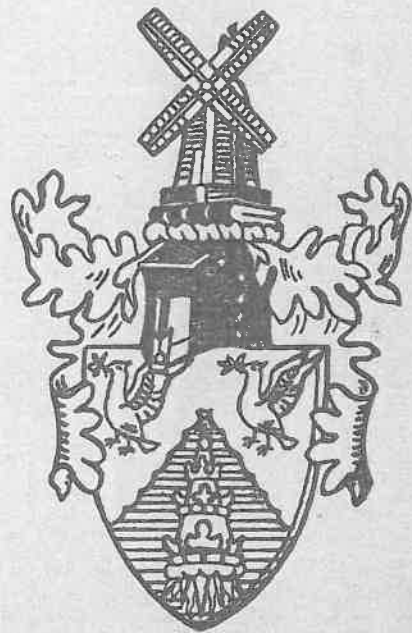


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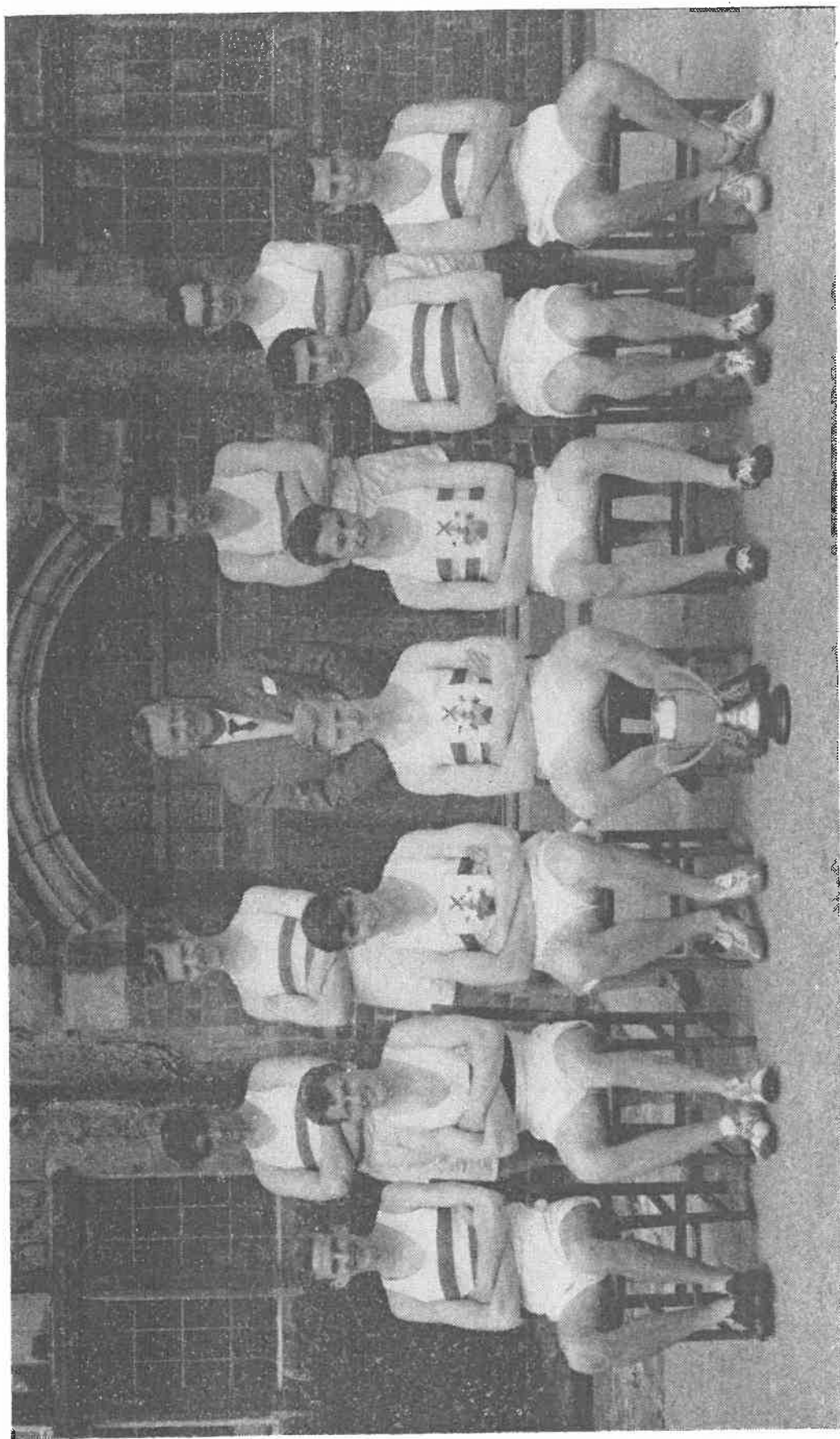
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# KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL ATHLETICS TEAM

Standing (left to right) : J. Rayton, H. Herrington, Mr. S. Crane, A. S. Gaffney, W. R. Kay.  
 Seated (left to right) : M. P. Benson, M. C. Hobbs, S. Cartmell, D. R. Brownbill, M. Kirkham, C. J. Gardner, D. R. Moore.



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Committee: G. R. Moores, A. D. Kirby,  
D. W. H. Walton, J. S. B. Wilson

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As yet another school year draws to its close we become suddenly aware of the passage of time, of the fact that it is now five months since the Kirkhamian last went to press. The intervening period has seen the rugby season terminated in isolation by the hard-fought, final rounds of the House Competitions, success at Blackpool in the Inter School Sports, and now, almost sadly, the more lazy days of cricket — and the various break-away activities such as golf and bowls — are fast drawing to an end. Looking back through toiled examinations, past the General Inspection of the C.C.F. and a record-breaking Easter Fair we can congratulate ourselves on a most satisfactory year. There have been failures, both of the School and of individuals, but these are inevitable. Their correction provides a purpose for the future.

An obvious failure in this magazine is the preponderance of formal reports over original contributions. Despite repeated invitations even the Kirkhamian's most ardent critics decline to voice their opinions within our pages. Perhaps in the next issue . . . .

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines: The Lancastrian, The Arnoldian, The Hoghtonian, The Poultonian, The Veseyan.

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## **House Reports**

### **Ashton House**

House Master: Mr. H. B. Wilson  
Assistant House Masters: Mr. T. Jackman, Mr. G. Cheeseborough

House Captain: J. Dewhurst

House Prefects: J. Dobson, A. Bridle, A. Kennedy

This years positions in House competitions have been somewhat disappointing and we are undoubtedly going through a "bad spell." Nevertheless it must be noted that the Ashton House has risen from insignificance to become a house capable of great things.

In the Junior and Senior rugby we suffered similar defeats at the hands of powerful opposition from the Preston and Lytham houses respectively. The harriers were disappointedly placed last in the house race but Worrall and Fazakerley are both worthy of mention, especially the latter who had an excellent season with the school harriers.

Perhaps the greatest shock of all came when we were placed sixth in the music competition an event in the past in which we have been very successful. This position gives no indication of the amount of work put in prior to the actual competition and Clark and Hill must be commended for giving up so much of their time.

In the Athletics a strong senior team was poorly backed up by the juniors and intermediates who failed badly on the day.

Dismal as these results must seem it must be remembered that every house has its ups and downs and I'm sure greater things will be achieved next year.

J.A.D.

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## Fylde House

House Master: Mr. I. W. McKerrow

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

House Captain: L. F. Abbott

House Prefects: D. R. Brownbill, E. G. Knagg, R. M. C. Smith,  
A. J. Howells

Since the last report the Fylde House has continued its age-old tradition of winning the Athletics Trophy. The victory was due largely to the fine performance of D. R. Brownbill who competed in 5 events and gained 5 first places, which included 2 records. The intermediate section of the House also gave of its best, mention must be made of Rayton's record-breaking shot putt, which was the result of week's of hard training. The House victory clearly demonstrated the enthusiasm and keenness present in all sections.

In the Music Festival the House gained second place, our best position yet, this was a deserving reward to Parkin, who organised the House effort, and to the competitors, for all their hard work.

The Junior Rugby Competition saw the exit of the Fylde House before the final. However the House played well in both games against the Kirkham House and was perhaps a little unfortunate to loose the replay. These games indicated the abundance of talented people in the lower section of the House.

In the sphere of cricket the picture is somewhat different and disappointing. Both the senior and junior teams suffered first-round defeats. The performance of the junior team was particularly disappointing for it was a potential competition winner, cricket, however, is always an unpredictable game.



In the junior debating competition, the House has reached the final, thanks to good speaking from Emmett, Coope and Shaw.

The overall picture of the year's activity is the usual one of ups and downs, victories and disappointments. By and large it has been as successful year as could be hoped for a House with so small a senior section. The strength of the lower section of the House promises well for the future.

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## Kirkham House

House Master: Mr. Reay

Assistant House Masters: Mr. Redman, Mr. Baldwin

House Captain: R. H. Wood

Prefects: M. Kirkham (vice-Captain), C. T. Robinson, J. S. B. Wilson

This school year has been one of changing fortunes for Kirkham House. On the whole the effort put in by everybody has been very commendable.

In the Senior Rugby competition the team played an admirable game making Preston House work hard for their 29 pts. to nil victory. The juniors put up an equally good performance, but for them team spirit and skill paid off and they won the competition. Although both teams played to the best of their ability, mention must be made of the exceptionally and consistently good games of Barrs, Simpson and Kirkham in the junior team.

In the Cross Country race, although all the members of the team put up a fine performance, without the ability to do better the House only came 5th.

The Music Competition was played with mishaps as far as Kirkham House was concerned, and unfortunately the House's items fell below standard on the day. The junior section of the House certainly shows considerable talent and this, it is to be hoped, is a good sign for future years.

The Gym Cup practices have been fairly well attended by everybody but a little more enthusiasm from some of the more senior members of the House might have gained a few more points.

On paper the Chess competition results are very gloomy but in many of the matches victory was only conceded after a long hard struggle. All five games were lost with 44 pts. for and 76 pts. against.

In the swimming cup competition later this term the House stands a very good chance of beating the luck of recent years which has each time forced them into 2nd place. We wish the team the best of luck.

The Work Cup competition has so far again proved a success for the House although by as great a margin as in previous years. We must remember however that the all important G.C.E. results have yet to be taken into account.

The Senior Cricket provided perhaps the most exciting game of the year. Against a much stronger School House team the House showed just what it is capable of against high odds. To score 63 and take 5 School House wickets was a feat which was thought almost impossible. For this fine performance all the members of the team are to most sincerely be congratulated. The junior cricket has not been played but we hope that they have a good game and come out on top.

The result of the House competitions this year have not at all been in Kirkham's favour, but the remarkable enthusiasm and team spirit particularly against great odds has been remarkable. If only the House members can keep this up in future years Kirkham House can be well proud of itself.

R.H.W.

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## Lytham House

House Master: Mr. C. K. Lee

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

House Captain: R. Walmsley

Vice-Captain: I. A. Walton

House Prefects: P. S. Allison, A. S. Gaffney, D. W. H. Walton, J. E. Bailey, S. Cartmell, J. A. Powell

March 18th, 1963, was the most successful day in the history of the House. In the afternoon, the House won the Music Competition and all those who took part are to be congratulated on their magnificent performance. Then, at 4-15 p.m., the final of the Senior Rugby Competition was held. The team, which had reached the final by defeating Ashton House 14-3, played with spirit and determination to win the Shield for the second year in succession, by beating Preston House 6-0 in a very hard match.

The Chess team has maintained a high standard of play, winning all its matches. (Fylde House was beaten 20-4 and Kirkham House 15-9). The final match against Preston House will decide who is to win the trophy.

The House usually makes a good effort in the Cross-Country Run and this year was no exception. The team ran well to gain third place, Adams, the team captain, finishing second.

On Sports Day the House filled the same position as last year, that is fourth place. Cartmell won the Senior 220 yards and Gaffney the Senior Discus and all the team competed enthusiastically. Unfortunately Bailey broke a wrist while competing in the High Jump and the House hopes this injury will heal without complications.

The Junior Rugby XV were beaten 24-0 by School House in the preliminary round of the competition but a better show was made in the Cricket Competition. The Junior XI scored 48 runs, beating Fylde House by 6 runs. Rigby scored 27 runs and Hunter took 5 wickets.

A rather inexperienced Senior XI was beaten, though not as convincingly as expected, by a skilful Preston Team. The bowling of Snape, the team Captain, was outstanding and some of the younger players wielded a useful bat.

It is hoped that the House will maintain its spirit and enthusiasm in the competitions which take place at the end of term.  
R.W.

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## **Preston House**

House Master: Mr. S. Crane

Assistant House Master: Mr. B. Coates

House Captain: I. C. Wright

House Prefects: M. P. Benson, A. G. M. Chrystall, A. J. Evans

Let us first extend our congratulations to R. O. Maddock, who has left us to go ultimately to Durham University, where he has won an exhibition in Physics.

Up to the present the success of the House has been limited to gaining second places in the various competitions.

After our victory over School House, we went on to beat Kirkham 29-0. In the final against Lytham D. J. Simmonds was injured and had to leave the field temporarily at a crucial point of the game. Although Lytham were kept hard pressed, the team lost a little of its spirit and finally lost a very hard played game 6-0.

The Junior team fared similarly, reaching the final by beating Ashton 9-0. Then against a heavier, more experienced Kirkham House team they lost 19-0. However, the spirit and courage of the Juniors was very promising and augures well for the future.

In the cross-country, Preston were narrowly beaten into second place by School, the score being 65-72. M. P. Benson is to be congratulated on winning the race.

The Athletic Sports provided another second place, when the House were joint runners-up with School. The fact that Preston gained more places than any other house is an indication of the general all-round ability of the House.

The senior cricket team have reached the final after comparatively easy victories over Lytham and Ashton. We now meet School House in what promises to be a good match.

In the Chess competition, Preston is leading by one point from Lytham against whom the final and deciding match will be played.

The other events of the year can be dealt with briefly. The House came fourth in the Music Competition as opposed to sixth last year. We failed to get past the first round of the Junior Cricket and Debating competitions.

The House certainly has ability and a good spirit prevails. It is quite possible that the next report will record the winning of several competitions. But if this is to be the case every member of the Preston House must give his full support in every possible manner.

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## School House

House Master: Mr. R. A. Knowles

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

House Captain: J. Mackleden

House Prefects: D. E. Moore, G. R. Moores, C. D. Robertson

Since the magazine last went to press, the house has gained several distinctions both on and off the games field.

M. C. Hobbs is to be congratulated on winning his honours cap, for outstanding performances in school rugby. Also to be congratulated on winning their colours, are: D. E. Moore, J. Mackleden, J. B. C. Johnson, and J. B. MacIldowie.

Perhaps the most impressive performance of the past year has been the house's victory in the Inter-House cross-country race. Rated only second at the start, the team rose to the occasion, and stormed home convincing winners. This result was achieved only by constant practice and hard training. Congratulations must go to G. Leaney on gaining a regular place in the School Harriers, and to J. B. C. Johnson, G. Warden, I. K. Hague for their appearances.

The athletics season this year, has been short but rewarding. On Sports Day this year we came second to a very strong Fylde House team. The most notable performance of the day came from I. D. Ruddlesden, who in the junior events took no less than five first places and one second place. Creditable performances also came from D. E. Moore, M. C. Hobbs, I. K. Hague, G. Warden. The biggest surprise of the day was produced by C. D. Robertson, who executed an amazing bounce of five feet, to put him second in the high jump.

The senior house cricket team, after two convincing victories in the first two rounds of the competition, are looking forward to an exciting final against the Preston House. D. E. Moore and F. G. Rigby are to be congratulated on their impressive performances both in school and house cricket. Also deserving mention are J. B. MacIldowie and R. D. Hartley.

Swimming is our next major interest and training for this is progressing steadily. There is also much preparation for the forthcoming shooting match, and we hope to do well in both these competitions.

Once again the Chess Cup has escaped our grasp, but we do not intend to let go of the Gym Cup. Many fine performances in this competition have once again put us in a very confident position. The most outstanding being that of M. C. Hobbs, who recorded no less than 105 points.

The trend towards lighter music in the House Music festival, enabled us to field a number of very talented musicians. Consequently we managed third place in the final ratings. A big improvement on past years.

Debating, forsaken by the seniors, has been taken up with great vigour by the juniors, and although our junior team was defeated in the semi-finals of the competition, it was not to the disgrace of the speakers. We hope, next year to see the senior debaters back in action, showing a little more interest than has been shown in previous years.

The final result of the work cup competition will not be known until next term, by which time the G.C.E. results will have been accounted for. At the moment we are lying third in the competition.

All the success in this past year has been brought about only by determined effort from everyone. If the house is to achieve success next year and in years following, then this effort must be increased, not by one, but by everybody.

Finally, we would like to wish every success to those who are leaving the house, and to those who are coming back.

J.M.



## Rugby Football 1962-3

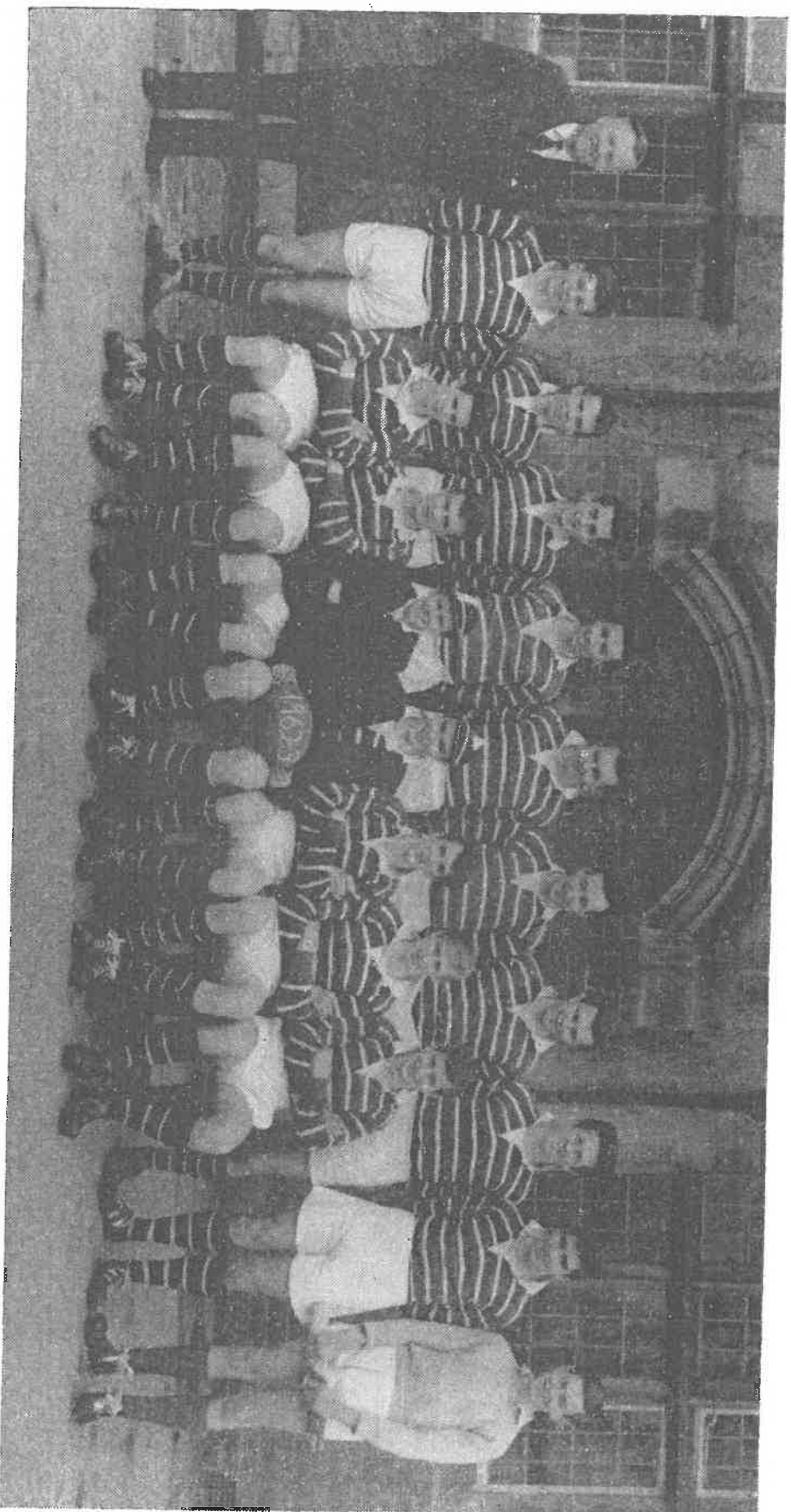
			Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	points For	points Against
1st XV	..	..	14	6	3	5	87	89
2nd XV	..	..	11	6	—	5	107	133
Under 16	..	..	6	1	—	5	20	58
Under 15	..	..	7	1	1	5	42	126
Under 14	..	..	6	4	—	2	92	61
Under 13	..	..	5	2	1	2	83	65

In some ways, the results have been a little disappointing and certainly below the standard set in recent years. In the case of the 1st XV and 2nd XV injuries have played a great part in reducing the effectiveness of the teams and it is noteworthy that it was not possible in any occasion to field the strongest 1st XV. The loss of A. Chrystall in particular at the very beginning of the season was a serious blow and several experiments, not always successful, were made to fill his place. G. Worrall played quite well at stand off half but he lacked the penetration of Chrystall. He should, however, have gained a lot from his experience. Experiments were also necessary in the threequarters and eventually a line was formed which was usually adequate to the occasion. Defensively it was very good but sometimes there was, in spite of much potential speed, a real lack of penetration. D. Brownbill was rather variable at centre but he did play some good games whilst W. Ross the other centre, promoted from the under 16 should develop into a more than useful player. D. Moore at full back was his usual reliable self. But the outstanding player behind the scrum was M. Hobbs at scrum half. He provided a good service, covered a lot of ground in defence and was very quick to spot an opening in attack. The forwards were well led by the captain J. Dewhurst, who is to be congratulated on being selected for Lancashire School-boys. It was largely a new pack but it quickly settled down into a very effective formation. Its members were usually outweighed but always managed to hold their own, in spite of persistent injury to its two second row men. Bendes, Dewhurst, I. Walton, J. MacIldowie and A. Gaffiney played some very good games.

The 2nd XV suffered a lot from the calls of the 1st XV, but, except for one disastrous occasion, its spirit remained excellent. This was due mainly to the enthusiastic leadership and exhortations of R. Walmsley, the captain. Of the threequarters, W. Redfearn and H. Herrington were the best whilst D. Horn at scrum half, although a little slow, did much useful work. In the forwards, in addition to Walmsley, the best players were the hooker M. Kirkham, D. Simmonds, and when not playing for the 1st XV, C. Robertson.

The Under 16 and Under 15 were frankly very disappointing. Both sides contained some promising players but neither managed to develop into a team in the best sense of the word. However,





**KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XV, 1962-63.**  
**Standing (left to right) : Mr. S. Crane, W. Ross, J. B. MacIldowie, J. B. Johnson, A. S. Gaffney, J. M. Dobson, C. D. Robert-**

**son, J. Mackeldon, J. D. Myers, S. Cartmell, J. N. S. Jones.**  
**Seated (left to right) : A. G. M. Crystal, L. F. Abbott, M. C. Hobbs, J. A. Dewhurst (Capt.), I. A. Walton, D. R. Brownbill, D. E. Moore.**

much should be seen of G. Ethelston, G. Worrell and J. Rayton of the under 15 in future years. But if real spirit was missing in these two sides, the balance was amply restored by the two Junior teams, the Under 14 and Under 13. The former team was particularly strong in the forwards with D. Pardey and A. Pilling outstanding whilst behind the scrum, I. Haworth, S. Walton and A. Hall were all capable players. The Under 13 were a most enthusiastic side. Of all the school teams, they had the best idea of moving the ball to the open spaces. K. Bignell and J. Porter were usually the spearheads of the attack but A. Smith the captain and a very good tackler, G. Irving and K. Hartshorne showed very good form.

The House Competitions, after a very long delay, were finally completed and Lytham and Kirkham are to be congratulated on winning the Senior and Junior Trophies respectively. Both finals were excellent games and the players did extremely well after such a long lay-off.

At a meeting of the Committee at the end of the season, Full Colours were awarded to J. Dewhurst and M. C. Hobbs and Team Colours to: L. Abbot, S. Cartmell, A. G. Chrystall, D. R. Brownbill, A. J. Gaffiney, J. B. Johnson, J. Mackelden, J. MacIldowie, D. E. Moore, J. D. Myers, W. Ross and I. A. Walton.

The Committee also expressed its thanks to all those members of the School who helped in the organisation of the Rugby season, and in particular to the linesmen of the six teams and all those spectators who lent their support at the many school matches.

## Athletics 1963

The 1963 season has been a very satisfying one. Most of the victorious team of 1962 had gone their several ways, leaving only a very small nucleus around which to build a new side. The matches arranged for the end of the Spring term were cancelled because of the bad weather and we were particularly disappointed in losing the fixture with Rossall but an attractive match with Bolton School was arranged for the beginning of the Summer term. This resulted in a victory for K.G.S. and another win was recorded over King Edward School Lytham and Hutton G.S. in a triangular match staged at Kirkham on May 23rd. But the highlight of the season, apart from the Inter House Sports, is always the Inter Grammar Schools Competition at the Stanley Park Oval, Blackpool, and it was here that the third successive victory in this competition was recorded. The outstanding K.G.S. athletes were D. R. Brownbill, captain and winner of the High Jump and Triple Jump where he broke the old record by more than a yard, S. Cartmell winner of the 220 yards and second in the 100 yards, and M. C. Kirkham, winner of the Hurdles and third in the Pole Vault. Kirkham came into the Hurdles event as a replacement for J. Baily, who broke an arm the week previously but in more ways than one he rose to the occasion and recorded a splendid victory. Good support came from the Middle Distance runners, M. C. Hobbs, third 440 yards, C. Gardner, 2nd 880 yards and M. P. Benson, 4th Mile. Generally, the throwers were a little disappointing except for D. Moore, third in the Javelin but the whole team deserves every congratulation for its spirit and its success.

Thanks in part to D. R. Brownbill, the Fylde House retained the Inter House Athletics Trophy. Several new records were set up and a most enjoyable afternoon was completed by the presentation of the Trophy to the captain of the winning House by Mr. R. O. Wilson, an old Boy who has always shown the most lively and practical interest in the affairs of the School.

Full Colours have been awarded to D. R. Brownbill, S. Cartmell, and M. C. Kirkham and Team Colours to M. P. Benson, C. Gardner, H. Herrington, M. C. Hobbs, W. Kay and D. E. Moore.

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## Harriers

It has been a rather patchy season and at times disappointing. Injuries and sickness caused many changes to be made and it was not until the last fixture of the season that a fully representative side was turned out. This was the occasion of the Inter Schools Cross Country race at Blackpool and it was quite a creditable performance to gain fourth place out of nine competing teams, beating such schools as Hutton G.S., Blackpool G.S. and King

**K. G. S.**

# **SPORTS DAY**



Edwards Lytham in the process. The outstanding runner has been M. P. Benson who was seldom denied first place. Unfortunately the team lacked other runners of his calibre although the spirit was always excellent, which fact is a tribute to the captain, A. Evans.

After a very close struggle, School House regained the Inter House Cross Country Cup, and are to be congratulated on their success.

After a meeting of the Committee, Full Colours were awarded to M. P. Benson and Team Colours to R. C. Adams, A. J. Evans, T. Fazackerley, G. Leaney, T. Windley, J. D. Myers and P. Richards.

## Cricket

### MAY 4th 1st XI v. Q.E.G.S. BLACKBURN

#### K.G.S. 103: Q.E.G.S. 54 for 9. Result Match Drawn

Kirkham started badly and lost the first two wickets for only 14 runs. Then Rigby, 47, and Moore, 27, brought the score to 55 for 3. Hague joined Rigby and the score reached 86 for 4 wickets. The remainder were soon dismissed by Dixon, 5 for 40, with the score having reached 103.

Blackburn lost their first 3 wickets for 14 runs, but Dixon, 13, and Grogan, 26, put the score up to 51 for 4. MacIldowie, 6 for 12, dismissed the remaining batsmen, but Blackburn managed to hold on for a draw and at the end of the game were 54 for 9.

### MAY 11th. 1st XI v. PRESTON G.S.

#### K.G.S. 43: P.G.S. 44 for 8. Result Match Lost

Kirkham's batting gave no opposition to the bowling of Clarkson, 4 for 9 and Sullivan, 2 for 8 and only Moore, 11, reached double figures. Kirkham were soon dismissed for 43 runs.

Preston started well, losing their first two wickets for 27 runs. Then Hartley 5 for 12, including a hat-trick, and Snape, 3 for 13, gained six quick wickets for the addition of only 13 runs. Four more runs were added and Kirkham lost, owing to bad fielding.

### MAY 25th. 1st XI v. K.G. V SOUTHPORT

#### K.G.S. 47: K.G. V 79. Result Match Lost

Southport started badly and lost four wickets for 6 runs against Moore, 6 for 23 and MacIldowie, 3 for 25. However Carr, 34, and Wright, 31, put the score up to 57 for five, as a result of poor fielding. The remaining five wickets soon fell and Southport were all out, for 79 runs.

Kirkham, again, got off to a bad start, soon three wickets were down for only 8 runs. Only Rigby, 15, and Hague, 13, overcame the bowling of Pessell, 4 for 16, and Kirkham, 4 for 4. Kirkham were all out for 47.

**MAY 29th. 1st XI v. HUTTON G.S.**  
**K.G.S. 90 for 8.: HUTTON 151 for 2 dec.**

**Result Match Drawn**

The bowling of Moore and MacIldowie had no effect on the excellent batting of Robinson, 59, and Stazieker, 88, who put on 151 runs in 90 minutes owing to poor fielding and bowling.

Kirkham lost three wickets for four runs. Only Moore, 21, and Simmonds, 18, showed any attacking strokes, but it was left to the tail-end batsmen to force the draw. Rayton, 9 not out, and Clarke, 8, checked the bowling, forcing a draw. Kirkham's score then stood at 90 for 8.

**JUNE 8th. 1st XI v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**  
**K.G.S. 114 for 9 dec.: ST. JOSEPH'S 110 for 8**

**Result Match Drawn**

Kirkham started well and scored 29 runs before the first wicket fell. However only Rigby, 66, managed to stay in and the other batsmen were dismissed for small scores. Kirkham declared at 114 for 9, leaving St. Joseph's 105 minutes to score the runs.

St. Joseph's started well and lost two wickets for 29 runs. Hickey, 44, and Winter, 10, put the score up to 67 for three, mainly as a result of poor fielding. The next five wickets fell to Moore, 4 for 34, for 25 runs but a ninth wicket stand brought the score up to 110 for 8, when play finished.

**JUNE 15th. 1st XI v. K.E.S. LYTHAM**  
**K.G.S. 71: K.E.S. 73 for 2. Result Match Lost**

Kirkham started well and were soon 20 for 2. But the batsmen were troubled by Renshaw, 5 for 21, and were soon in a difficult position. Only Rigby, 33, and Moore, played aggressive strokes and the last six wickets fell for only 11 runs which left Kirkham's score at 71.

Lytham lost two quick wickets for 17 runs but soon recovered and Chadwick, 33, and Barton, 33, aided by poor fielding brought the total to 73 for 2 in 59 minutes.

J.N.S. Jones





## R.A.F. Easter Camp 1963

The camp at R.A.F. Ternhill in Shropshire was attended by two officers and sixteen cadets.

After some grumblings about the prospect of not being allowed to wear "civies", the camp turned out to be one of the most successful on record. The only other school present was King's School, Rochester who were represented by one officer and seventeen cadets. Each school was split into two flights each with a senior N.C.O. Cpl. Gaffney was in charge of the white flight and Sgt. Wood was in charge of the yellow flight. One noticeable feature was the marked accent on inter-flight competition. The initiative test, basket ball, soccer etc., were all competitions. Basketball was very much appreciated by everybody especially when "Luigi" from the cookhouse joined in. He set up a very successful attacking partnership with "Haggis", but nobody worried much about the score and everybody joined in the fun.

Talking of fun there was the usual "after-lights-out" raiding. On one night an intrepid party of adventurers from room 4 set out with knotted towels, pillows, and heavy rubber torches to create havoc in room 5. With a certain person who rejoices in the initials "I.A.A." at the fore, the party advanced only to be halted by a rather offensive body, who by the way, was nearly mistaken for one of the enemy and given a good beating, who introduced himself with "I am a R.A.F. policeman!" At this there was a patter of not so tiny feet as everyone hit the trail for bed. These were his only words and so from then on our friend was known as "I am". He only made one more nocturnal appearance, when he made all those he found out of bed run on the spot.

The programme was very varied with talks and demonstrations at various units on the camp, visits to R.A.F. Shawbury to look and scramble over the obsolete aircraft and to see the new Radar equipment, and to R.A.F. Cosford for swimming proficiency and dinghy drill.

The flying was, of course, appreciated most of all, especially the time in Sycamore helicopters. Also on the station were some Whirlwind Mk. 10s.

For the smooth running of the programme every credit is due to Flt. Lt. Pryde, the C.A.D.L.O., and Flt. Lt. Middleton who kept the ball rolling whenever there was any kind of a hitch. It was in fact the first time there had been a cadet camp at R.A.F. Ternhill and I think they were very keen to impress us all. We all had a most enjoyable week.

R.H.W.

# C.C.F. Report

## ARMY SECTION

C.S.M.: R. Walmsley

Sgts.: J. M. Dobson, W. R. Kay, A. G. Kennedy, M. Kirkham,  
C. D. Robertson, I. C. Wright

Cpls.: A. J. Howells, E. G. Knagg, J. A. Powell

L. Cpls.: J. E. Bailey, J. A. Carmichael, S. Cartmell, P. M. Dawson,  
H. Hernington, M. C. Hobbs, C. J. Horn, J. B. Johnson, P. J.  
Lambert, H. W. Lomas, J. B. MacIldowie

On May 23rd, the main event of the term, The Annual General Inspection, took place. Group Captain W. R. Williams O.B.E., D.F.C. was the Inspecting Officer and he was accompanied by Captain J. L. Bainbridge and FL/Lt. D. C. Whiteman. Brigadier J. J. McCulley D.S.O. from Headquarters Western Command also made an informal visit on the same day.

The Group Captain was very impressed by the Guard of Honour which he inspected on arrival at School. After the General Inspection and March past he saw the cadet training programme. An additional feature this year was a fly past by Chipmunks from Manchester University Air Squadron which was co-ordinated with the march past.

The wide variety of lessons being taught made a favourable impression on him as did the high standard of teaching achieved by the N.C.O.'s. He was also pleased by the response and interest shown by the cadets.

The Cert. "A" Part II Examinations this term were very successful—48 out of 50 cadets taking the examination passed. Smith I.A.A. is to be congratulated on gaining a credit pass.

Thursday July 4th should prove to be an interesting day because the contingent will travel to the out door ranges at Dizzle near Oldham to fire .303 rifles and L.M.G.s.

The Contingent is looking forward to a successful self-help camp this summer at Monmouth.

R.W.



C.S.M. R.A. WALMSLEY

## Adventure Training 1963

This year the adventure training camp was held at Loweswater in the Lake District. Naturally it was raining when the three officers and twelve cadets — not forgetting C.S.M. “Rod” assembled there on Friday, March 29th. Yet the “Langdale deluge” of the previous year was not repeated for in fact we enjoyed glorious sunshine and fine weather throughout most of our week’s camp.

The training consisted of three days’ walking between the base camp at Loweswater and two bivouac sites in Wasdale and Borrowdale, one day’s rock climbing and abseiling, and one day for initiative tests.

Several incidents are notable as portraying the enjoyable atmosphere of the whole camp: being awakened in the early morning by the inspiring cry of “N’en, Rodge”, although the latter remained embedded in his sleeping bag with only his “tea cosy” showing; the birthday parade held in true military fashion to commemorate the birthday of “a grand little fella” and to present him with a tin of apricot pudding; a visit to a very eminent geography master residing in the area; attempts to board the atomic submarine at Barrow; “boot trouble” on the train from Workington; Gardner and Lomas’ elopement to Gretna Green . . . . .

All too soon the week had passed and as Preston station was reached Rodge at last took off his “tea cosy” signalling the end of a most enjoyable and successful camp. This was in no small measure due to the great amount of work put in by the masters and the C.S.M. for which we are very grateful indeed.

S. Cartmell



## Easter Fair 1963

Everything seemed set against this being a record breaking year. Mr. Wilson, chairman and treasurer, was ill and though Mr. Crane tried valiantly to whip up the right spirit, he had not quite the fervour associated with Mr. Wilson's annual demands.

Saleable objects accumulated so slowly during the preceding week that it looked as if there would be enough to fill one stall, never mind a hall full. But as usual, on Saturday morning, the contributions came pouring in, so many, indeed, that the stalls seemed almost overloaded.

The weather, which had been depressing all week, miraculously cleared at the last moment, making the day sufficiently warm for the icecream stall to do quite brisk trade. This unusual warmth tempted the visitors out in hordes.

Mr. Kennedy opened the Fair at two-thirty, speaking in a hall crowded with parents and friends. Soon vigorous exchange of money was occurring all over the school, to the great delight of Mr. Crane and Walmsley (who acted as treasurer in Mr. Wilson's absence).

On the stalls two good ideas stood out above the rest, and these two proved to be the best sellers. One was the huge amount of homemade jam provided by Mrs. Kennedy (which was, by the way, delicious). The other was the selling of a great number of bunches of snowdrops, brought by Sharples, as flowers for Mothering Sunday, the following day.

There were many other new ideas though, throughout the school. Guinea-Pig Bingo, rides on donkeys and a film show of the Dramatic Society's play and the Italian holiday. These were interesting innovations. Another was the Art Exhibition, visited by a tremendous number of people. This consisted of the work of Allison, Dentand Wilson and I have it on authority (Mr. Wilson's) that the exhibition was extremely good.

The Photographic and Scientific exhibitions were poles apart in standard this year. The Photographic exhibition was very poor compared to previous years, whereas the Scientific improved immensely over last year's. The final figure, including the concert, was £257.

D. W. H. Walton

# **Easter Fair Concert**

## **Programme**

### **The National Anthem**

- 1 (a) **The School Orchestra** — March "The School Captain" by C. Woodhouse.  
(b) **Woodwind Ensemble.**  
"Believe me if all those endearing young charms" arranged by J. Maddy.  
"Londonderry Air", "Santa Lucia", and "Sweet and Low".
- 2 **Piano Concerto No. 1 First Movement** — Beethoven.  
Soloist P. E. Clark.
- 3 **Lytham House — Junior Choir.**  
Two Part Song — "In Praise of May" by John Ireland.  
Unison Song — "In Praise of Neptune" by John Ireland.
- 4 **Fylde House Recorder Group.**  
"All Through the Night"
- 5 **Piano Solos** — D. V. Simpson.  
"Will O'Wisp" by E. Brydon.  
"Rondo from Sonata in E. Op. 14. No. 1. by Beethoven.  
No. 1 of "Three Fantastique Dances" by Shostakovitch.
- 6 **School House Choir.**  
"Where have all the flowers gone" by P. Seeger.
- 7 **Piano Solos** — P. Parkin.  
"A Three-Part invention in A Minor" by S. J. Bach.  
"First Movement from "Sonata in G" by Mozart.
- 8 "Toy Symphony" by Haydn.

### **INTERVAL**

- 9 **Piano Duets** — W. Ross and D. Glasson.  
"Spanish Dance" by Moskowski.  
"Russian Dance" by E. Markham Lee.
- 10 **Vocal Duets** — P. and D. Whittingham.  
"Couple of Swells"  
"Summer Holiday"
- 11 **Lower Sixth Vocal Group.**  
(a) Student Songs — arranged by L. Woodgate.  
(b) "The Night has a Thousand Eyes".
- 12 **Guitar Group.**  
Popular Numbers.
- 13 **Vocal Duets** — P. E. Clark and W. R. Kay.  
"Two Gendarmes" by Offenbach.  
Duet from "Patience" by Gilbert and Sullivan.

14 **Lytham House Instrumental Group.**  
"Island of Dreams"

15 **The School Choir.**

Part Songs:

- (a) "And now our little play is done" from the Coffee Cantata by Bach.
- (b) "The Jovial Beggar" by Colin Hand.
- (c) "Three Hungarian Folk Songs" by A. L. Lloyd and A. Seiber.

It was generally agreed that this year's concert was the best that the school had put on for some time. The items, most of which were taken from the recent Music Competition, were of an exceptionally high quality and there was even more popular music than last year.

For the first time in many years the concert had a compere in the person of Mr. Kremer whose often witty introductions to each item did much to make the concert enjoyable and go with a swing.

The school orchestra made a brisk start to the concert with a rousing march. There was a notable absence of strings this year but the woodwind and brass sections made light work of the fact. There was a notable presence of drums! In the House choirs, instrumental groups, vocal duets, piano solos and duets there was strong evidence of much practising and hard work. The result was well-worth the effort.

Highlights of the evening included the guitar group who were very popular among all age groups present and received a deserved encore. An unusual item this year was the "Lower Sixth Vocal Group" who "belted out" "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" with alarming ferocity and really got with the pounding beat of the drums, the jangling piano and the throbbing voices of the vocalists by twisting around the stage! It is regretted that because of the lack of space the audience had to refrain from following this example.

But the real highlight of the evening was the "Toy Symphony". Undoubtedly, the "star" of the performance was the gentleman on the triangle who was making his debut as a triangelist that evening. Although he had only acquired the instrument a few days previously he played it as if with a life-time's experience. With the energetic Mr. Crane on 1st violin — there was only one — and Mr. Murray on piano playing the tune, the triangelist led the percussion and sound effects. Such was the delight of the audience that after the 1st Movement, contrary to etiquette, they applauded! When the symphony was finished the audience was so positively pleased that they could not be silenced until they were sure of an encore, after which, Mr. Murray brought the triangelist forward and shook him by the hand amid thundering applause.

Finally, Mr. Murray must be congratulated on producing such a high class concert; he gave up much of his time to supply helpful advice without which the concert would have been an impossibility.

D.E.G.



## **The Societies**

### **Scientific Society**

Chairman: Mr. Baldwin

Secretary: G. R. Moores

This past term the society has "marched from strength to strength". Once having rid itself of the feelings of stagnation and lethargy engendered by two years of inactivity, it was able under the direction of a small group of active members of the Lower Sixth, to emerge as one of the most flourishing societies in the school.

Since the last magazine went to press, the society has been mainly occupied with the presentation of film shows for the general entertainment of the school. In this connection our deepest gratitude must be expressed to Mr. Knowles and the School House projectionists, without whose co-operation these activities would not have taken place.

The main purpose of these films has been to show to the non-scientific body of the school that science is an immensely interesting subject not an esoteric cult worshipped by a small band of high priests and unintelligible to the uninitiated. The subject matter of the films has been very varied and has ranged from Nuclear Physics to the Walt Disney cartoon, "How to catch a cold", which had a record attendance of no less than two hundred.

The remainder of the term's activities will include visits to various local industries, including the Atomic Plant at Salwick. It is also hoped that the Medical Officer of Health will deliver an illustrated lecture. But as yet this event is still in the planning stage.

Next year the societies activities will expand even more and will include, it is hoped, outside speakers. There is no doubt that in coming years this society will establish itself as the most forceful in the school.

Nam et ipsa scientia potestas est! F. Bacon.

G. R. Moores

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### **Musical Society**

Chairman: Mr. J. Murray

Secretary: D. E. Glasson.

Treasurer: P. Parkin

The main musical event of the Spring Term was the Inter House Music Competition. This year the adjudicator was Mr. Jackson, the curate of Lytham Parish Church, who proved to be an excellent adjudicator. It is very difficult to give fair judgement between such contrasting items as a guitar group playing "Can-Can" and a Three-Part Invention in A minor by Bach for piano, but the adjudicator's instructive comments during his adjudication should

prove to be most helpful for future competitions. Lytham House are to be congratulated on their "show-stopping" performance of "Island of Dreams" and for winning the Cup. Fylde House provided a close second, with School House third, Preston House fourth, Kirkham House fifth and Ashton House in sixth position. All Houses are to be congratulated on their items being of an exceptionally high standard this year.

During recent Friday morning services it may have been noticed that the orchestra have been supplying the "backing" to the hymn. Although not very confident at first they have become increasingly better as the weeks have gone by and it is hoped that the strings will soon be able to join in and augment the already cacophonous noise.

In the Spring Term the choir's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the annual concert. In the past they have generally sung selections from Gilbert and Sullivan Operas but this year, for a change, they sang pieces by more recent composers which proved to be just as popular. This term finds the choir busy practising for another big event of the school year, the Founders' Day Service at the end of term.

D.E.G.

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## Photographic Society

Chairman: R. A. Redman, Esq.

Secretary: H. Lomas

Treasurer: E. Hornby

Committee: P. J. H. White

The influx of new blood into the hierarchy of the society is welcomed and it is hoped that they will bring fresh ideas with them.

The main event of the society last term was the annual exhibition at the Easter Fair. It was not as well supported as it had been in previous years, however a colourful display by "Photocentre" of Preston gave added interest. We are also very grateful to "Photocentre" for donating a camera set as the prize for the best entry. The film of the Dramatic Society's production of "RUR" was given its first showing and appeared to be well accepted. It was supported by the Italian holiday film.

A new film has been made this term. It is a record, in colour of the C.C.F. General Inspection.

This was given its first showing at the Garden Party. It has yet to have a sound track added, however it is hoped to be completed soon.

A.D.K.

## **Geographical Society**

Chairman: Mr. R. A. Knowles

Secretary and Treasurer: C. J. Horn

Committee: G. R. Moores, J. B. Johnson, M. J. Burke, P. Richards, M. J. O'Sullivan

Since the last publication the society has enjoyed a very worthwhile term. As usual the meetings have taken the form of film shows with subjects ranging from documentaries on the countries of the N.A.T.O. alliance to the problem of supplying nourishment to the world's hungry. All films have received good attendances and the committee would like to thank everyone for their patronage. In the summer term the society suspended its activities due to the more attractive lure of the English summer and the round ball than that of the pursuit for knowledge.

C.J.H.

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## **Chess Club**

Chairman: H. B. Wilson, Esq.

Secretary and Treasurer: G. Leamey

Committee: A. G. M. Chrystall, G. S. Parker, J. A. Powell, C. J. Horn, W. J. Ross

During the last year, greater interest has been taken in chess, especially amongst the juniors, than in previous years. Entries for the annual competition numbered 79 — the second highest total ever, and at present the semi-finals are being played. The final should prove to be a very exciting match.

In the house competitions the positions to date are as following: 1, Preston; 2, Lytham; 3, School; 4, Fylde; 5, Kirkham; 6, Ashton.

Preston lead Lytham by one point and the final placings will be decided by their match and the match between School and Ashton. The finish will be the closest for many years.

It is hoped that membership will increase next year and that good care will be taken over the six sets which arrived last term.

G.L.

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## **Student Christian Movement**

Chairman: Mr. H. H. Wood

Secretary and Treasurer: C. T. Robinson

Committee: I. A. A. Smith, E. Hornby, F. J. Taylor, R. H. Wood

During the two terms since the publication of the last report, the S.C.M. has continued to hold its Wednesday lunch-time meetings. The policy of conducting an internal discussion, rather than

inviting an outside speaker, was pursued for the first two meetings of the Spring Term, both of which were given over to discussions on "Christian Unity" — very topical in view of the proposed Anglican—Methodist merger. Pamphlets on the subject obtained from the S.C.M. Press were distributed at the first meeting. For the third meeting of the Spring Term, we again resorted to inviting an outside speaker, in this case, the Rev. C. F. Bond, Curate of Kirkham, who spoke on "Christianity in Industry," the subject of the approaching S.C.M. Conference. At the only meeting which the Exam timetable and other commitments have allowed this Summer Term, the Rev. Fred Wilson, the Preston Methodist minister, posed the question, "Is Christianity relevant in the Space Age?" Except for a disappointing attendance at the last meeting, attendances have been constantly increasing, partly owing to the extension of S.C.M. membership to the Lower Fifths, several of whom seem to take more interest in the group than their seniors.

At the end of the Spring Term a smaller-than-usual party of sixth-formers attended an S.C.M. Conference at Preston Grammar School, when the subject was "Christianity in Industry and Education." We should like to extend our thanks to the Headmaster, Staff and boys of Preston Grammar School for their kind hospitality.

Let us not pretend that the S.C.M. is the most flourishing school activity and let us admit that, next year, it may be particularly deficient in sixth-form support. Provided that the senior section of the school is prepared to shrug off the customary prejudices and put in one or two attendances, interesting and worthwhile meetings can ensue.

C.T.R.

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## Library Report

Chairman: Mr. B. Coates

Secretary: R. Walmsley

Treasurer: G. R. Moores

Committee: L. F. Abbott, P. S. Allison, M. P. Benson, D. R. Brownbill, M. Kirkham, D. E. Moore, C. D. Robertson, P. A. N. Syms, D. W. H. Walton, I. C. Wright

The Library has functioned very smoothly this year which is a credit to the willingness and enthusiasm of the sub-Librarians, the members of the Lower VI, who carried on the routine of the Library during the examination period, are also to be thanked in this respect.

Innumerable books have been accessioned and a record number of books has been issued this year. Up to the time of writing the number is 3,501.

It is to be hoped that this successful year will not be marred by an increase in the number of missing books.

R.W.

## Form Reports

### LVI Sc.

The Spring Term started with disaster. On returning to school we were told that Mr. Bentley had broken his achilles tendon — just proving that the form aren't the only ones who break their apparatus. Fortunately Mr. Carefoot was able to take over. The term soon settled down and although we mentioned it in our last report we still have to endure 1.000 + or - 0.000 periods per week of Physics in Whitehaven's Dock Yard.

German has become more confusing. Let us take a simple case. How can you have neuter girls? Our Maths problem has cleared up — become less foggy altogether, but the size of the maths set has diminished appreciably with the recent absence of Howie.

Looking on the lighter side, Soggy has given up scraping for a living but Roger's musical talents have been bubbling forth and Chalky has been sent down — joined School House.

The weekly donations to Oxfam have been well supported and this is mainly due to the fact that the form realises the tremendous work this organisation is doing in the under developed countries, India, Wales, parts of Africa and South America just to name a few.

J. Powell

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## "Contributions"

### Poems

*by R. White, LVI, Sc.*

#### ALONE

I am thoughtful now  
Alone  
The wind of freedom has blown  
One hot breath, and I have known:  
The seeds of resentment now  
Are sown.

Here in my cage I brood  
Alone  
Here: yet how could I have known  
The way that fortune had blown  
Me round the cone of light  
I tried to fight  
Alone.

Fast and free I fled  
Alone  
From emotion: from love to hate  
So that now I even hesitate  
To walk; now I create  
The road I tread  
To tread  
Alone.



### TO CONVENTION

We live and die  
To satisfy  
Our good intentions  
Tall men fly  
Wrangle cheat and lie  
Tighter they tie  
The bonds  
That are convention.

Your hands reach out  
Across the gulf;  
You have dared to flout,  
Shout, think, love bring  
Without convention  
In everything.  
I hate myself for being  
A man  
A poor funny little man  
Hanging by a thread  
Nigh dead  
With bones of convention.

To think, not others for us,  
Not our mouths to open,  
And our words say?  
All we want, not may:  
O westward dawn  
The day  
When we cease to pay  
Our tithes  
To conventions  
Sickly, leering, lies.



## ME?

Come child, look at these lean men,  
Look long and hard  
HARD! Harder, harder, hard—  
Imprint them in your head and then  
Look at me,  
Tell me child, what do you see?  
Something old beyond your ken—  
Or the bones of a long-dead tree?  
God-child: not me?  
Rat race run faster, harder  
Spider pull more into your larder  
Bone-built wall, stop:  
Men flop  
AND me.

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## Essays

### THE END OF THE ROAD

The grubby street was deserted, and a light breeze tossed stray newspapers and crumpled bags round and round in small whirlwinds, which sprang up and died in an instant. The tiny cafe at the corner of the street was equally as grubby and at first sight seemed deserted.

The cheap wrought-iron tables and chairs were rusty, and the old, chipped paint hung off them in shreds. The table-tops were dirty and greasy, and occasional flies buzzed discontentedly from crumb to putrefying crumb. The windows of the interior were cracked and dusty, and the cheap, fly blown wallpaper was peeling off from the damp, greasy surface. The glasses on the counter, too, showed the wretched poverty of the place, their cheapness showing in the innumerable cracks and chips visible. A few stale sandwiches were filled with a brown, sticky substance on which fat, loathsome blow-flies gorged themselves heartily, washing their filthy feet in the sticky quag mire. An old, mangy cat, scared from wounds of many battles, stretched lazily, displaying gleaming canines which glinted in the bright noonday sun. Then she mewed and the pitiful feeble sound seemed to echo round the empty room.

Did I say empty? No, a solitary, dark figure, barely visible in the deep shadows of a corner, crouched trembling, fingering a sticky glass of beer. His fingers shook so much that the dark, sanguine looking brew, slopped onto the table; in the pool of which several more blowflies were bathing themselves.

The man was small and thin, his high cheekbones very pronounced against the sickly, sallow skin. His lank, greasy hair was receding, leaving a large, round shiny forehead, which gave

his face the grotesque look of a skull. He coughed, the coarse sound vibrating around the empty room. Then his large yellowy tongue flicked nervously, like a snake's, across his thin dry lips, displaying for a moment his yellow rotting teeth, which flicked with saliva improved the death's head look. Peter Slovlch was a condemned man; he had "grassed" on a gang of hoodlums and now he was going to pay. Any moment now his reward would be dealt out, quickly and ruthlessly. He shuddered as the horrible mental pictures flashed across his mind. He gulped down his beer and gasped as the bitter tang of the fluid turned his stomach. He vomited painfully and the vile, stench added to the rank, stale odour of the dark room.

Then he stiffened, the whites of his eyes flickered and he gripped the glass until his knuckles went white. Perspiration dripped from his greasy brow, and his teeth beat a scarcely audible tattoo. Down the deserted street came the sound of footsteps echoing hollowly; nearer and nearer.

A large, dark shadow blotted out the sun's light at the cafe's entrance, and the little man in the corner moaned. Cutting out the sun was a huge man wearing a cheap suit, the front of which was stained heavily. His large, brimmed hat was pulled down over his eyes. The heavily set features of the face, portrayed no emotion, except for the faintest possibility of a leer. His eyes had the stoney, dead-pan look of a professional killer and blinked repeatedly, as they strived to see into the sombre interior.

Then he saw the man in the corner and advanced two or three steps. Peter Slovlch rose drunkenly to his feet, "No! No!", he muttered.

"This is where you buy it, Slovlch," drawled the killer and his hand slid beneath his coat towards his armpit. Slovlch screamed then stopped as he looked into the single, black, merciless eye of the automatic . . . . .

I. K. Hague LVa



### A GHOST SALOON

The street was deserted. I felt rather chilled at the way the doors creaked to and fro on their hinges and the wind sighed mournfully through the battered window-frames. I thought that this must be about the quietest main street in the States. Of course, it had been like that for more than thirty years, for this was Varden; the village that had become a boom town when they discovered a trace of gold in the nearby hills, and the boom town that had become a ghost town when they lost the seam.

On either side of the street were the type of wooden buildings that you would find in any western town. The saloon, with its front wall falling down and a jumble of furniture inside stood out above all the rest. I walked up to the bar. It was grey and rotting, covered with an inch of dust which deadened the sound of my

footsteps as I walked. I tiptoed over to the small, rickety tables, then I stopped. Why was I on tip toes? I tried to relax, I looked over my shoulder to prove to myself that I was as much alone as when I entered the place.

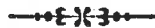
I managed to shrug off the feeling of forboding and my thoughts returned to the tables nearby. There was one in particular which seemed to tell some story of its own. It was of rough wood with trellis legs and a bare, round top, which was stained with beer or whisky or was it blood? I ordered myself to snap out of it as that feeling came once more. Why get all het up about an old table with beer stains, that nobody had been near for years and years? I looked down at the table. At one side of it was a stacked pack of playing cards with one or two cards upturned; Jack of Diamonds and Ace of Spades, they were yellow and curled with age.

As I stood there I could imagine the men who had lived in that town, gambling away their nights. There were two of them at the table; in the chair opposite me was a fool of a prospector who had just become the town's richest citizen. He was old and had a tanned, wizened face with dark eyes that had a greedy lustre in them. A grey beard, matted with dirt grew from his set chin. In the chair on my left was a professional gambler. He was tall and suave and dressed in a dark jacket and riding breeches, and his shirt-collar was done up with black lace.

As I saw the two of them sitting there, I had the sudden impulse to join in the game. I pulled out four dollar bills, sat down and began to deal the cards. I played very carefully but all the time the gambler was steadily winning. At last the older man could stand it no longer; he jumped up and went for his gun. The other was too fast for him, there was a crash of gunfire and the prospector slumped forward onto the table. Then I found myself sitting on the wooden planking of the saloon. I had toppled backwards off my chair. I climbed to my feet and looked around. I could see no one. Had I imagined it all?

I felt in my pocket and took out my wallet; there wasn't a single cent in it. I looked at the stain and the cards on the table. Then I turned and stumbled towards the door, my dust-muffled boots pounding on the boards. I dived through the swing-doors and out into the fresh air.

L. Harrop LVA



## Book Review

### "THE DUBLINERS" *By James Joyce*

This book contains fifteen stories about, as is implied by the title, Dublin life. They do not subscribe to the conventional pattern of the short story although they all follow the fundamental plan, Beginning, Middle and End. The stories relate to incidents which, though they appear superficially to be small and unimportant, have yet on deeper consideration a wilder import and are of universal interest. Writing in a manner which is quite frank and factual, Joyce has included nothing which is not pertinent to the plot or the characters involved. All these stories are held together by a central theme which is introduced on the first page of the book and summarised in the last story, "The Dead," which can be considered the climax of the book. The theme is "paralysis" or living death and each story betrays impotence, frustration and death. The city forms the heart of this paralysis and the Dubliners are its victims. Using this as the central idea, Joyce brings each story to a culminating revelation, either spiritual, moral or social. One further word about these stories; they are not as simple as they appear to be on the surface, nor are they as complicated as many of the self-styled pundits would like to make out. Of great interest in themselves, they are also worthwhile reading in that they provide an introduction to James Joyce, one of the greatest novelists of our time.



### "THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD" *By W. S. Fowler M.A.*

In spite of its rather awesome and perhaps rather discouraging title, this is one of the few scientific books that can be recommended equally to scientists and non-scientists. It provides a historical account of the methods that scientists have used to reach their results. In doing this it gives a great insight into the meaning and purpose of science. In particular it helps the reader to understand the background to modern science and the great changes in philosophical outlook that have resulted from relativity and quantum theories. All the while, showing that these are in part a development of the earlier philosophies of science.

The book is quite short and immensely readable and should be used far more than it is at present. Also this book is particularly well printed and contains excellent textual figures and diagrams.

**"HURRY ON DOWN" By John Wain**

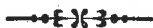
For those who prefer to read books which are slightly lighter in tone and content, this can be greatly recommended. This was John Wain's first novel and appeared the year before "Lucky Jim," the two often being linked together having similar heroes.

The hero of this novel has been described as an "intellectual tough." Having graduated from University, he seeks to escape from what he considers to be phoney in life by plunging into the "low" and the sordid. He becomes in turn a window-cleaner, a car-driver, helping to peddle drugs, a male nurse, a chauffeur and a radio gag-man.

The novel is comic, satiric and even picaresque. It is in places something of a wild force. But throughout John Wain shows himself as a serious writer expressing a serious theme by means of this wild force.

All these books reviewed can be found in the school library.

G. R. Moores



**KING LEAR**

On a now long-forgotten date at the beginning of this term, a party of stalwarts set out by coach to see a performance of King Lear at the "Play House" Liverpool. This was a band all agog for future delights, in spite of the reports that had trickled through by way of one of the better daily newspapers.

The journey to Liverpool was uneventful except for a minor incident when one member of the party, "A knave; a rascal; an eater of broken meats" went mad and decided that he was a guitar. It took all the wit and brilliance of the remainder of the party to undeceive to poor benighted fellow.

We finally reached Liverpool and after Mr. Bellis, "Dost thou call me fool, boy?", had kissed the paving-stones of his beloved Liverpool we disembarked. After wandering the streets of Liverpool for sometime, we entered the theatre and took our seats. To our amazement the balcony was filled with young ladies. "I have seen better faces in my time than stands on any shoulder that I see before me at this instant", murmured one intellectual connoisseur.

Before any progress could be made, the play began. This was quite enjoyable and except for a few, glaring faults was far better than the reports had led us to believe. It began rather weakly but gained strength and authority with every scene. Lear gave a particularly convincing performance in the mad scenes.

The intervals were the scene of much furious activity among certain members of the party. One member having attracted the eye of a fair, young thing gave his considered opinion that "Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low an excellent thing in woman".

The journey back was a repeat of the first journey. The windows however had to be left open to dispel the fog, and this elicited "Tom's a-cold", from the guitar-playing young fellow. But in spite of all the excitement we arrived back safely, tired, slightly exhilarated and no wiser than when we set out.

G.R.M.

## OXFAM

This Summer Term, members of K.G.S. have discovered a new set of day-to-day statistics to follow. In between scanning the Top Twenty, ascertaining the latest Test Match score, and cautiously estimating their achievements in the recent examinations, many members have shown a keen interest in the progress of the School's Oxfam appeal.

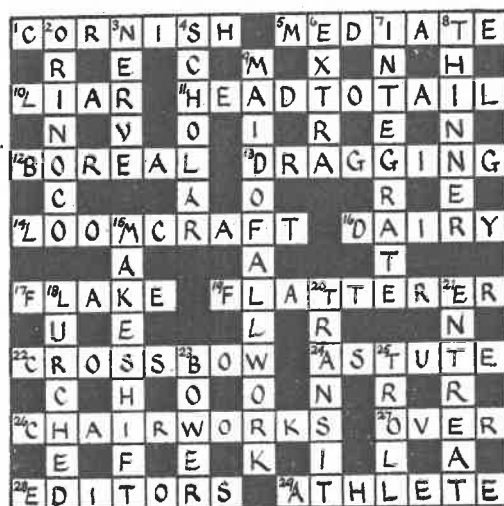
Stripped of all spectacular sidelines (such as a mile of pennies or a profit-making exhibition or entertainment) the appeal has taken the simple form of a systematic, weekly, form-by-form collection. The results immediately showed an enthusiasm for the scheme which the School was thought by many not to possess; the success exceeded "the fondest hopes and wildest dreams" of at least one master.

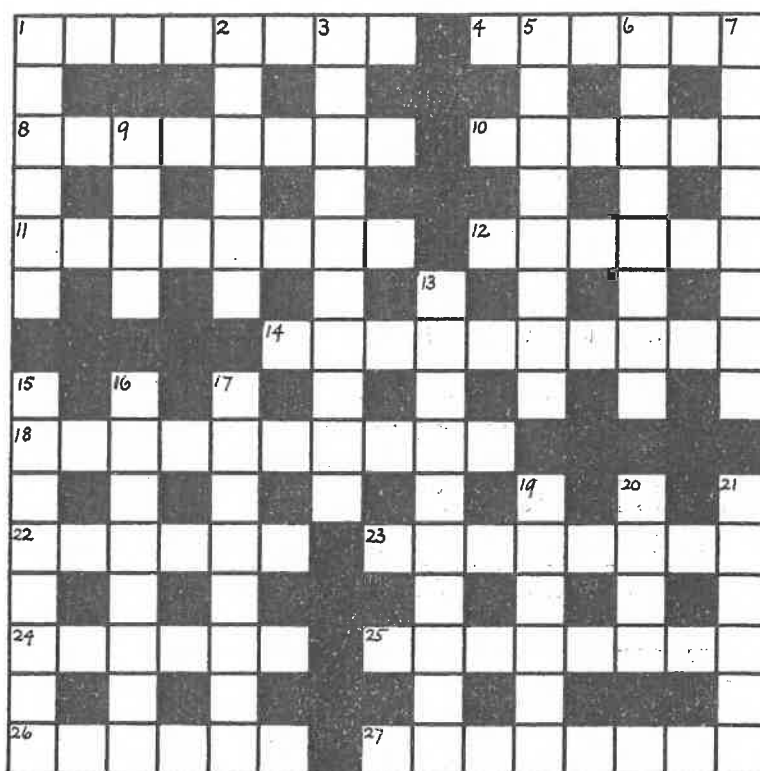
Yet the appeal has not gone uncriticised nor may its success go unqualified. There are proposals that a target should be fixed, beyond which we need no longer contribute, that the scheme should not be continued after this term, that other charities should be supported. It is thought dangerous to continue the appeal too long, lest contributing becomes a mechanical action, a Saturday-morning ritual like dinner money. Those who make such objections would do well to remember that we are not conducting the appeal for our own moral welfare, but to provide the basic essentials of life for a vast number of people whom we shall never see, but who easily outnumber us. While the smallest contribution is still forthcoming for this important work, it would be wrong to discontinue our appeal. Those who would transfer their support to more local charities (which, by virtue of their greater emotional appeal, often have surprisingly large reserves) should put their intentions to the simple test: "Will my contribution mean the difference between life and death?"

Meanwhile the School is surely to be congratulated on its keen support of the appeal and it is to be hoped that the next issue of this magazine will be able to look back on another successful term of consideration for those less lucky than ourselves.

C.T.R.

# **Solution to Kirkhamian Crossword February, 1963 Issue**





# The Kirkhamian Crossword

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. The third person to go to it in a temper left in good will (8).
4. A copper is after crazy tours in Gloucestershire (6).
8. Train re-arranged to set out for minerals (8).
10. Various plungers? (6).
11. Free French dram of liquor spoilt for 5 kind of words (8).
12. The Italian's in time to open out (6).
14. Whisky not noticed; it sounds in the rain — that's fine! (6, 4).
18. Lady luck loses direction and turns hard (10).
22. Shelter from the wind means room to move in (6).
23. Majestic Prospero's spirit broken when a little devil's ahead (8).
24. Dead loss if modified? Remains to be seen (6).
25. Confidential — Store letters in melted ice ((8).
26. Special delivery of the White Rose? (6).
27. Tale of a cane returned to a noted point. (8).

## CLUES DOWN

1. Give the French something to hold on to (6).
2. Old Father keeps a pig, despite a set-back outside (6).
3. King George dines with company, and a sober man makes an exclamation (5, 5).
5. The wit turned frivolous before the dawn (8).
6. Ring through at one-hundred for a description of Verdi's works (8).
7. Differs from a number I conveyed in a ship (8).
9. He's a mug (4).
13. Builder with, possibly, a chip on his shoulder? (5, 5).
15. Little cook serves up minnows, etc. (5, 3).
16. This evaluation expert rose up around the south under an idiot (8).
17. Gay field-mouse gets his tail caught up, so goes without it (8).
19. The fringe of Scotland, Ireland and Wales (6).
20. This row upset a ceremony (4).
21. Run away without the little chap on the church roof (6).



## K.G.S. Old Boys' Association

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Dear Old Boys,

The Golf Match and Hot Pot Supper held at Fulwood Golf Club on Friday, 26th April, 1963 was attended by 25 Old Boys' and members of the Staff. Seventeen played (?) a round of golf on a handicap basis for a small trophy. From a spectator's point of view there appeared to be some aimless wandering about by one or two of the competitors up and down the hills and across the fairways!. However the result showed that some folk must put those long holidays to good use. First and second Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Crane. Well played, sirs.

Needless to say the Old Boys have not let the result deter them from taking-on the Staff in a return fixture to be played at Penwortham Golf Club on Friday, 5th July, 1963 followed by refreshments.

Mr. W. L. Rumney who so ably arranged the Fulwood match has handed over the job of Golf Secretary to Mr. Cliff Duxbury and taken up an Accountancy position in the Midlands. We wish him well in his new surroundings.

The cricket season is now well underway and by the time this letter has been circulated the cricket term will have ended and "rugger" will be not too far away. The Rugger Secretary is hoping to arrange one or two fixtures with local clubs before the Old Boys Match against the School XV. Whilst we have a few names and positions in our records it will ease the job of the organiser if any Old Boy who wants a game of rugger will send details of playing position and dates available along with address and telephone number to:

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Nr. Preston

In the past these fixtures have been held in August and September mid-week at Fylde and Preston Grasshoppers R.F.U.C.s.

The Annual Dinner is already booked at the Masonic Hall Preston for 13th December, 1963. Don't let the day and the date put you off! You are all invited to the Annual General Meeting preceding the Dinner at 6-30 p.m. to air your views and elect your officials for the following year. Make a note of the date and come along to the re-union, you'll thoroughly enjoy the company and

the meal. Incidentally you can order your ticket for the Annual Dance on 3rd January, 1964 while you're there.

Before signing off just a reminder that we welcome news of Old Boys' and we are always on the look-out for Old Boys' who have not joined the Association. You can all be of invaluable help in increasing our numbers.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Hodgson,

Hon. Secretary.

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## News Of Old Boys

D. F. Horsfall (1957-60) is at present teaching Geography at Rochdale Grammar School for Boys. From September he will be teaching at William Hulmes Grammar School, Manchester.

David Lyon (1947-53) is a Chartered Accountant in Preston and became engaged to Miss Margaret Wilson in September 1962. David's father-in-law to be is Dick Wilson of Freckleton, a former Old Boy.

A. G. Cottam has completed his finals of the Institute of Cost & Works Accountants last year and has been elected A.C.W.A. At present employed at U.K.A.E.A. Windscale, Cumberland and until recently worked alongside Harry Carr, an Old Boy at K.G.S. about 1937-43 and Geoff. Thornton a former Hon. Treasurer of the Association.

The following Old Boys have been elected for the present year as officials of Kirkham Cricket Club:

Chairman: Norman Swift

Vice-Chairman: Robert Kirby

Hon. Secretary: Robert Hird

Hon. Treasurer: Bill Charnley

1st XI Captain: Stanley Swift

2nd XI Captain: Kenneth Townsend

W. H. Tindall (1912-15) is Managing-Director of Fassnidge Son & Norris Ltd. (Builders & Contractors) of Uxbridge & London, established 1796. Mr. Tindall is an F.I.O.B. and was the Chairman of Eton Rural District Council 1950-53 and 1955.

J. L. Scott (1949-57) is now a Sound Engineer with Marconi Television Demonstration Unit after leaving the B.B.C. 18 months ago. He says he travels about a bit and has recently spent 6 weeks in Libya installing a small broadcasting studio.

## U.N.O. or "I am come among you unmuzzled"

Inspired by last year's general election the "elders" of the discussion group decided to venture into the sordid tangle of world politics.

After expelling Germany, both east and west, from the assembly the meeting settled down — the redundant representatives changing their nationality.

In the general melee of the following weeks several notable things occurred; Egypt by skilful bargaining sold her pyramids, Cuba pounded the table, and the General Secretary is rumoured to have sought political asylum. These were interspersed by both fierce and frivolous debating; the delegate for Russia who seems to have changed his colour, playing no mean part. However one of the outstanding features of the assembly was the brilliant way in which the U.K. delegation held the attention of their audience, persuading them that "Britain is best and 'Mac' is a gentleman."

The assembly ended in chaos when the most verbose of the Indian delegates walked out.

U.K. delegate

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## The New Buildings

The Fund, inaugurated by the Old Boys and Friends of K.G.S. is now in its fourth year of existence and contributors of direct gifts and covenanted payments may perhaps be wondering when they are going to see something for their money — which now amounts to about £2,200. The answer is — very soon.

For three years the Ministry of Education has put a "freeze" on minor building plans but now that "freeze" has thawed somewhat and we at K.G.S. have received permission to go ahead with our £20,000 extensions. Unfortunately, during this period, building costs have risen and it is estimated that the job will now cost somewhat more than £23,000 and permission is being sought from the Ministry to step up expenditure accordingly.

When this permission is obtained (and there is no reason to think it will be refused) and when the formalities of tendering etc., have been completed, it is hoped that building will start, probably in the Spring or Summer of 1964, and it is confidently expected that the buildings will be ready for use some six months later, i.e. during the Winter term of 1964.

**Profile No. 13**  
**R. O. Wilson (K.G.S. 1929-1936)**



For the last twenty years scarcely any Old Boys function has taken place without the presence of Richard Ovington Wilson. His cheery personality and bubbling bonhomie in no small measure contribute towards the happiness that always characterises any occasion when Old Kirkhamians meet, and so, when a Guest of Honour was needed for Sports Day 1963 no more suitable choice could be made than Dick Wilson.

At school he was an outstanding personality and made his presence felt in every department of school life. He was a member of the 1st XI and 1st XV, Captain of the Lytham House and Captain of the School. Not only was he a member of all the teams for which he was qualified but he was always a dominating player, and

on his own he could win a cricket match with his "tweakers" or with his hard hitting or a Rugby game with his strong running. One sometimes wonders who has been the best cricketer produced by the school in the last forty years or so. Funnily enough, it would not be Bill Roberts who played for Lancashire and England, perhaps because he was such a specialist, but the choice would lie between Bert Harrison, Dick Wilson and his brother-in-law, Alan Jones. Dick Wilson could take wickets or score runs in the best cricketing company in the country and his leg breaks and googlies have often mesmerised his opponents. (Of course, like all such bowlers, when he is bad he is very very bad). He kept up his rugby when he left school and for years was a member of the Fylde threequarter line. He is still a playing member of Lytham C.C.

He joined The District Bank Ltd. on leaving school and his future prosperity seems assured. He has already had a small branch of his own but now is sub-manager in the largest branch in Blackpool. Through his cricket tours he is well known to all the tycoons at Head Office and they must have noticed that such is his affability that one could like him even if he were refusing one an overdraft.

He had quite an interesting war when he managed to telescope his 6ft. 2ins. into the Polish submarine which found and followed the Bismarck after it had sunk H.M.S. Hood until superior forces came along and sank it. For this exploit he received a Polish decoration which you must ask him to show you sometime.

A great source of sorrow, both to us at K.G.S. and to Dick himself, was the fact that the elder of his two sons did not qualify for K.G.S. We sincerely hope that there will be a happier fate in store for the younger son and that the happy relations long existing between Dick Wilson and K.G.S. will receive a new infusion of life.

# Friends Of Kirkham Grammar School

President: Rev. A. R. Allen

Chairman: Mrs. D. Kirby

Secretary: Mr. L. Nicol

Treasurer: Mr. J. A. Scott

Another year in the life of our Association is drawing to its close and with justifiable pride we can look back on a successful, if unspectacular, year. It can probably be called a year of consolidation, especially with regard to our financial position since we have at last, been able to get that little reserve salted away which we can hold for future projects. This position has not been easily achieved and the General Executive Committee appreciates the support given by our Membership. Continuation of this support is vital to our existence.

At the time of going to press we are about to hold our Annual Garden Party and look forward to good weather, a record attendance and pleasant time for all. Looking a little further ahead, this is a busy time for Committee Meetings and the arrangements for our next Annual General Meeting will soon be made. A plea here to new and old members alike to come to the meeting (you will be notified of the date) and swell the ranks of what is normally a thinly attended affair. You can be assured that this function is not dull and it provides you with the opportunity to comment on the running of the Association. Constructive criticism and helpful suggestions are always welcome to the Committee — sometimes we perhaps can't see the wood for the trees and we are constantly on the look out for new ideas.

Since our last article in this magazine we have had, as usual, a fairly full social programme. Unluckily, due to the cold weather, we had to cancel a Whist and Domino Drive at the School. However, the Samlesbury Hall Dance and the Social Evening were great successes. The Car Treasure Hunt was an event which many people enjoyed, thanks to the organisation of Mr. & Mrs. Kirby and friends, who set us the problems and worked out the route. Some parties did err and stray and whilst the Secretary did not actually get lost, he certainly broke new ground and ruined several envelopes.

Our 1963 Project for the School has been finalised and a gift of £100 has been allocated to the School for the purchase of equipment such as nets etc., for the new Tennis Courts which are to be laid down in the very near future. The Association will hold this sum of money until such time as the Headmaster is ready to make his purchases.

In conclusion, please don't forget the Annual General Meeting and our future social events which will be notified to all members when they are imminent.

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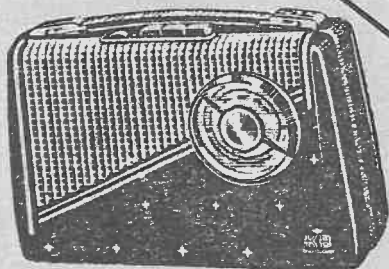
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