fresh ideas.

Our 1961 gift to the School, the provision of a Duplicator, Adding machine and a cash contribution towards the production of a film by the School about the School, has been completed. Our gift for this current year is at present under discussion and at this stage it would be perhaps a little premature to say more.

Socially the old year brought Whist and Domino Drives, The Car Treasure Hunt, The Garden Party and Dances which have been increasingly well patronised. This has been a great encouragement to the Social Committee and the functions must have given pleasure to many members and their friends. Our plans are well formulated to continue with a full social programme in 1962 commencing with a Whist and Domino Drive in January, A Musical Evening at the School on February 19th and a Dance at Samlesbury Old Hall on March 9th.

Christmas saw a new innovation for the Friends — a Christmas Draw which was organised by Mr. W. S. Watkinson a former Chairman of the Association. The Draw has been an unqualified success, greatly easing our finances and assuring us of the where-withall to assist the School in a tangible way. Mr. Watkinson is to be congratulated on his efforts and untiring work in organising the draw. It was realised at the outset that perhaps not all our members would agree with the principles involved, a very few certainly did not agree and we respect their code.

Finally, let us hope that 1962 will continue successfully for the Association and bear in mind that with increased support from our membership we can go from strength to strength.

L. Nicol.

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