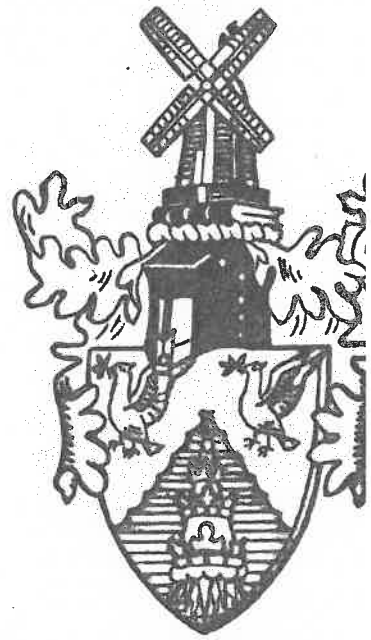


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17(c) FOR ALL CANDIDATES—Please give below information about positions of responsibility held, voluntary work, membership of societies and other interests including reading and games’

So runs the widely read U.C.C.A. Form which all candidates for University must fill in. K.G.S. has long prided itself on its sense of public service, in voluntary work for the good of the school community. This spirit is strongest among its senior boys who are given a major share in, and therefore feel responsible for, the many facets of school life, for example discipline, sport, the big occasions of School Play, Easter Fair and C.C.F.

It is a good system and a credit to the school that, year after year, boys are prepared to shoulder some of these burdens. The intense pressure of examination work only makes the burden more difficult but this is no excuse for dropping the responsibility entirely. There is more to education than rejection slips from the U.C.C.A. Each boy must come to terms with this problem in his own way, striking a balance between examination work and public service, for in this way the best educational results will be achieved.

The results achieved by K.G.S. are reflected in this issue of ‘The Kirkhamian’. Thanks to a shattering response of over thirty ‘original contributions’, this section has at last taken pride of place. The new lay-out is meant to emphasise this, as well as providing a more orderly grouping of school functions and trips. The official reports have had to be pushed further down the ‘Table of Contents’, but they have not been shortened. They still form an important part of a school magazine, though not now all-important.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, receipts of the following magazines:- The Arnoldian, The Balshavian, The Georgian, The Poultonian, The Rossallian and the magazine of the Park School, Preston and of Blackpool Grammar School.

CONTRIBUTIONS

'Kirkham Grammar School'

Quite early, one September morn,
I wished that I had never been born.
My heart thumped hard, my knees were knocking,
My legs itched terribly in my new stockings.

The drive to Kirkham seemed ten miles long,
I joined the rushing, bustling throng.
Some boys were over six feet tall,
I wished I had never come at all.

But once inside the old school door,
I was sent to sit on the great hall floor.
With dozens of other boys like me,
With thumping heart and knocking knee.

But suddenly I began to find,
The other boys were being kind.
It was not so bad as I had thought,
So all my troubles came to naught.

P. H. BROWN IIIIX

'My First Day at K.G.S.'

I stood with some of my new friends feeling very small among the senior boys. Suddenly a whistle blew and all was silent as the Masters' shoes could be heard down the corridor. Mr. Kennedy came first, I could recognise him, then the other masters came in. Their line seemed never ending. The hymn tune was played by the music master at a grand piano. All the boys took out a little green book called the 'Daily Service'.

After the assembly we went to Room 2, our form-room, and met Mr. Crook, our form-Master. After giving us our seating positions and taking in our names, we filled in our time-table sheets. It all seemed rather strange and we wondered what we should do next. Then the bell rang. At first I had no idea what first and second bells were, but we gradually got to know about them. Second bell went and it was milk break. After break a prefect came in and said that we had to 'read something'.

So the day went on and at last the bell sounded for the end of school hours. As I lay in bed that night I wondered what tomorrow would be like at K.G.S.

J. M. NODDER, IIIIX

'Gardening Club'

Bert was feeling downhearted,
'I need a new job' said he
'This one I shouldn't have started,
Bus-conductor isn't for me'.

So he finished his job as a clippie,
And began his new career.
He became a trendy hippie,
And dressed in flowery gear.

He travelled around on a mission,
Spreading love to the human race,
And when some refused to listen,
He punched them full in the face.

He joined a 'set'—a strange lot—
They really were a shower.
They lived on a diet of 'pot',
(But called it 'Flower-Power')

Then one day it appeared—
He didn't know how or why—
It was something he'd dreaded and feared,
He'd caught the hated greenfly.

His flowers were sad and newly dead,
As if flattened by a mower,
'Only one man can help', Bert said.
'I'll go and see Percy Thrower'.

But only one chance could Percy see,
He gave all the advice he could give.
Bert would have to bathe in D.D.T.
Or the flowers hadn't long to live.

Bert tried this idea but it failed,
The greenfly continued to spread.
'There's nothing I can do', he wailed.
'In a bit me flowers'll be dead'.

Poor Bert was now really dejected,
Life seemed worthless and small.
By his mates he'd been rejected,
So he decided to go and end it all.

He'd show the world he could do it,
His way would be certain and sure.
He'd get some weed-killer and stew it,
Then put in some liquid manure . . .

The preparations were duly completed,
But before Bert could even smell,
The whole lot got too overheated
And exploded—Blowing Bert up as well.

Some rescuers appeared—too late,
 Poor Bert was seen to be lost
 They gathered him up—on a plate—
 And buried him 'neath the compost.
 Now all you young Hippies beware,
 Although this advice may seem drastic.
 Unlike Bert, against greenfly take care,
 And make sure that your flowers are plastic.

J. G. GRIMBALDESTON L. Mod. VI

'Our Tommy'

'Our Tommy's on T.V. tonight'.
 His mother cried with joy.
 'They covered his school speech-day,
 And pictured all the boys'.
 The little programme came and went
 But Tommy was not there.
 'They said they'd put them all on'.
 Mum said, 'That's just not fair'.
 The sad little fellow felt cheated,
 So he wandered round the mews.
 He got knocked down by a double-decker bus.
 He's on the 6.30 news!

D. E. COWELL, L. Mod. VI

'The Root'

'Oh, no not again! George, do you know that's the seventh thing she's broken this week. You remember that China tea service your brother gave us on our tenth wedding anniversary? Well, in the nine weeks she's been here, she's managed to ruin it completely. Why in heaven did you invite her to live here anyway?'

'But darling, she is my mother, after all'.

'Look George, I married you not your blessed mother. I wouldn't mind so much if she was of any use or brought some money into the house, but she's utterly useless'.

'But darling, she is rather old'.

'Yes, and dodderly. Look, George, I can't take any more of it. George, if you don't get rid of her before the end of the month I'll leave you George. If she stays, I go'.

'Keep your voice down, darling, she'll hear you'.

'She's deaf. She can't hear a thing'.

But Mrs. Pagett was not that deaf. Through the half-open door she could hear everything from the dining-room as she slowly and methodically wiped the pale-green dinner plates, listening intently and thoughtfully to the conversation.

Why had George married Ethel in the first place? She thought she had reared him decently despite the difficulties. She remembered seeing her husband, a coal-miner, lying face up in the mud, staring at the night sky, his blood-matted entrails oozing from the huge gash in his body where the cart had run over him. At the inquest, they said it was the carter's fault for not stopping on seeing him trip but she knew better. She knew that he had fallen in a drunken stupor under the moving cart, having already spent all his wages at the tavern. But it was not the shock of his death that had the greatest effect—it was the fact that the mine-owners refused to pay her a widow's pension saying he had not died in the mine. She lived on charity for twelve years, rearing her only son, George. The situation was eased somewhat when he gained a scholarship to university where he met Ethel who was much older and more mature than innocent George. He was enchanted by her experience and in a fit of madness asked her to marry him. To everyone's surprise, she accepted and, after a short engagement, they were married.

Six months later Peter was born presumably prematurely but he bore no resemblance to his father. In fact he formed a complete contrast to his father's weakness. Mrs. Pagett knew George could never stand up to Ethel and realised that she would have to leave.

She put down the last dry plate on the kitchen table, fumbled for a while with her apron-strings before finally taking it off and hanging it behind the kitchen door and slowly hobbled upstairs and began packing her few belongings. She did not hear George enter. On hearing him speak, she started.

'What are you doing, mother? You didn't? Did you? But mother, she didn't mean it. She was a little angry, that's all'.

'You know too well she did'. She said staring him fixedly in the face. George looked guiltily down at the floor.

'But where will you go?' he said after some time.

'I'll find some place where I won't be any trouble'.

'If you're set on it I'll ring up the matron of the Glassborough Home, I know her quite well, I think she'll help'.

'Yes. You do that'.

Within three hours, George and Mrs. Pagett were walking down the nauseating pastel-coloured corridor where the slightest noises echoed and re-echoed magnifying their volume to an incessant roar. George was listening, smiling, to the matron whose high-pitched, nasal voice re-echoed as a whistle but Mrs. Pagett was looking nostalgically out of the windows at the dirt-impregnated slums across the yards of railway track. They passed through a swing-door.

'This is your bed Mrs. Pagett, I'll leave you both on your own'. And the matron left.

'You see. I told you it would be all right'. But even as he said it, he knew he was lying. Mrs. Pagett was looking round at the small brass bedstead, the patched blankets and the cheap flowered separating curtains hanging from a rod loosely attached to the ceiling.

'Anyway', he said averting her accusing gaze, 'I'll be writing to you soon, and I'll come and visit you often'. He turned half-unwilling to go but wishing all the time he could run out of the building he himself dreaded, 'Goodbye mother'.

But there came no reply. She was left contemplating her surroundings. She dropped to the bed. 'So this is where I'm going to die'.

Several weeks later, Ethel wandered lethargically down the stairs in her dressing-gown, picked up the usual pile of letters, lazily re-adjusted one of her curlers and, flicking through the post, walked into the kitchen. Seeing an official-looking brown envelope for herself, she opened it and quickly read the first line.

'George! I've won £25,000'.

'Yes, darling' said George, not looking up from his paper.

'George, it's true! Just look for yourself'. And she handed it to him:

Dear Madam, (it read)

I have the greatest pleasure in informing you that you have won our three-monthly prize of £25,000. Your Premium Bond number 2AF 734672 was selected by E.R.N.I.E. yesterday.

Could you please produce this aforementioned bond at the Birmingham General Post Office where the manager will present you with the cheque for £25,000.

We should also be grateful if you would inform us whether or not you will allow the publication of your name in this connection.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. NOBBS,

Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

'We're rich, darling! We're rich!'

'But darling, you have never had any Premium Bonds'.

'What?'

'What does it say on the letter'? George quickly turned it over and read: 'Mrs. F. Pagett.'

'That's mother!'

Down the pastel-coloured corridor, in and out of the sunlight streaming through the windows, reflecting glaringly on the shiny walls, ever towards the increasingly larger double swing-doors, the smartly-dressed figure walked ever nearer. Couldn't, shouldn't, had to, must. The doors were there. A nervous hand tentatively pushed them apart and anxious eyes surveyed the room. No turning back. There she was. She had not noticed the visitor who, smiling fearfully, strode with rapidly-beating heart and ever-increasing anguish towards her. She looked up defiantly and resentfully at the face from where these tremulous words were spoken.

'Hello, mother-in-law, darling. I've been thinking I was, after all, a bit hasty and angry. And, well, perhaps you would consider coming back to stay with us again?'

I. P. D. RUDDLESSEN, U. Mod. VI

'Trivia'

Masters keep coming to Room 5 to see it as the new improved smokeless zone.

Mr. Bentley has been unable to arrange a trip to the U.S.A. on the Maiden Voyage of the Q.4.

Were the electricians Government controlled?

There is no truth in the rumour that this year's U. Sc. VI Biology set are taking their B.Sc., in January They're waiting till July.

You could tell it was Speech Day . . . Mr. Brewer wasn't wearing white suede shoes.

Has someone washed the school flag?

Room 14 is radio-active at break and dinner-time. Lower VB take note.

The Lytham Bus must be breeding. The school bus carries more than ever before, so does the 173. Anyone for the 171?

The Preston Bus is late at school now and again . . . and again and again and again.

Applications are invited for the post of Batman to Sgt. J. 'Robin' Hughes.

If you've seen or done anything interesting . . . don't tell me, I might print it!

K. N. NELSON.

'Day of Death'

The day dawned bright and clear and the sky had a tint of crimson in it as if it signify the bloodshed that was to come.

In the Palace of Tuilleries in the centre of Paris, Louis XVI, last king of France, awaited his execution. Outside his door were armed guards of the Revolutionaries. How could he escape?

He began to go frantic. He pulled off his powdered wig in a fit of panic and lay down upon his bed, beating his arms upon his silken pillow with great force. Soon however, his strength gave out and, having slept badly during the night, fell asleep.

When he awoke, there was the sound of drums outside the Palace making the whole atmosphere tense as the calm before the storm. King Louis had become a great deal calmer and had lost that furtive look that had been in his eyes before. He was prepared to meet his untimely doom.

The door crashed open, startling Louis. Outside stood six soldiers with an officer. They came in and, 'in the name of the People of France', they took him outside into a cart. With a word to the horse the cart tumbled along the cobbled streets of Paris which were lined with peasantry and women, all with the red, white and blue emblem in their caps. The cart came to the square of execution and trundled through the masses of screaming people up to the guillotine. Here the King got out, went up the steps of the scaffold and began to make his farewell speech. All the while the old women were knitting, their needles clacking.

At last, the King laid his head upon the guillotine and murmured a last prayer. Then the blade came down, the head rolled into the basket and the People's Republic of France was born.

J. M. G. FALKNER, U. IV.

'Ode to Barbara Castle'

I was riding in my car,
Carefully, Carefully,
I approached a roundabout
(In a roundabout sort of way),
White line, give way, go
Stop, Oh, what shall I do?
(Put your foot on the brake)
What is that car going to do behind me?
Bang, crash, glass breaking, bumper buckling,
Swearing, shouting, confusion.
'Show me your driving licence'
Insurance, assurance, cash, credit, H.P.

Indecision brings peril, fear and death
Death brings sorrow, horror
Once a day, twice a day.
One day it will happen to you,
Drive carefully.

D. WHITTINGHAM U. VI Mod.

'Gallic Frolics'

Singing a well-known corruption of La Marseilles, oozing self-confidence, carrying only sleeping-bag and bare essentials, we disembarked at Calais. Our mission—an itinerant week, spreading goodwill and undoing the damage done to Franco-British relations by 'Le General'.

Four hours later, having pondered enough on our line of communication we finally enticed a young French couple to take us with them to Boulogne, where a night in an eerie wood boosted our morale no end. The following morning, we awoke with the sudden compulsion for vin ordinaire—ninepence a pint. We carried on our way with consummate ease, much refreshed and merrier. Three more lifts, beer, bread, wine and we reached Paris. By the end of the week the art of l'auto-stop was mastered; an ability to wait for hours remaining cheerful and to have the courage to stand in the road facing French drivers, as well as other essential qualities too numerous to mention. Any refinements such as your partner sleeping in a decrepit heap on the roadside (appealing to French compassion) come with experience and fatigue.

Paris was memorable; the Metro, the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, traffic, primitive conveniences, exorbitant prices all left their mark and I will cherish always a comfortable night under the Eiffel

Tower on the banks of the Seine. I recall vividly the infamous French traffic and the chivalry of pedestrians. Burnt rubber is the order of the day and woe betide any pedestrian who happens to be crossing the road when the lights change! For a merciless phalanx of ironmongery invariably accelerates towards him, each competing for the honour of his scalp. On the National system drivers put their cars through their paces driving like Norman knights at a Medieval Joust and the Nation-wide game of 'chicken' is nevertheless still frightening to the uninitiated.

Back home in Mother England—our mission completed—lifts came thick and fast, in spite of the encumbrance of our 'duty free' rum, cigarettes, wine and perfume. Two comfortable nights in an English church and cathedral saw us home and dry.

R. E. PIGGOTT, L. VI Sc.
and B. NUTTALL (K.G.S. 1960-67)

'Impressions on Living with a French Family'

'Michel! Michel!'

I woke up with a start and instinctively replied 'Yes! What? Oui!' Then I remembered: it was Monday morning, my second morning in France, and I had just been awakened by Gerard, the French boy whose family I was staying with. It was 5.30 a.m. and he seemed anxious that I should get up, because we were going fishing at 6 a.m. I dragged myself out of bed, and managed to wash and dress myself in 5 minutes. I went into the kitchen for my 'petit déjeuner'. This 'meal' was composed of French bread, butter and jam, and a bowl of coffee.

Breakfast was my favourite meal in France, so I'm afraid this doesn't say much for the other meals. Basically the food is not a lot different from ours, in fact it's mostly the same; it's the way it is prepared that I found so off-putting. One must eat everything cooked in butter, and often vegetables are eaten separate from the meat. The French are very proud of their cooking, and one must be careful to make only complimentary comments about it, as they easily take offence. Before I went to France I happened to read a booklet on French customs and habits. On coming to the section on meals I read how one must expect to spend at least two hours over a meal. I thought 'Never! I don't believe that!' Well, I found out that this was true enough, and most meals, except for breakfast, lasted at the very least two hours.

On arriving in France the first thing which struck me was the friendliness of the people. They have a custom of shaking hands which the English seem to have lost almost completely. In France one shakes hands with all one's friends whenever one sees them and again when saying goodbye. The members of a family kiss each other on the cheeks instead of shaking hands, as also do girls and boys who are friendly with each other.

From what I have seen, the French seem to spend a considerable amount of their time drinking and smoking. They are very fond of their aperitifs before meals. Neither do they have any restricted opening and closing times for their pubs as we do in England. They can drink at any time, and at more or less any age. The French have always drunk wine, of course, but in spite of the fact that in most parts of France there is purified water to drink, they still prefer the wine. I suppose they will never get out of this habit, as wine is very cheap. Smoking is also commonly indulged in, and amongst the boys I met there was not a single one who didn't smoke, and in fact there were very few girls who refrained from it.

From the amount of food, drink and cigarettes they consume, you will probably think 'Well, what an unhealthy race the French are!' I thought this, and said so to Gerard's father, Monsieur Maufrais. His reply was: 'Eh bien, les Francais aiment les bonnes choses dans la vie'.

M. A. ROBERTS, U. VI Mod.

'The New Approach'

For years people have been dashing up and down the country taking pictures. The famous mound on Shap, from which yards of film must have been used on the Stamer Pacifics storming, unassisted, up one of the steepest gradients in England, is well known.

In the last half of this decade, however, the approach to Railway Photography changed and photographers tried to find a new style. Silhouettes became popular and many pictures were framed by black shapes; bridges, girders, trees and station roofs appeared in abundance. Fog, mist and other adverse weather conditions were used to the advantage of the photographer. Cooling towers and electricity pylons were predominant features of many photographs. The wild, the weird and the wonderful.

At last things are beginning to change. The trend has started to drift away from the industrial fog towards lower angles emphasising the power and the size of the locomotive.

Those who are interested in railways are strongly advised to pick up an old camera and start shooting before it is too late, for when this article is published, steam working over Shapp, the artery of steam, will be on its last legs.

P. R. W. ASHWORTH, U. VB

'A Holiday to Remember'

Popular opinion is that a holiday consists of relaxing or lying on a beach under a hot sun. Personally I like travel. Of all the countries visited, Morocco stands out. From the time you leave Gibraltar to

arriving in Tangiers you cross a wide span of years though flying time is less than thirty minutes. A visit to the Medina (the original site of a village) will take you back to realizing poverty exists. Beggars are everywhere, shoe-shine boys, street markets, whilst in contrast across the street, a hotel, a bank and the inevitable tourists.

A round trip was arranged, flying of course! The first day consisted of flights from Manchester to London and on to Frankfurt by VC10 bound for Lagos. Following an overnight stay the second day involved travelling to Madrid via Zurich and Geneva. Two days were spent in Madrid and there was a little time in hand to explore the city. Visitors to Madrid in summer will remember the heat and traffic at noon. We managed to find a small lake in a park, such a contrast to the main streets. The surrounding trees offered shade and made a truly pleasant spot.

From Madrid the next flight was to take us to Tangiers. We hired a car and headed south. Tangiers, compared to the south, is almost European. The villages have a charm of their own, market days are held and are preceded by a train of camels and mules making their way to the village with wares. At the corner of a street is a small market, rabbits are tied together, hens also, all alive! Cut meat lies on the pavement infested by countless ravenous flies. Down the street is a small yard where palm trees are swaying gently in the breeze and the Mosque offers its shade. Inside marble mosaics are everywhere, on the floors, walls, even the ceiling. The green and white shades reflect the little daylight, giving a cool sacred atmosphere. Outside again, it's almost one o'clock and few villages are now awake.

In the newer parts of the village, work is in progress at a garage. Dark-skinned Arabs do repairs on the paths amidst broken-up cars. Morocco provides such mixtures of the old and new. Where else could you see a donkey turning circles in an effort to pump up the precious water next to a modern, automatic telephone exchange! On the road back to Tangiers, just outside Tetuoan, a straw shelter in which a farmer was shearing a sheep and tending his donkey reminded me that there are people worse off than us and many of them live here.

If you ever get the opportunity to go abroad, forget Italy and Spain and think of Morocco or Tunisia or Algeria; as the phrase goes: 'they're all tarred with the same brush'. By now time was short, not long before school again. At the customs a young lady was attempting to persuade the officer that the camel saddle and carpet she had bought were within the items for 'personal use'.

After a stay in Gibraltar and Madrid, a second time, Paris and London were all that was left of a marvellous holiday.

D. H. WHITTLE, U. Sc. VI

'An Unusual Hobby'

I have a passion for American Army vehicles and contemplated buying one. Taking into account finance available, an American jeep was decided upon.

One was located on Longton marshes, and consequently purchased. The jeep was then towed to Kirkham where it was restored to original military trim. Renovations included a reconditioned engine, new clutch, gearboxes, axles and a complete breaking system as well as an extensive body overhaul and re-wiring. After several months of hard work and considerable expense a typical American combat vehicle was produced. Trials on the road and on fell tracks confirmed that all the labour was worthwhile. The jeep has good performance on tarred roads but cross-country performance is outstanding as it has the ability to keep going over all types of terrain and ascend seemingly impossible gradients.

I chose a jeep because there are very few in existence in this country and consequently the re-sale value is very high. Furthermore a jeep is virtually indestructible which results in low insurance premium. This is an important factor to consider when deciding to buy a sporting vehicle at the age of seventeen.

For those who are technically minded a jeep is powered by a 2½ litre engine, driving through a main and auxilliary gearbox giving six forward and two reverse speeds.

S. W. PICKLES, U. Mod. VI

PROBLEM PAGE

(THE EDITOR ADVISES)

KOPPITE (L.IVX)

I admire your enthusiasm but, as a general practice, the throwing of toilet rolls on the pitch during a First XV rugby match is discouraged.

MARJORIE (Preston House)

If I were you I would not play prop forward.

CASSANOVA (Upper Sc. VI)

No, I would not advise putting THAT on your U.C.C.A. Form.

CASSANOVA JUNIOR (IIIY)

Don't you dare!

FRUSTRATED WOODWORKER (LVB)

Of course I see your point, but if you will insist on hitting prefects over the head with a mallet, you must expect these things.

MONTY (Platoon 2)

Sorry, no chance of a sortie against the Viet Cong, but we are trying to arrange a 'Drill-in' for next Easter.

RAWHIDE (UIVX)

You will find shinpads can be used anywhere.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND TRIPS

Speech Day 1967

The school was extremely privileged to welcome as its guest of honour this year the Rt. Hon. Viscount Caldecote, D.S.C., Deputy Managing Director of B.A.C. It was a great honour that such an eminent and obviously busy man should spare the time to visit us.

In his address, he stressed the importance of taking opportunities with both hands, and of selecting a satisfying and enjoyable career. However, this did not mean being sceptical of tradition. The past must not be completely disregarded, but the points of value from it integrated with the present and future. Likewise with the school. He hoped the tradition of K.G.S. would not be destroyed by political expediency.

In his report, the Headmaster thanked B.A.C. for their very generous gift of £4,000 towards Phase I of the new Science Block. Jet engines were no longer a source of nuisance and annoyance but 'music to my ears,' he said.

The past year has been a successful one for the school, especially in examination and university results. Not least among the achievements of last year was the erection of a new Common Room complete with fitted carpet, telephone kiosk, plush armchairs and all mod. con.

After 'The Queen' by Mr. Murray, everybody adjourned to the canteen to partake of sundry pastries, cakes and sandwiches and of course, tea. The sobriety of the occasion, however, was occasionally marred by a certain individual who repeatedly cried 'Hey, you, pass us a couple of them cream cakes'.

But, this incident did not really effect an enjoyable and profitable Speech-Day.

D. E. COWELL, L. Mod. VI

Carol Service 1967

Despite the fact that St. Michael's Parish Church is undergoing extensive alterations, this year's Carol Service was as successful as ever—and many of the congregation were not slow in saying so. As always, much hard work by Mr. Murray, with the choir, and Mr. Wood, with the readers, was well-rewarded with almost flawless performances.

In contrast to previous years, the congregation was allowed to join in all the old favourites which included 'Once in Royal David's City', 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing', 'O little town of Bethlehem' and 'O come all ye Faithful', while the choir, with solos from Ball, Whittingham, P. and Taylor G. K. and a duet by Ledsham and Mortimore, sang several of the more ambitious modern carols.

The lessons, read by Cookson, Tyldesley, Collins, Atkin and Cartmell, the Captain of the School, were all clearly audible despite the rather poor acoustics of the church.

So, all in all, a most successful afternoon which led one prefect to request 'Let's have a Carol Service every week'.

I. HIRD

'The Hungry Wolves' by Romain Rolland

Any play with an all male cast is an ideal choice for a boy's school dramatic society to present, so it is little wonder that Mr. Bellis chose 'The Hungry Wolves' as his first play to produce. Take away the problem of trying to make members of the 1st XV scrub into beautiful young ladies and half the worries of producing a play in an all male school have disappeared.

However, there is still the problem of making healthy teenagers with a dense overgrowth of hair into elderly soldiers with a receding hairline. Even with the newly installed modern lights there was still a remarkable contrast between D'Oyron's white hair, black sideboards, brown receding forehead and his bright red face. No doubt it was the fault of Charles Fox's wigs, a difficult problem for the make-up artists.

Of the play itself, the main characters did all possible to put over a very difficult play. Although it has a historical background, a knowledge of the Revolution is not necessary to understand the play. In fact, an understanding of the minds of men, particularly during wartime would be more beneficial to obtain its full value.

I. P. D. Ruddlesden as Teulier and G. A. Irving as Verrat were both convincing in their roles and deserve special mention but D.E. Cowell as the sixty year old Commissioner was probably the most outstanding. The character of an old man, racked with gout, walking with difficulty and liable to sudden explosions of anger is difficult to portray, but Cowell's interpretation was most convincing. These were backed up by sound performances by Atkin as D'Oyron, Chapel as Chapelas, Ball as Vidalot, Patterson as Buquet, Collins as Jean-Amable, Taylor C. E. as the spy, and the rest of the soldiers. Porter deserves special mention for his portrayal of Rieffel, the simple proprietor of the hotel. His humour, intentional or otherwise, added slight relief to the play and provided a contrast to the seriousness of the soldiers. It was quite amusing to see the biggest boy in the school staggering under the weight of three small logs.

The casting was good, especially Teulier, Verrat and Quesnal although I thought it would have been to their advantage if Buquet had looked older than the immature Jean-Amable and if the spy had looked less attractive and more like the peasant he was meant to portray.



The Cast: the School Play—'The Hungry Wolves'

The play moved well, a necessity in this particular case, despite the hesitation sometimes of the sound effects. The Art department is to be complimented in presenting a simple but effective setting.

Finally, Mr. Bellis, ably supported by Mr. Sutcliffe, is to be congratulated on his boldness in choosing a hard play to put across for his first production. It would have been easy for him to have chosen a less ambitious play with a more obvious story or moral. His enthusiasm had obviously spread through the cast who seemed to enjoy their task. A more than able replacement has been found for Mr. Kremer and I hope that his other plays will be as successful.

D. J. BENSON

'The Taming of the Shrew'

Before the start of what was to be a splendid play, much of the Kirkham boys' attention was diverted towards three of the more outstanding features in the theatre. The first was the striking depth of the interior with its two steeply banked balconies with a roof that was higher than the theatre was wide. The second was the question of how we were going to see something else besides the tops of the actors' heads, and finally there was the eternal distraction of the feamel members of the audience. When the house lights were doused and the curtain raised, however, all opera-glasses, which were in continual use, turned to the stage.

Almost immediately, those of us who had not seen the play previously, realised that this was to be a play within a play. From the programme we had suspicions of a strictly Italian farce, but the actors were not dressed in yellow and scarlet but in furs and dull lincoln green.

The merry-makers took the sleeping peasant into the tavern and decided to make him think he was a nobleman and to produce an Italian play for him. Although the thought of having two plays going on, one within the other, might seem ludicrous, they were put together very convincingly by the supposed nobleman's frequent interruptions. These were particularly effective since they invariably butted in on a fight or argument.

There was no shortage of fights or arguments either, for the plot, though not complicated, produced insoluble problems. Petruchio, the hero, loved Katharina but was unable to marry her until a husband had been found for Kate's younger sister. The situation was not improved by the ferocious temperament of Katherina, hence Petruchio's difficulty in 'taming the shrew'.

An amazing mixture of slapstick, subtle humour and excellent acting was found in this comedy and everyone was exceptionally pleased with an altogether brilliant play.

D. I. LITTLE U.VA

On Salt Marsh Ecology

In the early hours one Saturday morning, while all other K.G.S. boys were tucked up in bed enjoying their half-term, we were arriving at Poulton College. We were directed to the lecture room where we endured a crash-course in salt marsh ecology. After a short coffee break we were taken to Sanah Clough (near to Mr. Bentley's infamous chemical works) to study the plant life on the Moss. There we made two discoveries 1. Bell-bottomed trousers and open shoes are not the most suitable clothes to wear on a marsh and 2. at a spring tide you have to wade in a foot of water, groping in the mud, to collect any specimens.

We returned to Poulton for lunch and rested in the student's common room which had fitted carpets, armchairs and a radio (far better than propping up the pipes in Room 15). After a quick visit to Lytham St. Annes where we partook of an experiment which involved picking up handfuls of slimey sand and oozing it between your fingers, we left for Pilling Moss. We were assured by the lecturer, B. Barnes, B.Sc., that he had never seen so much water before. We stumbled across mud banks and dykes, pausing only when someone got bogged down, to survey the vegetation and zonation of salt marsh plants.

The sun was setting before we hit hard sand. It was time to turn back but the path we had come along had disappeared. We groped our way back, falling in dykes and making a detour of about a quarter of a mile before we reached the coach to take us to Poulton College.

It ended happily for one of us, but for the other—he arrived home a frozen, nervous wreck after being lost in the middle of the mud and the mist of the Moss.

C. J. ROSSALL and J. WOLSTENHOLME, L.Sc.VI

K.G.S. Trip to Bavaria

Mr. Bentley's—'Will all those boys who are going to Germany with me in the summer please see me in room 16 at a quarter to two'. still echoed inside me as I arrived at Preston Railway Station, laden with a suitcase which made me feel very lopsided.

As I stood watching the early morning commuters dash into the station, a fleet of cars arrived bringing the rest of the party.

Everybody was present except for our leader at 07.50 hours. At 07.55 mumblings could be heard from the parents wondering where he could be. Within one or two minutes though, S.T.S. (Schools Travel Service) leader Bentley arrived. On his back he wore an extremely large and cumbersome rucksack (which he informed me was better to handle than a case) from either side of him hung an army kit bag, as well as an additional binocular case which contained his priceless cine camera. Bringing 16 cine films, Mr. Bentley spent a considerable amount of money even before he set off from Preston!

With his camera 'loaded and at the ready', he wanted to shoot us (not literally of course) as we approached the entrance to the station. So, leaving our parents behind, we assembled with our cases at the station entrance, while Mr. Bentley did some light adjustments. Given the signal we all plodded back into the station. That was all very well, but a moment later we all went out again, Mr. Bentley having found out that the film wasn't winding on. Unfortunately the same thing happened again—but we were third time lucky!

The train left on time at 08.37 hours and there was a smooth journey all the way to London, with the Crewe—London electric doing an estimated speed of 90–95 m.p.h.

Arriving at Euston and having to make our way to Victoria was no problem. 'We'll take the tube!' announced Mr. Bentley and sure enough we soon found ourselves descending rather rapidly an endless escalator which brought us out at a long corridor, which in turn brought us out at the station.

The journey to Dover took 1 hour 20 mins. and the ferry Roi Leopold III set sail at 1700 hrs. The crossing was very calm, and we landed at Ostend at 20.25 hours.

With opportunity to spend our previously given 5 franc note on Ostend station we were immediately rushed to our 'couchette' by a Belgian S.T.S. representative. Soon the train began moving and we received our pillow slips and sheets from a student who was working on the train during his holidays.

Mr. Bentley was the only one who slept a considerable amount of time in bed, as the rest of us watched out of the corridor window at the lit-up towns as they went by. At 23.45 hours we went through the railway station at Liege (a large industrial city of Belgium).

In the morning I woke up at 05.30 hours and continued to watch from the window before the buffet car was added at 07.30. The cities flashed by: Stuttgart 06.30 . . . Augsburg 08.45 . . . and finally Munchen (Munich) 09.24. Another representative led us to the local train to take us to Murnau where we were taken by private coach to Oberammergau.

Nearly everyday we went to a cold mountain swimming pool. We went to the pictures twice and one day we (Mr. Bentley, myself and two others) went to Garmisch, the winter sports centre. We also went up Laber by cable car—an exhilarating experience.

During our stay some of the boys met a millionaire playboy athlete.

There was also an American Army base there, and we became friendly with a couple of M.P. (Military Police) students.

After an adventurous ten days holiday, the time came to say good-bye. But this was not the end completely, as we visited a very interesting Palace and Science Museum in Munich.

The journey home was roughly the reverse of the outward journey, except that we had a lot more sleep on the couchettes, and that the sea crossing was rather rougher, but very enjoyable (except for some).

In London we had a meal in a small cafe and then went exploring, leaving R.T.B. once again with the luggage. We made our way to the G.P.O. Tower, a prominent landmark from Euston. We would have gone up but there was a 20 minute queue.

At 18.30 we boarded the Preston train, and three and a half hours later, after many games of cards, we arrived in Preston, where anxious parents 'had been waiting on the station for hours'.

K. J. YOUDE, U.VA

HOUSE REPORTS

Ashton House

House Master: MR. H. B. WILSON

Assistant House Masters:

MR. G. S. CHEESEBOROUGH; MR. D. E. WORTH

House Captain: A. P. BRIERS

Vice-Captain: J. P. SMETHURST

House Prefects: R. W. COWELL, T. A. CROSS, R. J. NICHOLLS,
T. OLIVER

First of all we must welcome our new assistant housemaster, Mr. Worth, and hope he will soon feel at home in Room 12 and inspire our sports activities. Mr. Worth replaces Mr. Day who, I understood, has left to do further studies, returning next year. The house wishes him the best of luck, as we do to last year's captain T. P. Cara, and house prefects who have all gone up to university.

Last term didn't bring much to Ashton as regards trophies but there is one notable exception. I congratulate the house as a whole on winning the Work Cup Trophy and I pick out especially last year's L.V's who made the largest contribution. The annual promenade to the baths proved fruitless once again, the House coming fourth and after a good run in the Tennis Competition we lost disappointingly to Kirkham in the final. Last year, then, yielded only two trophies for Ashton House, the Gymnastics and Work Cup Trophies.

This term has been very active and I will start with the least successful. As last year, I have to report two chess defeats, by Lytham and Preston, and, also as last year, that our weakness lies in our seniors. The position in the Rugby Competitions this year is that both finals—Juniors and Senior—are contested between Ashton and School. The Seniors, having a 'bye' in the first round, gained their place by a good win (18-6) against Fylde House and the Juniors beat Preston in the first round (40-0) and a much stronger Fylde in the semi-final (6-3). For the Juniors it is the third final in three years—well done. A good ending to the term would be another first place for Ashton in the Gym Competition and this is very possible. We have the same seniors as last year's successful team.

Next term we will have the Music, Cross-Country and Rugby finals. This year we will miss the swelling bass of a certain 'oom-pah' but I'm sure we'll find a replacement. I congratulate T. Musson and M. O'Neill who are winning regularly for the school Harriers and so we stand a good chance of honours here too.

A.P.B.

Fylde House

House Master: MR. I. W. MCKERROW

Assistant House Masters:

MR. J. A. SUTCLIFFE; MR. D. H. BUTTERWORTH

House Captain: K. N. NELSON

House Prefects: P. D. ATKIN; T. DAVIES, J. R. HUGHES, J. R. PORTER,
G. P. ROBERTS.

Firstly we must wish all those who have moved on since last year all success in their chosen fields of activities.

Then, welcome, on behalf of the whole house, to our new members and to Mr. Sutcliffe, who appeared briefly at the end of last term, and who appears to have liked us enough to return. I hope that they will see a change for the better in the House activities this year.

In the last report we were on the brink of success in the Debating and Cricket Cups, but I'm sorry to have to report that our hopes were unfulfilled.

In the Debating we were beaten by Lytham House who convinced the adjudicators that people do not necessarily 'get what they deserve'.

This was verified in the Cricket and Tennis Cups, as we lost both the competitions. Cricket was the most successful venture though, as we beat Ashton House before going down to School House. In the Tennis we failed to get past the first round, being beaten again by School.

However this term got off to a much better start, with a well won victory over Lytham House in the first round of the Senior Rugby, a good match with a 9-3 win. Our spirits were further raised by a defeat of Kirkham House in the Chess Competition, by 14-10. Unfortunately the Senior Rugby team could not continue its winning way, playing well but going down 18-6 to a very strong Ashton House team, despite a last desperate ten minute assault by the whole team. The Junior team had the same difficulty in getting past the Ashton House, unlucky to lose 6-3 after a fairly scrappy match.

At the moment we are holding our traditional sixth position in the Work Cup but, with a little effort from each member of the House, this is a tradition that could be forgotten, as it is not a tradition to be proud of.

On a more hopeful note we have yet to perform in the Gymnastics Competition in which we should do well with several of last year's team remaining, including the Senior Champion. This term the House has shown that it is capable of winning so let's keep up the good work and win at least one trophy this year.

K.N.N.

Kirkham House

House Master: MR. H. J. REAY

Assistant House Masters:

MR. L. A. REDMAN, MR. A. R. BAINES

House Captain: I. HIRD

Vice-Captain: G. A. IRVING

House Prefects: F. W. DERNIE, R. C. W. HARRIS, I. G. MCCONDICHIE, A. SMITH.

Firstly, we should like to welcome Mr. Baines on his return to Kirkham House. I'm sure his stay with us now, as Assistant House Master, will be just as enjoyable as his previous one, when he was House Captain. At the same time we must not forget his predecessor Mr. Hamner, who, in his three years with us, did much valuable work for the house—we wish him every success at Madeley Teacher Training College.

Since the July report, the House has met with several successes, notably in the Junior Cricket, Tennis and Swimming.

The Junior Cricket team, well-led by Robinson, the captain, played extremely well in two very close matches—against School and Lytham Houses. It is difficult to single out individual players, but Fisher, who took nine wickets for twelve runs against School, deserves special mention. It is certainly encouraging to note that he will be eligible for the juniors again next year, as, indeed, will six other members of the team.

The Tennis team played very consistently and retained the trophy fairly easily, defeating Ashton House in the Final, having already beaten Lytham and Preston Houses.

Thanks to a strong senior team, in particular West and Smith, we retained the Swimming Cup for the fifth consecutive year. Also Kirkham, a third-former swimming in the intermediates, and Irving T. E. in the Juniors swam exceptionally well.

It would appear to be an unwritten rule of the Senior Rugby that Kirkham House plays School House at some stage of the competition and this year was no exception, when the two teams were drawn together in the preliminary round. In the past two or three years we have been successful, but this year it was School's turn to win, although our team, without Irving and Pemberton, who were both injured, forced them to extra time, the full-time score being 6-6. Smith, the captain, Shephard and Kerby were the outstanding players for Kirkham.

The Junior Rugby team was also drawn against School House and was outplayed by them, although not to the extent that the 17-0 score suggests.

In the Chess Competition, we have now played two matches and lost both of them 10-14. This was rather disappointing, as we began the year as favourites to retain the cup. However, this year's competition looks like being very close and with a lot of practice we may still be in the reckoning at the end.

I.H.

Lytham House

House Master: MR. R. T. BENTLEY

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

House Captain: G. CARTMELL

Vice-Captain: J. A. S. HUNTER

House Prefects: A. G. TOWNSEND, M. B. HUSS, D. WHITTINGHAM,
D. H. WHITTLE

It is very much 'as it was in the beginning' for those who follow the fortunes of the Lytham House. Few of the seniors have left, though the House will be the poorer without the yeoman services of D. Pardey. Fifteen new members contribute to a record total of 79. The familiar pattern of last year remains, success in the academic sphere and comparative failure on the sports field.

Though it is early days yet, we again find ourselves in the lead in the Work Cup. This is entirely due to the efforts of the juniors which must be maintained and strengthened by senior successes in the 'O' and 'A' Levels for the House to carry off this trophy for the second time in three years. Amid convulsions on the chess board, our team has maintained its promise, defeating Ashton 17-7.

By the way, music practices began last September.

There must be something in the sea air which makes Lytham House allergic to the 'blood, sweat and tears' of rugby football. Though starting out favourites for the match the seniors went down to Fylde, after being in the lead at half-time. The juniors were handicapped by giving School House an eleven point lead in the first fifteen minutes but they recovered well. The final score of 21-0 reflects more the strength of the opposition than the obvious ability, keenness and spirit of the juniors. The gymnastics team, however, could well bring off the 'best result of the decade' by lifting the House off sixth position in this competition for the first time ever.

These are the results of our efforts so far. The successes achieved must be consolidated and the faults exposed rectified before the House can enter its next phase of growth and expansion.

G.C.

Preston House

House Master: MR. T. JACKMAN

Assistant House Masters: MR. D. BREWER; MR. F. SMITH

House Captain: J. J. SCOTT

House Prefects: K. M. BIGNELL, K. G. BARTON, D. J. BENSON,
P. H. JACKSON, G. T. RIDING.

We welcome Mr. Smith as a new House Master and hope he soon finds his place in House affairs.

Last term saw excellent efforts from our Senior Cricket team which was drawn against Lytham House for the first round and beat them 119 to 65 (both all out), Bignell scoring 56. In the second round we were all out for 254—a school record—against Kirkham House who scored 43 all out. Then, perhaps, these victories caused over-confidence, for the team lost in the final against School House being only 38 all out.

This term the Junior Rugby team was beaten by Ashton House and the Senior team by School House with a final score of 6-21. Especially concerning this latter game it is true to say that the team gave a good performance and it has been suggested that the future 7-a-side team may be a strong one.

One sphere of competitions in which the House really has been successful so far is that little-publicised sphere of chess. The team has drawn with School House 12 all, and is, at the time of writing, beating Ashton House 18-0, two games remaining to be played.

Finally, it should be pointed out that the House is as strong as it has been for many years, e.g. there are, at present, 17 sixth formers as opposed to 5 in 1965-66. This fact, together with the senior cricket achievements last year, suggest that this year holds many prospects of Preston House returning to a prize-winning status.

J.J.S.

School House

House Master: MR. R. A. KNOWLES

Assistant House Masters:

MR. G. BELLIS, MR. S. J. COOPER, MR. S. C. CROOK

House Captain: C. BALL

House Prefects: D. T. PLATT, N. M. WARD, G. D. HARROP.

Although the House lost twelve senior boys at the end of the school year—Harrop, Mattick, Proctor and Orchard reaching university—the House has been able to stay on its feet, welcoming twelve new boys.

After winning six cups last year, we have got off to a good start and have reached the finals in both Senior and Junior Rugby competitions. In school teams, Ball, Harrop and Bibey have played regularly for the First XV and Ward N., Ruddlesden and Sutcliffe for the Second XV. In junior teams, representation has been good, four of our new boys playing for the Under 12 XV.

The chess team this year has an unbeaten record. This success will, we hope, spread keenness to other parts of the House so that our standards in this game will improve.

As usual the House has done much work for the School play either on stage with Ruddlesden, Ball and Platt or back-stage, supervising the cloakroom and car parks, serving coffee, ushering and dismantling much of the stage afterwards.

This year we aim to win back our Gym Cup, and hope that the hard practice put in by all members of the team and others, will not have been in vain.

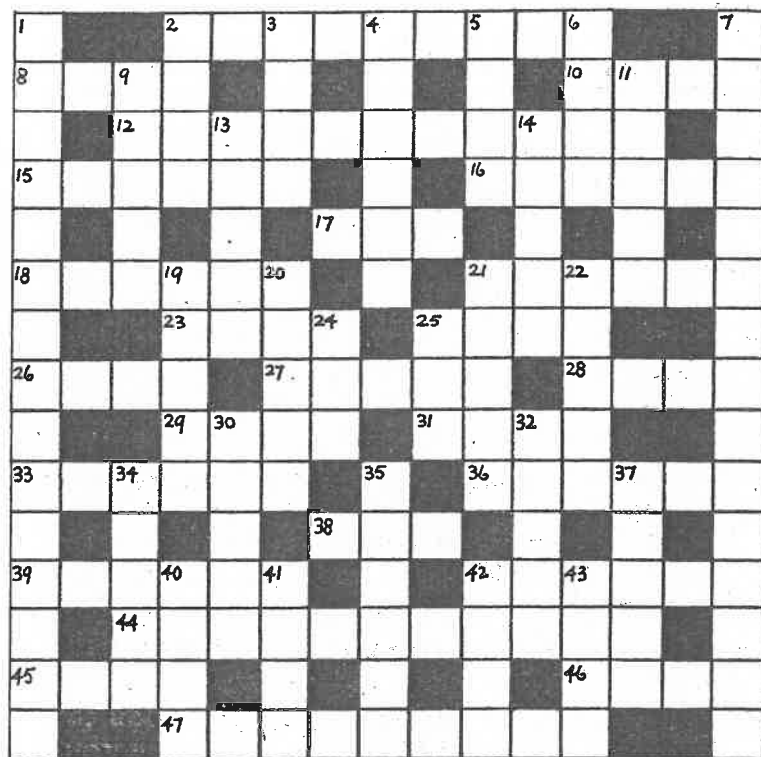
On the work front our new boys have not fully grasped the fact that work is their primary object at school, but when they have, we hope that their standard of work will rise to the high standard of the rest of the House and enable us to win back the Work Cup this year.

The Spring Term has much in store for us with the Rugby, Cross-Country, Music, Chess and Debating Competitions all imminent.

C.B.

THE KIRKHAMIAN CROSSWORD

Compiled by I. Hird



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ACROSS

- 2 and 12—Enter K.G.S. in order that ye may profit (9, 2, 9).
- 8—This German looks the same from each side (4).
- 10—The broken spar will tend to scrape (4).
- 12—*See 2 across.*
- 15—Add a note on ethics. That's the spirit! (6).
- 16—A little more than a hotel? (6).
- 17—The number one card (3).
- 18—Getting the right pitch (6).
- 21—Change the recipe to get a hole in it (6).
- 23—He's in the rubber trade (4).
- 25—It sounds as though we're ready to go, having made an agreement (4).
- 26—Corny listeners? (4).
- 27—It's down,—up in the bedroom (5).
- 28—If this is on you'd better watch it (4).
- 29—The last of seven. That's not odd (4).
- 31—Like time, it waits for no man (4).
- 33—An attractive piece of metal? (6).
- 36—South-eastern speed to perforate (6).
- 38—A friend returns to the circuit (3).
- 39—German money and French. It could be common (6).
- 42—Select—or selection (6).
- 44—Portable seats (5-7).
- 45—P.M. in the garden (4).
- 46—Used to be a vegetable? (4).
- 47—Where a cricketer fields when it's raining (3, 6).

DOWN

- 1—A person elected to serve on a governing body (9, 6).
- 2—A minute letter? (4).
- 3—Blood in the Bingo results room (4).
- 4—Bring about a consequence (6).
- 5—All, individually (4).
- 6—Ages (4).
- 7—Dropped the vegetables and then told all about it (7, 3, 5).
- 9—Run it, in Italy (5).
- 11—Change the rates if this is in the garden (5).
- 13—Sounds a very ordinary form of transport (5).
- 14—Capital! It's Greek (5).
- 19—Author of 'Peer Gynt', 'The Doll's House', etc. (5).
- 20—Welcome a Scot with tears (5).
- 21—Mixed pairs in France (5).
- 22—Three can be very volatile (5).
- 24—Metal container (3).
- 25—Peter's first animal? (3).
- 30—Extremely annoyed (5).
- 32—New city in India (5).
- 34—A prickly, yellow plant (5).
- 35—A mounted herdsman in South America (6).
- 37—Raise! Get up! (5).
- 40—Southern county (4).
- 41—Peat can be altered for measuring (4).
- 42—If this is exercised it could change the race (4).
- 43—Spheres of office (4).

SOCIETY REPORTS

Auto-Society

Chairman: MR. D. H. BUTTERWORTH

Secretary: D. I. STOTT

Treasurer: K. N. NELSON

Committee: A. P. BRIERS, F. W. DERNIE, J. R. HUGHES, R. V. HEATH

Although the Society has not yet begun to flourish this term, we do have an encouraging number of new members in the Junior part of the school, who show a pleasing, active interest in the society.

We have recently been given a back axle, but due to lack of space in the school, this has had to be stored in the cadet huts.

Several films have been shown already this term and I am hoping to get hold of many more. A trip to the Motor Show was unfortunately cancelled this year but we do hope to be able to go next year, as well as having another visit to the Police Motor Show at Hutton.

D.I.S.

Badminton Club

Chairman: MR. J. A. SUTCLIFFE

Captain: I. HIRD

Secretary: W. R. J. MCQUEEN

Committee: B. S. HAYTON, T. A. MUSSON, R. E. PIGOTT.

This year looks like being the best ever in the history of the Badminton Society. To date the team has played only two fixtures but the results are very promising. We beat King Edward VII School by 5 matches to 4, a very good result considering the strength of the opposition. We later beat Hutton by 8 matches to 1, an excellent win, and only the second time we have beaten Hutton. The most successful pairs have undoubtedly been Hird and McQueen, who have won every game, and Pigott and Musson who have only lost one game.

This year we entered the Blackpool and District Schools Competition but had to field a weakened team which was beaten by King Edward School. Next term we hope to have fixtures against King George V School, Southport, who have a very strong side, and these matches should be very interesting.

The society has organised a singles competition which has stimulated interest amongst the Juniors and this augurs well for the future. Finally, we should like to thank Mr. Sutcliffe for his help to all the players and for his 'nerve' in arranging a fixture against the masters.

W.R.J.M.

Chess Club

Chairman: MR. J. BRADBURY

Captain: I. HIRD

Secretary: J. A. S. HUNTER

Committee: P. H. JACKSON, J. J. SCOTT, G. A. IRVING, D. T. PLATT,
T. DAVIES, W. R. J. MCQUEEN.

This term the school team has, so far, continued in the same successful style as last year. The first two matches played were friendlies over six boards. In one we defeated Lytham 4-2, and in the other we drew 3-3 with St. Joseph's. We met again however in the Fylde Schools Class League, a competition which we have won on the last three occasions, over eight boards, and won 5½-2½.

Meanwhile on a nearer front, G. A. Irving has the task of defending his title of school chess champion. Around forty boys have entered the competition and the first round has already been completed.

The house competition is well under way now, and the trophy holders Kirkham have been beaten twice and their hopes of retaining the trophy are rapidly fading. The results available at the time of going to press are: Lytham 17, Ashton 7, Kirkham 10, Fylde 14, Preston 12 School 12, Kirkham 10 School 12.

J.A.S.H.

Debating Society

Chairman: MR. J. A. SUTCLIFFE

Secretary: P. D. ATKIN

Committee: G. A. IRVING, F. W. DERNIE, I. HIRD, J. A. S. HUNTER,
K. N. NELSON, D. E. COWELL, R. M. PATTERSON.

There have been three debates held this term. Due to an outburst of beginning of term enthusiasm the first debate was extremely well attended, in fact too well attended. The motion, 'This House believes in the Supernatural', was defeated by 68 votes to 38 and 106 people in the library, not counting abstentions, resulted in severe discomfort for the people standing at the back.

Neither the winners of the second debate, on the motion 'Affluence is a greater evil than poverty', nor the winners of the third debate, on the motion 'A Jack of all trades gathers no moss', managed to receive 38 votes, nevertheless both these debates have been well attended. During all three debates there has been much vociferous support while the speakers have been speaking, but there is a notable reluctance amongst members of the Lower School to depart from the traditional cries of 'Hear, Hear' and 'Shame' when they are given the opportunity. I hope eventually more people will pluck up courage to speak from the floor.

Interest in debating is bound to flourish soon with the inter-house debates looming, and to the more materialistic members of the school there are two debates against girls' schools in the offing.

P.D.A.

Dramatic Society

Chairman: MR. G. BELLIS

Secretary: G. A. IRVING

Treasurer: P. D. ATKIN

Committee: C. BALL, I. P. D. RUDDLESSEN, D. E. COWELL, R. M. PATTERSON, J. R. COLLINS.

The school play this term is different in many aspects to those staged in the last few years. We are now 'under' the new management of Mr. Bellis and Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Kremer having departed to the perhaps greener pastures of Kendal Grammar School.

The play itself, 'The Hungry Wolves' by Romain Rolland, is one in which the inconvenience and sometimes embarrassment caused by the portrayal of female parts is non-existent. Here is a play which has no 'female' cast and one which also breaks the monopoly which Shakespeare has had for the past three years. It is a drama set just after the People's Revolution in France, when part of the People's Army is besieged in the town of Mainz by the Prussians. The bitter hatred of the 'commoners' for the aristocrats is hardly concealed beneath the surface and when one aristocrat leader is accused of treachery . . . but I hope by the time you have read this you will have seen the play for yourself, and, it is to be hoped, that you will have enjoyed it as much as previous presentations. Certainly it deserves to be a success, judging by the amount of work put in by everyone concerned, not only the actors but also the promoters, stage hands and designers, lighting and sound effects men, programme, ticket and coffee sellers, car park attendants, Mrs. Reay and Miss Windle who helped with the make-up and others too numerous to mention.

G.A.I.

Geographical Society

Chairman: MR. R. A. KNOWLES

Secretary: W. R. J. MCQUEEN

Treasurer: D. I. LITTLE

Committee: G. T. RIDING, J. H. HALL, H. E. NEWTON.

This year the Geographical Society has decided to show fewer films, than usual, but with more variety of subject, in the hope of stimulating more interest—particularly among the seniors, who

seem to be engaged in other pastimes nowadays. This idea seems to have worked very well, as attendances at all the films have been very high. A further programme of films will be arranged for next term.

A party of students from the sixth form went to a Geographical Conference at Poulton Training College. There were two excellent and topical lectures given, on 'Britain's Energy Industries' and 'North Sea Gas'. A programme of films was also shown, and altogether the trip was both interesting and worthwhile.

W.R.J.M.

Gymnastics Club

Chairman: MR. D. E. WORTH

Captain: G. D. HARROP

Secretary: T. S. WEST

Committee: G. T. RIDING, A. CROSS, D. J. RAWCLIFFE.

This time of year is the most active for the Gym Club. We have a competition arranged with Rossall School before Christmas and it is likely that we will succeed in defeating them as we did last time they visited us.

Practices on Tuesday nights have started again this term in preparation for the forthcoming Inter-House competition in which good results are likely as the juniors are very keen this year.

T.S.W.

Library Report

Chairman: MR. B. COATES

Secretary: I. HIRD

Treasurer: G. A. IRVING

Sub-Librarians: P. D. ATKINS, D. J. BENSON, K. M. BIGNELL, A. P. BRIERS, T. A. CROSS, F. W. DERNIE, R. C. W. HARRIS, J. A. S. HUNTER, M. B. HUSS, P. H. JACKSON, I. G. MCCONDICHIE, I. P. D. RUDDLESDEN, J. J. SCOTT, J. P. SMETHURST.

After a somewhat slow start—partly due to last year's check not being completed—the library is now functioning quite smoothly. It is hoped to be able to conduct a full check before the issue of books for the Christmas holidays.

All the books which were purchased last year (except the paper-backs) have now been accessioned and the majority of them have been in great demand since they first appeared on the shelves. The paper-backs have been sent away to be hard-bound and we hope to have them back for issue soon.

This year has seen an increase in both the number and the variety of the magazines purchased by the library. These now include such publications as World Sports and the Scientific American, which are second only to Punch in popularity.

Music Society

Chairman: MR. J. MURRAY

Secretary: P. WHITTINGHAM

Treasurer: D. WHITTINGHAM

Committee: D. J. BENSON, J. R. PORTER, R. H. SIMPSON.

The society is pleased to report a successful start to the year's programme. The choir practices are extremely well attended and the choir are enthusiastic about the work they are doing. The Carol Service is the main item for the Winter Term, and many new and ambitious carols are being tried. The orchestra continues to play the hymn for Friday assembly and it is good to see so many new faces. If the present expansion continues Mr. Murray will have a trying time fitting the orchestra on the stage at the School Concert. More ambitious pieces are being attempted by the orchestra and we are sure that they will be successful.

The record library has just purchased £20's worth of records. Every boy in the school is entitled to borrow a record and to do so would be a good chance for the many 'pop' music addicts to sample some of the classical 'scene'. Will interested boys contact Mr. Murray or any member of the committee.

P.W.

Photographic Society

Chairman: MR. L. A. REDMAN

Secretary: R. C. W. HARRIS

Treasurer: J. R. HUGHES

Committee: A. P. BRIERS, P. C. BRYENTON, P. H. BUTTERWORTH.

The year got off to a very good start with the first meeting attended by over fifty members. If this enthusiasm is maintained, we shall have a very successful year.

At last, the General School Committee have relented on their previous harsh treatment of the society by allocating us a grant of £11 which was promptly spent. This paid for a new, high quality lens for the Junior Enlarger and a highly sophisticated electronic enlarging computer.

Throughout the Winter Term, the junior members of the society have been taught to print their own films. It is hoped that these lectures will be extended to cover all aspects of photography, possibly with outside speakers to talk on subjects normally outside the scope of a school society.

Finally, the Easter Fair, as usual, any original ideas for a display for the society will be gratefully received by the committee.

R.C.W.H.

Salextric Society

Chairman: MR. I. W. MCKERROW

Secretary: P. R. CAPPER

Treasurer: A. M. MACKIE

Committee: J. DUGDALE, A. M. HIRD, A. J. BLAKEY

Not much has happened this term but, on Saturday the 2nd December, some of the members' track, including my own, will be used at the Christmas Fair at Kirkham Parish Church.

P.R.C.

Scientific Society

Chairman: MR. J. BRADBURY

Secretary: P. G. ARCHER

Treasurer: P. CHARNLEY

Committee: M. A. COSSINS, T. DAVIES, P. T. DYTHAM, N. HASSALL, W. MCTAGGART.

The society has emerged from its period of dormancy, especially in the number of films shown. These have been generally well attended and have ranged over a wide variety of subjects. Our thanks to Mr. Knowles and UVB for the use of Room 11.

Unfortunately a charge for membership has had to be made even though we have previously managed to avoid this. The committee is endeavouring to arrange some trips later in the school year.

P.G.A.

Table Tennis Society

Chairman: MR. D. BREWER

Secretary: P. J. COOPER

Treasurer: D. I. STOTT

Committee: D. E. COWELL, A. W. COX, D. G. EDMUNDSON, D. A. SHEPHARD.

This term has been a very successful one for the society, the table tennis hut being the gathering point for the Lower Sixth during break, dinner and at 4 o'clock. A subscription of 1/- has been collected from members, although in many cases it had to be extorted and this money has been appropriated for new equipment, namely new bats and three-star balls bought by our three-star treasurer.

A knock-out competition has been held this term and in the final 'Horatio Hornblower' beat 'Min' by two clear holes.

P.J.C.

C.C.F. REPORT

Army Section

C.S.M. G. CARTMELL

Sgts.: K. M. BIGNELL, F. W. DERNIE, J. R. HUGHES, I. G. MC
CONDICHIE, K. N. NELSON, D. A. SHEPHARD

Cpls.: P. D. ATKIN, P. CHARNLEY, M. A. COSSINS, T. DAVIES, J.
KERBY, S. W. PICKLES, G. P. ROBERTS, J. P. SMETHURST, A.
SMITH.

L/Cpls.: N. HASSALL, P. J. HIND, P. R. HUDSON, D. C. JOHNSTON.
C. A. H. MASSEY, R. J. NICHOLLS, T. OLIVER, D. WHITTINGHAM,

The formal report of last summer's Annual Inspection has now been received. It is an excellent report, one of which the whole contingent can be justly proud. Summer Camp, at Cutybraggan in Perthshire, was also a success, although we failed to win the Commandant's Cup, results on the Assault Course not reaching the same standards as those of the riflemen and the map-readers.

The major disappointment of the term was the eleventh-hour cancellation of Field Day due to the Foot and Mouth disease, a disappointment not only for the cadets themselves but also for the N.C.O's who had put in so much preparatory work. Platoons 2 and 3, however, went ahead with their visit to 1st Royal Tank Regiment at Catterick, an innovation so worthwhile that it will surely become a tradition. Under the direction of Corporals Charnley and Pickles a Burma Bridge has been erected on our own Assault Course, similar to the one at Catterick.

Meanwhile Thursday afternoon training goes on satisfactorily. This continues on orthodox lines, except for the junior platoons whose training includes initiative tests, life-saving and first-aid. The cadre has already been given experience in handling the younger cadets. Platoons 2 and 3 are preparing for their Army Proficiency Exam and have been fortunate to have expert drill instruction from R.S.M. Spencer (even though a drill squad was once actually lost in the fog).

The foundations have been laid for another successful year for the contingent. By the results of the Proficiency Exam, the Annual Inspection and the Easter and Summer Camps, the extent of our success will be measured.

G.C.

Field Day—Catterick

'Fantastic! It's the best Field Day we've had, it must be!'

'Yes! It was funny too! That assault course we had to begin with was fairly rigorous but parts of it were a scream'.

'You're not kidding! Remember when Charlie was on that log for the first time? He'd have got across perfectly dry if Pete hadn't pushed him in. And what a splash!'

'What did you think of the first bit though?'

'You mean where we had to climb a rope up a tree, walk across a Burma bridge, cross that gap in the trees walking along those two ropes like our own assault course and then scrambling along that ladder towards the net? It was great but the two ropes were a bit dodgy.'

'I'll say! Those ropes were wet and, the second time, my fingers were quite numb. I thought I'd fall off, especially over that wooden fence and it was quite a fifteen or twenty foot drop.'

'Ah, but the tanks were the best of all, looking in and around them was good enough but having a ride on one too, I think it made everyone's day.'

'Yes, the officer said the Centurion was the best tank in the world. I don't know if he is quite accurate but they are surely magnificent machines.'

'You're right there.'

'The wireless wing was a bit of a laugh though. Tuning all those sets in and then whispering sweet nothing to each other through them was terrific fun. I really was interested in those sets and thought they were as good as the tanks.'

'Well they should be at £600 a set!'

'That's nothing. The tank assimulator—you know that mock-up of a tank's cab and the moving camera over a toy landscape—well the computerized parts of that cost over £100,000.'

'The gunnery wing was not so good though, there was too much shouting going on, and with not having a go at firing and aiming, I thought that was a bit of a time-waster.'

'Me too.'

'But on the whole this is one Field Day that will not easily be forgotten!'

T. L. ARMSTRONG, U.VA

Return to Cultybraggan

This year the Army Section's Annual Summer Camp (A.S.A.S.C.) was held at Cultybraggan in Perthshire, the same camp as two year's ago.

The journey up by train passed quickly enough, with singing by the 'Way Back Boys' Choir', and Mr. Bentley's tour of Glasgow to change stations. On arrival at camp we were shown our 'home-from-home' for the next seven days, and we settled in. The activities during camp were many and varied with 'something for everybody', including walking, canoeing and shooting.

The Lower Fifts spent three days walking about the countryside in small groups, the Upper Fourths crocodile-led by Lieutenant Day toured the Glen, and three indefatigable N.C.O.'s climbed the almost impregnable Ben Vorlich. Everybody also spent a day 'doon by the watter' in canoes and assault boots under the friendly eye of the R.S.M., the L.V's canoeing the length of the Loch (well, almost!).

They also had a day's shooting while the upper IV's took part in fieldcraft exercises and prepared for a night under canvas.

On the recreation side of the camp, the 'Kirk' seemed the most popular venue, many people spending their evening there. Films in the Careers Office also attracted a good number of people, as did the town of Crieff. Food was variable. Then the 'pox' struck, one member of the Upper IV's going to Dunfermline with chicken pox.

It was altogether a very worthwhile and enjoyable camp, and all credit must go to Major Reay and his officers for thinking, planning and carrying out a most diverse programme.

K. N. NELSON.

R.A.F. Section

Sgts.: J. A. S. HUNTER, I. HIRD, P. DYTHAM, G. A. IRVING

Cpls.: C. BALL, C. BAINBRIDGE, K. J. CHAPPELL, R. C. W. HARRIS, P. H. JACKSON, D. T. PLATT, N. M. WARD, D. H. WHITTLE.

This term the R.A.F. section has expanded to record size. With our annual influx of L.V's our number has risen to 83. To cope with this a large number of N.C.O's have been promoted.

The section congratulates Sgt. Dytham, Corporals Whittle and Ball and cadet Pemberton on gaining their Gliding proficiency certificates at Burtenwood in August. They join a large number of K.G.S. cadets who have done so.

On Field Day the section split into 2 parties. One went to Woodvale for flying experience in Chipmunks. The other went on an overnight visit to Lindholme. Fortunately for the latter, the Lindholme A.C.L.O. was able to arrange sorties in Hastings, thus enabling them to enjoy the best of both worlds, a tour of the camp, and the flying.

Finally, B flight are now in the process of taking their proficiency examinations and it is hoped that the results will be available when the magazine comes on sale. The section has a very good record in both proficiency examinations and it is hoped that this year will be no exception.

J.A.S.H.

SCHOOL SPORT

Rugby—Mid-Season Report

	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>A.</i>
1st XV	14	14	0	0	258	56
2nd XV	11	6	5	0	167	104

At this point in the season it is greatly encouraging to report that the 1st XV remain undefeated in all school games. For the players this is the reward for hard training and dedication to the game. Training sessions have become progressively more demanding under Mr. Bradbury's management, and tactics and techniques have been radically revised in the light of new approaches to the game.

The impact of the Sixth All Blacks Team on Rugby Union may not be acceptable to the purists, but their approach is really the only way to play and win. This style depends on hard, fast forward play to create scoring situations for both backs and forwards, situations in which they can run with the ball. To some this may kill the pretty rugby which stems from the pieces, but we must adapt to survive and I feel that this has been done successfully by the first fifteen.

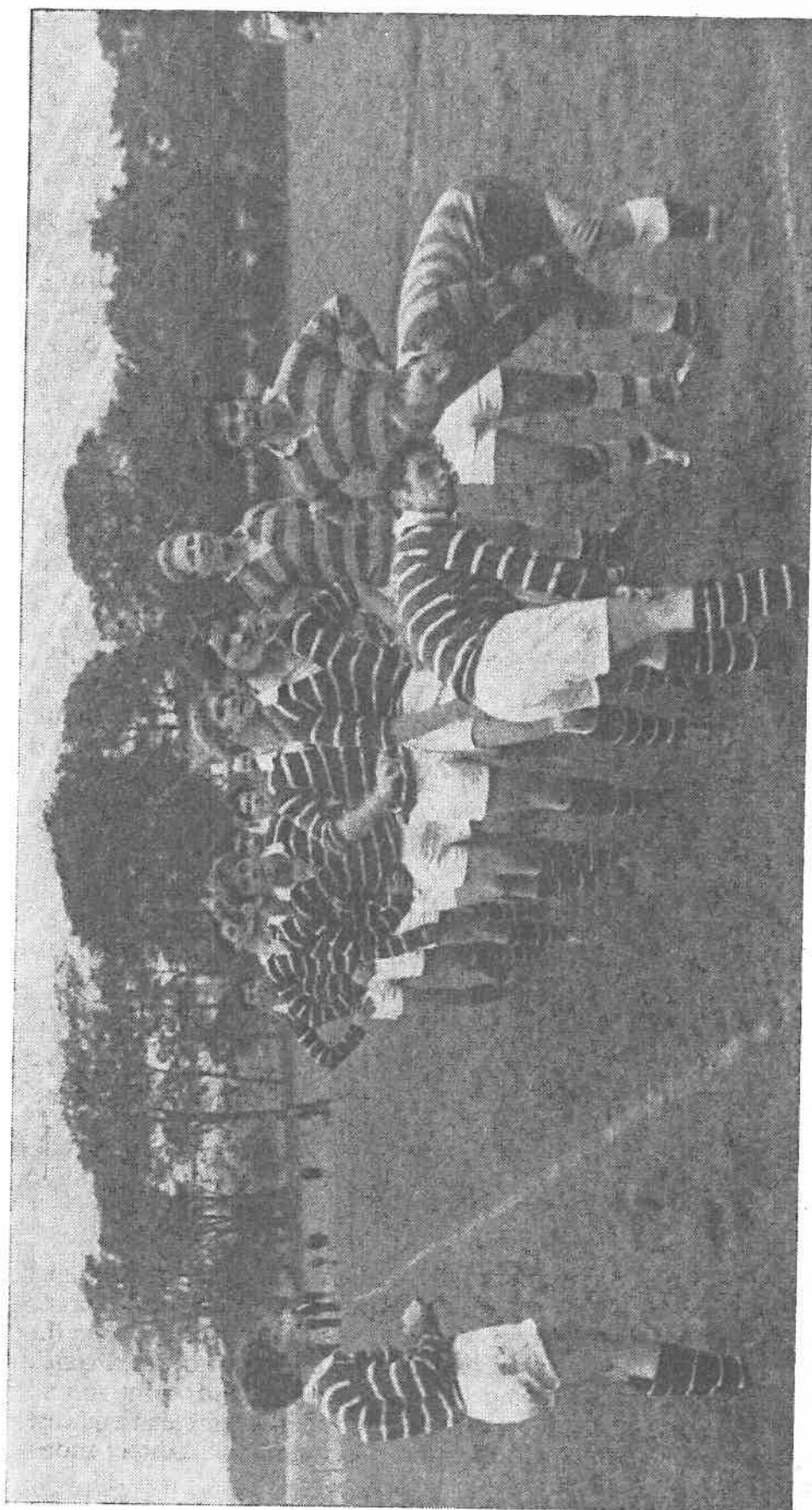
The 2nd XV have had mixed fortunes, but remain on the 'credit' side. They have played well during this half of the season, and of the games lost, three have been by three points or less. A very active and effective set of backs have usually been better than the opposition, but too often, the forwards have lacked essential drive and fitness.

I hope that the winning ways will be continued into the second-half of the season, and then, perhaps, we will be able to boast that Kirkham G.S. really has got the 'best team in the land.'

1st XV v. Old Boys

With a first team of reputed great potential and an Old Boys team with many notable players but one or two weak points this match promised to be a duel between individual genius and team organisation. The Old Boys alienated many would-be supporters amongst School House Juniors by turning out quarter of an hour late.

From the kick-off two facts emerged about general play; one was the School's forward superiority in the line-outs and their greater speed in covering and going into loose-scrums. Although the Old Boys with Fenton as their hooker showed a superiority in the tight-scrum and won 10 against the head, much of their possession was wasted due to poor handling in their backs. On the other hand, little of the school possession in the backs was wasted; Matthews scoring two tries and Bignell one.



Tired-looking forwards at the Old Boys' Rugby Match

Despite a slight superiority amongst the backrow by the Old Boys the school forwards managed to score three tries by Smith, Shephard and Kerby, the last being an especially fine run. Pigott also kicked a penalty but missed all the conversions. Thus the score was 21-0 to the school team. Amongst the Old Boys Fenton, Clark, Rayton and Hemingway were notable. Walsh seemed a little out of his depth in this game, the school backs often kicking to him in the hope that he would fumble it. The result was a well deserved victory for the organisation of the 1st XV, though naturally the Old Boys were handicapped by the fact that they had never played together.

R. A. LITTLE, U. Mod. IV

Cricket 1967

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
1st XI	11	3	5	3
2nd XI	8	4	4	0

The teams found that success is hard to come by. The potential was apparent when all too often individuality decided the outcome of a match. The aggressiveness and team-spirit of the 1st XI came more into the game towards the end of the season when success and confidence which are inseparable made a good finale to a promising season. The batting was inconsistent and by this fact one was able to see I. Hird hit a well controlled 55 n.o. against the Old Boys, and at the same time think of the possibilities if everybody in the team played as well all season. Happily, of the few bowlers at the 1st XI's disposal consistency and occasional brilliance were the main features. Unhappily, if there were more second-string bowlers to support the two best bowlers Mattick and Simpson R., the batsmen would have been able to concentrate on batting.

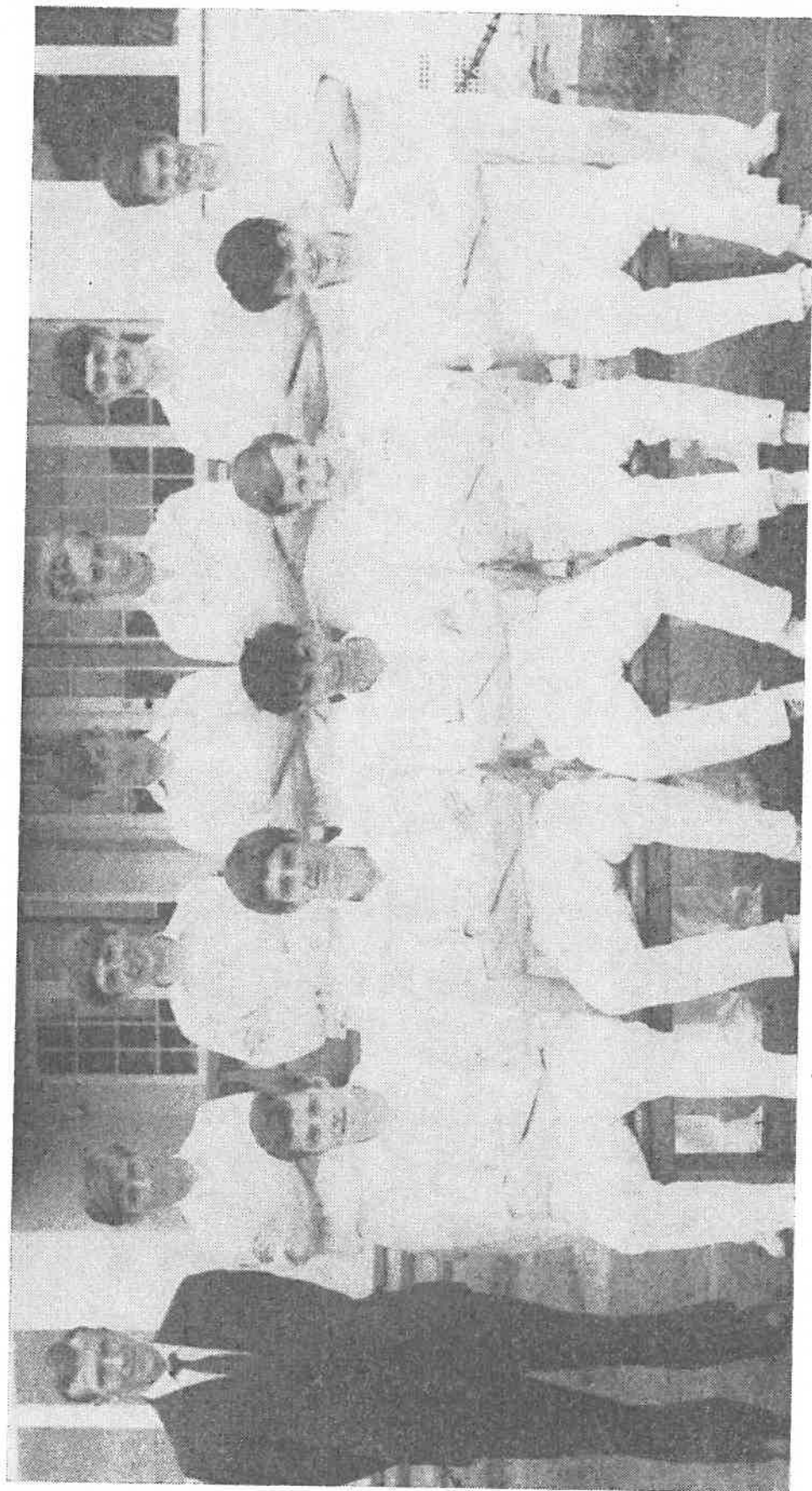
The 2nd XI ably led by F. Taylor who was thought of as a better leader than cricketer, did slightly better than they did last season (as did the 1st XI). Brimming with confidence at the start they did not play a game for another month and this unsettled them for the next two matches after which they redeemed themselves admirably.

The U.14 XI has not had a good season but our Junior teams are always full of budding stars and after more experience they will be able to supply the 1st and 2nd XI with mature cricketers.

K.G.S. 1st XI v. Old Boys' XI

K.G.S. 154 for 5 dec.—OLD BOYS 120 for 8

The school XI were put into bat and after a rather prolonged innings by the opening four batsmen, Hird (55 not out) and Hunter (30) had a good partnership. Once in a strong position at 154 for 5 the captain, Simpson, D., declared but the Old Boys' got off to a quick start with Montgomery making 19. Then R. O. Wilson came in and scored 52 not out in just over an hour but the other batsmen were kept at bay by Hird's bowling and consequently the match ended in a draw.



THE FIRST ELEVEN, 1967

BACK ROW (from left): D. E. Worth, Esq., A. A. Mattick, J. A. S. Hunter, L. Harrop, J. A. Newbold-Bradshaw, G. Cartmell, I. G. McCondie.

FRONT ROW: K. M. Bignell, G. Kerby, D. V. Simpson (Capt.), I. Hird, R. H. Simpson.

K.G.S. 1st XI v. Masters XI

K.G.S. 91 for 9—MASTERS 104

The masters elected to bat first and two solid innings by Mr. Sutcliffe (19) and Mr. McKerrow (14) put the masters in a strong position. Then Mr. Bellis came in and added 28 to the score in his usual sparkling fashion with Mr. Brewer (17) backing him up well. The masters then tailed away to a score of 104. The school had a strong opening partnership of over fifty between Bradshaw (30) and Simpson D. (29) before it was eventually broken by Mr. Worth. The First XI, however, lost wickets quickly at the end in the search for quick runs and against the accurate bowling and surprisingly agile fielding of the masters.

J. N. SUMNER L. Mod. VI

Harriers 1967-68

In all five matches have been run and all won by convincing margins. McLaren has been first home for Kirkham on four occasions and has been overall winner twice. Behind him the team is much of the same quality and consequently have grouped well usually getting at least six places in the first ten. The regular team members are: Benson (Capt.), R. A. Little, M. E. Roberts, Massey, Nelson, Musson, O'Neill and McLaren.

Nelson, Roberts and Massey entered as a three-man team for a race organised by Blackpool Harriers. They came 4th, 5th and 6th to win.

Inter School Gala at Derby Baths

Although T. West gained 1st place in the Senior 110 yds. freestyle, and J. Kirkham 3rd in 220 yds. and A. Smith 3rd in Senior Butterfly, the seniors could only gain 6th position in the final results.

The juniors, with R. Powell giving the only points with 3rd position in the junior butterfly, finished a poor 7th.

On the whole the final results were a little disappointing especially with K.G.S. gaining a 1st place. Fortunately most of our swimmers have returned and we look forward to improving our position in the 1968 Gala.

Inter House Swimming

<i>Final Result—</i>	1. Kirkham	210 points
	2. School	153 „
	3. Lytham	89 „
	4. Ashton	60 „
	5. Fylde	51 „
	6. Preston	50 „

Kirkham House are to be congratulated on again gaining 1st place, with a margin of 57 pts., with as usual School House in second place. Our thanks go to Mr. Middleton for presenting the trophy. The Swimming at K.G.S. seems at last to be on the upgrade, with lots more juniors taking interest, especially in the Life Saving courses.

PROFILE No. 24



A. R. Baines

1950-1957 and 1967-

When Arthur Robert Baines entered K.G.S. in 1950, he entered a strange world; Mr. Wilson came to school on a bicycle, Mr. Coates taught Latin, School Prefects wore caps and Mr. Bentley was always sporting a "Sou' Wester". Mr. Baines returns in 1967 to see K.G.S. much changed; the bicycle has been replaced by a Jaguar, History has swamped Latin, caps have disappeared for all but third and fourth formers . . . but the "Sou' Wester" remains.

At the age of 13 Mr. Baines left Kirkham and Wesham County Primary School and, at the third attempt, entered K.G.S. He began life in the Lower Fourths and found life difficult particularly its French and Algebraic aspects. But Arthur Baines is not one to accept this, always asserting that famous Lancashire dictum that there is no point doing anything unless it is done properly. He won the form prize in U. IV B, and in the Lower Fifts decided to concentrate on the sciences, much influenced in this choice by the biology master, Mr. B. Stevenson.

He played his part fully in the activities of the school. He was sometimes hooker for the Second XV and won his full colours for swimming in the 'long-plunge'. Library Secretary, Staff Sergeant, school prefect, Kirkham House Captain and finally School Captain were all jobs he held and all jobs he enjoyed because they brought him into the centre of school-life, allowing him to make an important and worthwhile contribution to the community. He was also a prominent chorister and can well remember his very individual rendering of the sea shanty, 'High, on the giddy bending Mast', in the first ever House Music Competition.

After taking his 'A' Levels a second time, he went up to University, the University College of North Wales, Bangor. Though physics troubled him, by dint of much hard work, he completed his B.Sc. course in two years, graduating with Honours in zoology the year after. To A. R. Baines B.Sc. there was never any doubt about what he should do with his degree—he wanted to teach, believing in the supreme importance of education.

After a years' teacher training, gaining a First Class Diploma, he went to his first school, Hessle High School near Hull, as assistant master. He spent two years there and in 1963 moved to the post of Head of Department at Preston Catholic College. Yet always there was a longing 'to complete the circle' and when the opportunity arose in 1967 Mr. Baines jumped at the chance to become 'Head of the Biology Department, K.G.S.' Nostalgia alone did not bring him back, the quality of the school was a major factor. Of all the schools he has seen and he has seen many ('I like to visit schools as other people visit churches'), for him there is none to compare with K.G.S. which seems 'the most involved. . . it attempts a lot'. He regards the K.G.S. of 1967 as a definite improvement on the past, for example the better amenities and the teaching emphasis laid more on principles than facts, the Nuffield Science techniques for instance which he hopes to introduce himself.

Finally in 1966, with characteristic willingness, he accepted the post of Secretary of the Old Boys Association. He intends to make the Golden Jubilee of the Association in 1970, a year to remember.

Arthur Baines would be the first to admit that his outlook has been rather narrow, yet this can be excused by the unique influence of K.G.S. on his life. We wish him, and his wife and family, every success in his new career at K.G.S.

FRIENDS OF K.G.S.

President: REV. W. A. P. FRANCIS

Chairman: MR. P. A. BIGNELL

Secretary: MR. K. GREGORY

Treasurer: MR. J. A. SCOTT

As a new contributor to the Kirkhamian, I feel that I must tread warily in the company of such esteemed authors. My predecessor, in his final address at the Annual General Meeting, stressed the importance of new members with go ahead ideas; I can only ask that members will give of their utmost to the advancement of the 'Friends'

The Garden Party only realized 80% of its target, disappointing, firstly the weather was unfavourable and secondly, several other local events fell on the same day, all of which must have suffered for the same reason.

In October the social diary commenced with a Whist and Domino Drive, which proved to be as popular as ever. Mr. Desmond Coupe (K.G.S. Old Boy) was Guest of Honour at the Dinner Dance in November, which had a record attendance and was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

Once again the Christmas Draw was successful, for which we are indebted to Mr. Pilkington and all the ticket sellers.

If last year is anything to go by, the Supper Dance in March at Samlesbury Hall promises to be most enjoyable. Date to be confirmed later.

The 1968 Project for School is still in the blue-print stage, but could well prove to be even more ambitious than in previous years.

It has been brought to my attention that some members have not been receiving circulars, if these members will let me have their addresses, I will rectify this.

14 Ribblesdale Close,
Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2HT.

K. GREGORY,
Hon. General Secretary.

Solution to Crossword

ACROSS: 2. Ingredere. 8. Otto. 10. Rasp. 12. Ut proficias. 15. Morale. 16. Hostel. 17. Ace. 18. Tuning. 21. Pierce. 23. Bert. 25. Pact. 26. Ears. 27. Eider. 28. Heat. 29. Even. 31. Tide. 33. Magnet. 36. Serate. 38. Lap. 39. Market. 42. Choice. 44. Sedan-chairs. 45. Eden. 46. Bean. 47. The covers.

DOWN: 1. Committee member. 2. Iota. 3. Gore. 4. Effect. 5. Each. 6. Eras. 7. Spilled the beans. 9. Turin. 11. Aster. 13. Plane. 14. Ionic. 19. Ibsen. 20. Greet. 21. Paris. 22. Ether. 24. Tin. 25. Pet. 30. Vexed. 32. Delhi. 34. Gorse. 35. Gaucho. 37. Arise. 40. Kent. 41. Tape. 42. Care. 43. Orbs.

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The Annual General Meeting

THE 1967 Annual General Meeting (or should that read 'MEET IN' these days)? and Dinner were held for the third successive year at the Barton Grange Hotel, Nr. Preston on Friday 22nd September. By 6.45 p.m. some 50 members had arrived. On such occasions no catalyst is needed, recognition of contemporaries being (almost) instantaneous and affability the order of the day along with those other all important 'orders' which soon see to it that there is a 'jar' in every fist! Gradually these members were persuaded to seat themselves for the A.G.M. which again was a very brief affair. Whilst it is very reassuring that members have such splendid confidence in their elected officers and representatives on the Committee and appreciate their efficient *modi operandi*. I think that three items on the agenda that night should not be glossed over.

First of all the Hon. Treasurer's report. In this, his first report to the A.G.M., David Lyon said that our credit balance is gradually diminishing. Compared with September 1966 in fact, this balance is now some £30 smaller. To correct this drain on our reserves and even to increase this balance means cutting expenses and/or increasing costs. Under the latter of course, the subscription rate would have to be reviewed. By increasing the cost of the A.G.M. and Dinner ticket for 1967 we cut our losses to about 1/8 of those incurred in 1966. The Committee hopes for an increased profit at the Annual Dance in January 1968 and to this end has increased the ticket price from 12/6 to 15/- (having decided not to hold a raffle).

I hope I shall be able to report just that in the Circular which will accompany this issue of the 'Kirkhamian'. However, I will mention again the possibility of members changing their present status. THINK! The Life Membership fee now is £5 5s. 0d. or the equivalent of 21 at 5/- (the current Annual Members' subscription rate). How many years have you been a Life Member? If it is more than 21 years you have the opportunity, created in 1960 by thoughtful and keen members like yourselves, of assisting the Association's finances by becoming a Vice-President for one single payment of £5. To Annual Members, becoming Life Members would save you irritation and the Hon. Treasurer the time and money involved in reminding you that your Annual Subscription is due. As I said THINK, then ACT!

The other two items are much shorter. Our thanks are due to the immediate Past President (Mr. J. K. Platt) and P. Fenton (Rugby Football Secretary for the last two games v. the School); to the members who have readily taken their places and to the other stalwarts who soldier on in niches which they seem to have made their own. All of their names appear at the head of this section of the magazine or on the Calendar-card for 1967-68. Finally, the new draft of the Association Rules which was passed unanimously at this A.G.M. are printed here for your reference. May I suggest for this reason alone you keep this copy of the 'Kirkhamian' or these pages as these Rules will only be issued separately to new members enrolled after this batch of Old Boys news has been posted.

The Annual Dinner

At the Dinner itself 105 members were present, a gratifying if perhaps terrifying number for the Speakers to address. The Principal Guest this year was Mr. C. C. Toyne (1929-35) who now lives in Middlesex. A member of the School House whilst at K.G.S. Mr. Toyne said, amongst many amusing and detailed reminiscences proposing the toast of 'The School', that he well remembered being responsible for introducing chicken-pox to the House not long after his arrival. The very special Sausage teas, some by gas light, with which the House seemed to celebrate every kind of victory had also stuck (!) in his mind over the years. Mr. W. H. Kennedy responded to this toast. He thought that the Association was working smoothly and said how much he had enjoyed attending its new function, the Southern Dinner at Oxford on February 25th 1967, though the route back had been somewhat devious. About the School Mr. Kennedy said that there were now 414 boys present which was the largest number the School had ever had. Finally, he regretted that he could report no progress at all had been made during the past year concerning Comprehensive Education and the future of K.G.S.

The toast of 'The Association' was proposed by Mr. R. Fielding who was a member of the English Department staff at K.G.S. from

1956-60. Mr. Fielding is now Senior English Master at Baines G. S. Poulton-le-Fylde. The retiring President Mr. J. K. Platt (1920-29) responded to this toast after which he presented Mr. R. D. Harrison (1924-29) with the Duxbury Golf Trophy which the latter had won in July 1967. This was the first time that this presentation had been made at the Dinner itself and it gave many members their first glimpse of this Trophy which was donated five years ago to be competed for in this annual event by the present Golf Secretary, Mr. C. F. Duxbury (1930-36).

Old Boys' Rugger

On Saturday, 23rd September, 1967 by 2.30 p.m. an enthusiastic crowd had gathered on the touchline. There were many Old Boys and their families present it was pleasing to note and though many famous representatives of past School XVs were amongst them it seems that they need many of their former skills to refrain their children from straying onto the pitch these days. We were all soon able to welcome the current 1st XV onto the pitch but had some time to wait before the Old Boys XV appeared. The team, playing in blue and yellow hooped shirts with divers combinations of other items of kit both in colour and state of repair, was:-

Walsh, D. A., (1959-66); Almond, P. B., (1960-66); Thorp, C. H., (1946-54); Rayton, J. K., (1959-66); Akeroyd, T. J., (1964-66); Cartmell, S., (1957-65); Renshaw, J. C., (1948-56); Hague, I. K., (1959-66); Powell, J. A., (1956-64); Shaw, C. J., (1959-66); Traice, F. B., (1955-57); Hemmingway, S., (1963-65); Clark, P. E., (1958-66); Johnston, N., (1962-65); Worrall, G. S., (1958-66).

Some ten minutes after the kick-off the School had scored a try and not much later they added a penalty goal to this—and so it went on! The Old Boys failed to score at all in this match and when referee Mr. I. W. McKerrow blew the final blast on his 'Acme Thunderer' the score was School 21 points, Old Boys nil. Our thanks are due to all the above plus the canteen staff, touch judges and 1st XV members for the entertainment and competition on that day.

On the following day seven Old Boys formed a team and entered the seven-a-side rugby competition at the Fylde ground. This team was P. Fenton (1950-58); J. Renshaw (1948-56); G. Worden (1960-67); T. Orchard (1963-67); A. Pilling (1960-67); A. Caine (1960-67) and P. E. Clark (1958-66). The first round they lost by default because four of the team arrived too late. The team went into a subsidiary competition for first round round losers and in the first round of this were beaten 6-0, by Old Parkonians.

This is perhaps a good place to mention that the new rugby football secretary is P. E. Clark (1958-66). Please contact him directly if you wish to be considered for any Old Boys' rugby team in the future, stating your position. Once committed, please do turn up on the day at the right time or have informed someone in plenty

of time or even found a substitute if you suddenly find that you are unavailable.

It will be of some consolation to those team members mentioned above that at the time of writing this the School 1st XV has won all its inter-school fixtures. Let us hope that some of them are on our side in September 1968.

Old Boys' Golf

The Annual competition for the Duxbury Trophy was recorded in the circular sent to members in July 1967. On Friday August 18th 1967 at Penwortham Golf Club some Association members played a team of Hutton G.S.O.B.s and the Golf Secretary, Mr. C. H. Duxbury (1930-36) has compiled the following account.

Due to very abnormal weather conditions only five people from Hutton and Kirkham G.S.O.B. Associations played in the Challenge Golf Match. The result was a win for K.G.S.O.B.s by 3 matches to 1. Therefore Hutton paid for the buffet laid on after the match. The complete results were (Hutton G. S. first):

- I. Bell lost to P. Rhodes.
- G. Swindlehurst beat G. Turner (1933-38).
- H. Kirkham halved with C. Duxbury (1930-36).
- J. Wilson lost to H. Duxbury (1958-63).
- A. Ketcham lost to R. D. Harrison (1924-29).

Association Regalia

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Collectors Tail-piece

Many members will remember the General Knowledge paper which the whole school took after each Christmas holiday but which was withdrawn in the mid 1950s. One certain question on that paper was the meaning of 3118 (Forgotten?). If the paper were still set, I'm sure that the question which would be a 'dead cert.' now would be the Schools postal code. This is PR4 2BH. The Hon. Secretary's is PR1 9JA and the Hon. Treasurer PR1 8BU. Would all members with such a code use it so that I may add this to their file card and use it myself when the occasion arises.

News of Old Boys

J. E. BAILEY
(1959-64)

After leaving K.G.S., James worked at home for one year i.e. at the Greyhound Inn, Grizebeck (Lake District). After this he entered University College, London to read Geography. He has just started his final year.

C. G. BEESON

Christopher was awarded a Dalton Hall scholarship in Physics and Maths. last year.

F. BETTESS
(1930-37)

At the moment he is Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at Sunderland Technical College.

Captain
R. BETTESS, D.S.C.
(1920-22)

Captain Bettess has now retired from the sea and lives at Birkdale, Southport, Lancashire.

Staff-Sergeant
D. CLARK
(1939-44)

A Staff-Sgt. with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Derek is at present serving at Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine. He is employed as chief clerk of the department that carries out the administration on all compassionate leave and casualties in the British Army in Germany. Derek enlisted in the Army in June 1964 and has served in Austria, Malaya and North Africa before going to Germany in 1963. He is married with two daughters and lists his hobbies as tape-recording, woodworking and watching rugby.

R. CLAYTON
(1928-34)

Rodney is Chief Administrative Officer to the United Nations Development Association, in Pakistan.

M. COTTOM
(1940-47)

Maurice, a graduate of Liverpool University works for the Sudan United Mission as principal of a Boys' secondary school at Gindiri, Northern Nigeria. This school occupies the

- same campus as the Girls' secondary school, a Teacher-training college and a school for the blind.
- A. COTTOM**
(1944-50)
- Tony is a lecturer in accountancy at the Harris College, Preston, where he has been for three years. Last summer he flew to Nigeria to visit his brother travelling with him to Lagos on the coast and right up to the very northern-most parts bordering the desert. They visited hospitals, educational establishments and missions—most of it by bicycle.
- A. M. GRIEVE**
(1961-66)
- He is a student at St. Luke's College, Exeter reading Arts and Crafts.
- J. HANKINSON**
(1945-50)
- John is 'mine host' at the 'Coach and Horses' at Freckleton. He and his staff play a valuable part in organising the bar and service at our annual dance each January.
- L. HERRINGTON**
(1949-54)
- Lionel is clerk to the Wesham Parish Council.
- C. J. HORN**
(1957-64)
- Christopher obtained an upper second degree in Geography from London University.
- R. HULL**
(1949-56)
- Conducted the Preston Cecilian Choral Society in their concert production of 'The Bartered Bride' by Smetana at their opening concert of the societies 40th anniversary season. He also conducted Handel's Messiah which was given by the society in December in the Public Hall, Preston.
- D. E. INGLESANT**
(1946-52)
- David now lives in Surrey. On leaving K.G.S. he went to sea as a ship's engineer in the Merchant Navy. In 1961 he joined the Central Electricity Generating Board and having gained a scholarship from the firm has since 1966 been reading for a B.Sc. (Econ.) at London University.
- A. D. IRVINE**
(1959-67)
- Alan was awarded a Royal Air Force flying scholarship last summer. A member of the R.A.F. section of the school Cadet Force whilst at K.G.S. Alan and other scholarship holders carried out their training at the Lancs. Flying Club. These awards go to outstanding members of school Cadet Forces and enable the holders to undergo flying training courses at civilian flying schools at Government expense.

Professor
E. R. LAITHWAITE
(1931-40)

In November 1967 Professor Laithwaite lectured to members of the Association for Science Education who were attending a conference on 'Applied Science and the Schools', in London. In January 1968 he lectured to the same Association at their Annual Meeting which was this year held at Imperial College Kensington. The first lecture was called 'The excitement of Machine Engineering' and the second 'Electro Magnetism and Electric Motors'.

P. LAMBERT
(1957-65)

Peter came top in his second year maths. examinations at Manchester University and was awarded a special prize.

S. W. RICHARDS
(1956-62)

Gained a B.A. Hons. Degree in Architecture at Manchester University and is now living and working in London.

J. RIGBY
(1936-41)

Mr. Rigby has been appointed manager of the Midland Bank Ltd. South Woodford, London. A native of Freckleton Mr. Rigby started his banking career at St. Annes, worked a while at Kirkham and then moved South. He worked for a time on the general managers staff at Head Office and at branches at Lambeth and South Kensington. Up to his new appointment he had been the manager at Wanstead Midland Bank.

G. SAGAR
(1943-51)

Dr. Sagar is a lecturer in Agricultural Botany at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. It was pleasing to hear that he had been able to represent the Association at the funeral of Mr. G. Hughes.

N. SEED
(1962-67)

Nigel enlisted in the army last summer and joined the R.E.M.E. to train as an aircraft technician. After this he hopes to obtain a technical qualification before applying for a commission. After six and a half weeks training at Bordon in Hampshire he was promoted to Lance-Corporal. He will continue his training as an aircraft technician with the Army Air Corps. at Middle Wallop, Hampshire.

Christopher Pape, a contemporary of Nigel's at K.G.S. enlisted on the same day, also for a nine year period.

I. A. SMITH
(1958-65)

Ian is reading Civil Engineering at Sheffield University and last year was awarded a special prize for being top in his year.

D. STEPHENSON
(195X-56)

Don produced 'Separate Tables' by Terence Rattigan which was the second play of the season given at the Playhouse by Preston Drama Club.

Lt. Cdr. A. STOCKS
(1949-56)

Alan was promoted Lt. Cdr. at the age of 29. He is a B.A. Hons. in Modern History and Government of Sheffield University. He qualified as a teacher at Liverpool University and after teaching in Cheshire for one year he joined the Royal Navy. He has continued lecturing on 20th century history, government and current affairs, first at the R.N. Engineering school in Scotland and later at the R.N. Weapons (electrical) establishment in Hampshire, where he is stationed at the moment. Alan is married with two sons and is very keen on amateur dramatics having successfully directed many plays.

F. SUTCLIFFE
(1913-18)

Mr. Sutcliffe was a member of the Old Boys' committee from 1950-60. He left Cambridge in 1923 and was a schoolmaster until Easter 1966 teaching in North Wales, Jersey, Blackpool, Essex and Surrey. Two summers ago he worked as a flight despatch clerk at Lydd airport. He was the member who was enquiring about Edward Strickland (1914-18), and Mr. F. H. Jolly has been able to supply him with the latter's address.

N. SWIFT
(1937-43)

Norman is secretary of Kirkham and Wesham Cricket Club. He also captains the Kirkham 2nd XI.

D. WALTON

David sailed on a six week voyage to the Antarctic last October on the research ship John Biscoe. He is a graduate of Edinburgh University and this summer he was collecting plants in Iran for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. David's present assignment makes him a member of a 50 man British survey team which will do research for about six months at Britain's six South Pole bases. His particular task will be to study plant physiology and growth in summertime Antarctic conditions. This data is for an international biological research programme. When he returns David will go to Birmingham University and prepare a paper on his work.

Captain
A. J. WILLIAMS
(1954-61)

On entering K.G.S. Jeffrey was one of the smallest 3rds seen for many years. Many years later he was a somewhat husky-voiced Portia in Mr. Kremer's production of 'The Merchant of Venice'! He studied at Birmingham University and began his medical course in 1961 finally qualifying in 1966. He worked as a house surgeon in Birmingham for six months and then for the same period of time in the Outer Hebrides. At the moment he is a regimental medical officer in the R.A.M.C. a career which he finds tremendously enjoyable since it combines the duties of doctor and soldier. Jeffrey is married with one two-year-old daughter.

J. WILLIAMS
(1957-62)

John is Jeffrey's younger brother and is at present studying medicine at the University of Dundee.

'MR. WINCHESTER'
(1907-11)

The S.O.S. for this member in the July 1967 issue of the 'Kirkhamian' brought replies from John Hall (1906-10), R. L. Langley (1904-11) and P. D. Mitton (1907-13).

Messrs. Hall and Langley say that this must be Cecil F. Winchester whose father was Headmaster of Treales C. of E. school and subsequently Headmaster of Newton Blue school. This Mr. Winchester was a member of the cricket and Association football (sic!) 1st XIs. He was a particularly clever outside left nicknamed 'Mittim' (—'Middle it'? or centre the ball Winchester!) by the German master (Herr Schweiker). On leaving school he trained for the teaching profession at St. John's College, Battersea. He was awarded the M.M. in the 1st World War after which he taught in Kent. Mr. Mitton thinks this may refer to Christopher Winchester who became a clerk to the firm of W. J. Dickson and Sons, solicitors, who had offices in Station Road, Kirkham at the time.

KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

(Founded January 21st 1920)

Rules

GENERAL

1. That the Association shall be known as the 'KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION'.
2. The objects of the Association shall be:—
 - (a) to maintain the connection between the school and its Old Boys;
 - (b) to maintain and promote interest among the Members of the Association;
 - (c) to do all things necessary for the advancement of this Association and of the School.
3. Membership of the Association shall be limited to Old Boys of the School, past and present Masters and Governors of the School.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS

4. The President shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
5. The President elect shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
6. The Officers of the Association shall consist of Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE

7. The Committee of the Association shall consist of the Officers together with a Committee of twelve Members or such other number as shall be determined from time to time at the Annual General Meeting of whom one-third shall retire annually and in rotation.
The Committee shall have the right to co-opt members.
8. The Head Master of the School shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
9. At any meeting of the Officers and the Committee 4 shall form a quorum.
10. The Committee shall meet at least four times in the year.

FINANCE

11. The Financial Year of the Association shall end on the 30th June in each year or at such time as shall be determined in Annual General Meeting.
12. The Annual Subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable on the first day of the financial year.
The subscription for life membership shall be a sum equal to 21 times the annual subscription, which may be paid at one time or by 21 annual payments.
13. Any Member three years in arrear shall automatically be excluded from Membership.
14. A Life Member may become a Vice President of the Association upon a single payment of £5.

15. Once at least in every year the Accounts of the Association shall be audited by one or more Auditors.
16. The Income and Property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the stated objects of the Association and no Member of the Executive Committee shall receive payment for his services, other than for legitimate out of pocket expenses incurred in the work of the Association.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17. The Annual General Meeting shall take place immediately before the Annual Dinner of which notice shall be sent to each member not less than fourteen days before the date appointed.

The business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- (a) to receive the Hon. Treasurer's audited statement of account;
- (b) to elect the Officers;
- (c) to elect Members of the Committee;
- (d) to elect one or more Auditors;
- (e) to consider any matter of importance to the Association including any business of which notice shall have been given to the Hon. Secretary.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

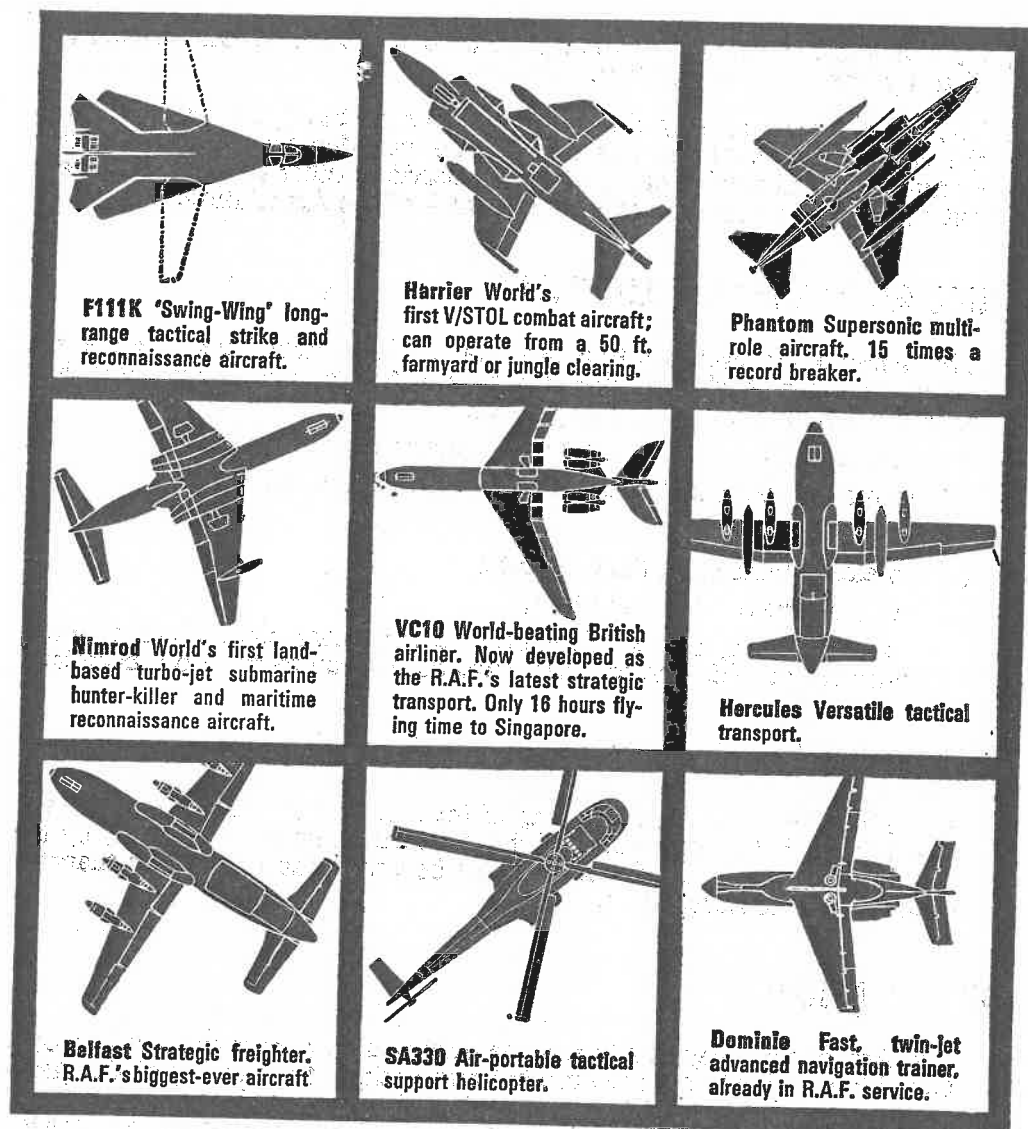
18. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be convened at any time (a) if the Committee of the Association so determines, (b) by the Hon. Secretary, if such a Meeting shall be demanded by not less than ten Members of the Association.

DISSOLUTION

19. The Association may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Association of which at least twenty-one clear days notice shall have been sent to all Members of the Association. Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Association.

ALTERATIONS

20. Alteration to the rules of the Association shall receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the Members attending the Annual General Meeting present and voting.



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